
The benefits include:
- Fixed Income
- Dependable Payments
- Backed by the Assets of the Masonic Charity Issuing The Annuity
- Payments Partially Tax-Free For A Period of Years
- Federal Income Tax Charitable Deduction

Sample One-Life Gift Annuity Rates*

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*Rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities, effective July 1, 2003.

To learn how a gift annuity might benefit you or someone you love, in complete confidence and at no cost or obligation, fill out and return the response coupon to the Office of Gift Planning, or call Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Chief Director of Gift Planning, or Bro. John R. McFadden, Director of Gift Planning-East Region, at (717) 367-1121, ext. 33311, or toll-free (800) 599-6454. Brethren and Friends in Western Pennsylvania are invited to contact Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning - West Region, by calling (412) 741-1400, ext. 3011 or toll-free (866) 872-0664.
The Sun is rising on a new threshold in Masonry.

Share the Light - a phrase you will be hearing and seeing during my two years as your Grand Master - on vehicles, on letterheads, on signs, in the Pennsylvania Freemason, on the Internet, in brochures, on golf shirts, in conversations, on lapel pins, and in blue lodges.

And I ask you, our members, to Share the Light of our great fraternity, with all it offers to humanity, with your family, friends, and neighbors as we launch a massive, exciting campaign to increase the membership in Pennsylvania by 10% commencing on January 1, 2004 and building to a crescendo that culminates with the Man to Mason state-wide, one-day conferral of the three blue lodge degrees on Saturday, October 2, 2004.

I look forward to initiating 10,000 new members which will involve over 30,000 Masons serving as recommenders, mentors, investigating committees, administrative personnel, and background support. Share the Light brethren and be a part of this fraternal building team of dedicated Masons who will turn this Fraternity around.

The Masonic CHIP Program will begin in 2004. It is a comprehensive one-stop child identification program. Read more about it on page 22.

August 10 through August 15, 2004, our motocycling Masons will travel to the annual motorcycle festival in Sturgis, South Dakota. Reservations are now being accepted.

We hope you like the new look of the Pennsylvania Freemason which is giving birth to a new look in the administration of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the modernization of the fraternity in Pennsylvania.

I wish each and every one of you my sincere best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year.

Yours, in Sharing the Light...

William Slater II
R. W. Grand Master
The one-day Man to Mason project is more than a one-day conferral of all three Blue Lodge degrees on Saturday, October 2, 2004. It is a worldwide project that commences on January 1, 2004 and ends on December 31, 2004. The ultimate goal during that time frame is to increase the membership in Pennsylvania by 10,000 new members, which is a 10% increase in each Lodge in the Commonwealth.

The special ‘Share the Light Man to Mason’ petition should be used during 2004 which is available through Lodge Secretaries, District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Lodge web site, www.pajournalodge.org and is printed on pages 7 and 8 of this issue of the Freemason.

**Lodge Goal**

Each Lodge goal is simply 10% of its current membership. If the Lodge has 200 members, the goal during 2004 is 20 new members.

Effective January 1, 2004, a petitioner to a Lodge can elect to receive the three degrees at their convenience:

1. The traditional way – one per month for three months.
2. Wait for the one-day conferral of the three degrees on October 2.
3. Receive the 3rd and/or 2nd at the one-day conferral and receive the 3rd at the one-day conferral.

Note: those petitioners receiving the 3rd and/or 2nd at the one-day conferral must attend all three degrees being conferred that day.

Regardless of the method selected by the petitioner in receiving the degrees, the method by which a petitioner applies for membership remains the same with but one exception:

1. The petitioner must ask a Master Mason for a petition. The petition is signed by two Master Masons – first line signer must be a member of the Lodge the petitioner is applying to – the second line signer can be a member, in good standing, of any Pennsylvania Lodge.
2. The petitioner does not know a Mason but calls the Grand Lodge Petition Hotline, 1-800-990-1935, inquiring about becoming a Mason, the Grand Lodge will complete a petition over the phone and send it to the Secretary of the Blue Lodge nearest to his residence with a copy to the District Deputy Grand Master for action. The petitioner will then be contacted by the Secretary to secure if he knows a Mason in that particular Lodge. If he does, that member should be contacted requesting he become the petitioner’s recommender. If he does not know a Mason, the petitioner should be interviewed by the Lodge Membership Committee. Once approved by the Committee, and recommender established, the petition is treated in the same manner.
William Slater II
115th
Right Worshipful
Grand Master

Brother William Slater II was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 19, 1956. The son of Raymond J. and Doris Green Slater, he has been a resident of Allegheny County his entire life. He graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy in 1976. He attended the United States Military Academy in 1980, and the University of Montana in 1981. In 1981, he is a member of the Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Deacon and member of the Christian Education Committee.

Brother Slater is the Owner and President of Wm. Slater & Sons, Inc., which operates eight funeral homes in the Pittsburgh area. He is active in community affairs and holds membership in several civic organizations, including having recently served as President of Green Tree Rotary Club. Also an avid bowler, Bro. Slater is the father of Sydney Slater and William (Wendy) Slater III. Brother Slater's Masonic record is as follows: He is a member of Lodge No. 45 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1987. He belongs to Royal Arch Chapter No. 266, Liberty Valley Council No. 50, Royal and Select Master Masons, and Daughters Commandery No. 72, Knights Templar. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he is a past Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh. He was consecrated a thirty-third degree Mason on September 3, 2002, in Boston, Massachusetts.


Other Masonic affiliations include the O.S.M. Club of Mt. Washington (Pittsburgh), serving as President in 1997, Striss Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S. serving as an Ambassador; the Idiom Scio, Royal Order of Jesters, Pennsylvania Chapter No. 2 and the Royal Order of Scottish Rite.

Brother Slater will be the youngest Grand Master in 100 years to serve the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as R.W. Grand Master.

Petition Hotline: 1-800-990-1935

Questions or Help?
Call or Email your District Deputy Grand Master - his name, phone number and email address is listed in your Lodge Notice.

Petition Hotline: 1-800-990-1935 (See page 10 for details)
Meet the R.W. Junior Grand Warden


Bro. Sturgeon is a member of Allegheny Valley, and belongs to the Duquesne Royal Arch Chapter No. 162, Washington Council No. 1 Royal and Select Masters, and Duquesne Commandery No. 72. He is a member of Syrinx Shrine and belongs to the Pocono Shrine Shriners Club South West Hills Council and the Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 2, serving as Director in 2001 and 2002. He is a member of the Law Enforcement Pin Club, PA Shield and Square Club, Masonic Veterans of Western PA, Tall Clover of Lebanon, Wo Cla-Gre Five No. 149, and the Golden Triangle York Rite College. He is also a recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Following graduation from West Allegheny High School in 1965, Bro. Sturgeon was employed by Duquesne Light Co. before pursuing a career in law enforcement. He was employed by the North Fayette Police Department from 1968 to 1994 rising through the ranks to become Chief of Police/Public Safety Director in 1979. During that period, Bro. Sturgeon established a strong and cohesive community police department.

In 1994, he was employed by the Allegheny County Police Department, becoming Superintendent in 1997. He has served as President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police and in 1998 was inducted into the Pennsylvania Police Hall of Fame. He was awarded the first annual Award of Excellence in the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association in 1998. Currently, he is Retired Director of the Bureau of Narcotics Investigation in the office of the Attorney General of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Sturgeon is married to the former Joan Risner and has six children, Kimberly, Seth, a Mason, Maureen, Michael, Mark and the late Michelle. They have seven grandchildren and are members of the Pittsburgh United Methodist Church.

Pennsylvania Masons SHARE THE LIGHT

Right Worshipful Grand Master William Slater II, announced during his installation, his theme for 2004, and explained his vision for the future.

"The greatest resource we share as Masons is the ‘Light’ of our Craft, which gives us a path of safety and shines the responsibilities of living a good and productive life, while supporting the charitable work for which our fraternity is so well regarded.”

"Masonic Light is one way of embracing and expressing the moral and spiritual leadership that is a Mason, friends, associates and the world community so desperately need. We are duty bound to keep this light in our daily lives.

With that focus during his term as Grand Master, R.W.G.M. Slater plans to send every Brother from Pennsylvania a card and Masonic symbol to identify each Mason and their Masonic families, as dedicated and productive members of our communities.

Every Mason will receive a Pennsylvania Freemason – Sharing the Light” icon, 8x10, in their mailbox, or at the door of a friend. One simple, yet profound message to all Masons and their families, will encourage others to seek that light and know what it means. We will also serve in a beacon to other Masons to attract them in times of need.

Grand Master Slater added that during his term as your Grand Master, a responsibility I take very seriously, I am asking you to work hard to identify worthy candidates for our fraternity, and to ‘Share the Light’ with them. Give them the spiritual gift that you received through your degree work. Make them part of your Masonic Family. Finally, I’d also like to encourage all Masonic Lodges to meet and continue to share the light with others.

This year, the theme of the Pennsylvania Freemason – Sharing the Light will be ‘Masonic Brotherhood’. With the support of the Grand Master, we will celebrate the values of our Craft and the contributions of our members to the community and the world.

In February, 2004, each member will receive our Pennsylvania Freemason – Sharing the Light” icon, along with a personal letter from our Grand Master, encouraging us to take an active role in expanding and enhancing the greatest fraternity in the world."
Be a first line signer and receive the $299.95 ebook Masonic tie with the compliments of the Grand Master. Wearing a tie for Masonic events is a custom and shows that you're "Sharing the Light of Freemasonry and support Grand Master Slater's Program to increase membership in our Fraternity.

Petition Hotline
1-800-990-1935

Use the new, fast, efficient, and secure Grand Lodge Petition Hotline to register your candidate petitions for membership in your Lodge. Call the toll-free 800 number. A Grand Lodge employee will complete the petition for the candidate over the phone, accept payment by credit card, and then send the petition to the Lodge Secretary for action with information provided to the DDGM.

The Lodge Secretary will process the petition in the normal Lodge manner, and the fee paid by credit card, the Grand Lodge will forward payment to the Lodge. Two recommendations are necessary to sponsor a candidate.

Questions? Call your DDGM.
**SHARING THE LIGHT**

"Masonic Light is our way of embracing and expressing the moral and spiritual leadership that our families, friends, associates and the world community so desperately need."

— William Sider, P.W. Grand Master

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A light shines through our example, our integrity, our philanthropy. And, isn't it comforting to know that down whichever path life may lead you, chances are you will find a friend traveling beside you.

I encourage each of you to work hard to identify worthy candidates and make them part of your Masonic Family. Just as importantly, make sure that your Masonic life does not fall short. Reconnect yourself to your lodge and to your Brethren — attend meetings more often, experience the degree work again, and get involved to make a difference in embracing and advancing our Craft.

On October 2, 2004, I invite you to take part in what I expect to be a powerful, exciting day for Pennsylvania Freemasonry. This is your chance to be part of the Brotherly of dedicated, charitable men whose light burns so brightly that others can't help but notice.

In February, you will receive a gift from me — an attractive auto emblem, which reads, "Pennsylvania Freemasons: Sharing the Light." I encourage you to place it on your car, on your wife's car, or on your children's car so fellow Brethren will recognize your vehicle as being driven by a member of our Masonic family. 115,000 emblems on cars across the Commonwealth will spark people talking about our great Freemasonry and the light it shines through our example, our district.

So, what does it mean to "Share the Light?" It means communicating our Masonic values — not only through our words, but also through our actions. It means building a moral, spiritual and productive life that inspires others to want to be better. It means calling a brother or sister to order, driving to a lodge meeting, sending a card to a new member congratulating him on his achievement, visiting a resident at one of our Masonic Homes, or offering help to a brother in need. It means increasing Masonic awareness by proudly wearing your pin, placing a Masonic license plate on your car, or using a Grand Lodge credit card for your purchases. It means bringing family and friends to visit the Masonic Temple. This is my vision for Pennsylvania Freemasonry: a brotherhood of dedicated, charitable men whose light burns so brightly that others can't help but notice.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS - AIDES TO THE GRAND MASTER

GRAND CHAPLAINS

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- William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
TO ATTEND THESE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO
SHARE THE LIGHT!

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS RETURN TO FLORIDA TO VISIT PA BRETHREN

In February 2004, R.W. Grand Master William Slater II will host three Masonic reunions scheduled 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 Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Dates and Locations

Thursday, February 26, 2004
Tampa Airport Marriott

Friday, February 27, 2004
Sahib Shrine Center in Sarasota

Saturday, February 28, 2004
Palm Beach Garden Marriott

Reunion Schedules

11:00 a.m. - Reception
Noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Program

Grand Master Slater will award 50th Anniversary of Gold to Brethren in Florida. Joseph E. Murphy, chief executive officer of the Masonic Villages, and members of the Masonic Villages staff will share information about the benefits and full continuum of services provided for Masons, their families, and others by the Masonic Villages in Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warmston. Pennsylvania Masons residing in Florida will receive invitations the beginning of January to attend one of the reunions. If you do not receive an invitation by mid-January, please call (717) 367-1121, extension 33488.

Additional Cottages to Be Built at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

As of October meeting, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the construction of approximately 100 retirement living cottages on the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown campus. The cottages are part of the community's 20-year Master Plan.

In late October, future residents began choosing their desired site location, along with one of two floor plans. Options will include a two-car garage and the potential for basements at some locations. The exterior of the cottages will vary to create the sense of a neighborhood.

Construction of the cottages is anticipated to begin in early spring 2004, with occupancy of some cottages in autumn 2004. Occupancy of the remaining cottages will occur throughout 2005 and the beginning of 2006.

Individuals who have questions about the Master Plan Phase I Cottages should call the Marketing Office at (717) 361-4514 or (800) 361-4517 or toll-free at (866) 872-0664 to make your reservation for the open house of your choice, or arrange for a personal appointment and tour.
The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia was founded in 1823. It has been called one of the great "wonders" of the Masonic world. Acre-foot rooms, serving as Freemasonry and magnificent Lodge rooms on themes of the ancient archetypal world, the Masonic Temple continues with our past. By continuing to display our Masonic traditions and values, the Masonic Temple sponsors the Masonic youth groups when they participate in activities at the Masonic Conference Center and the Temple of the Masonic Lodge.

The Masonic Temple Foundation annually grants scholarships from an Educational Endowment Fund. These scholarship opportunities are for Masons, their siblings, children, and members of the Masonic-related youth groups in Pennsylvania. Since 1959, more than 300 scholarships, totaling in excess of $50,000.00 have been granted to Pennsylvania students.

Each year, the Foundation publishes a Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, which lists all awards available through the PTF, as well as several other awards related to higher education and the Masonic youth group members, which can be applied for separately.

The Pennsylvania Freemason in an exciting open development and scholarship-building program for youth aged 12-16, designed especially for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation. This special co-ed program provides opportunities for youth and youths to participate in activities through Rituals that have as their roots in the Masonic experience.

A central part of the mission of the PA Masonic Foundation is to expand the outreach of these three youth groups in Pennsylvania and to help establish new Lodge Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and the Masonic Youth Foundation.

Our goal is to help local Lodges to bring them back in order to serve the youth of their local communities.

When we reach out to young people in our own communities and send them to their parents, who are favorably exposed to the leaders and builders of Freemasonry, and those young adults frequently say that the best way to spread the light of Freemasonry is to let others experience it, visit it, and continue its tradition.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation sponsors most of the cost of food and lodging for members of the Masonic youth groups when they participate in activities at the Masonic Conference Center and the Temple of the Masonic Lodge.
Be Proud of Your Masonic Fraternity!

Display the Pennsylvania 'Blue Lodge' License plate on your vehicle.

It's as Easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

1. Complete Sections 'A' and 'D' of the Application below.
2. Make check for $20 payable to 'Commonwealth of PA'.
3. Mail Application along with your check to:
   The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
   Masonic Temple
   One North Broad St.
   Philadelphia, PA 19107-2596
   ATTN: PA-LIC

MV-00450 (01-99)
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE

Fee: $20.00

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How many extra registration cards do you want to receive?

B. TO BE COMPLETED BY ORGANIZATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA
Masonic Temple
One North Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

C. TO BE COMPLETED BY ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL

I certify that the individual named in Section A is a member in good standing of the organization listed in Section B.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL: DONALD L. ALBERT
GRAND SECRETARY

I certify that all information given on this application is true and correct and that when I cease to be a member of the above named organization, I will immediately return the registration plate to the Department of Transportation.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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Kenneth W. McCarty
Director

Sharing the Light Through Fifty Years

The Pennsylvania Freemason

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is an extensive collection of books, manuscripts, and museum objects that serve to inform the brethren and public of the history, customs, and goals of Freemasonry. One of the ways in which this information is disseminated is through The Pennsylvania Freemason, a quarterly publication established in 1954. Available to all those who wish to learn about the fraternity, every issue is an invaluable resource containing topics that range from current Blue Lodge happenings to one-of-a-kind articles in the museum collection.

On December 28, 1953, in his inaugural address, Grand Master Ralph M. Lehr (1954-1955) stated seven goals. Of them, the first was to "establish a committee to edit and publish a periodical on the 'Craft' for our entire membership." The second was to "publish an 'Editor of Publications who will also serve as a Director of the Library and Museum.'" Another was to "reorganize the Committee on Masonic Education." The last four goals concerned Masonic education.

In the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1954, the report of the Committee on Library and Museum said that the most important part of its report was very recently accomplished when Volume One, Number One of The Pennsylvania Freemason was published. "As the name implies, this publication belongs to the Freemasons of Pennsylvania..."

The Committee wanted the brethren to bear "the fact that it was no longer a matter of responsibility for the success of The Pennsylvania Freemason and to know that the public interest in the publication was growing." At that time, it was noted that every Pennsylvania Mason should receive a copy, in order to be informed about the activities of the Craft. That since the society, every Pennsylvania Mason automatically receives a copy.

The Pennsylvania Freemason had been distributed from the Masonic Temple by Grand Lodge staff. However, in order to accommodate the overwhelming task of mailing, Brother William A. Carpenter (Editor 1954-1956, 1958-1967), Librarian and Curator 1961-1969, Grand Master 1984-1985, established a distribution office at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. The article went on to describe the 50th anniversary of The Pennsylvania Freemason in November 1984, reflecting on the move, stating that the Masonic Homes had several advantages for mailing more than 250,000 copies each quarter. It was also noted that members of the Lancaster Post Office Square Club volunteered hundreds of outside hours to set up the mailing system, and residents of the Masonic Homes helped by updating the membership files and preparing the mailing lists.

Residents continued to help, as part of the occupational therapy program, until 1982. With new computerized membership files and high-speed labeling machines, it was found that the distribution office returned the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, where it was installed on the Mezzanine floor.

Enter now-retired Distribution Manager Anthony Endicott, who shared his memories. Mrs. Endicott said that the Masonic Homes Freemason and the mailing labels were shipped to Grand Lodge, where 14-16 people under her direction operated a huge, clacking Cheilie machine, which affixed a label to each copy. With the aid of six mailing machines, the crew then sorted and assembled about 200,000 copies according to zip code, and delivered the bags to the bulk mail department of the post office, which would promptly send back a whole bag if there was any small mistake. The shipping back and forth, in the back seat of employees' cars, was a combination of fun for the safety of the employees and the structure of the Masonic Temple, because of the stress of the heavy machinery on the machinery, and the size of the job. Streamlining became much more efficient.

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• Fee required with this application is $20.00. Payment is to be made by check or money order payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania". DO NOT SEND CASH.

• No special organization registration plate will be duplicated. If your plate is lost, stolen or defaced, we will reissue you the next available plate in our series for $7.50. To apply for replacement, complete form MV-44 and submit the required fee.

• Requests for special organization registration plates are restricted to passenger vehicles, trucks and motorhomes with a regular gross weight of not more than 9,000 lbs. Motorcycles and trailers do not qualify for special organization registration plates.

• NO REFUND OF FEE will be issued when applicant cancels request after order is placed.

• Mail this application, completed in full, along with a check or money order (payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania") to: The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2599, ATTN: PA-LIC for validation. The Grand Secretary's office will forward to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Harrisburg.

• When the applicant ceases to be a member in the organization as listed in Section B, the registration plate must be returned to the Department. Complete Form MV-44 and submit a fee of $7.50 for reissue of a regular series registration plate.

• All telephone numbers will be held in confidence and used only in the event of a problem with your application.

• Special organization plates are in number sequence only and may not be personalized.

• To avoid possible problems with citations with your old registration plate, return it to: Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Return Tag Unit, P.O. Box 88597, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8597 after you have received your special organization plate.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge will strive to create an environment that will encourage Masons to seek a greater understanding of the nature and purposes of Freemasonry in all its many aspects. present and future, and to share that understanding with others.

To this end, the Academy will offer learning opportunities in which Masons may participate in dialogues with similarly inclined brethren, without pretension. Masonic scholars discussing various aspects of Freemasonry, and pursue home study in their own pace and in their own areas of interest, through publications on Masonic subjects recommended by the Academy.

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The Academy has been fortunate to secure a committee composed of some of the best Masonic scholars and thinkers in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Their commitment to the purpose of the Academy has caused it to be recognized worldwide, and a number of other Grand Lodges are creating similar structures in their jurisdictions.

Twice a year the Academy meets at Philadelphia, at which time two of the world's foremost scholars address the meeting on a Masonic subject in their field of expertise. To date 16 of these scholars have addressed our meetings, on many diverse Masonic subjects, some of which are to be of historic nature and others of present-day relevance.

These are 133 members currently working toward Academy certification and the title of "Master Masonic Scholar."

The Academy meets on any Brother who wishes to attend. We encourage you to take advantage of this learning opportunity to learn from the great Masonic minds of today's world.

The meetings for 2004 are March 27 and October 16. We invite you to join in and awaken your interest in our Craft.

[Signature]

William Slater II - Youngest Grand Master in 100 Years to lead the Grand Lodge

Just since the 66th Grand Master, Ros. Edgar A. Telling (1922-1923) there has been a younger Grand Master elected to lead the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Interestingly, there have been a total of 50 Grand Masters between the age of 25 and 45 - five between the age of 25 to 28, ten between the age of 31 to 39 and fifteen between 40 to 45. Also interesting to note is that on the completion of Bro. Telling's term of office, the next Grand Master, Ros. James W. Brown (1924-1928) was from Pittsburgh.

Listed to the left, in order of their service as Grand Master, and the year they served are the youngest men to lead the Fraternity. Compiled from The Master Mason: M.D. III. Grand Master Biographies.

[Table of Grand Masters since 1731]

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