It's quite possible you can make a gift to one of the Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and actually increase your retirement income. Take, for example, Bro. Jones (a fictional name). He is 80 years old and receives retirement income from various sources, including certificates of deposit. One of his CDs is maturing, and he is reluctant to take out another one because of the low rates.

Then Bro. Jones learns that for a minimum gift of $5,000.00 he can obtain a one-life charitable gift annuity from one of the Masonic Charities that will pay him an annual rate of 8.0 percent.

What's more, because a gift annuity is irrevocable, he will receive an income tax charitable deduction for a portion of his contribution. And, since the Masonic Charity he selects will ultimately benefit from his gift, Bro. Jones will have the added satisfaction of knowing that he is helping to "Share the Light of Freemasonry" by arranging a gift that will eventually make a difference in the lives of others.

To learn more about the benefits you might realize from a charitable gift annuity, in complete confidence and at no cost or obligation, simply complete and return the accompanying response form or call to speak with one of our staff members in the geographical region nearest you:

Central Pennsylvania
(717) 367-1121, ext. 33460, or (800) 599-6454

Western Pennsylvania
(412) 741-1400, ext. 3011, or (866) 672-0664

Eastern Pennsylvania
(610) 825-6100, ext. 1346

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) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Attention Postmaster: Dated Material Enclosed

Consider the Following Attractive Sample Gift Annuity Payment Rates*:

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Come One! Come All! Autumn Day 2005

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown’s Annual Open House will be held on Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the fun, food and fellowship. The day will be filled with entertainment, Masonic information booths, tours of the beautiful campus, farm market stands and much more! If you and your family are planning to attend Autumn Day, please complete and mail the coupon below.

The Masonic Village is unable to provide wheelchair spaces, so please bring your own. Handicapped parking will be available; however, you must request that special tickets be forwarded to you prior to Autumn Day.

Donate for the Blood Bank!

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will be at Autumn Day at Elizabethtown on Sept. 24 to conduct a blood drive for the benefit of the residents at the Masonic Village. Contribution will be taken 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Anyone 17 years of age and older who is in good health and weighs 110 lbs. or more is eligible to donate blood. The Blood Bank asks that donors be sure to eat within four hours prior to donating blood. If you desire to donate blood, please call the Blood Bank at 717-771-0055 to make an appointment. 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Please do not call the Masonic Village for these appointments.)

The Blood Bank reminds everyone that every three seconds someone is in need of blood. While you’re at Autumn Day, why not join the ranks of the “Quiet Heroes” and give the “Gift of Life”?

**Autumn Day 2005**

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Elizabethtown Marketplace Moving Forward

On June 1, the name of the Marketplace to be developed at the beautiful campus, was announced: “Symonsmore Square.”

An integral part of the Masonic Village master plan, Symonsmore Square corresponds well with the Downtown Elizabethtown Master Plan, which has received great community support. The initial phase of the project, which consists of remodeling the four paneled buildings at the campus entrance, will break ground in early 2006 for occupancy that summer and will feature a combination of restaurants, retail, business/medical offices and a bank branch. A future phase could add three or four new buildings.

Preliminary marketing reports show a strong interest by a number of businesses. For more information or to discuss leasing opportunities, contact Kim Lantz, Marketing Coordinator for Susquehanna Real Estate, at (717) 852-2193.

**Surprise! Revealed at Youth Appreciation Day**

At the 5th annual Youth Appreciation Day at Masonic Village on May 27, R.W.G.M. William Slater II announced a surprise gift to the children. A trip to Disney World for June 13 - 17, made possible by generous donations from Mrs. Mary Desrond of Elizabethown, Pa., Pennsycwania Lodge No. 21 in Harrisburg and from the estate of Bro. Jack Harding, of Sugar Run, Pa.

Prior to the Disney World surprise, Gibson “Buzz” Cash, director of children’s services, presented each of the youth with medallions for their participation in various academic and extracurricular activities and plaques and certificates of achievement.

The day’s events concluded with the annual Tree Planting Ceremony. The four graduating seniors, pictured above (l-r), Nate Gamman, Mike Cross, Josh Klaus and Eliseen Amoyo-Diniz, along with the Grand Master and Bro. Cash, plant a tree to commemorate the occasion and to leave a living symbol of their ties to the Masonic Children’s Home.

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B ro. Bob and Alice Pinnock had spent eight winters in Flori da as “snowbirds” and another 3½ years on a full-time basis. Their home in Frostproof was virtually untouched by hurricanes for over 25 years. That all changed between August 13 and September 26, 2004, as three of the four hur ricanes that ravished Florida resulted in tremendous property damage for the Pinnocks and other residents of central Florida. They recall the massive evacuations, over-crowded shelters, winds of 105 – 115 m.p.h., downed power lines and trees, 100° temperature differences with no electricity, and burnt-out or blown-out buildings in all directions. Rescue and repair efforts ensued; however, life would never be the same.

Today, because of their foresight and pre-planning to go on the Retirement Living Priority List, they feel very fortunate to live in their new home at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. They have many fond memories of Florida but have already built a new active lifestyle through their participation in an array of campus activities, including singing in the church choir, playing golf and just enjoying friends in various social events. If you ask Bro. Bob and Alice what they like best about Elizabethtown, they say the people, their new church family, the beauty of the campus and rural surroundings. Alice explained they had looked at so many other retirement communities, but they just kept coming back to Elizabethtown, feeling as though they’ve been led here. She loves her spacious home, the cathedral ceilings, sunroom and, especially, the kitchen. Most of all, however, she loves the people of mind they enjoy in knowing they have quality health care available if either one or both of them ever needs it. “We’ve been sold on the health care facility from day one,” she concludes. Bob, Past Master of Franklin Lodge No. 263, sums it up by saying, “Since we’ve lived here, I have never been more proud to be a Mason.”

To pre-plan your future, you too can join the Retirement Living Priority List today. Simply call 1-800-676-8452 or complete and mail the coupon below.

I want to learn more about Retirement Living at Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill!

Name
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D Contact me to schedule a personal tour.
D Send me a Masonic Village at Lafayette Hills brochure.
D Please complete coupon and return to: Marketing Office, Masonic Village, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Waiting to Welcome You as New Neighbors!

Chris and Joan Reynolds moved to Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill in November 2000. Prior to their move, they lived in Cape May, N.J., for 11 years. “It was great to move back to the area. We are closer to our grandchildren and have returned to our former church,” Joan shared.

“I also get to participate in my lodge meetings again,” Chris added, “and we enjoy participating in the activities and going on trips.

Both Chris and Joan love to work out in the wellness center. Chris is very artistic and creative and enjoys putting those talents to work in the woodshop. Together with Joan’s assistance, they create many lovely items for the village’s annual bazaar. Chris also participates in the golf outings.

Don’t wait any longer! Chris and Joan are ready to welcome you as our newest neighbors at the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill! For more information and to place your name on our priority waiting list, call (610) 828-5760 or complete and return the coupon below.

You’ve never been more proud to be a Mason.

If you want to learn more about Retirement Living at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, please call 1-800-676-8452 or complete and mail the coupon below.

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Brethren! Let’s make it happen again!

Pennsylvania Freemasonry has never been stronger. The Mason-to-Masonic One Day Adventure last year sparked excitement and a new commitment to reaching out to good men and Shariqah Ligh. Through YOUR efforts, we gathered thousands of new members and leaders who have brought new ideas and enthusiasm into our lodges. Even though only 6% of the membership actually was a first line signer on a petition last year, it was still the most successful membership initiative program that the Grand Lodge implemented in 42 years, and it showed that there are many men out there who still want to be Masons. Unfortunately, as successful as the membership initiative has been, between deaths and suspensions we’re back at 125,772, which shows just how important this year’s initiative is.

Last year, I asked you to make a list of men whom you thought were worthy of becoming a Mason. This year, I am asking you to just think, especially the 65%, to zero in and focus on one man whom you feel is worthy of being a Mason, whether he be your insurance man, cleaner, mechanic, your accountant, attorney, postman, doctor or even a traffic director. Think about one man. Open up to that one man. Share the light of Freemasonry with him and give him an ASK brochure. And I bet the majority of you will come back with a signed petition.

Each District that chooses which weekend in October or November is most convenient to host a membership class, so you have 1-2 months to Share the light with deserving men who exemplify the values of Freemasonry. Let’s work to strengthen our great fraternity! One man can’t do it alone. But if each member brings in one candidate, so that 95% of our membership are first-line signers on a petition this time around, our membership initiative will be an overwhelming success. Plan ahead – there will be no members at large this year.

We must continue to mentor our newly initiated members so that pride in our Masonic heritage grows along with their commitment and involvement, perpetuating our values and traditions. Remember, these men have joined our ranks because they see someone in YOU whom they respect, admire and appreciate – someone who, by example, inspires them to want to be better.

Continue to be an inspiration and petition men who are worthy of being called, "brother." If we truly want to strengthen our fraternity for tomorrow, we must start with the youth of today. We must teach our youth the Masonic principles that will guide their lives and make young men want to become Masons as soon as they are eligible. But our Masonic youth groups are also challenged by membership declines, mainly due to a lack of Masonic sponsorship. If you want to make a great impact on your community, gather an adult leadership team and bring a Masonic youth group to your Masonic Temple. If you cannot become personally involved, extend your financial support to assist those adults who CAN and do give their time and talents to work directly with youth. We must plant the seeds for future growth today!

Your Grand Lodge leadership takes the stewardship of the money that has been entrusted with us for the ongoing mission of the various Grand Lodge charities very seriously. Over the last two years, extensive time has been spent reviewing the performance of six investment firms that invest a portion of the accumulated dollars for the Grand Lodge and its charities into what we refer to as the consolidated fund. Every quarter their performance is benchmarked against indicators of other firms using similar investment strategies. During the last two years we have been in the top quintile of performance on the investment of our funds. As Freemasonry strives to be a center of excellence in all we do, we expect the same from our partners who invest our funds to maximize our potential outreach to those whom we serve.

Our Masonic Villages across the state are growing to serve our membership. In Elizabethtown, the 102 retirement living cottages under construction will be completed eight months ahead of schedule, with an anticipated completion date in October. Based on an extensive waiting list for additional retirement living accommodations at that location, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the pre-marketing of an additional apartment building to be constructed on the campus. The marketplace planned at the entrance to this Elizabethtown campus will highlight a great community support and has been named Sycamore Square, reflecting the stately Sycamore trees that grace this vistas.

The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill is in the process of renovating its nursing and assisted living areas to improve residency levels and provide more single units. This project will reduce the number of nursing beds from 75 to 60, as discussed on page 26.

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Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Saturday, June 4, 2005

R. W. Grand Master William Slater II awarded a special Share the Light apron to seven Master Masons who fulfilled their duties during 2004. The Deputy Grand Master, Brother Ronald A. Alungis, Sr., presented the Grand Master with the special Share the Light pen. Brothers Samuel C. Williamson, RWPGM, and Robert L. Engle were also honored for service to DeMolay. See page 16.
Exciting New Member Benefit to Be Launched

The Masonic Villages’ Outreach Program hears every day from individuals and families looking for ways to meet their health care needs, whether they prefer to receive services in their own home, at a Masonic Village or through another community-based service provider. Because it is a common misconception that Medicare will cover the cost of long-term care, many people find themselves in a difficult situation when faced with the expense. Most often, they are concerned about how they will pay for the care they need and still protect their estate for their loved ones.

So, how do you prepare for tomorrow’s needs today? The Masonic Villages, in cooperation with Mass Mutual Financial Group, are here to help by providing a long-term care insurance option for members and their families to alleviate the financial and emotional burdens associated with decisions regarding long-term care needs. Pennsylvania Masons, their spouses, parents, grandparents, in-laws and children are eligible to participate in the Long Term Care Group Member Insurance benefit at a reduced rate.

If you or a family member would like to learn more, please call 1-800-550-7294, extension 2092. You may also visit our website at www.pggrandlodge.org and click on Long Term Care Group Member Program. A Mass Mutual representative will contact you in order to provide detailed information on this member benefit to you and your family. Or, you can plan to attend an informational meeting that will be scheduled around the Commonwealth in the coming weeks and months.

By planning now, you can preserve your estate for your loved ones and have the resources to choose the care provider and location you prefer.

Annual Grand Communication
Tuesday, December 27
Set for Hershey, Pennsylvania

Grand Master William Slater II has authorized the use of Lodge funds to provide fixed transportation to the December Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at the Hershey Convention Center. On Tuesday, December 27, at 12:00 noon, Brother Ronald A. Aungst, Sr. will be installed as the 116th Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Incoming Worshipful Masters, who are planning on attending the St. John’s Day communication, should be making the necessary arrangements now for transportation and overnight accommodations.

Lodges and/or Districts can join together in chartering a motorcoach, thereby sharing the rental cost. Of course, vehicles are invited. A suggestion for parking would be to depart your region on Monday, December 26 early in the morning to give your group time to enjoy the Christmas attractions in and around the Hershey Hammsburg area. Visit the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown (only 10 miles away) and go shopping at an outlet mall. In the evening enjoy a good dinner at a local restaurant. On Tuesday, Grand Lodge convenes at 10:00 a.m. Following lunch, you can have a very leisurely return trip home or plan on additional points of interest along the way.


Petition Hotline
1-800-990-1935
Bing, Charles Christian Whitlock was recently raised to a Master Mason in Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia. At all three of his degrees were conferred by three Grand Chaplains, all members of Lodge No. 9, and all who are members of the Manor Square Club at Evangelical Manor, where Charles is the Director of Social Work. Pictured are (l to r), Chaplain William D. Hartman, P.M., Charles Whitlock, Chaplain Robert A. Austin, P.M., and Chaplain Harold J. Simonick.

History was made at Armstrong Lodge No. 230 in the first three months of 2005 when Robert W. Buterbaugh, P.M. (right), was elevated to the position of Master by his grandfather, Steven D. Buterbaugh (center) as he was Entered, Passed, and Raised by his father, Junior Warden, Kenneth E. Buterbaugh (left) raised his son at an Extra Meeting March 23. His son was the candidate he had initiated or raised. Officers attending (not pictured) were Howard D. Barber, P.M., Worshipful Master, as acting Junior Warden and Glenn R. Young, Senior Warden. This continues a family tradition as Robert W. Buterbaugh, P.M., had conferred all three degrees both of his sons, James R. and Kenneth P. Buterbaugh, 28 and 30 years of age respectively. The tradition is to continue as his brother, Steven, is now diligently working to learn the Entered Apprentice Degree to confer on his oldest brother, who recently requested a petition.

The Masonic Fraternity

"An informal chat" by Martin Megion, PDDGM

I hope you have been enjoying the summer. This time I would like to share with you some things I think about. Brethren, the first thing I want to think about are the "thorns" of our fellowship. I am referring to the men who join the fraternity but who you would never consider being members. Why wouldn't you believe? First, because you have never seen them in lodge. They wear the regalia and sometimes even talk about their membership, but the last time they saw the inside of the lodge was when they got their third degree. There are men in my own lodge that I have never met until they have come to get their 25 year pin. Brethren, this problem needs to be corrected. New members are definitely needed in lodge, but we must also do something to keep the men who do join. How can we do this? You might ask? First, take some time over the next month to do two things. Think of the brethren who were at your last two meetings and try to make a list of those who you know were not there. Next, pick two names from that list and call them to invite them to the next lodge meeting. You might tell them that you haven't seen them in lodge, and don't take no for an answer. Think about this, if you had 25 men at your last meeting and each of them followed this simple step, there would be 75 men at your next stated meeting! That would be outstanding!

Now that you have all these brothers in lodge, what do you do? Think about these men and try to make changes to make lodge interesting for all members. This brings me to the next topic: change. Change is something that most of us resist but which is vital if we are to move our fraternity to the next level of existence. Here is a quote I like to use when talking about change: "Don't be like a snowman in July, "Frosty in December." What I refer to is this: "A snowman is something that is new and unheard of... However, the snowman slowly melts down under the heat until he blends into his surroundings. Then, just a few days before frosty makes his appearance, the snowman, now frozen in and out of games for weeks, begins to lose his identity. Frosty on the other hand brings fun and excitement with him. He shares his life with Frosty in July and then in December.

Another important decision that many Masonic bodies will face is whether or not to join the Universal U.L.C. As a result of the recent changes to the Masonic Villages Outreach Program, this exciting new member benefit is available to you and your family and may help to ensure that you have the resources to secure the quality care you deserve in the future, while preserving your estate for others.

In the past, when the need for short-term medical equipment arises, finding and obtaining the necessary equipment, including the financial burden it can place on the individual or family, may be challenging. Currently, we have a limited supply of wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds available for loan. In an effort to enhance the amount of equipment we have available to offer, the Outreach Program will accept the donation of new or lightly used equipment that is clean and in good working order. If you are interested in utilising or donating to the program, please contact the Outreach Program Coordinator.

The Outreach Program has a wealth of information to share, from education to referrals.

If you are interested in having an Outreach representative come to your lodge to give a presentation on the available resources, please contact either the Centennial Pennsylvania Lodge or the lodge to which you belong.

There is a wealth of information available at www.masonicvillages.org.

Good Samaritan

Our Masonic teachings in Freemasonry use familiar terms as: "Do as we would be done by" or "Favor human beings as a claim upon your kind offices." Brother Emery Kosorek has been a highly regarded Mason, Master Mason for many years, and a talented degree master. For him, another friend in need is a natural reaction. The date is May 15, 1987. He made plans to furnish transportation to take his friend's children to a Rainbow initiation meeting. It never happened. Before he got ready to go, his brotherly instinct was to help an apparent stranded motorist. Especially when the breakdown was located within the familiar areas of his neighborhood. The motorist claimed a useless battery cable and that the car would not start. How could they not help? However, helping this particular motorist proved disastrous and changed Brother Emery's life for ever.

Brother Emery became an innocent "Good Samaritan" and received serious legal trouble. Fortunately, the charge was dropped after the district attorney for the area said that "it is very difficult to prosecute a case when everyone and every witness said that he tried to help." At the time, the assistant at gunpoint ordered Brother Emery to turn around and get down in a ditch. The assailant pointed Brother Emery's .40 automatic at the head of his friend's children, telling him that he would kill them if the man would not give him $5,000. Brother Emery felt his life was in danger and willingly cooperated. The assailant shot Brother Emery in the stomach and then turned to his friend's children. The date is May 15, 2005.

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Brother Nathan A. Foster, DDGM, 15th Masonic District congratulates Brother Martin W. McGlin, P.M. & FODDG for receiving the Grand Lodge Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award. The award was presented during a ceremony held at Factoryville Lodge No. 341’s annual St. John’s Day Banquet on January 17, 2005 recognizing Brother McGlin’s extraordinary service to the Boy Scouts of America. 

Bro. Donald L. Miller, DDGM of the 52nd Masonic District presents Brother Laurence E. Roltz with the prestigious Daniel Carter Beard Scouting Award at a Stated meeting of Hobah Lodge No. 276. Brother Miller commented in making the presentation, “Brother Roltz has the most outstanding record of service in the Boy Scouts of America I have ever seen.” He has been involved with the Scouting program for more than 48 years. He has donated many hours of time and finances toward making the Scout Camp at Camp Mountain Run a superior camp. He has won nearly two of the most prestigious Scouting awards awarded in Scouting. The Council Silver Beaver Award and the Silver Antelope Award.

On March 23, Brother Thomas W. Jackson, RW Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges, was invested with the Medal of Honor by the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium while attending the annual communication of that Grand Lodge in Brussels. It was presented by Most Worshipful Grand Master Alexandre Eleven for Brother Jackson’s contributions to Belgium Freemasonry. It is only the third time in the history of the Grand Lodge that it was ever presented outside of the country.

Five days later, Most Worshipful Brother Alberto Menasche, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, presented Brother Jackson with the Medal of Honor for his service to World Freemasonry. It is the first time it has been presented outside of Switzerland.

On May 2, The Grand Lodge of New York presented Brother Jackson their highest honor, the Distinguished Achievement Award. Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward Trosin presented the award at the annual Grand Lodge banquet in New York City. This award has been presented 80 times since 1934. Past recipients include: Gerald Ford, General Douglas MacArthur, Norman Vincent Peale, Sir Alexander Fleming, John Glenn, Hubert Humphrey, Gene Autry, Ernest Borgnine, Adm. Byrd, J. Edgar Hoover, Lowell Thomas, Red Skelton, Jimmy Durante, and Irving Berlin. Two past Pennsylvania recipients are Brother and Lieutenant General Robert Springer and Brother Larry Christenson for his success as an athlete and his work with charities.

Brother Jackson holds Honorary Grand Rank in 20 Grand Lodges around the world, including Honorary Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile, and the Grand Lodge of San Marino, and has been invested with 17 medals for his contributions to the craft.

Seeking an Executive Director
Library and Museum
Masonic Temple - Philadelphia

The Grand Lodge of F & A.M. of Pennsylvania is seeking a qualified individual to lead our historic Masonic Temple Library and Museum as it moves beyond serving our fraternity to engaging the community. Qualified candidates should have experience leading and managing in a non-profit organization, including knowledge in event planning, museum tours, marketing, and the Philadelphia cultural community. For additional information, please contact hr@portfolioassociates.net. We are an equal opportunity employer.
Brethren were present at the Elizabethtown. But that evening marked his 125th conferal. Worshipful visit Brother Taylor Pleasured honor of the momentous event, over forty of his Masonic A. M. Mason's at Warren Lodge No. April 24, 1913, and in Penn Hills $1,000 James A. Butler, thought that this was a good program, and would be appreciated by the parents in his school. Emily Brittain Butler, who graduated the approximately 400 students in grades kindergarten through sixth. Over 60% of the students come from single-parent homes, which made this program more valuable to this school’s community. Working with the Parent Teacher Organization over a period of three months, they were able to arrange a program that would allow every student the opportunity to be registered by CHIPS volunteers over a three-day period. Most schools organize CHIPS programs to be conducted after school hours, or on weekends. Being a city school, Brother Marks has found that it is difficult to have students return to school after school hours. This program was held the program during school hours during times that would not be disruptive to the student’s classes. However, many of the parents have day-time jobs, making it difficult to recruit volunteers to administer the two stations for fingerprinting and videography. Learning this, Brother Nix’s lodge, Butler Lodge No. 272, offered their assistance and the program proceeded as scheduled. This novel approach allowed 217 children to be registered and was felt to be a very successful venture. Although the program was designed to ensure parent-teacher meetings and information was sent to every parent, some parents had reservations about the program and the people who would administer it. Brother Marks invited each parent to present during the entire process from fingerprinting to the recorded interview. Every parent who attended was impressed with the manner in which this program was organized and conducted. The brethren who worked at the program were impressed by the organization, in fact, reasoning to protect our children, knowing how it works, Butler Lodge No. 272 hopes that they can sponsor similar events at other Butler area schools this fall.
An Elegant Black-Tie Evening...

Holiday Music, Delicious Food, Fine Entertainment

HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Contemporary and Holiday music during the Cocktail and Hors d’oeuvres hour at 6:00 p.m.

Four Performing groups:
- Ken Walker Band
- Pianist Mark M. Vonnegut
- Trinity United Methodist Church Bell Ringers
- Chamber Music Quintet

Silent auction for great gift items.

Celebrity guests.

Delicious hors d’oeuvres will accompany guests as they wander through the exhibits at the History Center.

Contributions are income tax deductible.

Two Plans Available

PLAN 1 $100.00 per person: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Includes cocktail hour, (beer, wine and soft drinks - cash bar available) and hors d’oeuvres, entertainment on four floors and the silent auction.

PLAN 2 $300.00 per person: 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Includes all of the above and a formal dinner served at 8:15 p.m. on the fifth floor. Chamber music during dinner. Bill Hiltgrove, WATAE Voice of the Season, serves as Master of Ceremonies.

Plan to join us on November 11, Veterans Day & Light Up Night in Pittsburgh, heralding the beginning of the Christmas Season of Giving. The gala black-tie dinner and holiday celebration will support children in crisis matters across Pennsylvania.

November 11, 2005

PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASONS
Share the Light

It’s a Red, White & Blue Tripe Treat Evening as you Share the Light on Light Up Night on Veteran’s Day in Pittsburgh

Last year’s Gala in Philadelphia raised over $100,000 for the CHIP program. Last year the CHIP program ID’d over 66,000 children. During 2005, the CHIP program is set to ID over 100,000 children statewide. Do the math - it costs an average of $9.00 per child to cover the cost of materials.

Complete the ticket order form below and return it with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets.

Tables of eight are available. If you cannot attend, your contribution is welcome and is income tax deductible.

PITTSBURGH GALA TICKET ORDER

Please make check payable to: PH Masonic Foundation for Children, Crime Prevention Assn. of Pennsylvania, 3918 Chisom Ave., Suite 102, Glenside, PA 19034

Please select a fund to be addressed on envelope

Please send: • $100 tickets • $300 tickets • $1000 tickets

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September 2, 2005

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Guide Lines for Lodge Web Sites

All efforts to communicate the image of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania should reflect the goals of the Fraternity, and its principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The Internet is such a broad means of communication, and its parameters change almost daily. It is essential that the image of Freemasonry be preserved in all that is communicated in this public venue.

Some Lodges may choose to use commercial web-hosting services that flash advertisements to the viewers. These advertisements are not within the control of the Lodge. If they are inappropriate, the Lodge must seek another hosting service. This holds true for any additional services, such as guest books, or links to other sites. The Grand Lodge offers free hosting service to all Lodges in Pennsylvania who comply with these guidelines.

When considering the content for a Masonic web site, there is a wide range of material available. It is important that a positive image of Freemasonry be presented, as this is a window through which the entire world can inspect our workings. The inclusion of high-quality graphics, music and animations can add variety to a web site.

Your web site is a prime opportunity for potential candidates to freemasonry to obtain a favorable impression of our ancient and honorable institution. Include only those materials (text, photos, videos) that you believe send a positive message about the Fraternity, such as information on parades, fairs, car washes, charitable dinners, sports tournaments, etc.

Some Lodges post the text of their monthly Lodge notice on their web site. This is fine, except that it is NOT an acceptable substitute for the Lodge notice, which must be produced and mailed in accordance with Grand Lodge law. Please note that it is NOT proper to include the names of petitioners, or candidates for degrees, on a web site. This is business that is private to the Lodge. Additionally, the personal addresses and telephone numbers of Lodge officers and committee members should not be published on a web site. E-mail addresses may be included, if permission is given by the owner to do so.

All material copied from another source must appear with a credit line acknowledging the source of the original material, if known. This is both to the original author, and a protection against misquotes and claims of copyright infringement.

Lodge web sites are the property of the Lodge, even if they are hosted on a member’s ISP allocated server space. The control of that web site is always the responsibility of the Worshipful Master, who is accountable for all material placed in accordance with the Fraternity’s policy for the Worshipful Master. If a Lodge web site is found by Grand Lodge to be in violation of the Grand Lodge policy, the Lodge is subject to corrective action.

Lodge web sites must be a logical reflection of the Lodge’s goals and physical appearance. If the Lodge is changing its name, the web site should be updated to reflect this.

More detailed instructions are published on the Grand Lodge website at www.pennsylvaniafreemasons.org.
Williamson Honored by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey

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other Samuel C. Williamson, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, was honored to receive the Grand Lodge of New Jersey's Daniel Coxe Medal for distinguished service to Freemasonry. It was presented on Wednesday April 20, 2005, at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey held at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City.

The presentation, made by Most Worshipful Grand Master Daniel M. Wilson, took Bro. Williamson by surprise, and almost left him speechless. A native of Pittsburgh, PA, stated that he chose to honor Bro. Williamson because of his visionary support for the Masonic youth programs, and in particular, his work on behalf of the Order of DeMolay. The Daniel Coxe Medal is, in New Jersey Freemasonry, what the Benjamin Franklin medal is to Pennsylvania Freemasonry—a high honor given only to a chosen few who have made a profound impact on the Fraternity.

Daniel Coxe is a fitting namesake for this award. He was born in London, in August of 1673. He was a member of the Lodge at the Devil Tavern within Temple Bar, London. He studied law and medicine prior to visiting America to take charge of his father’s estate, sometime about 1701-1702, and took residence in Burlington, NJ. Bro. Coxe was very involved in politics and served in several appointed and elected capacities of the Colonial government. On June 5, 1730, the Duke of Norfolk, then the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England formed in 1717, decreed for Daniel Coxe of New Jersey, to be the Provincial Grand Master of the province of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. His deposition took effect June 24, 1730, and extended to June 24, 1732. The expectation authorized Bro. Coxe to appoint his officers for the two years he was the Provincial Grand Master, and it was he who selected William Allen to serve as Grand Master on June 24, 1731. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognized Daniel Coxe as the first Grand Master of Pennsylvania, but William Allen was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Upon receiving the plaque and pocket medallion bearing the likeness of Daniel Coxe, Bro. Williamson said that his service to youth and Freemasonry was a labor of love, and he encouraged all present to stay young by working with our Masonic youth groups.

PYF Scholarships Awarded

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation conducts a competitive scholarship program annually. This year the Educational Endowment Fund Committee selected 20 students to receive $16,400 in awards. There were over 240 applicants this year from many deserving students, and it was a difficult decision to choose just a few from them. Your contributions to the PYF EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND will help the endowment grow to allow for the presentation of more awards for many years to come.


The 2005 award winners are:

Grand Master’s Scholarships ($25,000)
Patrice Bell, Julianne Perkins, Stephen R. Logan,
Dr. Raymond Allen Krome Memorial Scholarships ($20,000)
Sarah Connelly, Joshua David Eadkins, Andrew David Klugh, Stephanie Marie Migliori, Megan Sue Tracey, Kristina E. Verdon
Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarships ($15,000)
Lauren L. Bush, Jacknary A. Panitzke
Herman White Scholarships ($15,000)
Caitlin Sarah Himesen, Nicole Ostrowski,
David Bondzio Scholarships ($1,500)
Sarah Brininger, Kelly Sue LaToreurre, Andrew Ansham McGul
Dr. Raymond Allen Krome Memorial Scholarships ($1,000)
Heather Ostrostaber, Reena Leunon Mondry, Rochal Schmitz, Jennifer Snyder, Kate Nicole Spiller, James D.P. Sweeney
Harry M. Omrston Memorial Scholarships ($1,000)
Krista Lou Brown, Andrew Ostrowski
Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarships ($1,000)
Ashley M. Ferrer, Kevin W. Kaufman, David Kirby
James Booth Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
John Christopher Grover, Jr.
Clarence Uthland Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Luke Forrest
Charles R. Nebel Scholarships ($1,000)
Stephanie R. Logan, Jr., Justin G. Douglass

The Hodegos Pin

The Hodegos emblem is a solid gold hand-crafted oval bearing the Greek word, Hodegos. It is so distinctive that it will attract attention, and will cause people to ask what it means, thereby opening the door to conversation about the Masonic Youth Groups. The emblem may be worn as a lapel pin, or crafted into a necklace or ring for ladies.

The first presentation of the Grand Lodge Hodegos Awards was made at the June Quarterly Communication in Pittsburgh when Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, RWPGM and Bro. Robert L. Engle were presented the first of the 14K gold lapel pins. Hodegos is the Greek word for “leader, guide and instructor of the inexperienced.” These two men have given a lifetime of service to the youth of Pennsylvania, and in particular, to the Order of DeMolay. It was fitting that they become the first to wear the Hodegos Pin.

The second presentation was made at the Annual Grand Sessions of Jobs Daughters on June 24 in Greensburg. The Hodegos Pins were presented to Mrs. Rebecca Hubley, Mrs. Nancy Moms, Bro. Richard Hall, Mrs. Sara Hall, and Mrs. Donna Taylor. Bro. Brent D. Richards of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation presented the pins.

Two New DeMolay Chapters

Pennsylvania DeMolay is proud to announce the emergence of not one, but TWO new chapters, New Castle Builders Chapter, serving the young men of Lawrence County, and Freedom Chapter is being sponsored by Lodge of the Craft-Westminster Lodge No. 435, and the Valley of New Castle, ASR.

Freedom Chapter is being sponsored by Washington Lodge No. 156 of Quarryville, and Christiansa Lodge No. 417, of Lancaster County.

They've already held their first official DeMolay meetings and have become immersed in the DeMolay program. They have been seen at various statewide DeMolay events including the Eastern and Western Paintball outings, and the Spring Training Leadership Weekend. The members of Freedom Chapter have been conspicuous by their participation in numerous CHIP events in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Brother Steven Winking, a young member of Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751, will serve as the first Master Chancellor of Freedom Chapter. Danny Lennox is the first Master Councilor of the New Castle Builders Chapter, and he has already made his mark by performing a special skit to the Flag at the opening session at the PA. Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth. The New Castle Builders Chapter meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:30 PM at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, and Freedom Chapter meets on the first Saturday at 1:00 PM in Christiansa.

These Chapters will be formally "initiated" when new members will be initiated and the first corps of officers will be installed. On those days, they will receive their "Lebers Temporary" or "permanent" charter.

New Castle Builders Chapter will be inaugurated on Saturday, September 17, and Freedom Chapter will be inaugurated by the end of the year. Details will be available on the Pennsylvania DeMolay website at www.pademolay.org.
New Homes Going Quickly at Dallas!

Since our newest retirement community in Dallas, Pa., was announced in March, many of the proposed apartments and cottage homes have already been pre-reserved. Those individuals and couples who have planned ahead and completed priority applications will be prioritized in the order in which their applications were received and will have first opportunity when it comes time to choose their unit and location of preference.

The opportunity for the Masonic Village at Dallas is a result of a joint venture between the Iren Shrine and the Masonic Villages. This may very well be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live in one of the premier golf retirement communities in the country, on the grounds of the beautiful Iren Country Club.

The success of our pre-marketing efforts to date is also a result of the peace of mind and security future residents will have in knowing that quality health care services are available should they ever need them. These services will be available through preferred access agreements with regional skilled and assisted living providers, along with access to any of our Masonic Village healthcare facilities in Elizabethtown, LaSalley Hill, Sewickley and Warminster. The Masonic Village at Dallas will be tailored to lifestyle, peace of mind and security, and location and location to learn more or add your name to the priority list, simply call 1-866-851-4243 for additional information. You may also complete and mail the coupon below. Please keep in mind the reservations are going fast... don’t wait until it is too late!

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☐ I will attend the August 25 Open House.
☐ I will attend the September 29 Open House.

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A Window of Opportunity in Sewickley

By Paul and Florence Peet

After attending the Masonic Village at Sewickley in 2001, I moved in a year later and have been living on the beautifully landscaped campus that they now call home. And to make things even better, Mrs. Peet’s sister and their mother, Dorothy Hamburg, will soon be relocating to the village from Sedona, AZ.

The Peets represent the fast-growing 65-plus age group that is turning to continuing care retirement communities for the security and lifestyle they offer. “We loved our former home, but keeping up with the house and cutting grass all the time became more than I wanted to do,” said Bro. Peet. “As soon as we would get the leaves raked from our maple trees, the snow would fall, and I was out shoveling the driveway.”

The Peets are among the 300 residents who are happy they made the decision when they did. They knew that a brand new community like Masonic Village was a window of opportunity. It allowed them to have choices.

The increasing popularity of the Masonic Village can be attributed to numerous reasons, especially financial security. Through a lifecare agreement, should the Peets ever need skilled and/or nursing care, they will continue to pay the same monthly rate that they pay in retirement living.

Masonic Village is now over 80 percent reserved. Its retirement living apartment residences are connected to a two-story clubhouse filled with activity rooms, computer center, library, branch bank, hair salon, general store, assembly room, dining and much more. The campus also features a wood shop, horseshoe area, large swimming pool and fitness center.

Open house presentations will be held on Aug. 25 and Sept. 29. To make a reservation or to arrange a personal tour, please return the coupon below. To request additional information, call 1-866-972-9604

Maxwell Sommerville Annual Banquet

On April 29th, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Lodge Officers, elected Officers and Past Masters of Pilgrim Lodge No. 712, gathered in the John Wanamaker Room at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, to celebrate the birthday of our distinguished Brother Maxwell Sommerville, Brother Sommerville was a member of Union Lodge No. 121 which merged with and became Pilgrim Lodge No. 712. Brother Sommerville in his last will and testament, bequeathed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a sum of money to be securely invested and the income thereof used in providing a banquet on the first day of May or the next secular day immediately preceding that date. The purpose and object of the banquet being, that those present may consider on the condition of the Fraternity and the best manner in which its principles of deeds and charity may be advanced. The banquet has been held continuously for the last ninth-nine years.

Prior to dinner, the Master of Ceremonies for the event, Brother Robert J. Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District B, called for a moment of silence to honor Brother Joseph Strezeliez, P.M. After which, Brother Harold J. Schieck, Grand Chaplain, delivered the Invocation.

After dinner, the R.W. Grand Secretary, Brother Donald Albert read excerpts from Brother Sommerville’s last will and testament. Brother Marvin R. Cunningham, Sr. P.M. Past Grand Master, who was instrumental in commissioning the Sommerville portrait, followed by sharing his thoughts about Brother Sommerville. At this point, Brother John Lackenbauer, Past High Priest, of the Pilgrim Lodge introduced the Lodge Officers and Past Masters in attendance, and gave an interesting talk about the Lodge. The highlight of the evening by far, was the outstanding program by Brother Kenneth W. McCarty, Director of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. The topic of the program was Brother Sommerville’s contributions to the Masonic Temple, and his recently painted portrait, which is now on permanent display by the Benjamin Franklin Room.
$39,000 Raised for Masonic Children’s Home!

2005 Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix

More than 500 people flocked to Elizabethtown for the second Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix on June 25, 2005. Through sponsorships and food sales, the event raised more than $39,000 to benefit the Masonic Children’s Home. In addition to the excitement of the race, the Masonic Chief program was sponsored by District 60. Special thanks to the following individuals and groups whose efforts made the event a success: Nathan Germain, 2005 Masonic Children’s Home graduate who designed the 2005 Charity Mini Grand Prix logo; Jeff Lankus, for his special vision and support of the Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix; Masonic Children’s Home residents and staff; members of the Pennsylvania DeMolay and Abraham Treichler Lodge No. 682 for setting up and tearing down the race track; and Jeff and Beth Mohn of Oval Track Concepts for providing technical services.

And the Winners are...

Championship Race Winners:
1st Place - Masonic District 45
2nd Place - K. L. Harring Transportation
3rd Place - Pennsylvania DeMolay

1st Place - Raptor - Masonic District 55
1st Place Pit Stop - Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682
2nd Place Pit Stop - Masonic Lodge No. 504
3rd Place Pit Stop - Masonic District 36

1st Place Most Authentic Paint Job - PA DeMolay
2nd Place Most Authentic Paint Job - Masonic District D

1st Place Most Creative Paint Job - Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682
2nd Place Most Creative Paint Job - Masonic District D

1st Place Most Authentic Uniform - Masonic Lodge No. 504
2nd Place Most Authentic Uniform - Ebersole Excavating

1st Place Most Creative Uniform - Masonic Lodge No. 504
2nd Place Most Creative Uniform - Masonic District D

1st Place Dash for Kids - K. L. Harring Transportation
2nd Place Dash for Kids - Masonic District D

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Masonic Chief volunteer for District 60 prepares Seth Kingsboro to answer questions during the interview section of the identification process.

Masonic Children’s Home residents help with food sales during the race.

*Warfel Construction Company also participated in the mini grand prix, but they were dealing with kart trouble during the team photos. Fortunately, they fixed their kart and were able to join the race!
Bristol Lodge Celebrates 225 Years

Bristol Lodge No. 25, considered one of the oldest Masonic lodges in the country, was granted a warrant to operate on March 15, 1780, and has met regularly ever since that historic date. Bristol Lodge's first hall was erected on Cedar Street near Market Street in Bristol, PA, in 1815 and stood until the summer of 1853 when the old structure was torn down and the lodge's present building was erected at the same site and opened in 1854.

On Sunday afternoon, March 23, the officers, members, and guests of Bristol Lodge, gathered to celebrate the lodge's historic 225th anniversary at King's Calumet in Levittown, with a Bristol Lodge Celebrates 225th Anniversary at King's Calumet in Levittown, with a Bristol Lodge Celebrates 225th Anniversary at King's Calumet in Levittown, with a Bristol Lodge Celebrates 225th Anniversary at King's Calumet in Levittown, with a Bristol Lodge Celebrates 225th Anniversary at King's Calumet in Levittown, with a Bristol Lodge Celebrates 225th Anniversary at King's Calumet in Levittown. The overflow crowd and their guests snacked on a variety of hot hors d'oeuvres, while renewing old friendships and acquaintances. Grand Master Slater acknowledged Bristol Lodge's historic milestone, and presented a History of Bristol Lodge to the lodge through Trevor C. Drake, Worshipful Master. Grand Master Slater spoke succinctly about Pennsylvania Freemasons in general and Bristol Lodge No. 25's unique history in particular. Grand Master Slater's remarks also included positive comments regarding the Pennsylvania Child Identification Program (CHIP), and he presented every Mason present at the banquet with a Pennsylvania Freemasons Sharing the Light lapel pin. The Grand Master concluded his remarks by saying how honored he was to attend Bristol Lodge's banquet and share in the lodge's celebration.

Grand Master Slater presented a commemorative plaque of Bristol Lodge No. 25's historic 225th Anniversary and the Grand Master accepted a donation to the CHIP Program by the members of Bristol Lodge, presented by Worshipful Master Drake. The overflow crowd and their guests were serenaded by recorded music provided by disc jockey Brooks Sainte lives throughout the banquet. Following dinner, entertainment was provided by the Pennsatucky Senior High School Choir with dancing to the melodic sounds of The First Time Around Band. A grand time was enjoyed by everyone present.

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Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota

You Don't Need A Bike to Enjoy the Black Hills of SD

by D. William Roberts, Editor, The Pennsylvania Freemason

A gathering of 40 motorcycles, 1 vehicle, and 60 riders (one of which was the 11-year-old son of Bro. Mark Biller) converged on Rapid City and Sturgis, South Dakota, August 9 thru August 13, for the 2nd Ride with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

The Black Hills and Badlands area, which includes towns such as Deadwood (of TV fame), Spearfish, Custer and Custer State Park, is the undisputed Capital of all ‘Bike Week’ Motorcycle Rallies in the world – some 750,000 motorcycles of all types, shapes, and sizes, and with an equal number of owners of all types, shapes, and sizes, who are only distinguishable by the number of tattoos which likewise come in all types, shapes, and sizes. It’s all a part of the Red Frat culture and fashion. You won’t see the fashions in the pages of O.G. magazine but drop in any Harley-Davidson dealer and there they are – Biker Fashions – not cheap merchandise but very expensive, well-made clothing for the discriminating biker. Enough of that.

Our group thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I drove the 1,500 miles from Pittsburgh to Rapid City with Bro. Mark Biller and his son Brandon, and trailer his Harley bike. After encountering some problems along the way with the truck, we arrived in Rapid City on Monday evening. The next day, I rode with Bro. Jim Nasett, on his purple Harley-Davidson to Devils Tower, WY, a 90-mile ride through another well-known town, Sundance (where the kid got his name). After spending some time at the base of the Tower, we returned to Rapid City through Alloin (population 15) and Hulett, WY. All towns look alike, two rows of motorcycles down the center of town with another row of bikes on each side of the street – and the towns are eager to help the bikers empty their cash-filled pockets.

On Friday, the organized ride with the Grand Master kicked up and rode to Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, Black Hills National Forest, Needles Highway and Deadwood for dinner at the Deadwood Masonic Temple, the oldest building in town. Dinner was hosted by Deadwood Lodge No. 7, and the Black Hills Scottish Rite Valley, Willie Steinrichter, 33rd, Secretary. It was a day of mixed weather with sunshine, rain, hail, and more rain. But it was fun – I was in the truck!

As we departed Rapid City for Pittsburgh, we drove through Wall, and the Badlands with its spectacular vistas. The tourist bureau should light up some of those canyons.

The three-day trip back to Pittsburgh seemed longer than the three-day trip out – perhaps because it was so wet and I had a wonderful experience and understand the Live to Ride, Ride to Live’ psyche. It probably has always been a part of me.

I can also understand another saying: you either own a Harley or wish you did! If I had to do it over, I would be one of those H.O.G. members.
The Masonic Temple: A part of the Golden Age of Ironwork

Ken McCarty
Director, Masonic Library and Museum

When I was a young boy and it was time to go back to school, my father would say, "It's time to climb the iron stairs." Although this was a figure of speech, as our stairs were wooden, it carried with it the concept that the stairs would lead you to the upper level, there to find rest and be refreshed for the next day.

Little did I realize, that in the future, I would also climb the iron stairs of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia there to find rest and refreshment among the Brethren of Grand Lodge Communications and/or one of the many lodges which call the Masonic Temple home.

The Masonic Temple, as it was called while under construction, was well on its way to completion when bids went out for stairs to enable the members to ascend and descend to the various levels in the Temple. There were to be six staircases constructed and put in place by the company which received the contract from the Building Committee. Since Pennsylvania was, at that time, the center of iron production, founded in the six towns of some of the most impressive decorative pieces of ironwork. Robert Wood (including the ironwork surrounding Brother James Monroe's tomb) produced many of the most decorative cast iron pieces found in the United States. Therefore, it was not surprising that the Building Committee wanted the Grand Staircase on the front of the Temple to be made of bronze and prepared for "stone steps." However, the Building Committee left the $34,350 price tag too high. Instead, they chose to have the Grand Staircase made of cast iron and the head, which was not included in the agreed-to price of $5880, to remain stone. This stairs consists of two walls flanking a central staircase platform, in length the width of the stair hall, and from this platform, a central flight ascends to the principal, or second floor. A marble railing, or wainscot, now obscure all visual aspects of the iron superstructure.

Possibly the most impressive staircase is the Central staircase, which rises continuously from the first to the third floor. This flight is one of the best of its kind in the country. The stairs ascend to and from the regalia storage area and the spiral stairs in the south tower were forged and installed for $3,484. The spirit stairs consisted of 219 risers ascending to the top of the south tower. They are no longer in use by order of the fire marshal and, for safety and security reasons, are not open to the brethren or visitors.

The total cost of the contract awarded to the Philadelphia and New York Ornamental Iron Works owned by Mr. Wood was $20,064. While all the staircases are important to the Masonic Temple, the Grand and Central staircases are two of the prominent "Treasures of the Temple" and offer an outstanding example of the Masonic Temple's participation in the golden age of ironwork.

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Recommended Reading

"American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities"

A new book on the history of American Freemasonry, has recently been published by the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Mass. and New York University Press. The book written by Mark A. Tabbert, curator of Masonic and fraternal collections at the museum, is based on a museum exhibition that he developed in 2002. Mr. Tabbert's objective is to explain Freemasonry, its attraction to millions of American men who have joined the Fraternity and their contributions to our society. He begins his book with some of the early history and legends of Freemasonry, its development in England and its move to the American colonies. From there he looks at the growth, trials and reinforcement of Freemasonry in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This book is a true labor of love for Freemasonry and its members. Not only is this book well researched it is lavishly illustrated; demonstrating the many ways Freemasonry has manifested itself.

"1776"

David McCullough has written many books on American history and politics. A follow-up to his immensely popular &quot;1776&quot; renown biography &quot;John Adams&quot; is the history of that singular year &quot;1776&quot; focusing on this one year of the American Revolution. Mr. McCullough devotes his energy by telling the stories of the ordinary men and women who fought on both sides of the war as well as the military leadership of George Washington and the two men that would prove to be decisive leaders, Nathaniel Greene and Henry Knox. Not only is the American side explored but he also goes into the British view as well. The beginning of the book starts on Oct. 26, 1775 with His Majesty King George III speaking before Parliament where he declares the American colonies in rebellion and his resolve to crush it. In fact the year 1776 is one of the most decisive in American history with General Washington managing to hold on to his troops by sheer force of will and personality. By the end of the year the "rebellion" (what the British called the war) had succeeded in routing the British at Trenton and Princeton and gained their grudging respect. While "1776" does not mention Freemasonry, &quot;American Freemasonry&quot; covers the early years of Freemasonry in the colonies and the prominent men involved in both the fraternity and the Revolutionary War. Both books tell a raising story of American and Masonic history. As always, these and other books are available for your reading pleasure.
Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master
cordially invite you to
The Annual Grand Communication
of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Tuesday, December 27, 2005
Hershey Lodge
Hershey, Pennsylvania

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- studio units, which are single rooms with a private bath;
- a single deluxe unit, a two-room suite ideal for one person seeking a little more space; and
- larger units with a sitting room and bedroom make a perfect setting for a married couple.

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Featuring entertainment by SEARSON - high power, energy, and band chemistry ignite and unite the multi-talented group. Mike, Erin, Heather, Jamie and Colleen enjoy a passion for music and are well known for fusing traditional instruments with a fresh, contemporary sound.

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Grand Master's Banquet
December 27, 2005
Enclosed is a check for $ _______ for
reservation(s) ([$50 per person) for the banquet
at the Hershey Convention Center on Tuesday,
December 27, 2005. The dinner will be at 6:00
p.m., followed by entertainment. A social hour will
precede the banquet.
(Reservation will be accepted on a "first come" basis.
Deadline for reservations by mail: November 15, 2005)

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