Another Gift Annuity

Why do some Brethren and friends who have a charitable gift annuity with one of the Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania obtain another one...and another? There are at least three reasons:

1. **They are having a positive experience with their existing gift annuities and know they can count on the Masonic Charities to follow through.**

2. **Having a life-income agreement with a Masonic Charity involves an interdependence not experienced with normal annual giving. Annuitants receive as well as give. This enhanced sense of partnership encourages the feeling that "we are in this together."**

3. **Gift annuity rates are determined by the annuitant's age. The older you are, the higher the rate you receive so for many Brethren and Friends, it makes sense to obtain additional annuities as they grow older. Consider the following sample gift annuity rates in effect since July 1, 2003:**

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*Rates approved by the Associate Council on Gift Annuities. Two-life rates are tax due to added life expectancy.

Charitable gift annuities are offered by each of the Masonic Charities including the Masonic Villages; the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children; The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania; and the Masonic Charities Fund. To learn how a gift annuity might benefit you, in complete confidence and at no cost or obligation, fill out and return the response coupon, 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 Sister Jane W. Birley, Director of Gift Planning-West Region, at (412) 741-1400, ext. 3011 or toll-free (866) 872-0664.

The official registration and financial information for any of the Masonic Charities may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-9999. Registration does not imply endorsement. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Attention Postmaster: Dated Material Enclosed
Construction Project Recognized for Excellence

The Masonic Village at Sewickley recently was honored with numerous awards for the construction and design of the Star Pointe Building assisted living residence, Barber Wellness Center and the retirement living community.

Along with Perkins Eastman Architects, Ml Finley, Inc., NDC Builders, LLC and BAC Local 9 PA, the Masonic Village at Sewickley was recognized for excellence in masonry design and construction with the International Masonry Institute 2004 Golden Trowel Award. The award recognizes the owners, architect, builder and craftworker, who, by sharing their vision and expertise in craftsmanship, have created some of the most beautiful and well-designed structures in Pennsylvania. The community received the Grand Award over all entries, as well as the Best in Category Award in the Multifamily Residential category. The construction project also received the 2003 Award of Excellence and the 2003 Award of Most in the General Contractor-Commercial division from Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Western Pennsylvania Chapter, along with NDC Builders and Perkins Eastman Architects, E.C.

The National Association of Home Builders, Senior Housing Council awarded Masonic Village at Sewickley and Perkins Eastman Architects a Platinum Award for the Clubhouse interiors and a Silver Award for the Star Pointe Building's unique design.

GRAND MASTER TO HOST OPEN HOUSE IN SEWICKLEY

R.W.G.M. William Slater II will host a special open house on Saturday, June 12, at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. Grand Master Slater played an integral role in bringing the Masonic Village's "Mission of Love" to western Pennsylvania.

Construction at the Sewickley community was completed in Fall 2003 and now stands as the region's premier retirement living option, with more than half of the 225 units occupied or reserved. For those who have not yet toured the 60-acre community, the open house on June 12 will provide the perfect opportunity to experience firsthand the beauty and quality of the Masonic Village at Sewickley. A brief presentation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by tours and a light buffet. As the number of attendees will be limited to 125, please be sure to make your reservations early for this special event.

According to B.J. Franks, Executive Director, "We are seeing younger seniors make the move because they are busier outside their homes. They want the freedom to come and go without worrying about home maintenance." Residents enjoy the convenience of activities, chef-prepared meals, fitness center, group trips and much more.

One of the keys to the community's success is its lifestyle concept, which provides the ultimate protection for residents' health needs and for financial security. Residents will continue to pay the same rate that they pay in retirement living if they should someday need assisted living or nursing care services.

To make your reservation to attend the open house, call 412-741-1400, ext. 3011.
Admissions Policy for the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Admissions to the Masonic Villages 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. When required, the Committee on Masonic Homes, the provision of services, and the 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 Villages. Please contact the Admissions or Marketing Office for information on which service levels are eligible for admission to the living area desired.

Masonic Village at Ephrata Manor
Admissions for Residential, Assisted Living, and Nursing Services: (717) 741-1490, ext. 3302
Marketing for Retirement Living Accommodations: (800) 676-0652

Masonic Village at Lifetide Vill
Admissions for Assisted Living and Nursing Services: (827) 825-6390

Masonic Village of Creamery
Admissions for Assisted Living Services: (215) 672-2500

Masonic Village at Somerley
Admissions for Nursing Services (412) 741-1400, ext. 3200
Admissions for Assisted Living Services: (717) 741-1400, ext. 3600
Marketing for Retirement Living Accommodations: (412) 741-1400, ext. 3530, or toll-free (866) 872-2064

Service Level 1:
PA Master Mason
A member in good standing for a minimum of five cumulative years in the R. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of PA or the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of PA

PA Eastern Star
A PA Eastern Star member in good standing for a minimum of five cumulative years. Non-PA Masons who become Eastern Star members after January 1, 1998, will be required to gain membership in a PA lodge to be eligible for admission, unless they are related to one of the above categories.

Wife of PA Master Mason
Spouse of PA Eastern Star
Siblings who are Masons from any jurisdiction are eligible. Widow of PA Master Mason Widow continues to be eligible through their Masonic husband even if they remarry.

Mother of PA Master Mason
Daughter of PA Master Mason
Sister 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
Daughter-in-law of PA Master Mason
Son of PA Master Mason
Spouse of PA Eastern Star who is not a Mason

Service Level 3:
Other PA Masonic Relatives
Consideration also is given to other relatives of PA Masons. We also consider PA Senior DeMolays, majority members of PA John Daughters, and PA Rainbow Girls, senior members of PA Knights of Pythagoras, and members of female-related PA Masonic organizations. Male and female staff members of the Grand Lodge or the Masonic Homes with at least 15 years of service are also eligible.

Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions
A Mason in good standing for at least 5 years in another jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of PA and his spouse or widow.

Service Level 4:
Others on behalf of PA Masonic Freemasonry
Individuals from Service Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4 are considered for admission depending on waiting lists and availability in the area.

Masonic Village Farm Market
Masonic Village Farm Market has re-opened for the season, offering the freshest produce and highest quality...

- Strawberries
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MAN TO MASON:
A One-Day Adventure

Time Schedule - All Venues
Saturday, October 2, 2004
Registration of Candidates: Starting time will vary from venue to venue depending on number of candidates to receive degrees.
8:15 a.m. Registration begins.
9:30 Class and members welcomed by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge. Officer leads Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem.
8:40 Grand Lodge opens. Officer-In-Charge declares Grand Lodge open and introduces the Entered Apprentice Mason Degree team.
8:45 Entered Apprentice Lodge opens in short form by Worshipful Master and begins the degree.
9:45 30 minute break announced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge.
10:15 Education program (15 minutes) introduced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge.
10:30 Fellowcraft Lodge confering team introduced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge. Fellowcraft opens the lodge in short form and begins the degree.
11:30 Education program (15 minutes) introduced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge.
11:45 Lunch. Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge dismisses attendants for lunch.
12:45 p.m. Master Mason Lodge confering team introduced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge. Worthy Master opens M.M. Lodge in short form and begins the degree.
2:15 Final Education program (15 Minutes) York Rite Rites.
2:30 Grand Lodge closes. Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge congratulates Class, introduces 30 minute break.
3:00 Scottish Rite occurs beginning conferral.
4:30 30 minute break.
5:00 Shrine opens and begins Ceremonial program.
6:45 Work concludes. Class dismisses.

Petition Procedure
The Easy Way . . .

Initiating of Petition (or how to get a new candidate)

- Use the new ASK brochure in this issue of the Freemason.
- Call the petition hotline at 1-800-999-1935 - the petition will be completed by phone.
- Pay by credit card if desired (Hotline Only)
- Answer all questions when asked: 32 & Shrine "Yes" answers will be communicated to those respective offices for further action.

- Hotline petition is electronically forwarded to Lodge Secretary who reads it in Lodge or at a Special Meeting.
- Lodge investigating committee interviews candidate (can be done by phone if distance is greater to travel).
- Lodge votes on petition.
- Candidate reports for degrees on Saturday, October 2 at the designated venue. Grand Secretaries office will provide necessary directions and credentials.

Questions & Answers

Q. Do I have to use a special petition or can I use any petition I may have?
A. Any petition will do if you do not have a special petition.
Q. I see that the & Masons must designate a Kenton to join my Lodge and receive the degrees at another venue.
A. Yes.
Q. How much does it cost?
A. Each Lodge fee is different, the person answering the phone at the 1-800-999-1935 number has a list of all of the Lodges in Pennsylvania and can tell you the fee.
Q. How much is the Scottish Rite 32° and Shrine fees?
A. Scottish Rite fee is $100.00 and the Shrine fee is also $100.00.
Q. Am I responsible for instructing my candidate?
A. No. Each candidate at the One Day Class will be assigned a mentor who will be in charge of the candidate for the day. You, however, as a "mentor", should be present to assist.
Q. When is the deadline for petitions?
A. Deadline for petitions being submitted to the Lodge, received, investigated and voted on, and in the Grand Secretaries office and all paper work completed, is September 15, 2004.
Q. Can my son/daughter receive degrees?
A. Yes. The Lodge Secretary of the Lodge should follow the procedure for a son/daughter of the Master of the Lodge. See the free ASK brochure for details.
Q. Grandson (or grandson) becomes 18 this year but after the one-day class. Can I get a dispensation?
A. Yes. Have the Lodge Secretary request a dispensation through the Council Notary Grand Master in the R.W. Grand Master.

Need HELP? CALL YOUR DDGM OR THE HOTLINE!
Friend To Friend in Scouting

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scout Award was created to honor those Masons who are currently registered Scout leaders and have rendered outstanding service to the Scouting movement. An individual cannot apply; he must be nominated by a Brother Mason and approved by his own lodge and District Deputy Grand Master. The Dunmore Grand Lodge offers a certificate or surroundings designated by him presents it at a Lodge meeting.

Since the program's inception 378 Pennsylvania Masons and 733 Masons from 43 other states and 8 other countries have received the award medalion, certificate, and personally handcrafted lapel pin that represents the BSA Community Organization Award program. The award recipient is typically upgraded to include an engraved medallion on the medallion and a blue leather case. Either awards may not be traded, but a recipient may purchase one replacement for $20. This is not a "fund-raising project" for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation or the Grand Lodge. All income is used to support promotion of the program.

Permits and criteria for the award can be obtained through Lodge Secretaries or by visiting the Grand Lodge web site at www.pagenlodgment.org/lodgeinfo.

Pennsylvania brothers who have been granted the award between January 1 and March 31, 2004, are:

- Ditter, Wendell D. - Lower Manor
- Devin, Charles E. - Darlington
- Brown, J. Robert H. - Good Samaritan
- Dunn, David B. - Skidmore
- Wolfe, Dale R. - Sunnyside
- Cross, Calvin B. - Stictcher
- Troxel, Jr., John W. - Revere Manor
- Boyl, Jr. - John Chalmers
- Coleman, Sr., Charles E. - Carlisle
- Kappeler, Roy E. - Montgomery Manor
- Hamby, Mike Eul - Homestead
- Johns, Frederick L. - Boyertown
- Snook, Charles H. - Boyertown
- Humphreys, ill, John E. - Boyertown
- Rimmer, Robert D. - Boyertown
- Headenwards, Jr. - Boyertown
- Kiner, Stuart C. - Boyertown
- McGinnis, Jr., Kenneth O. - Boyertown
- Parter, Peter W. - Boyertown
- Parks, Jr, James E. - Boyertown
- Harvey, Frederick H. - Boyertown
- Knauflin, Donna K. - George Washington Manor
- Fregel, William - Morris Manor
- Stewart, Andrew D. - Morris Manor
- Ber, Jr., Richard W. - Susquehanna Manor
- Moss, Larry B. - Swann Manor
- Erich, Warren R. - Stanhope Manor
- Myerral, James L. - Temple
- Wendel, John G. - Temple
- Richirthay, Jefferson H. - Tyrone Community Manor
- Craftsman, Thomas A. - Erf Manor
- Smith, John M. - Stichter
- Eisma, Warren P. - LeRoy Manor
- Madsen, Benjamin F. - LeRoy Manor
- Fetterman, Sr. Thomas W. - Washington Manor
- Vermillion, Delmar D. - Dayton Manor
- Liken, Loyd E. - Dayton Manor
- Korten, Jr., Robert J. - Montana Manor
- Wheelock, Robert E. - Chieftain Manor
- Roberts, Jr., David Gay - Chieftain Manor
- Berry, Jr., A. Maynard - Mountain Manor

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114 Years of Masonry

Charity Lodge Honored by Grand Master

Three generations of Fannin Master Masons of Titus Lodge No. 644, New Kensington, PA, gather on the eve of installation of Matthews J. Fannis, (second from left) the new Worshipful Master with a total of 114 years in Titus Lodge. (Left) M. Thomas Fannis; three Past Masters with 43 years, Matthews J. Fannis; W. M., 7 years; M. J. Fannis, 95 years old, 56 years; and Matson A. Fannis, Brother, 10 years.

Scouting Award Presented

Bro. George Mill, Doylestown Lodge No. 245 was second highest with the prestigious Daniel Carter Board Masonic Award for outstanding service to the Boy Scouts. Based on the one of the founders of the Boy Scouts was also an active Mason. Pictured were (left) Bro. James Bowsler, TPM; Bro. George Mill, Robert D.Fighter, Jr., TPM, nominator of Bro. Mill.

Posters Contest Winners

The Blood and Organ Donor Committee sponsors an annual poster contest. It's the twelfth year of this contest. The purpose of the contest is to heighten awareness of Masons and their families to the need for Blood and Organ Donation. The contest is open to any participant of the Masonic Youth Groups.

The winners this year are:

- Same Hoffman - First place - $300.00
- Jake Conover - Second place - $200.00
- Robert Miller 

For information, contact Bro. Norman A. Fox, 610-664-0151 or Fees & F. Rick Krupka at 717-263-1800.

Around The STATE Of The Craft

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, if desired, or mail the completed petition to the Lodge Secretary for action with information provided to the DOMG.

The Lodge Secretary will process the petition in the normal Lodge manner. If the fee was paid by credit card, the Lodge Secretary will forward payment to the Lodge. Two recommenders are necessary to sponsor a petition.

Questions? Call your DOMG.
Grand Master visits Victory Lodge No. 694

District Deputy Grand Master Roger A. Johnson invited H. W. Grand Master William Shaler II to speak at Victory Lodge No. 694 in Butler, PA at the annual Fish Fry, an extremely popular event created by Bro. Raymond E. Montag, PM, over 40 years ago. Bro. Shaler, normally fell victim to a snake and was unable to travel. The Grand Master, after enjoying the food and fellowship of Victory Lodge, declared that he wished to meet Bro. Ray that evening at the Concordia Lutheran Minstries in Cabot, PA. The smile that the Right Worshipful Grand Master’s voice brought to Bro. Ray’s face had not disappeared several days later as he recounted every detail of the meeting. Bro. Ray took great pride in telling the Grand Master about his three sons, two in law and grandchildren who have served in the chair of Victory Lodge No. 694.

Brownstone Lodge No. 666 in Parade

Brownstone Lodge No. 666 in Honesdale, PA participated in the Honesdale Centennial parade marking the founding of the Honesdale Chocolate Co. and the beginning of the town of Honesdale. The parade was almost four hours long with over 40 bands, floats and units from 17 states. The float designed by ECM Jay Emette was used by the Lodge. On the float were the officers of Brownstone Lodge, Honesdale Chapter CES, Bethel Tlt. John Daughters and members of the Philadelphia Chapter of DeMolay.

Pennsylvania State Senators Witness Raising

Seven Pennsylvania State Senators traveled to Blue Island on Monday, November 22, 2003, to participate in the Raising of Brother and Senator David J. "Channels" Brightbill in Abraham C. Trencher Lodge No. 387. Sen. Brightbill is the Senate Majority Leader and serves District 45, which includes Blue Island.

There are now 13 PA State Senators who are Masons.

The Degree was conferred by Bro. Thomas R. Lashab, PM, Ex-Consul of the Blue Island Masonic Youth Foundation. Bro. Edward A. Dawson, PM, gave the Charge. Serving as Guide was Bro. Sam Forman, E. Baizen, House District 95, a member of Atlantic Lodge 399, Mount Joy.

In attendance were: Bro. Robert J. Judah, Senate District 30, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, a member of Heem Lodge 896 in Altoona; Bro. Charles D. Lemmon, Jr., Senate District 20, a member of Kingstown Lodge 395, in Kingstown; Bro. Roger A. Madison, Senate District 23, a member of Union Lodge 308 in Towanda; Bro. Harold F. Monier, Jr., Senate District 33, a member of Euclid Lodge 502 in Mahanoy City; Bro. Jeffrey E. Bickel, Senate District 15, Majority Whip, a member of Robert Burns Lodge 464 in Hazleton; Bro. Michael L. Whaugh, Senate District 25, a member of Shrewsbury Lodge 452, Shrewsbury, and Bro. Noah W. Wengen, Senate District 16, a member of Ephrata Lodge 665, Ephrata.

The Senators present were: Bro. Vincent J. Fama, Senate District 1, a member of Sheiklum Lodge 248, Chestnut Hill; Bro. Vincent J. Hughes, a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge 9, Prince Hall Affiliation; Bro. Robert D. Boll, Senate District 30, a member of Archie Lodge 424 in Jamesstown; Bro. Barry Stuart, Senate District 46, a member of Butlerville Lodge 375, Bellville; and Bro. Robert M. Torrellas, Senate District 6, a member of Harry A. Hoseoman Lodge 217, Sumner.

Bro. Homer Anderson 106 Years Old

Homer Anderson was born in the City of Duluth, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, on Christmas Eve, 1897. He was the youngest of a family of six boys and two girls. He attended the local schools and his childhood, as he recalls, was very normal for the time period.

Homer began his lifetime career as a surveyor and later a registered professional engineer when he was 18 years old by driving a team of horses for a survey group. He also drove stakes and other odd jobs for the lodge. He started at the time he was a "survey coordinator." Since he showed an aptitude for this type of work, he was encouraged to continue his studies in this field. He received a surveyor's license from the Pennsylvania Highway Department, and later he became a registered engineer, licensed by the State of Pennsylvania.

He spent most of his 45 years in this profession in western Pennsylvania. He rose through the ranks of his profession, and became the Chief Engineer of the Pennsylvania Highway and Bridge Authority, headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This position he held for five years prior to his retirement.

At 65, he decided it was time to retire and moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to enjoy the sun, play golf and fife the "good life." Golf has been a lifetime passion.

As many young men at the time, he enlisted in the Army during the World War II and was assigned to the Signal Corps. He was trained as an observer in a balloon squadron. Prior to being shipped overseas, it was determined that balloons were too easily spotted and shot down and that the airplane could do a better job. The group was disbanded and he remained in the States for the remainder of the War. At 106, he is one of the few remaining veterans of the "WWII." He met his wife Mary Ruth on a job assignment in Ridgeway, PA, and was married in 1920. They established their first home in Brookville, PA. They had two daughters, one, which currently resides in Madison, Connecticut and the other, now lives in Clanton, GA. They were blessed with a union of 68 years.

What is your secret to longevity?" a question that is often asked of him. It is said that when this question was asked on his 100th birthday, by his fellow workers at church, after thinking a couple of minutes at church, after thinking a couple of minutes, he responded, "Well, I guess, just don't die!" Although the question is a good one, he really does not have a good answer. He said that he did everything wrong when he was younger — he used alcohol, smoked, and enjoyed eating cookies and cakes (he still has a sweet tooth) and other foods not considered good for longevity today. His parents and siblings did not live beyond an average lifespan, so its not hereditary. He thinks that his job may have had something to do with it. As a surveyor, he was required to be outside, walking around in the fresh air. The game of golf is his favorite sport and he played regularly never using a cart unless the course required it. He often commented, "I play golf for exercise, so I pull the cart." He played golf until he was 105, and walked the course until well past 100 years old.

Brother Homer is reluctant to give other advice on how to live, but for himself, "The Lord has led me all my life. You just have to be interested in what you are doing, and educate yourself."

He has been a member of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida since he moved to the area in 1962. He has been an active member of the church and served for over 30 years. Just prior to his 101 birthday, while observing his 101st birthday, he continued to worship and was present for the service.

The doctor told him that he needed to slow down and stay off his feet when he could. He limited his golf to nine holes, twice a week. He lost his beloved wife when he was 91, and until a few months ago, lived by himself, maintaining his own house and yard. They see both on a 2 pm. On his 104th birthday, Dr. D. James Kennedy, the pastor of his church asked him to secret to longevity and he responded, "TV Dinners." He has never lost his sense of humor.

He is admired, loved and respected by all that come in contact with him. It has been an honor and a true pleasure to have the opportunity to have Masonic fellowship with such an outstanding person.

Our thanks to Bro. Walter D. McCollum, E.L., Dornsfield Lodge No. 95, Dornsfield Beach, Florida for taking the time out of his busy schedule to research and write this article for the Pennsylvania Freemason.
Inauguration Day

Pittsburgh Welcomes

December 27, 2003

Grand Lodge of PA
Treasuries of the Temple

Maxwell Sommerville was born on October 12, 1959 in Charlestown, Virginia (now West Virginia) to Dr. Maxwell Sonommerville and Mary Fulton McAlpine Sommerville. The Sommerville family resided in Charlestown until the death of Dr. Sommerville in 1936, after which Sommerville and his mother relocated to Philadelphia. In 1939, his grandfather James McAlpine, his grandfather's collection of Greek vases instilled in him an early desire to study and acquire antiquities and works of art.

After graduating from Central High School in 1987, Sommerville moved to Philadelphia, where he was employed as the editor of the local newspaper. Sommerville eventually moved back to Philadelphia, where he married his first wife Anna Julia Sherman in 1963 (died 1980, married to Anna Marie Paton in 1881), and served as the Chaplin of the Commonwealth Artillery of Pennsylvania during the Civil War. During this time, Sommerville amassed a considerable amount of wealth as a result of working at the Sherman & Company printing company (founded by his father-in-law), which enabled him to take many trips abroad. Over the course of more than thirty years, Sommerville traveled to Turkey, Syria, Egypt, China, Japan, India, and other countries, and collected many gems of great beauty.

In 1893, Dr. William Pepper, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, became interested in Sommerville's collection of engraved gems, and showed him where the collection might be available for use in the school's new museum. Though the gems were loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art at the time, this marked the beginning of Sommerville's relationship with the University of Pennsylvania. In 1994, Sommerville was made a Professor of Ophthalmology (the study of eye engraving) at the University, and assisted in the installation of his collection in the especially constructed Bausch Pavilion of the Fine Museum of Science and Art of the University of Pennsylvania. Sommerville was presumably introduced to the ideals and practices of Freemasonry at a young age, for his grandfather, James McAlpine, had been a member of University Lodge No. 31. Following in his grandfather's footsteps, Sommerville entered Union Lodge No. 121 on February 9, 1869, and obtained memberships in the following bodies: Exhallor Mark Lodge No. 216, May 10, 1869; Oriental Chapter No. 181 R.A.M., June 15, 1869; Philadelphia Council No. 11, January 10, 1866; St. John's Commandery, May 22, 1866; Kilowr Commandery No. 29 K:.; Philadelphia Consistory, 32°, Lai Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and the Masonic and United Order of Oddfellows.

Sommerville was also one of the Board Managers of the Art Association of the Masonic Temple, in which he took great pride and pleasure. Maxwell Sommerville died on May 5th, 1924, in Paris, France, while on one of his frequent trips to Europe. His body was returned to Philadelphia and was interred at Mount Vernon Cemetery on May 20th, with full Masonic and Grand Army honors. In his will, Sommerville made several Masonic bequests, one of whose impact is felt to this day. In addition to a fine collection of engraved gems, Sommerville left the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ten thousand dollars to be invested and used to purchase objects and works of art to be placed in the Masonic Temple. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of Maxwell Sommerville, the Masonic Temple has been able to fill its halls and corridors with beautiful works of art. To exemplify his munificence, the museum commissioned artist David Lindem to paint a portrait of Sommerville. Working from period photographs, Mr. Lindem successfully captured Sommerville's personality and spirit. Sommerville's kitchen has come full circle, for he is now a work of art.
Grand Master's Golf Tournaments Benefit Masonic Village at Sewickley, Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill and Childrens Home at Elizabethtown

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**Reservation Form**  
Enclosed is my check, payable to Masonic Charity Golf Tournament in the amount of __________ for the following golfer(s):  
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Mail reservations by July 31, 2004, with check to: Richard Strommen, 1440 Back Hill Dr., Churchville, PA 19425, or William Hartland, 2030 North View Dr., No. Huntington, PA 15642 (724-992-6469).  

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**Reservation Form**  
Enclosed is my check, payable to Masonic Charity Golf Tournament in the amount of __________ for the following golfer(s):  
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A Woman's Touch

by Deb Phillips

"...and much gardening is not made by magic. G.K. Chesterton, "St. Peter in the Shadow.""

Rudyard Kipling

The Glory of the Garden

Though I did not grow up on a farm, I did grow up surrounded by farms. My grandfather was a retired farmer, so I always had a huge garden...tomatoes, corn, peppers, peas, green beans, strawberries, raspberries, asparagus, eggplant, pumpkins, watermelons, cantaloupe, turnips, radishes, cucumbers and melons. I remember afternoons spent in the garden by my grandfather's side, with the dirt squashing between my toes, learning how to distinguish weeds from the sprouting plants, how to tell when a watermelon was ripe, the sweet taste of the first strawberries, but most of all, how to nurture the garden so that it would provide for us.

So what are YOU doing to nurture the garden of our Masonic family? Have you thanked the presidency officers of the organizations you belong to for taking their responsible positions? Have you taken a walk under your own roof, and helped them to learn and understand more about the organization they just joined? Have you reached out to an inactive member? Have you offered your assistance to a Job's Daughters Bethel, Rainbow Assembly or DeMolay Chapter? Have you volunteered at one of the Masonic Villages? Have you helped with a group service project? We cannot sit idle in the shade and say "look at the great things we have done." We need to be out there doing the simple, everyday things, because it is by those simple, everyday things that we are able to accomplish the greater things.

The harvest—maybe a smile of thanks, but definitely the satisfaction Command next page.
Student Receives Handicap Accessible Desk

The brothers of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337 recently presented Rebecca Salley, a fifth grade student in the Pennsbury Elementary School, a handicap accessible desk for her use. This desk is adjustable and will allow Rebecca to attend school for many years. Rebecca was born without the advantage of having legs, however, she attends school daily and is a fine student.

Two members of Henry M. Phillips Lodge, who were instrumental in arranging the presentation of the gift, are Bro. Andre Bellaina, a fifty-year member, brought the matter to the attention of the Lodge and a generous contribution from Bro. Gene Evans expected the purchase of the desk. (Bro. Andre is 90 years young and Bro. Gene is 89.)

The warm smile and gratitude shown by Rebecca was the best gift the Lodge had ever received. Other contributors were Bros. Raymond Colarmino, Secretary; Bro. Edwin Burkholder II, JW; Bro. William A. Ball, SW; Bro. James R. Archbold, WM and Bro. Joseph P. Arcov, PDGM, 45 Masonic District.

The Epitaph

A Mason sat, with pen in hand;
To write about a Brother
Who'd crossed the veil, and said, "Agreed,
Like him there was no other.
He'd been a pillar of the Lodge,
Of that there was no doubt.
When volunteers were asked for, he'd say,
"Sure, I'll help you out!"
He'd want a simple epitaph,
As plain as it could be,
For that's the kind of man he was,
No pompous windbag he.
The services he rendered
To all who were in need,
Were clothed in anonymity,
So greater was each deed.
Our writer was a simple soul,
No English Ph.D.
How could he honor such a man,
And do it properly?
He searched the tenses of the Craft
His Brother's love toturn... with care,
In hope of finding 'just the words,'
Alas they were not there.
For the lessons there are many,
But the words he sought were few.
How could he pay this tribute
To his friend and Brother too?
At length his whole face brightened,
As the dawning of the light.
He had learned his Brother's secret,
And he knew that he was right.
His Brother earned the love of man
In deep humility.
His byword was the Golden Rule;
He'd served mankind.
This giant, in the eyes of those
Who loved him from the heart,
Received the highest accolade
A Mason can impart.
No long procession, flowery praise;
Nor crape verba.
Four simple words that say it all,
'That lived his Masonry!'  

P. Kenneth Pfafzgraf
Past Master, Lodge 408

Sharing the Light through Fifty Years of
The Pennsylvania Freemason

1. Starting life under Editor Bro. William A. Carpenter as Volume I Number 1 December 1954, The Pennsylvania Freemason was a four-page black-and-white newsletter. That was the only issue in 1954 and in Volume I.
2. The first issue with a photograph, February 1962, celebrated the installation of Grand Master W. LeRoy McKittrick (December 27, 1961).
3. With three issues in July 1962, the title changed, with its subtitle, "An Official Publication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," changed radically. It became what could be called "streamlined" or "modern." The map of Pennsylvania (note the county outline!) was replaced by the word Pennsylvania, which, in its first issue, would always be smaller than the word Freemason. The Square and Compasses moved over to the upper right, and a dash of color and lines across the top of the page were added.
4. The first full-color photograph ever used is on the front page of the October 1963 issue, showing the Masonic Homes' Grand Lodge Hall as seen through the formal gardens. This was a special issue, on glory paper, featuring the Masonic Homes, color was also used in the center spread and back page. Each November, the issue used color format, until 1968, after which the "color issue" month varied. From November 1973 through November 1975, no color was used. Matte-finshed paper and black-on-white printing were the norms. However, in November 1976, more and more color was used. Since color prints best on glossy paper, often at least semi-gloss was used. In February 1995, the first all-color-paper issue appeared, and glossy paper has remained.

5. In May 1976, the masthead changed again to include an illustration of the Masonic Temple.

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Philadelphia and the lines were eliminated.
6. The title, The Pennsylvania Freemason, was printed in blue for the first time in November 1976. In February 1982, the title appeared "reversed out" (white) with a narrow blue outline against the blue blue background. The words, in blue with the outline in black, would appear first in February 1984. The Masonic Temple also disappeared in February 1982, but colored text boxes made their debut. By February 1993, the Square and Compasses in white with blue or black moved to the top left, and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in gold at the right was added.
7. As of May 1996, the whole front page has a background color, and the with bold headlines, with usually remaining bright blue, remains outlined if necessary, but sometimes they are reversed out, and their outline is not always black, as seen below in the January 2004 issue.

For the first issue in December 1997, a special inaugural edition of The Pennsylvania Freemason was published at Number 1 of the volume for that year, to celebrate the installation of the new Grand Master, Grand Master Stater; however, close to have chosen Number 1 of Volume 51, published in January 2004, be his Inaugural Issue. Some other new features: The Square and Compasses and the Seal of the Grand Lodge are larger, and "ghosted" behind a little above the first and last letters of Freemason. A letter in the title has also become more than a phonetic symbol the "y" of Freemason is a picture of the Grand Master's pin, "Sharing the Light."

As The Pennsylvania Freemason moves through its fifty-first year, and on toward its centennial, the changes will continue, bringing additional creative ways to document the past and present, express hope for the future, and Share the Light of the world's oldest fraternity.
New DeMolay Chapter Sparks Excitement

On Saturday, January 10, 2004, nearly 200 guests attended the formal installation of Steel City Chapter - DeMolay's newest local chapter, at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. A team of PA DeMolay State Officers and EO Leadership Team members, led by State Master Councilor Steven L. Frantone and Executive Officer "Dad" Jim Langhans, conducted the Installation and the Installation of the first corps of officers. The Advisory Council was also formally installed. The Chapter will meet in Bellefonte, PA, and is sponsored by Avalon Lodge No. 657.

Belleville Chapter 626 Enters 4th Generation

John F. McClellan, 37 years old, is the youngest person to become a Master Mason in Belleville Lodge No. 626. He is a fourth generation member of the lodge which, includes his father, and grandfather.

Jeffrey T. who acted as his guide, his grandfather James L. FM, who concurred the three degrees, and his late great-grandfather, Willis C. McClellan. Other family members, now deceased, include two great uncles, Dr. Willis L. McClellan and Lewis D. McClellan. John is a resident of Colonba, PA, who currently serves as a Senior. Of his residence in Steel Valley Area High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society. He will be entering Penn State University this fall. In the College of Sciences.

Sharing the Light

A Spectacular Holiday Gala Featuring:

The Child Identification Program

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children

Plan to join us as we open the beautiful Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street in Philadelphia, for the first time, for all to enjoy a gala black-tie dinner and gala, featuring a new program designed to support children in communities across Pennsylvania.

Patrons will enjoy a reception, entertainment by the Philadelphia Boys Choir, a quarter from the Philadelphia Orchestra, and many local talented personalities.

An educational tour of the Masonic Temple will inspire and enlighten our guests and give them a glimpse into the World of Masonry.

The overlaying intention and early success of CHIP has created a unique opportunity for Freemasons to expand the program throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Proceeds from the gala black-tie evening will go directly to the Masonic Foundation for Children to further the CHIP program.

You Can Have Your Name in the Gold Book For $500.

The Gold Book and Philanthropic Society of the Grand Lodge has created a permanent endowment to guarantee the perpetuity of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. To date, this book has included all the names of those individuals and Lodges which make a contribution of $500 or more to provide for the ongoing expenses of the Masonic Temple.

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia was constructed in 1873. It has been called one of the greatest "wonders" of the Masonic world. Adorned with some of the finest artifacts of Freemasonry and magnificent Lodge rooms based on themes of the ancient architectural world, the Masonic Temple, is the largest and most prestigious Lodge in the United States.

Like any aging work, time has had a deteriorating affect on this great wonder. A recent study has indicated a strong need to conduct extensive work in the near future to protect and preserve the future of the temple. Although the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is committed to providing funds to assure the future of this historic building, the work cannot be completed without the help of the interferes.

Two societies have been formed for the purpose of receiving donations from Lodges, members and friends, businesses and groups wanting to preserve Masonry in the future. These are the John Bull Book and the Masonic Temple Society. Donations are tax deductible.

The Gold Books Society recognizes those individuals and Lodges which make a contribution of $500 or more to provide for the ongoing operational expenses of the Masonic Temple. Donors are recognized in a "Gold Book" displayed in the Temple. Every brother can begin by giving as little as $5.00 weekly. To open a "Gold Account", send a donation of $5.00 or more over a period of weeks, months, or years to Gold Book Society, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. When the $100 level is reached, your name will be placed in the Gold Book for all to see that you did your part.

The Gold Books Society recognizes those individuals and Lodges which make a donation of $500,000 or more to fund a permanent endowment for the restoration and preservation of the Temple. Contributions are appropriately recognized on a donor plaque within the Temple. If you have any questions, call Bro. Caltagirone at 610-777-7549 or by e-mail: frankdcal@mail.com.
An Open Letter to the Craft

What are you doing in a Freemasonry to insure the future of our Fraternity? We as Freemasons have been taught, and we have learned, that we can always depend on one another — a Brother can always rely on another Brother to offer the necessary aid and assistance that might be required. Throughout our many years as a Fraternity, there have been many opportunities and programs that required our support. In most cases, this assistance could be given by the Officers of the Lodge, or through the financial efforts of our Lodge Treasurers. But this year, my Brethren, we face an opportunity of positive change that will require the daily efforts of every member — every Mason in this Lodge and every Mason throughout this jurisdiction.

The Man to Mason — One Day Class Membership Program is so important — so vital — to the future of our Fraternity, that every Mason in Pennsylvania must become an active participant in this process. Every Brother, right now, knows of those, four or more men that would make good Masons — quality men — in your families — in your houses of worship — in your places of employment or your places of business — your neighbors or within your circle of friends — you know good men, who would continue to build and work as members of our great Fraternity.

You were asked by the Grand Master to make a list of men to talk with about Freemasonry. Have all of you done this? Have you had a discussion with these men about the Fraternity — or are you depending on another Brother to complete this task? Many of your Brethren throughout Pennsylvania are doing just that — Sharing the Light of Masonry with others. But now, Brethren, it is time for you — each one of you — to personally extend the Light of Freemasonry. Without the participation and cooperation of every Mason in this Lodge and in this District, our Fraternity cannot endure. If we remain inactive, will our Fraternity even exist in ten years? We will no longer be able to perform our great acts of goodwill and charity.

Brethren, our great country and our form of government was founded on the principles of Freemasonry. During the Constitutional Convention, our First Grand Master and W. Benjamin Franklin, looked at a group of men and said that he had some confidence that it represented a rising sun, and not a setting sun, for our country.

Brethren, are we looking at the setting sun of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania? Can we allow the rays of light emanating from our Great Fraternity to become extinguished? Certain it is. Each of us must do our part. Talk with men about our Fraternity and contact Brethren you haven’t seen at Lodge, Introduce young people to a Masonic Youth Group. Be an Ambassador for our Fraternity in your family, in your work place, and in your community. Let the light that we taught shine so intensely through you, that nothing will ever extinguish it.

Donald L. Albert
W. R. W. Grand Secretary

“Man to Mason” One Day Class
Saturday, October 2, 2004

We are very pleased with the planning and preparation that is taking place for the R. W. Grand Master’s “Man to Mason” One Day Class that will be held at 13 locations around the state on Saturday, October 2, 2004.

So that all of our Candidates can better participate on this day, locations in the areas of Allentown, Altoona, Bloomington, Cochranton, Erie, Harrisburg, New Castle, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, Scranton, Uniontown and Williamsport have been selected to allow balance within the state.

This event will have a very positive impact on all of the members of our Lodges who are taking advantage of this opportunity to obtain petitions from friends, sons, grandsons and other relatives who haven’t taken or had the time to join in the past.

In our busy world today, with little time to devote to all that we desire to do, this is an excellent opportunity for a good man you know who desires to be better by becoming a Mason in a Blue Lodge and who may also choose to be part of the Memorial of Scottish Rite and Shriners in our day.

Our R. W. Grand Master has planned, put in place, built partnerships with appendant bodies, and has paid the way for all of us to be part of one of the most exciting events in the history of Pennsylvania Freemasonry. Please commit yourself to be part of the Grand Master’s Team by supporting all our efforts to Share the Light.

Petition Hotline
1-800-990-1935

Share the Light Pocket Shirts Now Available

Introducing another new Masonic Fashion available exclusively through the Gift Shop of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. Let your Masonic light shine when you wear this hand-crafted embroidered golf shirt with navy accents. Available in sizes M, L, XL, and 2XL ($25.00 each and 4XL may be special ordered) for $50.00, these 100% cotton polo shirts feature the colorful logo of Right Worshipful Grand Master William Slater III’s “Share the Light” program.

Don’t let this opportunity pass you by — order yours today!

This shirt and many other Gift Shop items are available by calling 1-800-336-7217 or through the Grand Lodge website.

www.pagrandlodge.org/giftshop
History Buffs Needed

The Masonic Village Museum in Elizabethtown has a need for one or more Volunteer Curatorial Assistants for its Museum, located in the Freemasons Cultural Center. If you have an interest in art and antiques, Knowledge of Freemasonry and its attendant bodies and a talent for displaying items in a tasteful fashion, we would like to have you join our pool. Next June beginning for labeling items and knowledge in archival principles and preservation techniques would be helpful, but can be learned.

This volunteer position is flexible; requiring a few days a month at your convenience.

For more information please contact Bro. John R. McFadden at 1-800-599-6474.

Masonic Village at Warminster

Where Caring is a Tradition

Since 1974, the Masonic Village at Warrumpter's Masonic East Home has assisted in available with comfort, companionship, and a life of dignity and security.

Offering quality nursing care and assisted living services, the mission of the Masonic Village at Warrumpter includes serving individuals in Pennsylvania who are hospital, medical recipients.

To visit our newly renovated home or inquire about our services, please call (215) 621-2500 or email us at MVFofpa@mcas.com

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D. William Roberts, Editor

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The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

Located on 20 scenic acres in beautiful Montgomery County, the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill joined the Masonic Villages of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on January 1, 2004. The community offers retirement living apartments, assisted living and skilled nursing services.

Residents enjoy an array of recreational and social activities offered on campus, including an in-house bowling alley, putting green, computer lab, recreation centers and art classes, walking paths, billiards, a wellness center, wood chips, a shop, and gift shop, and offers transportation services to local attractions and events.

The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill is approximately 30 minutes from downtown Philadelphia, allowing residents to take advantage of the many recreational opportunities the city has to offer.

Call today: 610-825-6100 or email MVHmarketing@masonicvillagespa.org

Masonic Village

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