

# BEACON

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## 2003 One-Day Classes set for Ohio Masonic Districts

Ohio Masons have enthusiastically called for an encore, and the new Grand Master has agreed.

A one-day class will be held in each of Ohio's 25 Masonic Districts on a Saturday in March 2003, with a hope of rekindling the spirit that led to a hugely successful event last April.

Each District, under the leadership of its District Advisor and District Deputy Grand Masters will plan the event to meet local needs, under guidelines provided by the Grand Master's One-Day Class Committee. R.W. Jim S. Deyo, Senior Grand Warden, has been appointed chairman of the committee for the second consecutive year.

Most provisions will be the same as last year:

- All three Symbolic Lodge Degrees will be conferred on one day in one location, utilizing the best ritualistic work available.
- No examination or memorization requirements will be enforced
- Lodges may take action on petitions at special meetings.
- All candidates must petition a regular Lodge, pay that Lodge's normal initiation fee, be investigated and approved by ballot in the usual manner.
- Each candidate will be assigned a "mentor," to be with him and assist throughout the degrees.

A goal of 5,000 new Master Masons has been set by Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., for the one-day classes in March next year.

A similar goal was established last year and was substantially exceeded as approximately 7,750 new Master Masons were welcomed into membership that day.

Last year's fantastic success has rejuvenated many Ohio Lodges, created unprecedented enthusiasm in the Fraternity around the state, and focused

the attention of Masons all over the world on Ohio's accomplishments.

This year, each Lodge will provide the Bible and Apron for each candidate, as is traditionally the practice. A summary of the guidelines and procedure are published elsewhere in this issue.

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## William P. Mayberry, Sr., installed as Grand Master

A native of Dayton, and longtime businessman and Masonic worker in the Dayton area, William P. Mayberry, Sr., was elected and installed as Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, during the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in Toledo in October.

After his installation, Most Worshipful Brother Mayberry announced that his theme for the year is, "Freemasonry: Building a Brighter Tomorrow."

His program for the year will focus on three basic areas for improvement: (1) community service, (2) charitable giving, and (3) membership development.

The Grand Master has announced that the Grand Lodge will seek volunteers on the local level to be part of the OhioReads Program in local school districts throughout the state (see story on page 11).

He has pledged strong support for contributions to the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation, and he has established plans for a Grand Master's One-Day Class in March 2003. (See story on this page.)

Most Worshipful Brother Mayberry has been actively involved in the moving and storage business for more



than 47 years. After high school graduation, he went to work for his father at Mayberry's Van & Storage, Inc., becoming President in 1975 and Chairman in 1995. He served as President of the Dayton Movers Association in 1968 and 1979, and President of the Ohio Movers and

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER



by *William P. Mayberry, Sr., Grand Master*

I am honored to assume the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. of Ohio, and thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I hope that I may be worthy of that confidence and that my actions as your Grand Master will meet with your approval.

After the success of the Grand Master's One-Day Class on April 27,

2002, we know that there are good men out there that want to be a part of our fraternity. So the decision has been made to have another One-Day Class.

This time, each of the 25 Masonic Districts in Ohio will conduct their own One-Day Class. Each class will be held on a Saturday during the month of March, 2003, except for March 8, 2003, which is the day of the State Secretaries Association Annual Meeting.

The District Advisor and District Deputy Grand Masters of each district are responsible for organizing and planning the details, under the guidelines to be provided by the Grand Master's One-Day Class Committee. The Chairman of this committee is R.W. Brother Jim S. Deyo, Senior Grand Warden. By having a One-Day Class in each district, I think we are in a better position to serve our candidates. I ask for the support of each Ohio Mason, to sponsor a good man into our fraternity by signing his petition to become a Freemason.

This year, I have selected the theme: "Freemasonry: Building a Brighter Tomorrow." Briefly, I would like to tell you why.

First, the symbolism of building fits with everything we should practice as Masons. It implies that we are creating something substantial – that we are adding value to our world.

Next, it builds on our symbolism of light in Freemasonry. We are like a lighthouse, shining its bright beacon of hope and safety over a world where virtue is too often lost and faith, hope, and charity sound old-fashioned.

Finally, it focuses our attention and efforts clearly on the future. The Ohio inventor, Charles F. Kettering, once said he was interested in tomorrow because that was where he would spend the rest of his life. As Masons, we all feel the appeal of our unique history, but our vision and hopes must look to the future – the place where we and our families will spend the rest of our lives.

Considered in this light, the theme, "Freemasonry: Building a Brighter Tomorrow," is a positive affirmation that says, "we can make the future a better and brighter place to live, work, raise our families, and worship God."

No Grand Master can successfully lead the Grand Lodge of Ohio without active support of the Grand Lodge Officers and membership. Our Grand Lodge Officers, District Advisors, and District Deputy Grand Masters are dedicated and well qualified. We seek your support as we strive to advance the cause of Freemasonry while "Building a Brighter Tomorrow."

## PROGRESSIVE YEAR ENDS AND NEW CHALLENGES EMERGE



by *Joseph (Jerry) B. Kuyoth, Jr., C.N.H.A. CEO, The Ohio Masonic Home*

Calendar Year 2002 was a major year of accomplishment for your Masonic Home. After almost a year of intense negotiations, the purchase of the assets of The Oaks At Medina, now Western Reserve Masonic Community, was completed on March 4th. This modern 219-unit continuing care retirement community has provided access to

our Masonic families living in northeast Ohio, and is available to each of you 55-years-old and older.

Construction projects on all campuses have continued with enlarged kitchen and storage buildings and new patio homes at Browning Masonic Community in Waterville. The three new Springfield campus projects include the addition of 11 duplex patio homes with double garages and more than 1,300 square feet of living space. This brings the total number of independent living homes on the Springfield campus to 106.

Iredell Gardens has provided our apartment complex with 60 additional one and two bedroom units. It will open in February.

Lastly, Burdick Tower has expanded our Masonic Health Care dining program with a new kitchen and activity space on each of the five floors of the Eastern Star and Scottish Rite Wings.

As six-years of construction wind to a close, I am appreciative of our Board for the advances and improvement in facilities we have seen.

### **Masonic Senior Services Program**

But 2002 has also brought about the birth of a new program. The Masonic Senior Services Program provides Masons and their relatives consultation and support in maximizing community resources available for their care. It also assists those who would like to stay in their own homes or in their local communities. Combined with our Corporate Compliance Program, Quality Improvement Initiatives and pending Continuing Care Accreditation Commission survey, I am honored to work for an organization that is about doing what is right in all cases.

On behalf of the OMH Board of Trustees and our subsidiary Boards of Trustees as well as the associates and residents of our four communities, I extend our warm holiday greetings to you and your family and our best wishes for a safe, joyous New Year.

# OMH Trustees plan Masonic orphans scholarship program

Proposed guidelines to create a scholarship program for orphaned children of Ohio Masons was drafted and subsequently approved at the Board of Trustees August meeting.

“A scholarship application process will be completed incorporating the Board’s recommendations and submitted for final Board coordination and approval,” said Board Treasurer Illustrious Brother Wilbur B. Smith, 33°.

“I anticipate we will probably start publicizing the student application process in 2003 and start awarding scholarships in 2004. This will allow the Ohio Masonic Home’s Finance Committee to invest the scholarship endowment funds so the interest and dividend income can start generating scholarship funds to be awarded,” he added.

The Ohio Masonic Home has transferred \$500,000 from funds received from the Entered Apprentice assessment fee that had been reserved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio and, which was released by code change in the 192nd Grand Lodge Communication, to start an initial

endowment fund for this Scholarship program.

“The Grand Lodge of Ohio has its own scholarship program, with the 47 annual recipients selected by their college or university, with no Masonic membership affiliation required. The Home’s program will be appropriately focused on orphaned or surviving children of Ohio Masons,” said Ohio’s Grand Lodge Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother George O. Braatz, P.G.M.

“This is a new and exciting program,” said Board Chairman, Illustrious Brother William M. Berry, 33°. “Although I can not discuss all the program details now, I know there will be some very deserving young students who will be anxious to apply for these scholarships,” added Berry.

“When the Ohio Masonic Home Scholarship Fund procedures and guidelines are approved, we will publicize the scholarships available, the program terms, qualifications and restrictions to all Ohio Masonic organizations,” said the OMH Chief Executive Officer, Brother Jerry Kuyoth.

## William P. Mayberry, Sr. *(continued from page 1)*

Warehousemen’s Association in 1985 and 1986, and in 1992, was elected to the organization’s Hall of Fame.

M.W. Brother Mayberry was raised a Master Mason in 1967 in Riverview Lodge #717, and served as Worshipful Master in 1979. In 2000, Riverview Lodge and three other Lodge consolidated to form Millennium Lodge #779.

He is a member of Mt. Moriah Chapter, R.A.M.; Silver Trowel Council, R.&S.M., and Reed Commandery, Knights Templar. In 1998, he was made a Knight Commander of the Temple by the Knights Templar. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Thomas Smith Webb Council, Allied Masonic Degrees and Past Sovereign of Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

The Grand Master is a member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Dayton, and received the 33rd Degree in 1989. He is chairman of the Valley’s Executive Committee.

He is also a member of Antioch Shrine in Dayton; the Past Master’s Club; the Royal Order of Jesters; Dayton-Victory Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star; Miami Valley York Rite College, and Irish Council, Knight Masons. He is also a Trustee of the Ohio Masonic Home.

Most Worshipful Brother Mayberry is a Past District Deputy Grand Master in the Second Masonic District. He was appointed into the Grand Lodge Officer Line by Past Grand Master Neil M. Smalley in 1995, and has moved steadily up the line in all positions until his election as Grand Master.

## Grand Lodge Officers 2002-2003

**Grand Master**  
William P. Mayberry, Sr., Dayton

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Terry W. Posey, Tipp City

**Grand Tyler**  
William P. Mayberry, Jr., Dayton

## Masonry at the movies

To make the public more aware of the positive effect the Masonic Fraternity is having on Ohio communities, the Grand Lodge has authorized the use of three promotional slides to be shown in movie theaters in many areas in Ohio.

These slides are shown at the beginning of films and will be featured from Thanksgiving through the first of January. They showcase our Scholarship, Special Olympics, and Life Skills Camp efforts.

The Grand Lodge Web page is displayed on the bottom of each slide to enable those interested to learn more about our great Fraternity.

Total Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Lodge's regular initiation fees) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASS – MARCH, 2003**



Petition for Degrees  
To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

\_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio

**The Petition of the Subscriber Respectfully Showeth:**

*That he has long entertained a favorable opinion of your Ancient Institution and is desirous of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy;*

*That he believes in the existence and perfection of God.*

**Have you ever petitioned a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons anywhere?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If you have, state what Lodge, where situated and when petitioned.

His present residence is \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Street City Zip Phone

where he has lived since the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Soc. Sec. No. \_\_\_\_\_

He was born at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

His occupation is _____	Place of business _____

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended By \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGN FULL NAME. Abbreviations or initials not sufficient). If no Middle Name write word "NONE"

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OR PRINT NAME IN FULL ON THIS LINE**

Please suggest a friend, who would be your "mentor" at the degree work. This person will be with you all day to advise and assist in the degrees. (If you prefer the Lodge to appoint a "mentor," leave the line blank.)

**Check with your Lodge to find the date and location of the Grand Master's Class in your area. Or, visit [www.freemason.com](http://www.freemason.com) or call the Grand Lodge office at (800) 292-6092.**

*GENERIC PETITION — The petition above may be used if a potential candidate does not have available a petition from a specific Lodge. See "Petitioning Instructions" on accompanying page for full explanation of use.*

## Grand Master's One-Day Class dates & locations

Date	City	District	Date	City	District	Date	City	District
3-1-03	Sandusky	16	3-15-03	Xenia	8	3-29-03	Chillicothe	7
	Steubenville	24					Gallipolis	12
3-8-03	Toledo	11	3-22-03	Ashtabula	25		Mansfield	20
				Cambridge	23		Marietta	17
3-15-03	Canton	21		Cincinnati	1		Marion	15
				Columbus	14		Owensville	6
				Heath	19		Sidney	3
				New Lexington	13		Springfield	9
				Van Wert	4		Zanesville	18
	Cleveland	22						
	Dayton	2						
	Defiance	5						
	Lima	10						

# Instructions for Worshipful Masters and Lodge Secretaries for Grand Master's 2003 One-Day Class

1. After a Lodge has received a petition, investigated and favorably balloted on the candidate, he must be informed of the details of the Grand Master's Class. The Lodge must explain the options of "traditional degree conferral," "one-day," or a combination of the two for receiving the degrees.

2. The Candidate then must be given the opportunity to choose whether he wishes to receive his three Symbolic Lodge degrees as part of the one-day class, or use the traditional manner of obtaining the degrees. (Please note: according to a directive by the Grand Master, only the Candidate can make this decision. The Lodge is not to decide for him.)

3. If the Candidate decides to attend the Grand Master's Class, the Lodge Secretary must fill out the "Grand Master's Class Registration Form."

4. Lodges are also encouraged to contact all Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts and give them the opportunity to complete their degrees in one day with the memorization requirements waived. If an EA or FC decides to participate, the "Grand Master's Class Registration Form" for each should be filled out.

5. In addition, Lodges are encouraged to contact all members of the first One-Day Class from 2002, and provide them with instructions and petitions so they may offer the opportunity to petition to their friends and family.

6. The Lodge Secretary must send the Registration Forms to the District Advisor by the deadline of February 21, 2003. Please don't wait until the deadline, however. If you have one or more forms completed earlier, send them as soon as possible to help expedite the paperwork. Obviously, the forms should not be sent in until balloting has occurred.

7. The candidate should be instructed to bring with him to the degree presentation a letter from the Lodge on Lodge stationery, acknowledging that he has been elected for the degrees.

8. The District Advisor will see that registration officials are aware of and waiting for each candidate where the degree work will be presented. There

should be no surprises for the registration officials, which is why the Lodge Secretary and District Advisor and District Deputy Grand Masters must utilize efficient and effective communications.

9. The District Advisor will send all forms promptly to the Grand Secretary, but certainly by February 21, 2002.

10. The Lodge is responsible for seeing that a "mentor" is available for each candidate who will attend the Grand Master's Class. Every candidate will have such a "mentor," who will be with him and assist him during the degrees. If seating capacity is limited at certain locations because of the quantity of candidate, one "mentor" will be asked to work with two Candidates. The Candidate should be given the opportunity to select a "mentor," or the Lodge should select one.

11. The Lodge must provide a Bible and a white lambskin apron for each Candidate. These must be brought to the event by the "mentor" or another representative of the Lodge and given to the "mentor" at the site.

12. Candidates will register on sheets of paper – one for each Lodge – and these sheets will be sent by the District Advisor to each Lodge immediately after the one-day class, officially acknowledging to the Lodge that their Candidate or Candidates did indeed participate in the Grand Master's Class and received the degrees.

13. The Lodge Secretary then must inform the Grand Secretary, using normal membership communication methods, of each new member's name, address, and other pertinent

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## Petitioning instructions for Grand Master's 2003 One-Day Classes

1. Remove "generic" petition from Beacon, or download and print out petition from Web page. Candidate should fill out as completely as possible.
2. Insert the name and number of the Lodge the candidate is seeking to join.
3. Each Lodge has its own fee structure. If you do not know the amount of fees for the Lodge for this petition, contact the Lodge Secretary, or the Grand Secretary's office. (Grand Secretary's telephone: 1-800/292-6092) A check for the amount of the fees should accompany the petition.
4. The petition should be signed by two members of the Lodge. If two such signatures are not immediately available, submit the petition anyway and the Lodge will attempt to secure those signatures for you.
5. Every candidate must be accompanied by a "mentor," who will be with him and assist him during the degrees. Please indicate your choice for a mentor, or whether you would prefer the Lodge select one for you.
6. Send the petition to the Lodge Secretary, or, if you do not know his address, send it to the Grand Secretary, who will forward it to the Lodge. (The Grand Secretary's address is P.O. Box 629, Worthington, OH 43085-0629.)
7. After receiving the petition, the Lodge will perform its normal investigation of the candidate, and then ballot on the candidate.
8. The candidate will be notified by the Lodge that a "clear" ballot was achieved, and will provide information on the selection of a "mentor" and the time, place and other details about the One-Day Class.
9. Coat and tie will be the appropriate attire for all in attendance.

# OMH begins Web site renovation and improvements

During the past year, associates at The Home and its corporate subsidiary communities have been researching, evaluating, and planning changes to improve The Home's Web site at [www.ohiomasonichome.org](http://www.ohiomasonichome.org), which is still "under construction."

"We created a Web site several years ago. However, like many companies, we did not explore its true potential," said The Home's Chief Executive Officer, Jerry Kuyoth. "In today's marketplace, it is crucial for a business to use its Web site as a tool to showcase services and products to potential clients, and do it better than their competition," he said.

Extensive research was done reviewing other for-profit and not-for-profit retirement community Web sites, both Masonic affiliated and non-Masonic.

"We were trying to identify common content elements or characteristics that make a good Web site. For example, integrated quality writing and design, fast loading graphics, easy-to-read type fonts, complimentary colors, easy site navigation, and an interactive mode were all paramount elements of a quality site, when keyed to a specific target audience," said Jerry Guess, director of public relations.

After The Home identified what they wanted to accomplish with a redeveloped Web site, a search was started to find an experienced vendor. TDH Marketing, Communications, Inc., one of Dayton's largest full-service advertising agency and marketing services company with extensive experience in creating and maintaining national and international Web sites was selected.

## Site developed in phases

The Home's Web site will be redeveloped in phases. Contents of the corporate subsidiary sites will mirror the parent corporation. For example, each site will include a vision and mission statement, brief corporate profile, a list of its Board of Trustees, a staff directory and contact information, community information such as a community activities calendar, campus maps and directions, a message from the CEO or corporate president, online postcards with campus photographs, news releases, fact sheets, online newsletters, and eventually an interactive mode to foster a sense of community through discussion groups and to take online surveys to understand client needs.

At some retirement communities, clients complete and submit their community application or admissions information online by using the Web site, to streamline the process and reduce office visits.

"There are a host of other issues to resolve and work, that Web site visitors will not see, such as search engine selection and costs, visitor traffic analysis reports, site modifications based on analysis reports, internal and external or vendor site maintenance, annual site facelifts, content management, user interaction, security, and accessibility," said Guess.

Visit The Home's Web site at [www.ohiomasonichome.org](http://www.ohiomasonichome.org) frequently, watch the changes, and provide your comments and suggestions to improve the site.

## Iredell Gardens nears completion



*IREDELL GARDENS – Only 90 days from completion, Iredell Gardens is Masonic Retirement Village's new three-story, 60-unit apartment complex on the Springfield campus. Spacious one and two-bedroom units can be reserved now with occupancy in February 2003 by calling the MRV Marketing Department toll-free at 888/290-2664 or in the Springfield area call 937/525-3006.*

## Masonic Square Patio Homes



*FINAL COUNTDOWN – Burnham and Mary Jean Scott visit their new Masonic Square patio home one week prior to their scheduled move. Masonic Retirement Village Marketing Representative Kay Allen accompanied the Scott's during their visit and reviewed some kitchen appliance controls with them.*

## Browning Masonic Community News

# Pre-K tykes and seniors share special moments

What may appear to be pandemonium at Browning Masonic Community is actually a monthly highlight for many Browning residents.

Every month 19 preschoolers filled with energy and excitement from Waterville's Something Special Day Care Center visit Browning residents. The children perform songs, dance, and share their labors of art which are treasured by the residents. The residents in turn read stories to the children, listen to their many daily adventures and share unlimited hugs and laughter.

"Visiting the Browning residents is the children's favorite activity," said Rand Perino, day care instructor.

"The children really pay attention," said resident Bella Shafer. "Especially when we read stories to them. They are wonderful," she added.

Marian Snyder added a dramatic flair to the story she read to the children about a day in the life of a rhinoceros. The children giggled and clapped with delight. "This is the first time I've done this. It's really exciting," she said.

Near the end of their visit, the pre-kindergarten class enjoy their cookies and eventually wave good-bye. As one five-year old departs he shouts, "Don't worry, we're coming right back."

The "Pre-School, Senior Getting-to-Know You" program is just one of many exciting and unique activities offered to Browning residents.

To schedule a campus visit and tour or to receive more information about Browning Masonic Community, please call 419/878-4055 in the Waterville area or toll-free at 866/878-4055.



*PAINTING A WORD PICTURE – Browning resident Carmen Beaverson uses her voice to electrify the imagination of the young children who listen and learn from the many stories she reads to them during their visit.*

## OES Grand Chapter Gift Committee



*Members of the Grand Chapter, OES Masonic Home Committee met on the Springfield campus in August to select the projects the committee will fund for the 2002-2003 year. Pictured here (left to right): RWB Tim Strawn, President, OMH Benevolent Endowment Foundation; WB Jake Frederick, PGP; Marie Williams, PGM, Committee Chairman; Carolyn McCahan, WGM; WB Glenn Place, PGP; Coralee Holahan, PGM; and WB Richard Manifold, WGP.*

# FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



by **Timothy B. Strawn CAE**, President, *The Ohio Masonic Home Benevolent Endowment Foundation, Inc.*

## How Can We Help?

As we travel about the state, visiting lodges and talking with friends of

The Home, it's not uncommon for us to be asked: "How can we help?" There are several very practical ways in which brethren, family and friends can provide gifts that will enable us to carry on the century-plus mission to which we are dedicated: providing care with concern and compassion to all. Among them are the following:

1. Make an outright gift of cash, stock or other appreciated assets.
2. When reviewing your will (and they should be reviewed every several years to assure they are up to date!), instruct your attorney to include a bequest to The Home;
3. Leave written or verbal instructions for your surviving spouse to include The

Home or Foundation when redrawing her or his will;

4. Amend an existing insurance policy to add The Home as an additional beneficiary or simply purchase a new one for our benefit;

5. Visit your employer's personnel office and ask to amend your group life insurance policy or retirement plan to add The Home as one of your beneficiaries. Or, add us as a recipient if another person predeceases you.

6. If you are over 70 and disappointed with the income you are receiving from long-term stocks or certificates of deposit, consider the benefits of placing some of your assets in a Charitable Gift Annuity with The Home. This vehicle provides an additional income stream to you and/or another person, typically at an attractive rate of return while also providing an income tax deduction and partial bypass of capital gains tax if made with appreciated assets.

7. If you have a sizeable estate, you may want to consider a trust which pays an annual income to The Home for a period of years prior to distributing the principal to your children or

grandchildren. Another type of trust can provide an income stream to you and, at your death, benefit The Home. Each of these may have very attractive tax benefits for the donor.

8. Participation in the Gold Card, One Grand Club, Memorial/Recognition Tree, specially-designated funds or other gift programs.

If you include The Home in your charitable priorities, we hope you will, at a minimum, consider naming us a contingent beneficiary of your will, insurance and/or retirement programs, in the unlikely event that you outlive your heirs.

While we don't practice estate planning, we would be happy to provide you with a complimentary illustration of how a charitable gift can benefit both you and The Home. We encourage you to review any such illustration with your legal and/or financial counselor.

For more information about how you can help, please complete the form below and return it to the Foundation office at the address indicated. We'll be happy to help you find a way to help us!

## Learn More About You Can Help

- Please send me more information about how I can help The Ohio Masonic Home and the charitable giving vehicles I may use to create it
- Please contact me about a personal visit
- Please contact me about naming and recognition opportunities
- Please send me more information about the Rickly Society

### I am also interested in:

- Masonic Square (Independent Living) in Masonic Retirement Village
- The Apartments at Cunningham Place (Independent Living) in Masonic Retirement Village
- Bancroft Manor (Assisted Living) in Masonic Retirement Village
- Hillman Manor (Assisted Living) in Masonic Retirement Village
- One or more of the following levels of nursing care in Masonic Health Care:
  - Intermediate Nursing                      — Skilled Nursing
  - Respite Care                                      — Rehabilitative Care
  - Pathways Center for Alzheimer's Care
- Browning Masonic Community:
  - Patio Homes in Browning Masonic Community in Waterville
  - Independent Living in Browning Masonic Community in Waterville
  - Assisted Living in Browning Masonic Community in Waterville
- Masonic Eastern Star Community:
  - Nursing Care in Masonic Eastern Star Community
  - Assisted Living in Masonic Eastern Star Community
- Western Reserve Masonic Community:
  - Nursing Care
  - Assisted Living
  - Independent Living

To request more information about how you can help, please complete and return this coupon. You also may call the Endowment Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664.

**Please complete this form and return it to:**



THE OHIO MASONIC HOME  
Benevolent Endowment Foundation, Inc.

Five Masonic Drive • Springfield, OH 45504-3658  
Call Toll-Free 888/248-2664 or Fax 937/525-3090

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Area Code First) \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

For more information on these options, we invite you to call: Masonic Retirement Village Admissions toll-free at 888/290-2664; or Masonic Health Care Admissions toll-free at 888/243-2664; or Browning Masonic Community Admissions toll-free at 866/878-4055; or Masonic Eastern Star Community Admissions toll-free at 877/590-7827; or Western Reserve Masonic Community Inc. toll-free at 866/433-1514.

# Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs sponsors Southwest Zone Workshop at Ohio Masonic Home

The Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs recently held its first “Think Tank/Workshop” at the Ohio Masonic Home with seven of eight regional clubs represented. The eighth club was excused from attendance.

Charged by the Association’s President, Lawrence E. Johnson, to initiate a workshop, First Vice President Thomas S. Bevington arranged the meeting and agenda with club leaders and members to discuss ways to improve the clubs, seek pro-active steps to increase club membership, share innovative program and speaker ideas, and to craft new tactics to increase fraternal and public awareness of the clubs and their objectives.

“The member participation during the meeting and the overall response from the members was very positive,” said Bevington. “I will review the evaluation comments from this meeting and then plan and schedule similar meetings with other Ohio clubs,” he added.

High Twelve Club members attending the meeting were: The Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs President, Lawrence E. Johnson, 1st Vice President Thomas S. Bevington, Parliamentarian Thomas M. Major, Chaplain Emeritus Rev. Ronald E. Harrison; Bill Irwin, Dayton #69; Milton Jones and Robert Henson, Springfield #429; Tom Major, Columbus #453; Ray Taylor Hamilton Club #414; Donald L. Stupp, Mound Club #217; Clarence DeVore, Kermit Ratliff, Fred Morgan, Keith Rhoden, Dick Gleadell, Jerry Guess, Tim Strawn, and John Brain, Ohio Masonic Home Club #483.



*PRESIDENTIAL VISIT — Both the Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs President, Lawrence E. Johnson (center) and 1st Vice President, Thomas S. Bevington (left), spoke to The Home’s Club #483 members about the different aspects of the “Think Tank Workshop.” Clarence DeVore, president of The Home’s Club, was the host for both events.*

## WRMC presents concert series

A free, public Concert Series will be held at Western Reserve Masonic Community in 2003. Due to seating limitations, reservations are required to attend each concert. Call the WRMC Marketing Office at 330/721-3000 or toll-free at 866/433-1514 to reserve concert seats. The four scheduled concerts are:

**Jan. 4:**

“Bob Milne” a ragtime pianist, composer and author.

**March 23:**

“Goodyear Singers” the light sounds of Broadway and pop music.

**April 17:**

“Akron Pops Orchestra” classical overtures to Broadway hits.

**May 4:**

“Note-Ability Barbershop Quartet” an all female barbershop quartet affiliated with the Sweet Adeline’s International singing group.

## MESC Grand Family Day

### ‘Singin’ in Cincinnati

Inhibitions were checked at the door during the Masonic Eastern Star Community’s Annual Grand Family Day 2002 held September 15. The collective voices of residents, guests, associates and family members emphasized the event’s theme “Keep On Singing Ties that Bind.”

More than 150 attendees participated in the vocal entertainment opportunities, enjoyed the reception, and visits with residents and their families. Special musical performances were given by the MESC Residents’ Chorus, the SW Ohio Chorus, and soloist George Quallen.

Other event highlights included the presentation of a Proclamation from the Mayor of Cincinnati, the entrance of the 2002 Grand Officers and Syrian Shriners, and special trustee presentations by WGP Richard Manifold and The Masonic Home’s Chief Executive Officer, Jerry Kuyoth, to Elizabeth R. Whitaker for more than 25 years of leadership and service to MESC.

Among the many special guests were: Worthy Grand Matron Carolyn McCahan, Worthy Grand Patron Richard Manifold, and the Syrian Shrine Potentate Gary Caudill.

If you would like to receive information about Masonic Eastern Star Community or arrange a tour, please contact Myra Stryker at 513/542-6464 or call toll-free 877/590-7827 or e-mail her at [mstryker@ohiomasonichome.org](mailto:mstryker@ohiomasonichome.org). MESC is located at 1630 W. North Bend Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.

# Annual Report dedicated to OMH Alumni

Copies of The Ohio Masonic Home's 2001 Annual Report are now available. The Report is dedicated to The Home's Alumni Association, which held their 25th Triennial Homecoming on the Springfield campus in July 2001.

Included are annual messages from The Home's Chairman of the Board, Most Excellent Companion Brother William M. Berry, 33° and Chief Executive Officer Brother Joseph (Jerry) B. Kuyoth, Jr. Messages from either the subsidiary corporate board chairman or senior managers are also included.

Chief Financial Officer, David R. Stacy, gives a Financial Report, and The Home's Benevolent Endowment Foundation, Inc., lists the many donations, contributions, gifts,



bequests, memorials, charitable trusts, and Masonic Lodge contributions made during 2001 to The Home.

Also included are aerial photographs of each of the Home's four communities in Springfield, Waterville, Cincinnati, and Medina.

To receive a free copy of The 2001 Annual Report, send a letter to The Ohio Masonic Home, Public Relations Department, 2655 West National Road, Springfield, Ohio 45504-3698 and include the mailing address where you would like the report sent.

Or send an e-mail request and include the mailing address to [jguess@ohiomasonichome.org](mailto:jguess@ohiomasonichome.org). If you have any questions, please call the Public Relations Department at 937/525-3074.

## WRMC presents 'Moving Simply' seminar

A real estate agent, an auctioneer, and a psychologist combined talents to present a "Moving Simply" seminar in September to more than 200 Medina community residents at Western Reserve Masonic Community.

"One of our goals is to establish WRMC as the premier retirement community of choice and as a continuing source of timely and valuable information to greater Cleveland and Akron seniors concerning all aspects of retirement living," said WRMC Executive Director Jay Dettorre. "This is just the start of a series of informative and educational programs we plan to sponsor for seniors in our community," added Dettorre.

Mary McKeown, a retired real estate agent, discussed how to prepare a home for sale and today's selling process. Auctioneer Jeff Bub explained how an auction is held and the advantages of an auction. Dr. Ashley Shelton, a psychologist, discussed the personal emotions involved in selling a home and moving into a new community.

WRMC's Marketing Director Beth Wilkison and Activities Director Julie Sabo shared humorous stories about the moving process and what an important role humor plays to keep ones

health and well being during stressful times.

Refreshments were served after the seminar and volunteer residents gave campus tours. Many of the campus visitors attending the seminar already had established WRMC move-in dates.

For information about WRMC's future seminar programs or to schedule a personal campus visit and tour, call the Marketing Office toll-free at 866/433-1514.

### HIPAA preparations



James R. Albert, vice president for Information Systems and CIO Masonicare, Inc., Conn., reviews Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) guidance with Masonic Health Care's Health Information Manager, Janeen Heid (left), and The Home's Director of Quality Improvement, Linda Heaton. Albert also presented a briefing, "Practical Strategies to HIPAA Compliance," to Springfield campus employees to help them understand and meet the Federal HIPAA implementation date.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

We offer our grateful appreciation to the estates, individuals, groups, or other Masonic bodies who have supported The Ohio Masonic Home with donations given between July 1, 2002 and September 30, 2002.

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Western Star Lodge #21

# Raymond Poland receives award for overcoming adversity

Raymond L. Poland, a member of Robinson Locke Lodge #659, was presented the P. Dean Gerber Award by Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds at the Grand Lodge Session in Toledo.

The award is presented to those who have overcome extreme adversity. The namesake for the award, Past Grand Master, P. Dean Gerber of Baltic, Ohio, was just such an individual.

On the very cold morning of December 13, 2000, Brother Poland attempted to thaw the hydraulics on a small bulldozer, which had frozen overnight with the bucket up in the air. He was working in a heated garage and did not notice that the safety lock on the bucket was off. When he walked under the bucket, it fell and pinned him to the ground.

Brother Poland was treated at St. Vincent's Hospital for a closed head trauma and paralysis from the chest down. He was hospitalized for five weeks, undergoing five surgeries. Since undergoing the several surgeries, Brother Poland has struggled through physical therapy, working hard to try and recover some use of his legs. Though this effort has been extremely painful and has met with very limited success, Brother Poland continues to keep a positive, determined attitude and is an inspiration to



*The Grand Master congratulates Brother Poland and Mrs. Poland.*

his family and his Masonic brethren.

Brother Poland joined Robinson Locke Lodge in 1994. He was serving as Worshipful Master at the time of the accident. He currently serves Robinson Locke Lodge as a Trustee. In addition, he has been an active member in the York and Scottish Rites. On a personal note, he has taken up two new hobbies, corresponding with the tourist bureaus of all 50 states and coupon clipping, which his wife especially appreciates.

## Help OhioReads Literacy Program

Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., has adopted Governor Bob Taft's literacy program, OhioReads, as a 2002-2003 Masonic community service project.

OhioReads brings together volunteer-reading tutors from the public with kindergarten-fourth grade students in elementary schools that have adopted the program. Tutors volunteer one hour a week and spend that time working with a child as he or she practices their reading skills. All tutors are trained by the local school in the program as it exists at that particular school.

Grand Master Mayberry encourages the entire Ohio Masonic family to get involved with this worthwhile project.

"We are not asking for one dollar to finance this program, just one hour a week of your time," said the Grand Master. "This is a perfect project for the many Ohio Masons and Eastern Star members who are now retired. Many Ohio businesses also recognize this program and are willing to give employees time off to volunteer."

It is hoped that through the

involvement of the Masonic family, the statewide goal of recruiting 40,000 volunteers can be met.

"By continuing to reach out to the public in a variety of ways, we can continue to build our team of tutors and ensure that every child who needs it, can receive help to improve their reading skills," Governor Taft said.

Currently, OhioReads programs are found in 96 percent of Ohio's school districts, but the program only has 27,000 volunteer tutors.

By volunteering as a tutor, each member of the Masonic family will have a lasting positive effect on the life of a child, because the gift of reading is a gift for a lifetime.

For more information about the Grand Lodge's efforts with OhioReads, please contact Chad E. Simpson, Director of Program Development at Grand Lodge, 1-800/292-6092. To volunteer at a school near you, call 1-888-OHIOREADS. It is important to keep your Lodge or Chapter informed about your number of volunteer hours so that the Grand Lodge can keep track of the total number.

## Instructions

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information, including the Lodge member number.

**14.** The Grand Master strongly encourages each Lodge to plan a special night for Candidates to attend Lodge and have a more formal and individual presentation of his Apron, Bible, and anything else the Lodge normal presents, plus receiving his dues card.

**15.** However, when the Candidate leaves the Grand Master's Class presentations, he will be a full Master Mason in good standing. If he is unable to return to the Lodge for a subsequent meeting, his dues card must be promptly mailed to him by the Lodge Secretary.

**16.** Distribution of dues cards to candidates will be the Lodge's responsibility. (See #12 and #13 above.) If a Lodge needs additional blank dues cards to accomplish this, they should be ordered by calling the Grand Secretary's office.

**17.** Registration fees to cover such items as lunch, other refreshments, hall rental, parking, audio/visual equipment, security, etc. will be the responsibility of the District/Lodge.

## Masons help kids by sponsoring drag races

The third annual Masons Helping Kids/Children's Hospital Junior Dragster Open was held in July in Cleves, near Cincinnati.

The event, which is sanctioned each year by the National Hot Rod Association, benefits Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

The title sponsor was the "Scottish Rite Masons," and the familiar Masonic



Square and Compasses symbol was evident on signs, dragsters, trailers, and elsewhere throughout the event. The event also received substantial news media coverage in the Cincinnati area.

## Dues must be paid by December 31

A reminder that local Lodge dues are "due" on or before the Lodge's annual meeting in November. A member will be suspended if dues are not received by December 31, and he will no longer be in "good standing," and cannot attend Lodge meetings.

This suspension automatically disqualifies that individual for other memberships in appendant organizations, such as Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, and Eastern Star.

## Changes improve www.freemason.com

With the change to a new Grand Master, new officers, and new programs, so has the Web site for the Grand Lodge of Ohio changed.

Under the direction of Mark Bernardin, Manager of Program Development for the Grand Lodge and Webmaster, the site has been redesigned. There is a new look and a new "feel" to the site. Please visit [www.freemason.com](http://www.freemason.com) and see for yourself.

The page's user-friendly layout will still contain many of the features that visitors have found helpful and informative, but there are numerous innovations. Several Grand Lodge forms and Lodge educational materials are available for downloading. There are informational pages on Grand Lodge programs, news and events in Ohio Lodges, and a new section featuring present and past issues of the BEACON.

## The Beacon is Published Quarterly

Please report all changes of address to your Lodge Secretary, who, in turn, will notify the Grand Secretary, who maintains the database that produces *The Beacon* mailing labels.

The Ohio Masonic Home includes Masonic Health Care, Inc.; Masonic Retirement Village, Inc.; and the Benevolent Endowment Foundation, Inc., at the Springfield campus; the Browning Masonic Community, Inc., in Waterville; the Masonic Eastern Star Community, Inc., in Cincinnati; and the Western Reserve Masonic Community, Inc., in Medina.

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## Grand Master plans receptions in Florida

Again this year, Ohio Masons will have the opportunity to greet and hear the Grand Master in Florida this winter.

Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., announced that he is encouraging all Ohio Masons and their ladies to attend one of the luncheons and to meet him and other Grand Lodge Officers who may be present as well.

- Sarasota, Florida — 1/13/03

Luncheon at noon in Sahib Shrine facility, 600 N. Beneva Road. Cost is

\$15 per plate. For reservations, contact Kenneth Gavin, chairman, at 5710 Doral Ct., Sarasota, FL 34238; 941/925-4586.

- Orlando, Florida area — 1/15/03  
Luncheon at noon in the Lake County Shrine Club, 424 N. Duncan Road (Rt. 19), Tavares, Florida. Cost is \$15 per plate. For reservations, contact George R. Young, chairman, 6229 E. Rector St., Inverness, FL 34452; 352/341-3006.