For the rest of your life, the Masonic Homes will send you a check monthly, quarterly, or annually if you wish. The amount will be the same every time. While the economy may rise or recede, your check will remain the same. You can count on it because we back our commitment to you with the full assets of the Masonic Homes. The total amount you receive every year is determined in advance and depends on several things, including your age and the amount you give to establish the arrangement. For example, if you’re 75 years of age, you’ll receive more than someone 10 years younger who gives the same amount.

Furthermore, for the rest of your life, you will enjoy the satisfaction that your arrangement with the Masonic Homes will someday provide the Masonic Homes with needed financial resources. By letting us help you with estate support, you enable us to serve future generations. The IRS favors these arrangements and provides the donor with an income tax charitable deduction. It is one way the government encourages the private sector to support the charitable community.

The arrangement we are talking about here is the charitable gift annuity. Year in and year out, it is the most popular life-income planned giving vehicle available. The following is a sampling of one-life gift annuity rates currently in effect; rates for two-life annuities are slightly less:

- **Age** | **Rate** | **Age** | **Rate**
- 55 | 5.8% | 75 | 7.3%
- 60 | 6.0% | 80 | 8.3%
- 65 | 6.3% | 85 | 9.7%
- 70 | 6.6% | 90+ | 11.5%

To learn more about charitable gift annuities and how they might benefit you, in complete confidence and at no cost or obligation, fill out and return the attached response coupon to the Office of Gift Planning or telephone Bro. Alvin Blitz, Chief Director of Gift Planning, or Bro. John McFadden, Director of Gift Planning-East Region, at 1 (800) 599-6454 or (717) 367-1121, ext. 33311. Bothmen and friends in western Pennsylvania are invited to contact Jane W. Bailey, Director of Gift Planning-West Region, by phoning 1 (866) 872-4826 or (412) 741-1400, ext. 3011. They will be glad to assist you.

We hope to hear from you soon, and we trust that someday soon we will be able to send you an annuity check on a regular schedule . . . for the rest of your life!

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Preservation of Monuments Committee Works to Assure Preservation of Memorials

The tenets, principles, heritage, and tradition of the Masonic Fraternity emanate from statues and monuments across the state that were placed and presented by the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Freemasons of Pennsylvania. There are six Brethren dedicated to assuring that these historic statues and monuments are maintained and preserved. They make up the Grand Lodge Committee on Preservation of Memorials led by Edward E. Fowler, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., who has been the Chairman since its authorization in 1999.

After a statue, monument, or structure is given as a gift, its maintenance and preservation is the responsibility of the recipient. Freemasons want to assure that they are properly maintained and continue to reflect their Masonic relationship with dignity. Each memorial is unique, so specific and detailed maintenance is required for its preservation. Each Committee member inspects, discusses, and helps assure that proper care and maintenance are provided.

Each Committe member resides near his assigned monument or structure and devotes many hours to this activity. Each has developed a “working relationship” with the management of the host organization or entity. With the approval of the R.W. Grand Master and elected Grand Lodge Officers, funds to maintain and preserve each of the sites usually are provided from the Masonic Charities Fund that results primarily from contributions.

Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman

Daniel J. Hinds, P.M., Covenant-Excellence Lodge No. 456, Philadelphia, Superintendant of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, reports on the condition of the Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman Monument. This monument, which was given to the City of Philadelphia, is located on the northwestern corner of Broad St. and John F. Kennedy Blvd., directly across the street from the Masonic Temple. Bro. Hinds inspects the statue periodically and works very closely with the City of Philadelphia’s Preservation Committee to make certain that it is properly maintained.

There is a duplicate monument of Brother Franklin Craftsman located near the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, which is maintained by that facility.

Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman Monument

George Washington at Prayer

John B. Law, P.M., Thomson Lodge No. 340, Padi, tracks and reports on the condition of the George Washington at Prayer Monument overlooking the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove on the grounds of Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. That monument was presented to the Freedom Foundation by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1967 and rededicated in ceremonies for the 25th anniversary in 1992. Bro. Law frequently visits the site, conferring with the management at Freedom’s Foundation, and meeting with the contractors to review the work as they maintain and renovate the statue. He commented, “being involved in the restoration of this monument has been a great educational experience. I had the opportunity to talk with experts in the art field.”

An extensive maintenance program was carried out at the site during the past summer and fall. In addition, a new walkway display with audio explains the significance of the George Washington at Prayer Monument, especially noting the relationship of the Father of Our Country with Masonry.

The Washington National Memorial Arch and the Freemasons Memorial Monument

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Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial

John F. Schwartz, P.M., Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg, reviews and inspects the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument in the National Cemetery Annex of the Gettysburg National Military Park. The monument and facilities, along with landscaping improvements, were dedicated and contributed to the National Park Service in 1993. The Friend to Friend Monument is the first of its kind ever to be presented to the National Park Service. It also is the first monument at Gettysburg National Military Park to have the patina coloring of the principal figures portrayed by the statue. During 2002, Bro. Schwartz invested considerable time and talent while extensive work was accomplished to restore the original patina.

The costs to maintain and improve the monument are to be covered by the income from a Maintenance Trust Agreement that the Grand Lodge established with the National Park Service. Only the income from that Trust can be used for maintenance. Bro. Schwartz’s efforts and concern have fostered wonderful support and cooperation from the management at the Gettysburg National Military Park in maintaining the facility and periodically lighting the monument.

Pavilion at VA Medical Center

William M. Kratzenberg, P.D.D.G.M., inspects and reports on the condition and improvements to the structure and Masonic monument at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Aspinwall, north of Pittsburgh. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania constructed and contributed a recreational pavilion, improved landscaping, and placed a monument there in 1999. Bro. Kratzenberg has developed a close working relationship with the Administration and goes to the VA Medical Center regularly to inspect the improvements and to visit with the veterans.

The Masonic Library and Museum has undergone a cyber "face-lift" and includes more pictures of the fascinating artifacts on display in the Grand Lodge Museum. This is an excellent way to learn about the richness of Masonic history that has been preserved for future generations. Also provided is an opportunity to be a contributing member of the Masonic Library and Museum. If we don’t preserve and write our history, who will?

80-Year Certificate for Mason, 102

Eighty years ago, on Nov. 14, 1923, Bro. E. Paul Long, then 21 years of age, was entered in Herndon Lodge No. 702. He was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on Jan. 9, 1923, and raised to the Degree of Master Mason on Feb. 13. Recognizing his 80 years as a Mason, William R. Swinehart, D.D.G.M., 46th Masonic District (right) and David L. Reiner, W.M., Herndon Lodge, presented a framed Certificate of Recognition to Bro. Long. At 102, he continues to be an active Mason, especially faithfully attending the Tall Cedars meetings near his home.

LATE NEWS

As soon as the word was out about the creation of the Gold Book Society, Philadelphia-Potters Lodge No. 72 was first on the list of Lodges to become a member by contributing $500. (See the "Preserving Our Heritage" article on page 3 that Lodge No. 72 was directly involved in the construction of the Masonic Temple in the late 1860s.) Also, on behalf of Pennsylvania DeMolay, State Master Council Commander Gregory G. Deal presented R.W. Grand Master Cunningham with a check for $500 for the Gold Book Society for the Preservation of the Masonic Temple.

For detailed information about the Gold Book Society and the Philanthropic Society, see the brochure inserted in this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.
Washington at Prayer Statue Impressive and Inspirational

The impressive nine-foot bronze statue of George Washington at Prayer at the Freedoms Foundation vividly portrays the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man in which the heritage of Pennsylvania Freemasonry is imbedded. Robert E. Devoe, the R.W.G.M. in 1966, authorized the statue to be sculpted by the world-renowned artist-sculptor, Donald DaLuz, of Lebanon, NJ, to stand at the entrance to The Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Devoe said: "It was at Valley Forge that Bro. Washington and the remnants of his army suffered through the bitter winter of 1777-78 in order to obtain freedom. The heroic spirit and devotion to freedom which burned in the hearts of Bro. Washington's Army must again be aroused in the hearts of our people..."

At the Dedication on Sept. 9, 1967, the Chairman of the Directors of the Freedoms Foundation proclaimed: "...that all the world may come to see the devotion which we hold for George Washington, the Father of our Country, and may God bless the Masons of Pennsylvania, who have made all this possible!"

During 1976 when the nation was celebrating the Bicentennial, Pennsylvania Freemasons held four Bicentennial Day Ceremonies, the last of which was at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Despite the worst October storms in history to that time, John L. McCain, R.W.G.M., led more than 1,000 persons in a wreath-laying at the statue. The howling gales and sheets of rain on Oct. 9 forced ceremonies to be moved inside. Fortunately, later the rain paused to permit the wreath-laying.

A quarter of a century after the original dedication, Pennsylvania Freemasons refurbished the statue and on Sept. 5, 1992, R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. and the Grand Lodge officers conducted well-attended re-dedication and wreath-laying ceremonies. At that time, Grand Lodge had an audio-visual display installed that provides visitors with a taped message about Bro. Washington.

The cover of the Bicentennial Dedication Day program presented a dramatic picture of the George Washington at Prayer statue.

The National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge

Almost 91 years ago, in March 1912, ground was broken for the construction of "...a memorial arch within Valley Forge Park, in commemoration of the patriotism displayed and the sufferings endured by Gen. George Washington, his officers and men." Completion was delayed to wait for funding. The National Memorial Arch was dedicated on June 19, 1917.

The 600-foot high, 49-foot by 18-foot granite Arch was designed as a simplified version of the Triumphal Arch of Titus in Rome. On the inner walls of the Arch are bronze plaques with the names of the general officers at Valley Forge.

The National Memorial Arch stood for more than 80 years until it was closed to the public for safety reasons. The Masons of Pennsylvania determined to preserve the Arch in its grandeur it deserves and on Mar. 15, 1996, R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser signed an agreement with the National Park Service at Valley Forge for a restoration project. On Aug. 24, 1997, the Grand Lodge unveiled the restored National Memorial Arch.

At the base of the American flagpole facing the Arch, the Grand Lodge also erected a new monument that pays tribute to Bro. George Washington and the Freemasons who were among the soldiers of his Continental Army encamped there in 1777-78.

Friend to Friend, A Brotherhood Undivided

Brother Bingham coming to the aid of Brother Armstead is portrayed in the Friend to Friend Statue at Gettysburg.

The "Friend to Friend, A Brotherhood Undivided" statue and its arched granite "Wall of Stones" in the National Cemetery Annex at Gettysburg honors all Freemasons who fought in all the wars and conflicts of the country.

The larger-than-life figures created by the noted sculptor, Bro. Ron Tunison, of Cairo, NY, portray Union Captain and Brother Henry Bingham coming to the aid of Confederate General and Brother Lewis Armstead during Pickett's charge at the Battle of Gettysburg. It stands as a lasting tribute to the bonds of Brotherhood that transcend political differences and the emotions of war.

The scene portrays the moment when Gen. Armstead was being carried to medical aid and by chance encountered Capt. Bingham, who was an Alde to Union Major General and Brother Winfield S. Hancock. Confederate General Armstead, long a friend of Gen. Hancock, though then on opposite sides in the War, asked Capt. Bingham to relay a message of regret to his old friend and entrusted his personal effects to the Captain. Gen. Armstead died two days later.

In this 1993 picture, the sculptor, Bro. Ron Tunison (background), is at work crafting the Friend to Friend statue.

Freemasons Pavilion and Monument at Pittsburgh Area VA Medical Center

On Armed Forces Day, May 15, 1999, the Freemasons of Pennsylvania honored all veterans who served this great country by presenting a new, fully equipped, 3,000-square-foot Freemasons Pavilion with an additional 1,400-square-foot patio and a monument in a landscaped area of the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Aspinwall, north of Pittsburgh.

The facility and its equipment provides a place for residents of the VA hospital and their families to visit, an outdoor place for entertainment, and a focal point for special activities. In the dedication address, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette said, "We cannot, must not, and will not ever forgive those whose dedication and fortitude sustained liberty and justice for us through more than two centuries. Our veterans are special people to whom we will be forever grateful."
A "Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman" statue is across the street from the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and a second one is in front of the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

A circa 1988 photograph in the Archives of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania pictures the sculptor Joseph Brown (left) showing his working model of the sculpture to W.W. Grand Master Joseph E. Tate.

By John E. Adams, Jr., Membership Chairman

Have you accepted the Operation Revive Recovery challenge placed upon the trestle board by Grand Master Cunningham? Has your Lodge held a "Friend to Friend" program recently?

Since Solomons, it was introduced 20 years ago, grand masters have tried to reverse the devastating decline in membership. Those efforts afforded moderate success, but were met with mixed reactions and little progress.

Each program was excellent. Dedicated and concerned brethren worked diligently to carry the messages to the trestle board. The efforts were not fully accepted by 100% of the members. Negative responses ranged from "We never did it that way before" to "It's solicitation.

It's time for each Mason to be concerned about the seriousness with which such projects are undertaken. Members were contacted on declining membership and increased operating expenses. A lack of concern is not warranted.

Each program was not dedicated and dedicated leadership because too many Brethren seek titles, but are not willing to furnish the required leadership. We need to become more concerned as to why there are so many resignations and suspensions for non-payment of dues. The apathy among the brethren who have fallen by the wayside is difficult to explain.

Here are statistics as of Dec. 13, 2002: Elected to Membership - 552; Initiations - 1,964; Restorations - 378; Memmbers Discussed - 3,580; Members Expelled - 4; Members Reinstated - 504; Members Suspended - 1,618; and Net loss for 2002 - 2,612.


Let us do the task.

A sign of support for Youth

This is one of two signs King David Lodge No. 763, Kingston, purchased for the community basketball fields. Hugh E. Williams, Past Master, D.C.M., 12th Masonic District, said that the Lodge's efforts in the programs of "The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children show that "Masons Care About Children" and actively support the youth of the community in participating in sports instead of drugs and alcohol.

DeMolay Induction Honors Grand Master

Twenty-five young men were inducted Dec. 7 into the Order of DeMolay in ceremonies in Memorial Hall at the Masonic Conference Center, Elizabethtown, honoring the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. Members of the 12th Masonic District represent DeMolay.


Remodeling at Masonic Eastern Star Home-East

A remodeling project is being planned for the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East for 2003. Many new changes are being planned for the facility, including new men's wardrobe, carpet, new bathrooms doors, and an upgrading of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system to be more responsive to residents' needs.

Details on how to support this exciting project are available through the Office of Gift Planning at 1 (800) 598-4514. Ask to speak to Bro. John R. McFadden, Director of Gift Planning-East Region, or Sr. Alvin H. Bitt, Esq., Chief Director of Gift Planning.

Reasures of the Temple

By Laura Libby, Curator

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is fortunate in its possession of a fine collection of Masonic Chinese export porcelain. This collection, consisting of punch bowls, tody jugs, and mugs, provides a glimpse of the relationship between Masons and the Chinese trade of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Many of the items produced for trade with the West were specifically designed for the Western market in mind; many porcelains depicted biblical scenes, landscapes, and symbols of popular Western engravings. A wealthy patron could have his porcelain designed to suit his individual taste. Such designs often featured personal coats of arms and the swans of the respective patron, as well as symbols of a particular group with whom the patron was affiliated.

A wonderful example of this type of export porcelain is the Union Lodge punch bowl. The Union Lodge punch bowl, measuring 9½" in height with a diameter of 21½", was presented to the Union Lodge No. 121 (Philadelphia, in 1812 as a gift of gratitude from Brothers Caleb Ash and Hendrick Toland. Apparently Brothers Ash and Toland had been instrumental in the creation of Union Lodge No. 121, but were called absent the lodge location was not known before they could sign the petition to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in November of 1810, when Union Lodge No. 121 was established. Upon their return to Pennsylvania in 1812, Brothers Ash and Toland petitioned Union Lodge No. 121 to admit them as found members, and they were granted, and to show their appreciation, the two men presented the Lodge with a "large handsome Chinese punch bowl" (exempt from Lodge minute dated April 16, 1812).

The punch bowl is intricately decorated with Masonic symbols in shades of pink, green, blue, purple, sepia, orange, and black enamel and gilt. The interior of the bowl has an alluring eye at the center. Around the rim of the interior is a border of land, sea, and animals, from which long-hooded fustions terminating in curlers. On the exterior of the bowl is a two-opposed six-arched design inscribed Union Lodge No. 121. Between the two stars on opposite sides are Masonic symbols surrounding an alluring eye. Most of the symbols are easily identified, such as the Square and Compass, Level, and the three candles representing the three lesser lights. It is interesting to note how the Chinese artist interpreted Masonic symbols; the mosaic tiles, traditionally rendered in colors of black, white, and red, is etched with a coiled rope and the symbols of the Chinese characters, as well as the all-seeing eye, are intricately detailed.

The spout of the bowl resembles a famous ancient Chinese landscape paintings, and the children at Shady Lawn illustrate how strange Western features must have appeared to the Chinese. If you are interested in learning more about Chinese export porcelains, step by the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania by following a Winterthur Guide to Chinese Export Porcelains, by Arthur E. Palmer, and Philadelphia and the China Trade 1784-1844, by Joan Gordon Lee.
Academy of Masonic Knowledge Meets March 15 at Elizabethtown

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held on Saturday, Mar. 15, in the Deke Auditorium in the Freemasons Cultural Center of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The Academy sessions will be open only to Master Masons who have pre-registered using the coupon adjoining this article. The day of the Academy sessions, attendees will be able to sign in beginning at 8:30 a.m., the program will begin at 9:30 a.m., and adjournment will be approximately 3:00 p.m.

Two well known Masonic speakers will be featured, one from Europe and the other from the United States. Each speaker’s presentation will be followed by a question and answer period.

Thomas W. Blamick, P.M., Past Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Academy of Knowledge, also announced that the Fall sessions of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, also in the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Academy of Masonic Knowledge Pre-registration Form

Advance registration is necessary for the Saturday, Mar. 15, Academy of Masonic Knowledge. Please complete the coupon and send it by Mar. 10 to Office of Masonic Knowledge, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

I plan to attend the Academy of Masonic Knowledge on Mar. 15 at Elizabethtown.

I am a Master Mason.

My Lodge is:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

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Wardens, Sr. Deacons Seminars in 2003

The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee will be conducting seminars and training sessions for Junior and Senior Wardens and Senior Deacons across the Commonwealth on the following dates in 2003:

Region 1 March 8
Region 2 February 22
Region 3 March 15
Region 4 March 29
Region 5 April 5

A "Thankful" Apologies for Omission

In a letter dated Nov. 5, 2002, the R.W. Grand Treasurer of the Order of the Golden Chain, noted an error of omission that appeared in the Dec. 27, 2001, "Special Inaugural Edition of The Pennsylvania Freemason" (Vol. XIVIII, Page 10). The word "thousand" was omitted. The sentence regarding the planting of trees in Israel should have been:

"Also, through the generosity of the members, along with their families and friends, four forests of more than forty thousand trees have been planted in Israel."

Who Are Members of Grand Lodge?

The first time some Pennsylvania Freemasons attend a Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, they are curious as to why they are directed to bring their white vest and black tie, and why they are not eligible to vote in Grand Lodge. Not every Pennsylvania Freemason is a member of the Grand Lodge.

Article 501 of the Constitution states that in order to be a member of the Grand Lodge to be:... (to address, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens by two years of service, Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Secretaries by six years of service, of a subordinate Lodge, Past Masters by one year’s service, and Masters and Wardens of all Lodges lawfully warranted and duly constituted by it, and under its jurisdiction."

Some stated that Masons who are not members of the Grand Lodge as defined in the Altham Reson, are invited and as welcome to Grand Lodge Communications as visitors, just as they regularly visit from one Blue Lodge to another.

Source: "The Altham Reson (updated to March 2001): Potential clarification, and the following of Subordinate Lodges" added for this explanation.

Faith and Support Kept Work Going on Masonic Temple

In March of 1869, nearly a year after the laying of the Cornerstone for the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, the Building Committee... contemplated the cessation of all active operations upon the New Masonic Temple except... to square up the work, put the property and adjacent streets and sidewalks in a good and safe condition, until the sum of $250,000 shall have accumulated in the Building Fund."

Fortunately, that cessation never occurred. Grand Lodge was convinced of the enthusiasm and support of the Brethren across the Jurisdiction and, with all Masonic tradition and fiscal creativity, the Building Committee determined to continue the construction. The results verify that Brethren were overwhelmingly responsive.


Dual Membership is a Specific Number

Dual membership has been permissible in Pennsylvania since the adoption Dec. 1, 1993, of Article 19.09 in the Altham Reson. "Dual" means that a Mason, who is a member of another Lodge in the same Jurisdiction, may also be a member of Lodge in this Jurisdiction...

"A member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction is permitted to be at the same time a member of one other Lodge. Each in this or another Jurisdiction. A member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction may be a member of one other Lodge in this Jurisdiction...

If he is ever held primary membership in Pennsylvania, the petitioner for dual membership must be a resident of Pennsylvania if his primary membership now (or in another jurisdiction. In that case, his former Pennsylvania Blue Lodge is the only Lodge to which he may apply for dual membership in a secondary Lodge.

Brothers Blamick: A Family That Serves

Through 2002 in McKeesport Lodge No. 641, Brothers Blamick occupied the stations in the East, West, East, West, South, North, South, North, East, West, South, North, South, East, West, South, North, East, West, South, North, East, West. D. Blamick, then W.M. (center), became a P.M., succeeded by his father, Joseph E., then S.W. (left), a 50-year member. Bro. Mark’s uncle, Robert S. Blamick, was the J.W. The Blamicks served their country as well. In World War II, P.O. C. J. R. M. W. in W.W. II and Joseph, in the Navy aboard a cruiser in the South Pacific.

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A Permanent, Historic Tribute to Love of Country and The Brotherhood of Man
Commemorated in a Magnificent American Pewter Sculpture by Artist Ron Tunison

Ten Years ago, FREEMASON-RY made history as the only private organization ever to erect an Official Monument in a United States National Park - The Friend to Friend - A Brotherhood Undivided Memorial at Gettysburg. The centerpiece of that Memorial is a spectacular, larger than life sculpture of two Civil War participants who shared the bonds of Freemasonry even through the devastating battle of Gettysburg.

To mark that historic event, and provide Masons an opportunity to bring a piece of Masonic History into their homes, a special collector’s sculpture was created by Ron Tunison, one of America’s foremost historical sculptors. Crafted in fine American Pewter and hand decorated with genuine 24 karat gold, it captures a moment in time, when a mortally wounded Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead enters his Masonic watch to Union Major General Winfield S. Hancock’s aide, with regrets and a final gesture of brotherhood.

The sculpture is mounted on a solid mahogany wood base, which bears a nameplate, serially numbered for each Masonic Brother fortunate to acquire it.

The original issue price of this unique sculpture was $350. Despite substantial increases in production costs, this issue price will be maintained for those who order at this time. And, a special payment plan is available to make its purchase more affordable for everyone. See the order form for details, and reserve your sculpture today, as remaining quantities are extremely limited.

Call Toll-Free to order:
1-800-437-0804

Friend to Friend-A Brotherhood Undivided
by Artist Ron Tunison

Pennsylvania Freemasonry Marks a Historic 10th Anniversary of The Official Masonic Memorial Monument At Gettysburg National Military Park

Union Captain Bingham comforts Confederate General- Armistead enters his Masonic Gold Watch to Bingham.

Actual size is 9” H. x 8” W. 6” D., Weight: 10 lbs. Made in U.S.A.
Dream Now: A Reality at Sewickley
Residents Ready to Move In

A view of the retirement living clubhouse and apartments as of December 2002

"Here they come, and we can't wait," the story echoed by three words began in December of 2000 as the marketing team at the Masonic Village at Sewickley began meeting people to talk about a dream.

That dream had its roots much earlier, but then, for the first time, future residents were able to see not only floor plans and could peer out the window of a construction trailer at wooded acreage. Only a slight glimpse was visible of what would be the final vision.

Send me more information about Retirement Living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley!

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Send me:

[ ] Masonic Village at Sewickley Brochure
[ ] Reference Living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley Video

Please complete coupon and return to:

Masonic Village at Sewickley

1000 Masonic Drive

Sewickley, PA 15143

Reunions for PA Masons in Florida Feb. 27-Mar. 1

This Feb. 27 through Mar. 1, R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., his wife, Rosalie, along with the other Grand Lodge Officers, members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and their ladies, will host three Masonic reunions for Pennsylvania Freemasons who now reside in Florida permanently or 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.

The reunion on Thursday, Feb. 27, will be held in the Airport Marriott. On Friday, Feb. 28, it will be in the Sahara Shriners Center, Sarasota, and on Mar. 1, in the Florida Beach Garden Marriott.

All three reunions will include a reception at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, a program at 1 p.m., and a social hour from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Each program, Grand Master Cunningham will award 50-year emblems of Gold to Brethren in Florida.

Also during the program, Joseph E. Murphy, CEO of the Masonic Homes, and members of the Masonic staff will share information about the benefits and full curriculum of services provided for Masons, their families, and others by the Masonic Homes in Elizabeth, Sewickley, and Wissinngton, Pa. Murphy also has additional information about the Masonic Village at Highlands, as that community will unite with the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Jan. 1, 2004.

Installation of one of the Masonic Village at Sewickley's open house events on Feb. 20 or Mar. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or call Mary Jane toll-free at 1-888-872-0664 to schedule your personal tour.

“Assisted Living” a Common Topic for Inquiries

Inquiries often come to the Masonic Homes at Elizabeth, from people who are unsure of what level of care their loved ones might need. Assisted living is the most common topic for inquiry.

A good description for assisted living would be “assistance within an independent and homelike atmosphere.” In an assisted living program, needs are assessed according to the amount of assistance an individual requires with activities of daily living, such as dressing, bathing, or taking medications accurately. For the person needing assistance, knowledge is there if it is needed very comforting.

Assisted living services are among the fastest growing types of residences requested by seniors who cannot make it on their own, but do not need nursing care. Unfortunately, many seniors wait until they need it first before applying for assisted living. Space in the assisted living area at the Masonic Homes at Elizabeth is extremely limited. The majority of rooms are occupied by residents who were living at the Masonic Homes before it was modified to meet the new level of care. As an integral part of the Masonic Homes continuing care policy, those residents enjoy the security that their future residents will be met without moving to another facility.

Ideally, assisted living should meet a higher level of daily needs than people can perform for themselves. Smart planning for the future might mean that seniors should consider moving before needs arise. The opportunity to participate in activities and socialize comes more easily when one knows that their future is secure. Starting with assisted living in Elizabeth is an ideal way of doing that.

Residential Respite Cottage Now Residential Services Only

The Committee on Masonic Homes acted to meet substantial needs specified by members and the community to provide more residential accommodations for adults with mild to moderate mental retardation. Their decision approved using the Residential Respite Cottage at the Masonic Homes at Elizabeth as a residential care home on a permanent basis rather than continuing to offer accommodations for short-term respite services.

The action also considered the recent declining interest in short-term respite services. The residential program will serve eight adults on a permanent basis and will no longer offer an accommodation for short-term respite services.

The Mission of Love at the Masonic Village at Sewickley

One of the most rewarding gifts that Freemasons, members of the Order of The Eastern Star, Lodges, Chapters, families, organizations, and others can make is one that honors or commemorates the life of a loved family member, brother or sister, friend or colleague. Such contributions perpetuate the names of the persons whose memory or honor the gifts are made and the thoughtfulness of the persons making the contributions.

The current construction project at the Masonic Village at Sewickley offers a fitting and caring opportunity that will touch and enhance the lives of residents. Gift opportunities start from $100 to name a specific room and range up to $1,500,000 to name the Clubhouse, which is the hub of the retirement community.

The "Friends-to-Friend" program has been implemented to assist those residents whose funds have been depleted or cannot afford the monthly service fee. Those gifts are set at the $1,000 entry level.

For more information on gifting opportunities available at the Masonic Village at Sewickley and a brochure listing all of the naming opportunities available at the Masonic Village at Sewickley contact Jane W. Binley at the Gift Planning Office at (412) 741-1400 ext. 3011.
Admissions Policy for the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Admissions to the Masonic Homes are governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Masonic Homes approves or disapproves applications for admission primarily on the basis of need. Decisions concerning admission, the provision of services and referrals of residents are not based upon the applicant's race, color, religion, disability, ancestry, national origin, familial status, age, sex or any other protected status.

The Committee on Masonic Homes has approved the following service levels for admission to the Masonic Homes. Please contact the Admissions or Marketing Office for information on which service levels are eligible for admission to the living area desired.

Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown
Admissions for Residential, Assisted Living, and Health Care Services: (800) 676-6452

Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warmminster
Admissions for Assisted Living and Health Care/Nursing Services: (215) 672-2500

Masonic Village at Sewickley
Admissions for Health Care/Nursing Services: (412) 741-1400, extension 3520

First Reunion of PA Masons in Arizona a Success

For the first time, a reunion was held in Phoenix, AZ, on Saturday, Nov. 16 for Pennsylvania Masons and their ladies who reside permanently in Arizona, or who were there during that time.

Martin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, his wife, Rosalie, and the other Grand Lodge Officers, and their ladies, greeted the guests. Grand Master Cunningham presented 50-year Emblems of Gold. Staff of the Masonic Homes provided information about the services and opportunities provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Recipients of 50-Year Emblems of Gold (seated) are Harold M. Jeffries, Jr., a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 228, Unisontown, now residing in Scottsdale, and Samuel J. Levy, a member of Shrewsbury Lodge No. 231, Pittburgh, now residing in Sun City.

Service Level 1:
P.A. Master Mason
A member in good standing for a minimum of five cumulative years. No PA Masons who became Eastern Star members after January 1, 1968, will be required to gain membership in a PA lodge to be eligible for admission, unless the primary state does not permit dual memberships.

Wife of PA Master Mason
Widows continue to be eligible through their Masonic husband even if they remarry.

Mother of PA Master Mason
Daughter of PA Master Mason
Son of PA Master Mason

Service Level 2: Grandmother of PA Master Mason
Grandfather of PA Master Mason
Father of PA Master Mason
Mother-in-law of PA Master Mason
Father-in-law of PA Master Mason

Service Level 3: Other PA Masonic Relatives
Consideration also is given to other relatives of PA Masons. We also consider PA, Senior DeMolay, Masonic Auxiliary members, PA Jeol's Daughters and PA Rainbow Girls, widows of members of PA Knights of Pythias, and members of female-related PA Masonic organizations in good standing.

Employees of Grand Lodge or the Masonic Homes with a minimum of 20 years of service.

Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions
A member in good standing for a minimum of five cumulative years in another jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of PA and his spouse or widow.

Service Level 4:
Others on behalf of Pennsylvania Freemasonry
Individuals from Service Levels 2, 3, and 4 are considered for admission depending on waiting lists and availability in the area.

The gracious lifestyle with many amenities is part of what makes retirement living ever more popular and in demand.

Join the Fun in Raising Funds
You are invited to participate in the third Penny Party at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, 850 Northtown Rd., Warmminster, on Saturday, Mar. 22. Beginning at noon, there will be an enjoyable fund-raising event sponsored by the Home's Advisory Board to benefit the residents. As part of the fun and meet the staff, residents, their families, and friends. The minimal $5.00 cost will include food and refreshments. There will be opportunities to win more than 100 gifts and gift certificates. For more information, call Cathy Welch at (215) 672-2500.

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East offers Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing accommodations for 28 residents in need of ongoing support services. The assisted living area accommodates 54 residents who require assistance for some of their daily activities, such as bathing and dressing. Part of the Mission of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East is to serve individuals in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients. For more information on admissions to the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, call (215) 672-2500.
Ten Sectional Schools For Ritual across the State Mar. 1 - May 10

The first half of 2003 is a busy period for the Director of the Ritualistic Work, the seven Regional Instructors, and ritual workers throughout the jurisdiction. During the first quarter, they have been involved with the presentation of five new District Deputy Grand Masters and a Lodge Room dedication.

Ten Sectional Schools of instruction are scheduled beginning in March. Lamey A. Buzzard, Director of the Ritualistic Work, reported that more than 1,200 Brethren attended sessions of the School of Instruction in 2002. He is optimistic that the attendance in 2003 will be even larger. The dates for the Schools of Instruction will be:

- March 1 Pittsburgh April 5 Clevelley
- March 8 Scranton April 12 Everett
- March 15 New Castle April 26 Philadelphia
- March 22 Munsey May 3 Uniontown
- March 29 Harrisburg May 10 Erie

Pursuance Lodge Makes Scholarships Possible

Pursuance Lodge No. 23, Harrisburg, provides academic scholarships annually to support the Pennsylvania Big 33 Scholarship Foundation. Recently, Mickey Minnich, Executive Director of the Big 33, presented $1,000 awards to four students. Kristina Beyer of Mechanicshill High School, attending the University of Pennsylvania; Megan Xinger of Millburn High School, attending the Susquehanna University; Jonathan Sanders of Carlisle High School, attending Grove City College; and Shawn Walters of Central Dauphin East High School, attending Bucknell University. The Big 33 has awarded more than $1.5 million in scholarships. In 1997, the Big 33 football game each year matches the top 33 high school seniors from throughout Pennsylvania with the top 33 high school all-star players from Ohio in the Big 33 game in Hershey.

Ryan Aungst Receives Degrees in Presence of Grand Master

In the presence of R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. and a large representation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters, Ryan Robert Aungst, 29, the son of Ronald Aungst, Sr., R.W.S.G.W., received the three degrees and was made a Master Mason in LaBelle Valley Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore on Oct. 26. The new Master's father, R.W.S.G.W. Aungst, served the E.E. Degree and Rev. A. Aungst, Jr., brother to the new Mason, served as the Guide. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred by Allen J. Henniger, P.D.D.G.M., 18th Masonic District, and R.W.S.G.W. Aungst served as the Guide. The Master Mason's Degree was conferred by Robert L. Difge, Jr., R.W.G.P.M., and R.W.S.G.W. Aungst again served as the Guide. The Charitable degree of Master Masons was delivered by Gary B. Staley, D.D.G.M., 17th Masonic District.

Blood Organ Donor Poster Contest Winners

Becky Gotschall, a member of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 16, Chambersburg, was presented the $300 first-place award as the winner of the seventh annual Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Poster Contest by John L. Stairs, D.D.G.M., and Masonic Director. The poster was reproduced and distributed to all lodges and youth groups for display. The second-place award of $200 was won by Sarah Skloss, a member of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 17, Honesdale. Third place, a $100 award, went to Jonathan Taylor, a member of the Triangle Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Canonsburg.

continued for Garden Donors

The Masonic Organ Donor Program was created during the administration of Edward O. Weisser, R.W.G.P.M. (1996-1997), as something vital that each Mason and his family members could do to help follow human hearts.

The purpose of the Masonic Organ Donor Committee is to encourage Masons to consider becoming organ donors. Nearly 80,000 Americans are awaiting life-saving transplants. Many of those who would die because an organ is not available. Therefore, the Mason Donor Committee says: "Please consider becoming an organ donor."

The process is very simple. Each Lodge should have a supply of organ donor cards. All one has to do is fill in the information on the card and carry it in his wallet. It is imperative to notify all your family of your decision. One never knows for sure when a need may arise. The Masonic Donor Program is a responsible way of making sure that your wishes are carried out.

Pennsylvania DeMolay is located in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, through the dedicated efforts of Dennis Snedden, the 47th Masonic District's Youth Committee Chair, Scott Shonk, 50-250 employees) and 100-199 employees).

In 1996-1997, the Masonic Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters, Ryan Robert Aungst Receives Degrees, 17th Best Masonic District, and R.W.S.G.W. Aungst, served as the Guide. The Master Mason's Degree was conferred by Robert L. Difge, Jr., R.W.G.P.M., and R.W.S.G.W. Aungst again served as the Guide. The Charitable degree of Master Masons was delivered by Gary B. Staley, D.D.G.M., 17th Masonic District.

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Masons of Note

White on a trip to Alaska late last summer, Clarence W. Martin, then W.M., Manheim Lodge No. 587, visited Mt. Jeneau-Custineau. Lodge No. 21 in Juneau. H. Daniel McCormick, W.M. of the lodge in Alaska, told that they "...got very few visitors at a Blue Lodge meeting and never any from Pennsylvania." Bro. Martin was presented with a line distant and a medallion struck in commemoration of their 100th anniversary in Freemasonry.

While serving in the East during 2002, Hal Shaver, Sr., W.M., Wyoming Lodge No. 468, presented his daughter, Dawn, with her gown when she was installed as Worshipful Master of Harmony Chapter No. 58, Order of the Eastern Star. She also is the Mother Advisor of Harmony Assembly No. 74, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Robert F. Beitzel, P.M., will retire from 34 years of service as a Line Officer in one capacity or another in Lodge No. 43, Lancaster. Bro. Beitzel not only served as Worshipful Master, but also served for 17 years as a Trustee, and the last 11 years as Treasurer. In addition, he has headed the Lodge Education training session from 1994, and has been an active community volunteer.

F.B.I. Presents Award to Foundation for Children

On Dec. 3, the Federal Bureau of Investigation presented its prestigious Community Service Award to The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director (shown in photo), representing the President of the Foundation's Board of Directors, James L. Enright, R.W.G.M., accepted the award on behalf of the Masons of Pennsylvania. This award is presented to organizations and individuals who have provided outstanding service in their communities. The Foundation for Children qualifies for the award because of its efforts with the Junior Elf Program, D.A.R.E., Project C.A.R.E. (Bullying and Violence prevention training), Student Assistance Team training, and other projects.

Seminar Concludes Busy Education Committee Year

The Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania concluded a busy year of 2002 with 104 Lodge Education Chairmen from across the state attending a one-day seminar at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

B. Bro. C. deForest Trexler, 33°, Deputy Grand Master for Pennsylvania, accepted a Scottish Rite, N.M.J., addressed the Masonic educators on the subject of the Family of Freemasonry. He told them that one of their most important functions is not only to be aware of questions about Blue Lodge Masonry, but also those questions raised by Master Masons about the appendant bodies and how they fit into the Family of Freemasonry.

The seminar also covered topics such as: What is the role and what are the responsibilities of a Lodge Education Chairman? How to help the officers in the Lodge. How to get educational materials. The importance of presenting educational materials to the new members and what constitutes good Lodge programs. Materials needed for developing good Master Programs were distributed.

Robert E. Weiss, R.W.P.M., Chairman, announced that there will be an Education training session on Feb. 22 in the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

G.M., Masons Visit Veterans in Erie VA Center

On Oct. 17, R.W. Grand Master Marin A. Cunningham, Sr. and a group of Pennsylvania Freemasons visited the Erie Veterans Administration Medical Center to meet with veterans, donate a gift to the center, and present a volun­ ter service award on behalf of the Masonic Service Association to a dedicated Pennsylvania Mason.

"Good luck from a 'swabber' to a 'flyboy' was the parting wish by Marin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M., when visiting veterans Thomas Scully (above)." The visiting Masons are James T. Young, Aide to the Grand Master; Richard Fitzsimmons, P.M., Perry-Keystone Lodge No. 392, Erie; Grand Master Cunningham, Sr.; Donald A. Snyder, D.D.G.M., 28th Masonic District; Marin A. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; and G. Kent Hackney, Aide to the Grand Master.

Grand Master Cunningham presented a Masonic Service Association Certificate of Recognition to Bro. Robert L. Laird (center in picture below), Lovingston Lodge No. 706, Erie, for his years of service as a volunteer at the Erie VA Medical Center. Previously, on behalf of the Masons of Pennsylvania, the Grand Mason presented a check to James A. Palmer (right in picture), Director, Erie VA Medical Center, to purchase a digital camera and equipment for the Center's recreational facilities.

James L. Sieber Installed as W.M. of Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

James L. Sieber, P.M., Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippenburg, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research at its meeting in the Masonic Center on Saturday, December 7.

The installation ceremony was performed by R.W.G.M. of the Lodge, R.W. Premier W. J. Cunningham, P.D.D.G.M., 7th Masonic District, Middle River Howard Silhavy, Jr., R.W. Stewart Continental Junior Warden; Joseph Howard C. Cochrane; P.D.D.G.M., Messrs. basilion, Daniel H. Geary, Thomas L. L. Leicht; Leo McCaffery; and Gene Hlavac. back row - Terry Kinne, father of Bro. James Jackson; Martin Joyce; Thomas Sherwin; Allen Brown; Roland Wise; and Rodney Williams.

PIN Club Degree Team Confers on Two

A degree team comprising members of the PIN Club in western Pennsylvania - a Masonic group of law enforcement personnel - conferred Master Mason's Degrees on Rayne Charles Kline and Kevin Lee Lindenmuth, both members of the Pennsylvania State Police, in John M. Read Road Lodge No. 536, Reynoldsdale, on Oct. 12. Participating in the Degree were (l-r): front row - Daniel Rosicky, Albert Rolia, Michael 9 Whipple, W.M. of John M. Read Road Lodge; Bros. Lindenmuth and Kline, the newly raised Masons; Richard Cames, the Conventing Officer; and Donald L. Miller, D.D.G.M., 52nd Masonic District. Middlerow Howard Silhavy, Jr., R.W. Stewart Continental Junior Warden; Joseph Howard C. Cochrane; P.D.D.G.M., Messrs. basilion, Daniel H. Geary, Thomas L. L. Leicht; Leo McCaffery; and Gene Hlavac. back row - Terry Kinne, father of Bro. James Jackson; Martin Joyce; Thomas Sherwin; Allen Brown; Roland Wise; and Rodney Williams.

R.W. GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR

February

March

April

May

1 Presentation of Merrill E. Hadley, D.D.G.M., 1911 Masonic District, Perkiomen Valley Lodge No. 556, Perkiomen Valley.

2 Lodge橙§jmediately Induction, Blessing Lodge No. 136, Slippery Rock.

11 Presentation of Ronald L. Wodnick, D.D.G.M., 21st Masonic District, Mount Union Lodge No. 608.

14-15 Conference of Grand Masons, Hershey.


26-27 Grand Royal Arch Masonic District Meeting.

29 Masonic Men's Meeting 1-3 p.m., Elks Officers Meeting 7 p.m.

31 Grand Baccalaureate, Elks Masonic District Meeting.

April

May

1 Masonic District in Pottstown Garden.

11-12 Beginning the Month, Grand Master.

17-18 Older Boys 24th Masonic District Meeting.

24 Masonic Men's Meeting 1-3 p.m., Elks Officers Meeting 7 p.m.

28-29 Grand Royal Arch Masonic District Meeting.

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

15th Anniversary, Castle W.M. Mason Lodge No. 211, Ambler.

New Masonic Baccalaureate Meeting Masonic House.

Masonic Men's Meeting 1-3 p.m., Elks Officers Meeting 7 p.m.

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Four Mergers of Lodges Approved

Four mergers involving eight Lodges were confirmed at the December Quarterly Communication, effective Dec. 27, 2002:

1. Edwin G. Martin Lodge No. 689 with Jordan Lodge No. 673, both of Allentown, to be named Jordan-Martin Lodge No. 673. The merged Lodge will be in the 16th Masonic District.

2. Allegheny Valley Lodge No. 521, Knox, with Park City Lodge No. 521, Parker, to be named Park City-Allegheny Valley Lodge No. 521. The merged Lodge will be in the 22nd Masonic District.

3. Mahoning Lodge No. 516 with Danville Lodge No. 224, both in Danville, to be named Mahoning-Danville Lodge No. 224. The merged Lodge will be in the 35th Masonic District.

4. Charters Valley Lodge No. 747 with East Liberty Lodge No. 725, both in Pittsburgh, to be named Charters Valley Lodge No. 725. The merged Lodge will be in the 55th Masonic District.

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The general news deadline for each issue is the first day of the last full week of the month preceding the publication date. For example, contact the Editor in advance. General deadlines for articles are:

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November - November 5
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Masonic News:

(1) District Deputy’s knowledge is required for articles, and pictures should be submitted, accomplished either by forwarding them to the D.D.G.M. or by indicating that they have been provided to the D.D.G.M.

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(3) Timeliness: Articles, information, and pictures should be relevant to events that occurred during the three months prior to the general deadline for the pending issue. Historical matters are an exception.

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R.W.J.G.W. Confers
Third, Brother Second, Godfather First

For a long time, Peter Stephen Gardner told his father that he wanted to be made a Mason as soon as possible after he would become 21 on Dec. 31, 2002. Last March, when his father, Stephen Gardner, R.W.J.G.W. Junior Grand Warden, told him about the decision by R.W.J.G.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., to allow young men aged 18 and older to petition the Lodge, Peter asked for a petition immediately. He was a Master Mason two and a half months before he became 21.

By virtue of a Dispensation, Peter received his Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masonic Degrees in Porter Lodge No. 294, North Catasauqua, on Sept. 27. Then, by virtue of another Dispensation and the presence of the R.W.J.G.W. Master, he received his Master Mason’s Degree on Oct. 18. The degree was conferred by Peter’s godfather, Robert James Bateman, PM. The Masonic Degree was conferred by his father, R.W.J.G.W. Gardner. The Guide for all three degrees was Peter’s cousin, Robert James Bateman, Jr.


Friend To Friend In Scouting:
The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouters Award, created to honor those Masons who are actively serving the Boy Scout movement. All Masons are invited to recommend a Brother for the award. An individual cannot apply; he must be nominated by a Brother Mason and be approved by his Lodge. Petitions and criteria for the award can be obtained through Lodge Secretaries or by visiting the Grand Lodge web site at www.pagrandlodge.org/pym/ggm/Scouters. Brother on record as having been granted the award between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003, are:

- Donald Wayne Bailey, State College Lodge No. 700
- George R. Baker, Winfield Lodge No. 519, Roaring Spring
- George A. Bell, Spring Creek Lodge No. 902, Hershey
- Jeffrey D. Bollinger, Noble Lodge No. 480, Convoy, OH
- Larry R. Conrad, Iowa Lodge No. 404, Northumberland
- Lex W. Cory, Jr., Noble Lodge No. 480, Connersville
- Lex W. Cory, Sr., Noble Lodge No. 480, Connersville
- Richard J. Dombalski, South-Central-Marshall Lodge No. 80, Piqua, OH
- Philip Dever, MacSandus-Rising Star Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia
- Francis William Hecker, Mahanoy City Lodge No. 357
- William Peckham Garrison, John L. Rider Lodge No. 729, Mars
- Nommack, MacSandus-Rising Star Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia
- Edward Graham, Lodge No. 9 (Topton) Philadelphia
- Harvey E. Haugh, Clearfield Lodge No. 314
- David Robert Hatt, Morgan Lodge No. 133, West Reading
- Kenneth E. Hayes, Solomon’s Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia
- Ronald E. Hess, White Rose Lodge No. 706, York
- Raymond W. Holmes, Selby Lodge No. 761, Keith Park
- Vernon Hoover, Dorsett Lodge No. 725
- Joseph Kaczer, Isabella Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg
- George Kangas, William E. Bertsch Lodge No. 271, Philadelphia
- Richard L. Kreutzer, Harmony Lodge No. 271, Philadelphia
- George Jacob Lea, White Rose Lodge No. 706, York
- David J. Linn, Canonsburg Lodge No. 599, Pinehurst Hills
- Andrew R. Lynch, Heim Lodge No. 416, Aliquippa
- Dennis R. Malcolm, Indiana-Fairland Lodge No. 313, Indiana
- David E. McElmurray, Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek
- Daniel Miller, Homestead Lodge No. 218
- Donald D. Morgan, Dorsett Lodge No. 725, Baldwin Town
- Jody Carl Fustner, Portland Lodge No. 311
- Gregory R. Rapp, White Rose Lodge No. 706, York
- Jerry O. Richards, Jr., Richmond Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia
- Harry O. Riester, Shiloh Lodge No. 246, Chelten Hill
- George J. Rohde, Quaker Valley Lodge No. 218
- Wayne Harold Sandt, General Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 759, Easton
- William E. Scarlett, Fayette Lodge No. 228, Wrightstown
- Terry Allen Scott, Western Valley Lodge No. 425
- Duane Charles Sifford, St. Léopoldine Lodge No. 275, Latrobe
- Ralph H. Shiner, Greenleaf Lodge No. 651, Allentown
- Charles F. Veiling, Grand Lodge No. 480, Connersville
- Lewis H. Wetzel, Noble Lodge No. 480, Connersville
- William F. White, Union Lodge No. 334, Bedford
- Robert A. Williams, Sr., West Shore Lodge No. 483, Camp Hill
- William H. Yee, Messiah Lodge No. 321, Alcona
- Mark R. Zimmer, Homestead Lodge No. 218
- Theodore Zuber, MacSandus-Rising Star Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia

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