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Masonic Village at Warminster Celebrates New Masonic Center with Cornerstone Ceremony

The Free Southampton Masonic Center at Masonic Village at Warminster was completed in September. Construction of the new addition to the campus was made possible by a generous contribution from the Southampton Square Club through funds originated from the estate of John Frey, Jr. The Southampton Square Club had the honor of being the first group to have an event in the new building on September 27, 2004.

On October 22, 2004, a dedication ceremony was performed by William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge Officers. In his remarks, Grand Master Slater acknowledged the organizations who made the project vision a reality. "I am honored to be part of this celebration recognizing the united vision of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Southampton Square Club, and many individual members of our family who have come together to complete the completion of such an exciting project that will serve this region well. I congratulate you all on your efforts, which will continue to Share the light well into the future.

A calendar of events for use of the Masonic Center is being developed. Several local Masonic family organizations are scheduled for monthly meeting usage.

Left-Grand Master Slater shakes hands with Northern Lights, President of the Southampton Square Club.

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The Masonic Foundation for Children held its first Sharing the Light Holiday Gala on Saturday, December 4, 2004 at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia with 250 guests attending.

More than $110,000 was raised for the 2005 Child Identification Program (CHIP) cost of about $1.70 per child.

In 2004, over 130,000 Pennsylvania children were processed in the CHIP program, costing about $1.70 per child.

The Grand Lodge has committed to both funding and staffing the Child Identification Program in 2005. However, the program is in need of additional volunteers and businesses to sponsor the project in the hope of adding 50,000 more children for a goal of 150,000 children going through the program statewide this year.

At a recent news conference at the Sewickley Masonic Village, the Grand Master talked of the need for the Masonic Community, in partnership with the Crime Prevention Association of Pennsylvania, to continue the program that they took on in January of 2004. He also reached out to seek more volunteers to go into schools and more businesses and individual donors to fund the program.

CHIP addresses the alarming fact that over 1,000,000 children are reported missing in the United States each year. We want to make sure that every parent has the tools they will need in the event their child is abducted. If we are to increase the identification process to a goal of 150,000 children, we are going to need help."

The program includes the following:
- **CD with Audio**: Using a digital picture with audio - children are asked a series of questions to provide information in front of a height chart backdrop. The CHIP interview captures the appearance, speech, mannerisms, and other important personal characteristics of a child. The picture and audio are recorded on to a 3' CD and given to the parent or guardian. It is the cornerstone of the CHIP program.
- **Fingerprints**: Children are fingerprinted and a hard copy given to the parents.
- **DNA**: A DNA kit is provided to the parent or guardian to be completed at home as soon as possible (fingernail clippings, hair follicles and oral swab).

Funding for this program comes from generous contributions to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children and are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

Ed Nelson, GM William Slater, Robert Heron

John Landowski, Sam Blum, GM, Joe Shurakglia, Tom Hopkins

Thomas N. Sturgeon, Donna Weglewski, Jim Howie

Pennsylvania.

“I hope the work that this program is doing will never be needed. But, I realize that should the need arise, the information generated from the CHIP program will prove to be a tremendous asset to law enforcement.”

On December 4th the Grand Lodge opened the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia to the public for a Sharing the Light Holiday Gala to help fund the CHIP Program in 2005. Over $110,000 was raised for the program, but that is about a third of the necessary operating budget for 2005.

Individuals or Lodges interested in making a donation or underwriting the CHIP program should contact the CHIP Project Director at 600-537-6525 or visit www.pagrandlodge.org and go to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, or e-mail CHIP Coordinator Ray Brown at rgbrown@pagrandlodge.org. All donations are tax-deductible.

The Gala was chaired by Robert Campillari, Sr., DDGM of District A. The 2005 Holiday Gala is scheduled on Saturday, December 10. For information call 610-660-5550.

Volunteers are needed Call Toll Free 1-800-537-6525


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Jeffrey Coy, Tim Wrenn

Raymond Dene, Christine Hendel, Tim Hefle, Jesse & Vic Frederick, Jo Anne & Jeffrey Coy, Robert Short, Michael Smith

Robert Campillari, Chairman
The Masonic Family of Emanuel R. Miller, Mount Morris Lodge No. 300 in Huntington, PA, has four new members in the Masonic Family: Emanuel’s son and new member, John A. Skipper, Bro. Reidler, Bro. Norman L. Miller, and Emanuel’s grandson and new member, Jason A. Skipper.

Breakfast, PIN CLUB, CHARITY ball Followay • $80 per person

Emanuel K. Roe received the Cherry Golf Club Award for 21-year member. Emanuel’s grandson and new member, John A. Skipper, Bro. Reidler, and Bro. Norman L. Miller, WM of Schuylkill at 724-745-0SSG, received the Masonic Family certificate.

Almost all of us have heard the expression that Freemasonry is “a man better.” What does this mean and how does it do this? Freemasonry works under the belief that if you have a good man and give him the proper tools to help guide his life, you will have a better man. By making a man better, you can make the community in which he lives better, which in turn will make all of society better.

What are these tools? They are too numerous to list all of them here. But I will give you some of them. The final and foremost is the Treasorial Board given to us by the Great Architect of the Universe. It is the rule of our faith and the guide to our actions. It is something you can always turn to even in your darkest hour.

The next would be the obligations taken at the altar. If we live by our obligations, we will become better men without even trying. The obligations, along with the lessons taught in the degree work, are the backbone of the fraternity. Live by them and you will show how great the fraternity is by your words and actions.

The third is the interaction between the brethren. I know this sounds like a surprise to many of you, but I would like to share some thoughts on the fraternity as they were told to me by a brother at the school of instruction.

The brother mentioned that he real part of the fraternity is not the meeting, but the fellowship after the meeting. He told me the story of a man who had been going to lodge, and was even filling a chair, when all of a sudden he stopped coming. When asked why he stopped coming the reply was that he didn’t get anything out of it. The real truth was that member would get to the lodge in time for the meeting, sit through the meeting, and bolt for home as soon as the pursuivant got to the outer door. Sometimes he would get to the door before the Pursuivant. I have heard about this story often as well.

My wife and I have heard my say, you will get ten times more out of Freemasonry than you put into it. But you have to put something into it!

Involvement in your lodge and district will help you grow as a man and a Mason. It is the experience and knowledge we gain as we interact with our brethren that sets us apart from other organizations. If we do not offer this in our lodges, then we are

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Bro. Paul G. Reidler, 75-Year Member


PIN CLUB CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC
Beneﬁts: PA DARIE program, Syria Shriners Patient Transportation Fund and Islam Gratto Enchanted Lantern Fund
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., The Club at Wyndham, 100 Club at Wyndham Drive, Sacondus. PA, Includes 18 hole round of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner, Please call for more information.

Contact: Mike Areno at 724-745-0886 (Benevolence Available)

To the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill from Steven and of Freda Savitt, son and daughter-in-law of Lois Savitt: "On behalf of our family, we would like to express our appreciation to your nursing staff for the wonderful, loving care they gave to our mother, Lois, Savitt, for the last 16 days of her life. As soon as she was brought to your facility, the high level of care swung into action. My wife has a lot of experience in providing care in a nursing home environment, and the professionalism of all the people at the Masonic Village that she came in contact with, was most apparent. From the day one, we were treated like family, and it really meant, and still means, a lot to us. We intend to spread the word about the fine care your facility provides its residents."

To the Masonic Village at Bethlehem from Carol E. Barnes, daughter of Bro. Charles and Eleanor Kozel: "I want to you know how proud you should be of your staff. Everyone with whom we have dealt has been caring, patient and interested in their care. Best of all, from the very beginning, our staff has been dedicated to mom and dad maintaining their dignity. We can never thank you or your staff enough for all the things that has been done for my mother and father. My husband and I are on the waiting list to come to Masonic Village in a few years and know we made the correct decision. Bless you all as you continue to provide professional, caring and top-notch employees and facilities for your residents."

To the Masonic Village at Sewickley from Gary P. Hare, son of Kenneth E. Hare: "We are ever so grateful to all of you—the entire nursing staff was held closer to us in our highest esteem for the comfort that was given to slender and our family. Your tender care and thoughtfulness towards our recent losses gave us a tower of strength to lean on. When hardships fell across our lives and dimmed the universe’s glow, in many ways you helped us bear our grief, and onward go. So what are our New Year's resolutions for 2006? Well, our goals, in fact, 5 years past, are based upon input, direction and support from Pennsylvania Masonic, members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and other Lodges. We hope to see more individuals moving into our newest homes in Sewickley and Elizabethtown. We will continue plans to upgrade and possibly expand the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill and make excellent use of the new facilities at our Warminster location. But most importantly, we look forward to earning many, many more letters sharing kind words of encouragement and thanks, as well as comments on how we can improve and grow. After all, we are YOUR Masonic Village. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this Mission of Love through the benevolence of our Masonic family."

Receives Honorary College Degree

Bro. Jeffrey C. Cook, R.W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania received an Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree from Shippensburg University on December 18 during the School's Winter Commencement. Former Chairman of the Shippensburg University Board of Trustees, Bro. Cook addressed the more than 400 students that attended the program held at the Hagels Field House.

Bro. Cook recently retired from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives after serving his 11th term as State Representative for the 183rd Legislative District of Franklin and Cumberland counties. He was active on multi-state committees and served nine years on the Chesapeake Bay Commission with representatives from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and Maryland. Bro. Cook begins his 2nd term as the Grand Lodge Treasurer. He and his wife Jo Anne reside in Shippenburg.
Reflections!

I would like to take this opportunity to express what Freemasonry means to me.

I became a Freemason following extensive research of the Masonic tradition that extends far back in my family.

Upon joining the Lodge, I was impressed with how many fine men were members. As I learned more about the philosophy and ethics of the Lodge:

- I realized that the Masonic ideals impel a man to be a good citizen, a good father, a good husband, a good neighbor, and a good friend.
- I realized that the process of going through the chairs really symbolizes the principle which says in order to be ready to lead, you must first know how to serve.
- I learned that the Masonic traditions are not just about being faithful to your word regardless of the cost to you personally. In other words, courage, not a vainglorious courage, but a courage born of the true conviction of a civilized man that he must do right.
- I learned that our ideals are about peace, good order, fair play, and charity for all. The Masonic ideals are the faith one elects to follow, any one would say are laudable, indeed sacred ideals, that are pillars of any society.
- I followed these ideals can only lead to a good end or ends.

This set of ideals has given me strength, it has given me courage and faith. While I decline to boast, I would like to point out some accomplishments of mine since 1996 that I see as having part or whole been an outgrowth of the benefits of Freemasonry:

- My wife and I have adopted two Chinese children. I have been twice elected to public office. I have been able to be a help and support to my family and friends in a way that I was never able to do in the past. Freemasonry helps a good man to be better. It has helped this man do things he never believed he could do.
  - Charles Whitney
  - W.K., Bray Lodge No. 410
  - Jenkintown, PA

Ed Note: "Reflections" will be a regular feature of the Pennsylvania Freemason. If you would like to reflect on how Freemasonry has affected you and your family or if you would like to reflect on a Brother of the Craft, please write to: Editor, The Pennsylvania Freemason, 5412 Fifth Ave., Suite 1028, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Deadline for the May issue is March 1. Pictures are welcome and become the property of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

2005 One-Day Class

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Lodges

Lodges will be responsible for the necessary ments as they were last year. Each DDGM is responsible for registration of the Lodge candidates within their District. Each Lodge should be represented during registration. The Lodge Secretary is responsible for submitting a Monthly Return immediately after the One-Day Class to the Office of the Grand Secretary.

Prompts with Bibbles and educational material will be forwarded from the Grand Lodge to each site location.

Each area will have a Lodge that will be designated as a "Host Lodge" who will open and close the Degrees. The Host Lodge will be performing the courtyard degrees on behalf of all the Lodges in the combined Districts. The Masonic Communication will be a Grand Lodge Communication as it was last year.

The Grand Master is encouraging the Lodges to have Special Meetings prior to the One-Day Class to receive and ballot on petitions in accordance with Masonic Law. The petitions must be received by the Lodge, read at a Lodge Meeting, a Committee of Investigation appointed and be balloted upon. The petition must be sent on a Monthly Return for clearance. A cut-off date is to be established to complete petition requirements prior to the One-Day Class in the area.

Candidates who would like to complete the balance of his Degrees may do so at the One-Day Class. There is no provision for a "Mason at Large" this year.

Grades of Decisions Amendments for the One-Day Class

The following decisions are effective immediately and may be used only for the One-Day Class in October/November 2004.

- A petition for degree shall be in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and shall be presented to the Lodge at a Stated, Extra or Special Meeting.
- The petition shall be read, ruled in the Minutes and referred to a Committee of Inquiry.
- The petition shall lie over to a subsequent Stated or Special Meeting and be voted on.
- The Masonic Master's requirement is waived if a Special Meeting is called for balloting.
- Petitions printed for the 2004 One-Day Class may be used for the 2005 One-Day Class.

- Lodges meeting in the month of the One-Day Class (October/November) may vote on petitions at a Special Meeting without publishing the names in the Notices provided the Committee of Inquiry has reported favorably. Postcards notifying the Members of Special Meetings may be used provided no names of petitioners are printed on the postcard.
- Multiple ballots will be permitted on any number of petitioners. Approved petitions may be held for the One-Day Class regardless of the date of approval. waving the six-month rule.
- Website applicants may have the recommenders' signatures typed or printed if the Lodge Secretary verifies them.
- Proficiency before advancement will not be required; however, Lodges are requested to have Members available to instruct candidates.
- The conferment of all three degrees on one day (October/November) is authorized without seeking the approval of the R.W. Grand Master.
- Organizations which have as a prerequisite membership in the Masonic Fraternity may solicit and receive petitions from candidates for the One-Day Class for their respective Bodies. A new petitioner may progress through the degrees in the traditional manner, if desired.

See page 13 for additional Lodge stories.

Grand Master's W. Pennsylvania Charity Golf Tournament Raises Over $15,000

The equipment purchased from the proceeds of the 2004 Grand Master's Golf Tournament provides a safe and comfortable learning from one surface to another surface for Valley Care Masonic Center residents, and reduces the risk of back injuries to the employees. Picture are members of the Grand Master's 2005 Golf committee with several Valley Care Masonic Center employees who utilize the equipment.


**One-Day Class are making it happen!**

O f the 2004 One-Day Class members who are responding to meet the challenge in attendance at the meetings of their lodges and to fulfill our lodge’s greatest need of becoming lodge officers, they experienced the best of degree work. You, as mentor, provided them with the desire to continue with their journey in Freemasonry.

Many thanks to all of you who have taken the time to assist these new members in responding with your assistance to Share the Light to provide your knowledge to make this all possible for them. Your love of our Fraternity and your travels in it, I am sure, has inspired them to respond successfully.

Along with us, our new members are now part of Freemasonry for tomorrow, and all of our actions will be obvious to how those non-members view us. Our goal should be to assist all good men to be members of our Fraternity that they can see how its teachings have made our lives better.

During this new year we ask, as you attend your lodges, to encourage those who might not attend to come to lodge with you. Let us not forget those who might attend if you provide them a way to travel with you.

Remember always Brethren: Share the Light of Freemasonry.

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**A Family Affair**

B ro. John Rosch Sr. (front row left) of Lancaster, performed the Guide duty for his son, James Rosch, son-in-law Salvatore Grimaldi; and son, John Rosch Jr., during their Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees. A 44-year member, John Rosch Sr. has been responsible for introducing nine members to the Craft.

Back row: David L. Taggery, PM; Peter J. Ruggeri, WM; John F. Farrell, SW; and John J. Brackbill, JW.

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**Serving in Iraq**

O n December 15, 2004, Mason Lodge No. 562, in Seward, PA, conferred all three degrees upon Robert J. Reeb, Bro. Reeb, a US Army National Guard Sergeant with the HHC 1st Battalion 110th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized) received word that his unit was shipping out for Iraq the first week of January. A special Dispensation was granted to confer the three degrees only six days after he was balloted on. Also in attendance were two of Bro. Reeb’s fellow soldiers that were deployed with him. From left to right are Bro. Brian E. Stick, SW and JW who conferred the 1st degree; Bro. Robert D. Sheets, WM then SW who performed the 2nd degree; Bro. Lawrence Campbell of Harrison Lodge No. 575 in Mercer, PA; Bro. Reeb, Bro. Christopher D. Clark of Washington Lodge No. 164 in Washington, PA; and Bro. Robert S. Zelmore, PM, then WM who conferred the 3rd degree.

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**Edvard D. Miles Appointed DDGM at Large**

T he R.W. Grand Master, William Blauer, has announced the appointment of Bro. Edward D. Miles as District Deputy Grand Master at Large and successor to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation For Children.

He will be working with Bro. Raymond Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation for Children, to coordinate and assist with Public Relations for the CHIP Project.

Bro. Miles was recently DDGM of the 30th Masonic District and belongs to Concord Lodge No. 625 in Concord, PA.
2005 Worshipful Masters ... Sharing the Light of Freemasonry

District 1 - Robert S. Conaway, DDGM

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Carthage 551 - Larry C. Logan

Burlington 625 - Bill E. Megginson

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Cumberland Lodge 317 - Brian L. Baumgarner

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Mount Royal 413 - Robert P. Davis

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Joyner Chapter 382 - Robert H. Phillips

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Novacan 639 - Richard J. O'Brien

Community 761 - J. Louis Bellino, Jr.

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Rudy Amity 100 - Gerald H. Langer

Dale 109 - Dale W. Bumbier

Evergreen 103 - Albert W. Kapler

Franklin 283 - Robert M. Iantoniello

Toggen 508 - Thomas A. Calkins

Carpenter 415 - Raymond G. Bigley

Roman 419 - Julian Moss

Le Roy 471 - Mohd. Mustofa

Wyllialing 618 - John K. Dabke

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Robert G. Bentz

D. Daniel Hoisler

Meriden 411 - Brian D. Daniels

Hammond 422 - Brian W. Beaster

Lodge of the Crab-Westminster 433

John W. Furer

District 8 - Norman E. Flaherty, DDGM

Renaissance 616 - James A. Littl

Varina 548 - Jeffrey H. Flaherty

Pinto-Brookfield 589 - David H. Sweeney

Chester 691 - Brian L. Buck
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Northfield 715 - L. Eders.

District 9 - Michael A. Fobbe, DDGM

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Pennsylvania Masonry is shining brightly because Pennsylvania Masons are Sharing the Light and bettering our world! The future of this great fraternity in YOUR hands.

- William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master
Batrons, thanks to YOU, the sun is shining brightly on Pennsylvania Freemasonry! Turn to page 5 and look at the results of the 2004 One-Day Men to Mason project. Last year was a testimony to how remarkable things can happen when we UNITE to Share the Light. Our charity – our legacy – becomes more than a flicker, but a brilliant torch burning for a shared purpose: a strong and glorifying future for Freemasonry. You should be proud of what we accomplished!

This year, we will expand and improve upon many of these exciting and successful programs. Together, we will reach even higher and farther to accomplish more than we did in 2004. If you enjoy motorcycling and spectacles, you won’t want to miss this year’s Sturgis trip, scheduled for August 9th through the 13th. Gather your Brethren and friends; it’s a great way to introduce nonmembers to Freemasonry. I guarantee that the time to begin planning and training!

The annual Autumn Day at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown will be held on September 24th. I encourage each lodge to coordinate bus trips so Brethren, their families, and prospective candidates can enjoy the day while learning about the many services provided through the Masonic Villages.

For all of you Golfers, the Western PA Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 26th at the Allegheny Golf Club, and the Eastern PA Charity Golf Tournament will be held at the Lu Lu Country Club on September 26th.

The Masonic CHIP Program won an overwhelming victory over crimes against youth in Pennsylvania in 2004, and this year our charge is doubled.brethren, hundreds of thousands of children are counting on YOU to protect them from abductions. I encourage you to volunteer your time and commit your lodge to ensuring the children in your communities are safe. Already this year, we have commitments to ID up to 200,000 youth across the Commonwealth, which is an enormous feat. The Sharing the Light Holiday Gala in December at the Masonic Temple raised over $110,000 to help fund this program, but we need YOUR support to make it happen.

Our membership enrichment initiatives have grown our family by more than 6,000 new members, yet our work is far from finished. We have seen how our lodges thrive when we bring new men, new ideas and new leaders into our family. Now, we must continue to recruit for our newly raised members so their pride in our Masonic heritage grows along with their commitment and involvement. Set an example, be an inspiration, and continue to petition men who are worthy of being called, "Brother." Our Districts will be encouraged to host their own Man-to-Mason One-Day Adventures during a Saturday in October or November this year, allowing qualifying men to receive degrees from the first to the 32nd and ending the day as a Shrine Mason, if they so choose.

Can we attain an even higher increase in membership than last year? I believe we can! Your attitude almost always determines your altitude in life. Only you can determine how high you will soar and how brightly you allow your light to shine.

Brethren, believe in yourselves and in your ability to pick up your torch and brighten another’s path. Share the Light, don’t keep it to yourselves. In doing so, you will reach new heights!

Pennsylvania Masonry is shining brightly because Pennsylvania Masons ARE Sharing the Light and burning our world! The future of this great fraternity is in YOUR hands. Extend your hands to others and welcome them to enjoy the many benefits and opportunities that membership affords.

Be a beacon unto others to the strength of the Craft!
Around The STATE
Of The Craft

E. PA Golf Event Raises $12,000

The Eastern Region Golf Event scheduled for September 26 was cancelled due to heavy rain and rescinded on October 12. As a result, 86 of the original 100 golfers made the new date. In spite of the delay, the tournament raised $10,000 for the Masonic Children’s Home at Lafayette Hill and the Masonic Children’s Home at Elizabethhurst. (v) Bill Greer, Co-Chairman, Therese Autschke, Neighbor Club, Dale H. Fera, Jr. and Dale H. Fera, Sr., Tournament Co-Chairman.

Grand Lodge Website Update

The Grand Lodge’s website continues to grow in information and services offered to our members. The website which can be found at www.pagrandlodge.org, is primarily a reference tool to educate and inspire Masons and prospective members about the Craft.

In 2004 the website served up 3.1 million pages of information, an increase of 43% over the previous year, and logged over 627,000 visits to the site. If you haven’t been there recently you are missing a new home page, the new Masonic Villages site, 5 new Masonic Videos, an updated Speakers Directory and an on-line Gift Shop that is 100% safe and easy to use.

Here are some interesting statistics on our most popular pages:

- The Masonic Villages, over 100,000 visits.
- Grand Secretary’s administrative module, 97,000 visits.
- Tour of the Masonic Temple, 46,800 visits.
- Grand Master’s Programs, 36,200 visits.

Other popular areas include the Giftshop, the comprehensive Links to other reputable Masonic sites, the Library and Museum, the Pennsylvania Freemason, How To Join, the PA Youth Foundation, Masonic Education, The Academy of Knowledge and the Lodge of Research.

Another indication of the site’s popularity can be found in the 246,000+ messages left in the Guest Book from all over the world.

Participation in the On-Line Circuitry Library grew dramatically in 2004 with 251 borrowing requests from qualified participants. This is an increase of 192%. Use of the On-Line Speakers Directory grows by 70%, with the process of conducting in-person visits by Masons to members of the Senior Wardens looking to arrange programs for their Lodges.

To increase the variety of presentations available, there is now a process available whereby speakers can request inclusion in the directory, following approval by their Grand Master.

The On-Line Masonic Employment Center continues to offer Pennsylvania Masons the opportunity to post resumes and job opportunities, exclusively for Brother Masons in PA. This is a private networking system where Masons share opportunities with their brothers. There is no charge or posting fee. It is entirely private, voluntary, and therefore there is no record kept of any filings — but it is a service that over 500 Pennsylvania Masons are currently registered to use. If you are a Mason, you may register from other jurisdictions as we can only verify the membership of PA Masons. At the close of the year, there were 180 Job Postings.

Go browsing today on the Grand Lodge web.
DeMolay Leaders Confer Degrees

The degree team included 2 members of the October 2nd Man-To-Mason Adventure, and 4 DeMolay Past State Master Counsellors.

Bro. Nicholas C. Leesard-Chaudoin and his father, Joseph Chaudoin, were both selected to join Abraham C. Trencher Lodge No. 682 at the October One Day Adventure, but when Nick's Reserve Unit was called up to active service, both had to miss that event. Joe decided to continue the Masonic journey by taking the traditional EA and FC degrees in Lodge 682 during October and November, but Nick's situation was uncertain, until he received a Christmas leave from Port Lewis, Washington. By virtue of a dispensation, Nick received all three degrees of Freemasonry on December 30th, and Joe was able to complete his third degree, which accomplished their first goal of joining together! Nick's Advisors and Brothers from the Order of DeMolay conferred the degrees. His Entered Apprentice-Degree was conferred by Bro. Keith A. Bortz, Past State Master Counsellor, and presently the Chapter Advisor of Reading Chapter, and Worshipful Master of Union Lodge No. 479. His Fellowcraft Degree was conferred by Bro. Noble P. Johnson, District Deputy Grand Master, and Chairman of the Elizabeth Chapter Advisory Council. The Master Mason Degree was conferred on both Nick and his father by Bro. Brent D. Richards, Past State Master Counsellor and Director of Publications for Pennsylvania DeMolay.

Also participating in the degrees were the following Active DeMolays— Senior Deacon; Bro. Stephen L. Prazenska, PSMC; Junior Deacon, Bro. Nathaniel Prakosz; Junior Master of Ceremonies, Justin D. Killian, State Master Counsellor; and Advisors— Senior Master of Ceremonies, Nathan P. Johnson, PMC; Eugenio N. Velez, Pursuivant; William J. Prazenska, Guide; and Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Officer in PA, Guide.

Rainbow Girls Present Books

The Erie Shrine Hospital was the recent beneficiary of children's books from members of North East Assembly No. 20, Order of the Rainbow for Girls. More than 100 children's books were presented through the charitable donations collected by the girls.

The books were presented to Mr. Richard Braun, Administrator of the Erie hospital. The books will be provided to children in the outpatient waiting rooms, inpatient activity rooms and surgical recovery rooms.

DeMolay Month Scheduled

March 18, 2005 marks the 80th Anniversary of the founding of DeMolay in Kansas City, Missouri, and Chapters around the world will celebrate by dedicating the month of March to DeMolay. The goal of DeMolay Month is to have every DeMolay around the globe involved in lots of activities to show the world why DeMolay is great.

Pennsylvania DeMolay Chapters will be joining in this exciting celebration by holding special activities including Senior DeMolay Nights, Masonic Recognition Programs and participating in various civic service and Masonic service projects.

Additionally, government officials will be signing proclamations recognizing March as DeMolay Month. Each DeMolay Chapter will also be attending a worship service at a local church, synagogue or temple in observance of the DeMolay Devotional Obligatory Day.

Also as a part of DeMolay Month, the Rose Crox Class will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. This annual induction class is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Crox and is held in honor of the Most Wise Master.

Pennsylvania DeMolay will recognize Chapters that report their DeMolay Month activities with the DeMolay Month Award of Excellence, which will be presented at the PA DeMolay Convention in Bethlehem in July. The three Chapters with the best observances will also be recognized with special plaques and cash awards. The DeMolay Month Competition is sponsored annually by Lodge No. 9 that meets in Philadelphia.
New Recognition Wall Unveiled

at Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

On Thursday, October 21, 2004, almost 80 guests attended the Grand Master's reception to unveil the new Masonic Recognition Wall at the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill. The recognition wall provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the individuals, lodges and chapters whose generosity makes a difference in the lives of the residents.

R.W. Grand Master William Sheer II offered his deepest appreciation to donors and acknowledged the achievements of several members of the Board of Directors and Life Members of the former Masonic Home of Pennsylvania. "These brethren and their predecessors have earned a solid foundation on which we continue for the future. The union of our Masonic Villages this year has not only brought our communities together but has also united our Family of Freemasonry in a shared purpose to ensure the highest quality of care and services for the residents of this community for perpetuity... This spirit of unification is exemplified in the Masonic Recognition Wall."

Gifts at the Friends to Friend level honor all donors who contribute $1,000 or more to benefit residents who are unable to pay for the full cost of their care at the Masonic Village. Please consider sharing in the "Mission of Love" by becoming part of this new recognition society. For additional information about making a contribution, please call the regional Director of Gift Planning at one of the following numbers: Elizabethtown: (800) 599-6454, Lafayette Hill: (610) 625-5601 or Sewickley: (800) 572-0664.

The thought you give today will make a difference in the lives of our residents tomorrow.

Pictured below, left to right, are past haze officers of the former Masonic Home of Pennsylvania showing their continued support of the community: Bro. Albert Schofflamer, Br. Morton Lader, Br. James Sandidge, Br. Dalliet Bowers, Br. Richard Lousquis and Br. Kenneth Mills.

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New in the Grand Lodge Library

Definitive Work of Masonic Bibliography

Freemasonry, Anti-Masonry and Illuminism in the United States

1734 - 1890

A Bibliography by Kent Logan Walgren

Worcester, MA American Antiquarian Society, 2003 (2 volumes, $195)

Review by: Gwynn A. Waldman, Librarian

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

www.penngrand.org

This work is the definitive Masonic bibliography for the first 116 years of Freemasonry in what is now the United States. It is an essential reference not only for Masonic libraries, but for academic and large public libraries. There are copies in the libraries of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. The bibliography begins with the first Masonic publication in America, Brother Jonathan's Masonic Magazine, 1743. The final entry lists Bro. James Anderson's 1723 Constitutions of the Free-Masons. 1734 was the same year Franklin first served as United Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons. Each entry lists an author and title, year and place of publication, as well as a physical description, appearance in other bibliographies, sometimes a summary of printing history, content, and location of every known copy. At the end of vol. two, are author-title, general, and printer-printer indices. The research is impeccable, and the printing and binding are superb. The 110-page introduction includes lists of illustrations, short titles of references, a glossary of Masonic terms, a bibliography of books and articles on Masonic bibliography, notes on Masonic historical writing, and a solid historical section, in which Walgren begins by discussing Freemasonry in Britain and its early years in America. Professor Steven C. Bullock (author of Revolutionary Brotherhood) follows with Pike's Masonic Musings and the early American Fraternity, telling the reader that with more than 5000 books and pamphlets, and nearly three thousand Masonic periodicals, early American Freemasonry happily took advantage of the press. Only roads remained secret, but later mostly would be printed, at least in ones.

Bullock discusses the many editions of Constitutions or Aesop's Recesses.

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania (borrowing privileges are extended only to Masonic Masons. One of the features of the Circulating Library, established in 1952, is to provide Masonic education and inspiration by the dissemination of Masonic literature among the members of lodges in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Information is available through the web site: www.penngrand.org or write to: The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2920. Phone: 215-998-1344. Books are Wondrous Things

With the words of a good author, they can take you on adventures you never thought possible or live life through another's eyes and experiences. With this in mind here are three books about Freemasons available from the Circulating Library.

This year continues the bicentennial of Explorer Alexander Wilson & William Clark exploration (1803-1809) of the Louisiana Purchase. The Journal of Lewis & Clark (8/1675-1675) begins with President Thomas Jefferson's instructions to Lewis on the commission of this trip to gather plant and mineral samples and study and survey the new and uncharted territory and ends with their return to St. Louis in Sept. 1806. In between they encountered native cultures with Indians, wild animals, fur traders, the wonder & excitement of seeing new lands and the boredom of being far from home.

Quite a few readers are familiar with Rudyard Kipling's The Man who would be King, an epic story of the tale of two 18th C. Englishmen who convince themselves in the wilds of the Himalayas that they are God's incarnate come to raise them and succeed for a time. This story makes for entertaining fiction but Josiah Harlan, Pennsylvania Freemason andiaplanter, lived a life that would demonstate the enzy of Daniel Daviot and Peachey Canehan. Ben Macintyke tells of Harlan's life and adventures. In The Man who would be King, the first American in Afghanistan (1843-1846/1855). He leaves this country in 1798 at the age of twenty-one and his taste for the things of this world provokes a desire for adventure, travel, and romance and spends the next twenty years as General Joseph as served a surgeon for the Maharajah of Punjab, revolutionary agent for the East India Company and commander-in-chief of the Afghan armies.

Other space is often taken of the last month and what better way to explore it than with John Glenn: a memoir (8/06/55/555). America's first astronaut to orbit the Earth, Glenn tells of his early years in New Concord, Ohio, his military career during W.W. II and Korea as a Marine fighter pilot, the early days of space exploration, his time in the U.S. Senate and his last space flight in 1998. In his memoir, Glenn tells of the men and women he met along the way, fought with in battle and inspired him to work and serve his country. Check out the Circulating Library website for more books, audio and videotapes, CDs and DVDs about Freemasonry and Masonry.
Bro. William Vaupel Receives Jefferson Public Service Award

At ceremonies in Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh on Thursday, January 27, Bro. William Vaupel received the Jefferson Award for Public Service.

In addition, the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System received a $1,000 donation in honor of the VA Pigott Foundation.

Bro. Vaupel has reported for volunteer duty at the gastroenterology lab of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System twice a week for the past 14 years. From 7 am to 3 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays, he stocks shelves, cleans beds and jokes with veterans as he escorts them to their procedures.

Several years ago, the VA gave Bro. Vaupel a plaque in honor of the 7,500 hours of service. And in October, the Syria Shriners' Lodge of Honor surprised him at a dinner with an award for outstanding volunteer service. He got into volunteer work after retiring from his store (Vaupel Electronics) in 1989. "A buddy of mine was volunteering at the VA, and I went with him one day and I've been volunteering there ever since."

He was nominated for the award by Melinda O'Connell, a former registered nurse at the lab, "he puts his fellow veterans at ease with funny stories and memories of his own time in military service. He served in World War II and the Korean conflict.

Bro. Vaupel's own health has not been without problems. He had a heart attack 10 years ago and has had two knee replacements and prostate cancer and is now dealing with high blood pressure and cholesterol. It's slowed him down you'd never notice because the VA isn't the only recipient of Vaupel's efforts. He does maintenance work at two churches, collects clothes and food for the needy, and delivers soap to a men's shelter. He drives people who need rides, and any time he hears of medical equipment not longer in use, he finds it a new home.

"I have a philosophy," he said. "The road of life for all of us is not straight and smooth. It's got curves and rough patches. If I can straighten out for someone, it makes me happy. And at my age, I want to be happy. Giving money is not enough. You've got to give where it costs you, inconvenience yourself. Take the time to help people who have no one else to turn to." He truly shares the Light of Freemasonry.

Bro. William N. Vaupel, 83, is a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 573. He is a 55 year Mason and has served three times as Worshipful Master of his Lodge — 1959, 1979 and 2004. Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 697. He is a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 573 following a merger of his former Lodge. He is active in other Masonic bodies: Scottish Rite, Shriners, Knights of York and York Rite Masonry.

VOLUNTEERING FOR CHIP

Volunteers at this first District C CHIP event on Jan. 26th at the Green Line School in Audubon, PA where 65 children were processed included (l-r) front row standing: Jason Brown, Bill Young, Tom Miller, POSOM, Garry Sprogl, Armando Duran, Bob Bulman DDGM 36. Next row standing: Gary Davis DDGM C, Kola Walking, Jennifer Walking, Shevalier, Robert Walking, (holding) Paul Feigel, Richard Jones, Charles Liskin in front; Ken Walking. The event was made possible with the help of Brethren from District C and District 36.
TREASURES OF THE TEMPLE

by Laura Libert, Contributing Curator

Lean on Me:
Walking sticks from the collection of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

The popularity of walking sticks has been on the rise since the early 19th century. Many walking sticks from this period were not just a means of support but they were often personally decorated or, in high fashion, to provide advice and assistance to other institutions wishing to start any similar program.

The Academy held its final session in the Delaware auditorium at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown on Saturday, October 19, with over 150 brothers in attendance. The featured speaker was Wayne T. Adams, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the State of Maine who spoke on "survival skills" as applied to our Craft. M.W. Brother Adams, a prominent author and articulate speaker is very well known as a Mason unafraid to speak his mind, with innovative ideas as well as criticisms concerning North American Freemasonry.

The afternoon session was devoted to discussion on "The Origins of Freemasonry" with presentations from Brothers C. DeForest Trelux, P.M., Greenleaf Lodge No. 561; Dr. Theodore W. Sabich, Jr., Jordan Lodge No. 673; and Gerald W. West, Jr., P.M., Perseverance Lodge No. 21. Interest in the Academy continues to grow both within our jurisdiction as well as in many worldwide jurisdictions. Although membership in the Academy is limited to Pennsylvania Freemasons, we provide advice and assistance to other jurisdictions wishing to start any similar program.

The Spring Academy session will be held on Saturday, March 19, in the Delaware auditorium. Registration will open at 8 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:30. The program will be completed at approximately 3 p.m. All pre-registered Masons are encouraged to attend. The featured speakers will be Brother and Doctor John L. Cooper, III, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California and Brother William J. Molle, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of the Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, as well as Deputy for the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction for the State of Louisiana. Both the brothers are well known and recognized scholars of Freemasonry, and both will address the unique structure of the Craft in their jurisdictions. Plan to attend and bring a brother with you. Ones of our goals in Freemasonry is the acquisition of knowledge and the Academy provides a great opportunity for you to learn and to understand more about the significance of the Craft. Advance registration is required. Please use the coupon to register by fax (610) 934-8183 or electronically at strn.com/mama. *

Academy of Masonic Knowledge Pre-Registration Form
Advance registration is necessary for the Academy of Masonic Knowledge on Saturday, March 19, 2005. Please complete the pre-registration coupon and send it by March 10 to:
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I am a Mason and plan to attend the Academy of Masonic Knowledge on March 19 at Elizabethtown.

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O. W. Roberts, Editor
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Somerston Chapter, Order of Demolay and Penn Valley Rainbow Assembly, assisted Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside, PA, with their first CHIP event, held at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. The youth are very good at getting the children to talk on the video, to help establish identifiable speech patterns. Working in the project were Bruce Stevens, W.M., FYF Representative-John Hoen, and Charles Lankert, PM, John H. Brown Lodge 751. Officer Gregg from the Newtown Borough Police was on hand to help with fingerprinting. A total of 36 volunteers worked to "CHIP" 59 young people.

Three Generations of Cochrans in Masonry

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Bro. David Cochran of Manheim Lodge No. 587 sponsored his two sons, Troy and Kyle, in the Reading Men to Mason One-Day Class on October 2, which now brings three generations of Cochrans together as Master Masons.

Above left is Bro. James Shown, PM, Reading Lodge 548, mentor for the initiates; Bro. Troy Cochran, son; One-Day Class; Bro. David Cochran; Bro. Elwood Cochran, grandfather; Columbia Lodge No. 285 (59 years a Mason); Bro. Kyle Cochran, son, One-Day Class, and Bro. Marvin Cochran, brother, raised in 2003.

In addition to being the principal recommender of his two sons, Bro. Dave also fist-name signed for his brother, Marvin.

Bro. David Cochran of Manheim Lodge No. 587 sponsored his two sons, Troy and Kyle, in the Reading Men to Mason One-Day Class on October 2, which now brings three generations of Cochrans together as Master Masons.

Above left is Bro. James Shown, PM, Reading Lodge 548, mentor for the initiates; Bro. Troy Cochran, son; One-Day Class; Bro. David Cochran; Bro. Elwood Cochran, grandfather; Columbia Lodge No. 285 (59 years a Mason); Bro. Kyle Cochran, son, One-Day Class, and Bro. Marvin Cochran, brother, raised in 2003.

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At Home at Masonic Village at Sewickley

If you want to find Jerry Sherman, your best bet is to visit the Tulsa Wellness Center about 7:30 a.m. A former engineer in the nuclear power industry and member of Lodge No. 225, Jerry enjoys his morning workouts almost as much as he and his wife, Billie, enjoy socializing in the dining room. "Occasionally, I have to look around the dining room to make sure we are not the last ones there," Billie added.

Jerry and Billie moved to Masonic Village last May and have never looked back."We just made our minds up that we wanted to do this while we are still independent enough to enjoy it," Billie said.

In fact, the Sherman considered downsizing to a one-bedroom rental home. "Our son was instrumental in helping us to see that a rental was not the best decision," Jerry shared. "We would still have to seek our expensive home care services if one of us ever needed help." Billie added that they did not want to be isolated from other people.

After investigating retirement communities, the Shermans concluded that the lifestyle concept was the best solution since it protects their assets as well as their health care options. They will continue to pay the same monthly rate, even if one of them should someday need assisted living or nursing services.

The Shermans enjoy the many benefits of the community, such as the varied floor plans to choose from, flexible meal plans, on-campus recreational and educational activities and transportation to cultural and sporting events and to shop.

The Shermans reside in the South Hills area of Pittsburgh and, after visiting their house in the early spring, had an offer from the second couple who looked at it. Billie claimed it took very little time to begin referring to Masonic Village as "home" and likes to share with her visiting friends that, "we have never regretted our move here, not even for a minute."

The Shermans are always quick to point out how interesting and friendly all the residents are. And when their friends visit, they are amazed at how beautiful the community is.

Billie, who previously worked as a volunteer coordinator for a senior services organization, has been able to explore her artistic side by attending a watercolor painting class and a drawing class at the Masonic Village art studios. Jerry, on the other hand, prefers researching topics on his computer and just has been elected to serve on the Resident Executive Committee.

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Fernwood Lodge No. 543 recently donated 15 book cases and 1,800 books to the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill’s library. Pictured above, left to right: Bro. Virgil D. "Burt" Penn, III, resident Ethel Nafziger and Joshua Bond, recreation director.

Thank you!