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Speaker of the House Larry Householder Practices His Family's Masonic Heritage

With the traditional values of Freemasonry firmly implanted in him, Larry Householder, a son of Appalachia, has become one of the leading political figures in the state of Ohio – Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives.

In his third term in the General Assembly, he represents constituents of the 78th House District, which includes Perry, Hocking and parts of Athens and Licking counties.

Speaker Householder's legislative priorities are focused on the quality and equality of Ohio's public schools, and he has received considerable statewide publicity for his leadership in efforts to solve the state's school-funding issues.

His heritage, however, goes back to Appalachia. A sixth-generation resident of Perry County, he is grounded in the

commitment to community and family that are part of the history and traditions of that section of the state.

Long-Time Tradition of Freemasonry

Brother Householder is a member of New Lexington Lodge, #250, where he was raised in 1981. His father, Enos "Bud" Householder, passed away in 1989 after more than 40 years of membership in New Lexington Lodge. Larry's uncle and grandfather on his mother's side were also Masons.

"I remember sitting at the kitchen table with my Dad when I told him I'd been considering joining the Masonic Lodge. His face lit up. He was thrilled," Brother Householder said.

After becoming a member, the future state representative and his father



*Larry Householder,
Speaker of the House of Representatives*

together joined the York Rite Masonic bodies in New Lexington.

He said that as he travels all over Ohio, on many occasions, a Brother Mason will acknowledge their fraternal bond through a simple handshake or word. "Freemasonry is an organization of great integrity, composed of very

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CEO Describes Home's Growth and Future Challenges



Every aspect of the health care industry is experiencing rapid growth, dramatic change and increased policy and regulatory oversight. Current providers strive to deliver quality health care to senior citizens, while preparing similar programs for the 17 million baby boomers that will reach retirement age in the next five years.

Future challenges will include a shrinking medical and non-medical workforce, reduced government medical reimbursements, increased employee costs, and rising operational costs while simultaneously trying to provide continued quality, competitive, affordable health care.

To report how The Home is meeting these current challenges and planning to meet the future health care challenges of Ohio Masons and their families, The Beacon recently interviewed The Home's Chief Executive Officer, Jerry Kuyoth. Part II of this interview will be published in the next Beacon.

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Message from The Grand Master

by Jack L. Allen Grand Master

At first glance, it appears that 75 percent or more of the Symbolic Lodges in Ohio have already qualified for an honorable certificate in the Grand Master's Award Program. That means that an estimated 425 lodges have accomplished at least one of the seven goals. Do you know where your lodge stands?



The seven challenges briefly stated are:

- A minimum of six lectures in the progressive line
- A Saturday homecoming with all three degrees being conferred
- One major community activity
- A widows' roster
- A sick and distressed brothers' diary

- Friendship night
- Two new petitions per hundred members

There are some criteria omitted for brevity, but I think you get the gist of the plan. It is a back to basics program. It is every lodge doing what it is supposed to do according to its charter. It is every Mason doing what he is supposed to do according to his obligations. It is fulfilling this year's theme, Learn It, Live It, Share It. What have you done to help?

Now is not the time to dredge up the old excuse, "It's not my job." It **IS** your job. To preserve the ritual, confer the degrees, serve the community, serve the widow, serve the distressed, open the doors of the lodge and share Masonry with new members is every Mason's job.

Take an inventory of your recent efforts. Would you be receiving an honorable certificate for having done even one thing?

Grand Lodge recently took an inventory of lodges with no candidates in over a year. The Grand Secretary's records reveal 172 lodges have not processed a new candidate in a year as of April 5, 2001. Why haven't we? We have selective invitation. We have shortened

examinations. We have no time restrictions between degrees. Again, it is your job to see that some one new has an opportunity to Learn It, Live It, Share It.

Another inventory the Grand Secretary conducted at my request reveals that there are 424 Entered Apprentices "stuck" in the system for more than a year in 258 lodges. Again, I ask, why?

To my way of thinking, there are only three explanations: a) Freemasonry is not what the candidate expected (some do not come prepared to embrace the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man); b) a coach or counselor has not been diligent in his duties; c) the master of the lodge and the brother making the recommendation aren't paying attention.

Someone said to himself, "It's not my job." The result is 424 Masons who are not yet sitting among their brethren, so that they can Learn It, Live It, Share It. Is a friend who sought your recommendation "stuck" in your lodge? It is time for every Mason to stand in front of a mirror, point a finger at the person looking back at him and declare, "It is your job."

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Q During the past few years, employees, residents and their families, fraternity members and your neighbors have seen tremendous growth on the Springfield campus. What are some of the future projects scheduled for the Springfield campus, the Browning Masonic Community and the Masonic Eastern Star Community?

A During the next two years, we will construct a four-story, 22,000 square foot connector at the Springfield campus between the Scottish Rite and Eastern Star wings with the primary purpose to offer additional operational efficiency to the campus as well as provide residents with family-style dining and additional activity space.

It will include a new kitchen, four individual dining rooms and activity areas. We will also be cosmetically upgrading all units.

Infrastructure work on our roads and parking areas will be addressed and we are completing 24 of the Phase II patio homes in the Masonic Retirement Village. We are also investigating new changes or possible expansion to our assisted living and independent apartments in Springfield.

In Cincinnati we are looking at purchasing 35 to 55 acres to build a new retirement center. In Toledo, we are converting 16 of the existing 52 apartments into assisted living, constructing six new patio homes, and adding a kitchen expansion area and common space for a future 50-unit apartment building.

These projects will be complete in late 2002. Our next construction phase would build on these first steps should resident demand and resources allow.

Q How do you assess the health care needs of Ohio Masons to determine what future projects will meet those needs?

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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; and the Masonic Eastern Star Community, Inc. in Cincinnati.

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A Many Ohio Masons tell me they would love to move to The Home in Springfield. But, proximity to family and the increase of high quality services in their own community lead them to stay local.

Our market research has shown us that more than 80 percent of Ohio Masons live within a 20 county area surrounding each of the five Ohio metropolitan cities: Toledo, Dayton, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus.

Although we have Masonic residents from 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, we have determined that satellite campuses have a very positive appeal. That is one of the reasons we merged with the former Otis Avery Browning Masonic Memorial Home in Waterville near Toledo and the former Hamilton County Eastern Star Home in Cincinnati rather than try to build a new Masonic facility in each of the geographic population centers.

We felt it best to place ourselves in areas where we will have the greatest impact with the fraternity.

In addition, feasibility studies have shown us how many various types of health care and housing units a geographical area could support based on the 55 and over population and other facilities already available in a particular market.

We have planned the growth of our existing campuses with six phases over a 12-year period. Right now we are in the first two-year phase with various projects at each campus. The Springfield site is about three-quarters of the way to being a totally mature continuing care retirement community. There are a few more projects left to do. The Browning campus is in the middle stage of development. At the Masonic Eastern Star Community, we want to move that operation to an area where we can expand services. So it is in the earliest stage of development as we are looking for a new site.

We are also exploring non-traditional services such as placement and financial assistance for members of our fraternity who desire to remain in their local community or are waiting for an opening on one of our campuses.

Finally, we are looking at possible community-based services as a means to round out the continuum at each site. Adult day service, home health, and chore services all can be used to support our members in their own home.

Q How have state and federal regulations affected The Masonic Home?

A The majority of current state and federal health care related regulations that affect The Home were in place before we received our Medicare and Medicaid certification four years ago. The Occupational Safety and Health



Administration, Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Environmental Protection Agency, Workers Compensation, Wage and Hour, and the Ohio Department of Health Licensure to name a few were all in place long before 1997.

The additional regulations we have to meet has probably added 10 percent to our business costs. Some people have the improper assumption that our acceptance of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements took The Home from a free operator status to being totally regulated. In reality, we were already complying with 80 percent of those regulations.

When we became Medicare and Medicaid certified we increased our overhead at one-fifth the level of increased financial support we receive. I feel in many ways the regulations have helped The Home to demonstrate measurable accountability for resident quality of care and resident outcomes.

Q What are your top three goals for The Masonic Home this year?

A My first goal is to complete phase one of our updated Strategic Master Plan. Although we completed three phases of the original plan, this update took our satellite campus philosophy to the planning table.



Second, we as an organization must manage our financial resources to ensure we do not exceed our budget. This is a priority so we can continue to grow and deliver services to our residents in the manner they deserve.

Third, we must continue to initiate, evaluate and expand the value of our specialized resident programming. Programs such as the Eden Alternative and EverCare that are being used at the Masonic Eastern Star Community, and the 1-800-CAREFOR Hotline established by Masonic Health Care.

We are also investigating additional accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission to give our customers present and future the peace of mind that we have met all of the highest standards in our field. We are also updating programs that manage, measure and evaluate our resident and employee satisfaction levels.

Q How does The Home compare with other non-Masonic continuing care retirement communities?

A Very favorably. Our services are priced at a breakeven point. Every resident is charged what it costs to provide a service. We are able to fund additional services through the benevolence of our endowment foundation. Consequently, we receive from the endowment foundation about thirty cents on

Foundations for the Future

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

Too Good to be True?

“Put not your trust in money; put your money in trust.”
Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin had the right idea – at least for many people. And some of those people are friends of The Ohio Masonic Home Benevolent Endowment Foundation. They have created charitable trusts that would make WB Franklin mighty proud.



To understand how one of these trusts works, take the hypothetical case of Brother and Mrs. Hiram Helps. The Helps are in their early 60s and looking forward to retirement. In reviewing their assets, needs and giving goals, they considered what to do with a piece of appreciated real estate.

Twenty years ago the property cost \$25,000 and today it is worth \$250,000. If they sold it, they could reinvest the proceeds in something that could produce retirement income. One problem: capital gains tax. The moment they sold the property, Uncle Sam would be there with his outstretched hand, demanding tax on the gain. The Helps would not have as much as they thought to reinvest for income.

They considered selling the property and giving a portion of the proceeds to The Foundation. The resulting charitable income tax deduction could then be used to offset the capital gains tax. One problem: they needed more income than the remaining funds could generate.

Enter the Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The Helps establish a charitable remainder unitrust with The Foundation and place the entire property (stock could also be used) in the trust. Since the trust qualifies as a charitable trust, it sells the property without incurring any capital gains tax. The full amount of the proceeds (less closing and related costs) is then invested in a balanced portfolio of stocks and bonds – the right mix to provide a six percent

annual payout to the Smiths plus enough added appreciation to keep the trust growing. Each year in January, the trust is revalued and six percent of the new value* is sent to Brother and Mrs. Helps in quarterly payments. This will continue through their retirement years. And, at the end of the trust, whatever remains will come to The Foundation. Such a remainder gift is likely to be far more than the original \$250,000.

Just look at a few of the benefits typically found in such a trust: 1.) lifetime income; 2.) an immediate charitable income tax deduction; 3.) bypass of capital gains tax; 4.) exclusion from the taxable estate; and 5.) provision of a major, deferred gift to The Foundation. It's almost too good to be true!

Do you want to learn more about charitable remainder trusts? Contact Right Worshipful Brother Tim Strawn, President of the Foundation, at 888/248-2664. Or use the coupon included with this column.

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 - Intermediate Nursing Skilled Nursing
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 - Independent Living in Browning Masonic Community in Waterville
 - Assisted Living in Browning Masonic Community in Waterville
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 - Nursing Care in Masonic Eastern Star Community
 - Assisted Living in Masonic Eastern Star Community

To request more information about Charitable Remainder Trusts please complete and return this coupon. You also may call the Endowment Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664.

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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 at 419/878-4055; or Masonic Eastern Star Community Admissions at 513/542-6464.

Ohio Masonry Recognized During June at George Washington Masonic National Memorial

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, located in Alexandria, Virginia, will celebrate June as the "Grand Lodge of Ohio Month."

In addition to the Ohio State flag being flown at the Memorial every day in June, an informative and attractive exhibit of the history and activities of the Grand Lodge of Ohio will be on display in the main assembly hall.

One of the major features of this exhibit will be Ohio's four Masonic Presidents - Garfield, McKinley, Taft, and Harding. As part of this month-long celebration, Ohio's Grand Master Jack L. Allen will lay a wreath at the base of the massive bronze statue of George Washington in Memorial Hall on June 19th. All interested brothers are encouraged to attend this wreath laying ceremony.

Brochures and information about the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as well as copies of this edition of the Beacon, will be distributed to visitors. This celebration is part of the Memorial's program to recognize and honor the Grand Lodges that support and sustain the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

According to George Seghers, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Memorial, "The idea of erecting a National Masonic Memorial to George Washington was formulated by several members of Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22, in Alexandria, Virginia." Worshipful Brother Washington served as the charter Worshipful Master of Alexandria, later Alexandria-Washington Lodge.

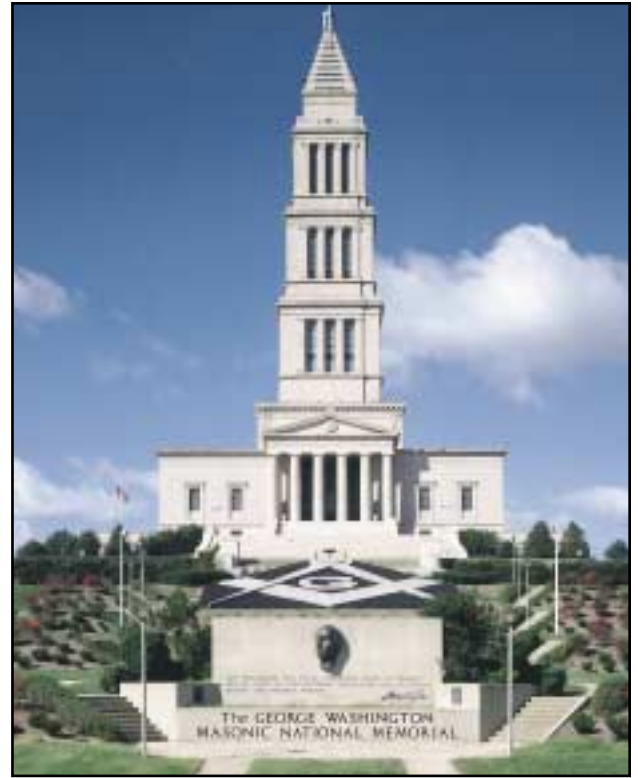
The cornerstone for the Memorial was laid in due Masonic form with the

help of President Calvin Coolidge and Chief Justice, former President and Brother William H. Taft on November 1, 1923. The Memorial was dedicated May 12, 1932 with the assistance of President Herbert Hoover.

Though originally a local project, the building of the Memorial and its continued maintenance was and is made possible by the generous contributions of individual Masons from across the country as well as several Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has alone contributed some \$957,487 since the Memorial's inception. Ohio pays the Memorial \$5 for each Master Mason raised each year, plus 25-cents annually for each member of the Grand Lodge. This annual contribution forms an important part of the Memorial's working budget.

While perpetuating the memory of our country's greatest patriot and a faithful brother of Freemasonry, the Memorial serves to promote a very positive and insightful look into Freemasonry for the public at large. The Memorial has a commanding position atop Shooters Hill, which overlooks the city of Alexandria. From the top of the Memorial, the monuments of neighboring Washington, D.C. are clearly visible across the Potomac River. The base of the Memorial measures 177 feet wide by 195 feet long. The height of



George Washington Memorial

the structure is 333 feet, and when combined with the height of Shooters Hill, makes the building 440 feet above sea level, or 67 feet higher than the dome of the U.S. Capital.

Several of Freemasonry's appendant bodies sponsor various floors of the Memorial, including the York and Scottish Rite, Shrine and Tall Cedars. Admission is free and open to the public. The memorial is open every day except New Years Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Guided tours are provided daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is disability accessible and parking is free. For more information, call 703/683-2007.

25th OMH Alumni Day to be Held in July

Eighty-five Ohio Masonic Home Alumni are expected to visit the Springfield campus July 6 and 7 for their 25th Triennial Homecoming.

One hundred and four years have passed since The Home admitted the first children and 45 years since the last child was discharged.

Some of the alumni still live in the Springfield area and adjacent communities. Others will drive or fly to get here to visit with their brothers and sisters and the place they still affectionately call "Home."

To them, the campus is not just another facility with buildings. To them,

The Home represents a spot in their hearts filled with youthful memories of joy, pain and discovery that helped to shape their adult lives.

OMH Alumni with questions about the reunion should call Committee Chairman Jack Lindsay at 937/322-2953.

Famed Coach Lou Holtz Receives Community Service Award

South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz, an Ohioan who has become a legend in collegiate coaching, was presented the Community Service Award by Grand Master Jack L. Allen in March.

Most Worshipful Brother Allen flew to South Carolina on March 23 to present the distinguished award to the famed football mentor on behalf of the 24th Masonic District.

A video crew accompanied the Grand Master and the presentation was shown on March 24 to those gathered in Carrollton for the Grand Master's Reception in the 24th Masonic District. Excerpts from Coach Holtz's inspiring remarks captured on the video may be used later in Masonic leadership training sessions around Ohio.

Lou Holtz, a native of West Virginia and a graduate of East Liverpool High School, attended Kent State University. His career as a linebacker was ended with an injury after two years, but he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in history from the university in 1959.

After completing his military responsibility with the army, he accepted his first coaching job as offensive backfield coordinator at Conneaut High School. Coach Holtz soon moved to the University of Iowa to become a graduate assistant. His coaching career continued at William & Mary, the University of Connecticut, and a short stint at South Carolina.

Coach Holtz then served as an assistant coach with Ohio's legendary Woody Hayes at The Ohio State University and was part of the 1968 National Championship team.

His first head-coaching job was at William & Mary, and his success mounted as he subsequently led North Carolina State to four bowl appearances. This caught the attention of the National Football League, and in 1976, he became the New York Jets' head coach.

He then spent an exceptional seven years at Arkansas and a short trip to the University of Minnesota. Coach Holtz reached the dream of a lifetime when he was named coach at the University of Notre Dame. He revitalized the Irish program and won the national



Lou Holtz (right) receives Community Service Award from Grand Master Allen

championship in 1988 and took the team to nine bowl games.

He became one of the top 15 winning coaches in the history of college football. After a few years as a commentator for CBS and a much-sought after corporate motivational speaker, Coach Holtz returned to coaching at South Carolina. After going without any victories in his first year there in 1999, he led the Gamecocks to a 7-4 record and an Outback Bowl victory over Ohio State last fall.

Despite his success on the national scale, Lou Holtz has never forgotten his friends in Eastern Ohio.

"I owe so much to the people of the Ohio Valley for the positive influence

they have had in my life," Coach Holtz told the Grand Master.

His friends in the area created the Lou Holtz Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame in downtown East Liverpool, following his retirement from Notre Dame. Coach Holtz donated most of his memorabilia to the facility, but insisted other leaders from the area also be recognized in the Hall of Fame.

"God gave us each talents and abilities," he said, "and God expects us to use them to help others with greater needs."

Grand Master Allen, in presenting the Community Service Award, said that Coach Holtz had definitely demonstrated the Grand Master's theme in his life, "Learn it, Live it, Share it."

Former Ohio Governor Rhodes a 50-Year Mason Member

Former Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes, who died on March 4, was a 50-year member of Neoacacia Lodge, #595, in Columbus.

The long-time, popular Governor received his Master Mason Degree in November, 1950.

A Novel Idea

Recommend that candidates, before receiving the Master Mason Degree, read the Second Book of Chronicles in the Bible, Chapters 1 through 6, so they might get a lot more out of the degree.

The information in that portion of the Bible makes the candidate more receptive to what is going on during the ceremony.

80-Year Member Recognized by Ohio's Grand Master

Brother John M. Preston, an 80-year member of Quarry Lodge, #382, in Berea, was presented a specially designed and engraved clock by Grand Master Jack L. Allen.

He was accompanied by a delegation of brethren from the area for the event at

the Berea Lakes Towers, where Brother Preston lives. He is 101 years old.

Pictured, from left, surrounding Brother Preston, who is in the wheelchair, are those who helped in the presentation. They are: Robert Anderson; Walter C. Klein; Greg McDaniels; Jerry

Brove, District Deputy Grand Master in the 22nd Masonic District; Grand Master Allen; Robert Manning; Linwood Shaw, Worshipful Master of Quarry Lodge; Stanford Close; David Willard; Mrs. Don Preston, daughter-in-law; James O. Gillahan, District Deputy Grand Master; and Don Preston, son.



Seated is the 80-Year Member Brother John M. Preston

Knights Templar Project Called Nation's Largest

The National Eye Care Project, sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is the largest public service program in American medicine.

Since 1986, more than 540,000 people have called the NECP Helpline and nearly 200,000 have been referred to 7,100 volunteer ophthalmologists nationwide.

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the dollar to help us with our operational costs. That allows us to price our services at our cost and to staff our facilities at about 30 percent higher than the average. This includes the ability to offer our residents other services such as transportation, security, and private room accommodations for skilled and intermediate nursing.

Each continuing care retirement community usually has several things they do very well. For us two things we feel very positive about include the spacious component of our nursing area and the economy of our patio homes. Our patio homes are the best bargain in Ohio and maybe in the country because they are priced to meet construction and service costs alone. We could never provide the level of service to all clients without the support of the endowment.

Q Some Ohio Masons still think of The Home as just a nursing home and an asset surrender facility? What would you tell Ohio Masons about these perceptions?

A The Ohio Masonic Home offers the full continuum of service at its Springfield campus. Short and long-term nursing care, assisted living, and independent living in apartments or patio homes. As asset surrender has changed to fee for service, residents control their own assets and should the time come that they need fraternal financial assistance it is available.

The Home's mission to the fraternity has not changed, it has simply expanded to Masonic families at all sites and others in need in three of our four operating corporations. The positive comments we hear traveling and by those who tour our campuses are extremely encouraging.



Q What are the key policy issues you would like to clarify?

A First, gift and endowment dollars can be given specifically for Masons and their families.

Second, despite the elimination of asset surrender, residents who agree to The Home's admission criteria are guaranteed life care.

Third, despite the addition of clients outside the fraternity, more than 85 percent of fraternal assistance dollars go directly to Master Masons and their immediate family members. One hundred percent of fraternal assistance dollars go to meet resident care and housing needs.

Q What advice would you give to someone planning to move to a retirement community?

A First, I would advise you to check at least three to five other options. When you make that kind of major decision, you want to be sure you have made the right one.

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More Light About Masonry

Our Ohio Masonic Presidents Recognized

As a supplement to the collection of Masonic memorabilia from the four Ohio Masonic Presidents to be featured during the Ohio Month celebration in Alexandria, Virginia, The Beacon will carry a series of articles focusing on the Masonic record of each of these great men. The focus in this issue is Brother James Abram Garfield, 20th president of the United States.

Brother James A. Garfield

James A. Garfield was born November 19, 1831 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He served Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, as a teacher and later head of the school from 1857-1861. It may have been coincidence or Providence that Brother Garfield worked so many faithful years in a town named after one of Masonry's most renowned legendary characters.

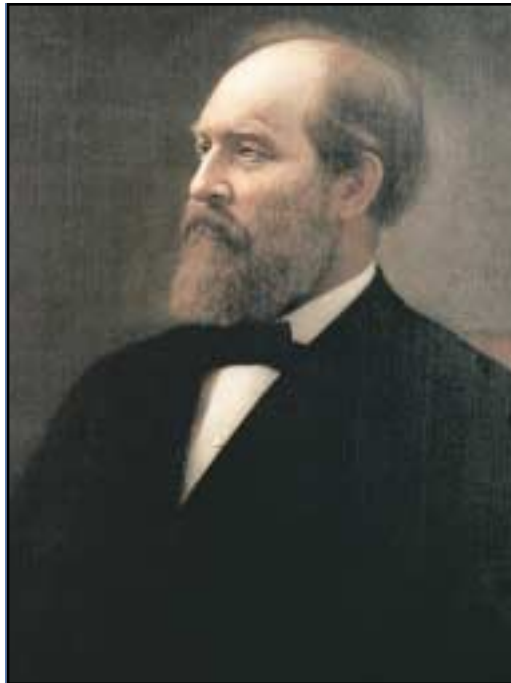
Brother Garfield's Masonic career began while he was receiving military training for the Union Army at Camp Case near Columbus. Several sources claim that Brother Garfield was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 19, 1861, his 30th birthday. However, according to Magnolia Lodge #20's annual returns, he was initiated November 22, 1861. He was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft December 3, 1861.

Shortly thereafter, he was sent to the front as a Colonel in the Ohio Volunteers and continued throughout the Civil War as a Fellow Craft. Brother Garfield served his country with such fervency and zeal that he returned to his native Ohio in 1863 as a Major General of Volunteers.

Shortly after his return, he chose to continue his Masonic journey, and on November 22, 1864 at the request of Magnolia Lodge, Columbus Lodge #30 raised Brother Garfield to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Brother Garfield was elected to the U. S. Congress in 1863 and served until 1880.

Garrettsville Lodge #246 met just three miles from his home in Hiram. The first recorded visit of Brother Garfield to Garrettsville Lodge was on April 26, 1865 and he visited again in July and September, at which time he



Brother James A. Garfield

petitioned for affiliation. On October 10, 1865, Brother Garfield was elected a member of Garrettsville Lodge and subsequently served as Chaplain until 1873.

Brother Garfield continued his Masonic journey while in Washington. He joined Columbia Chapter #1, RAM, in April 1866, and Columbia Commandery #2, in May 1866. In May 1869, he became a charter member of Pentalpha Lodge #23 in Washington, although Magnolia Lodge continued to carry him on its rolls as late as 1872-73.

He received the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection (4-14) of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite from no less a distinguished Mason than Albert Pike in January 1872. In July 1881, he was made an honorary member of Hanselmann Commandery #16, Cincinnati.

Even after his election as President in 1880, Brother Garfield continued to be an active Freemason. At his inauguration on March 4, 1881, an honor guard of some five platoons was appointed by Columbia Commandery to act as an escort. At the White House he reviewed five Commanderies from Massachusetts and Rhode Island on May 20, 1881. The following day, he hosted a reception for

members of DeMolay Commandery of Boston and St. John's Commandery of Providence at the White House.

The life of Brother Garfield was cut short by an assassin's bullet on July 2, 1881 in the Washington railroad station, resulting in his death on September 19, 1881. While his body lay in state at the U.S. Capital, Sir Knights of Columbia Commandery formed part of the guard of honor and escorted his remains from Washington to Cleveland.

At his funeral on September 26, nearly all the officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, 14 Commanderies of this State and 8 Commanderies from adjacent jurisdictions were present and participated in the funeral cortege.

In the 1881 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, a memorial to Brother Garfield was published.

Oldsmobile has Masonic Ties

According to the Masonic Service Association's "Emessay Notes," General Motors has made a decision to do away with the brand name "Oldsmobile" after 103 years. A New York Times story said the following:

"A man might leer at a Lincoln or covet a Cadillac, people used to say, but he married an Oldsmobile.

"Powered by a solid V-8 engine and dressed up in just enough chrome to look prosperous, the Oldsmobile was a softly rumbling chunk of American steel, a roomy car with less flash than a Cadillac, but more prestige than a Chevrolet or a Ford. It was a deacon's car, a shift boss's car, and for as long as even the oldest Americans can remember, it rolled with respectability to the Little League ballpark or the Masonic Lodge."

Ransom Olds, after whom the car was named, was a pioneer in the automobile field. Brother Olds was a member of Capital of the S.O. Lodge, #66, in Lansing, Michigan.

Lodge Room Converted to Computer Lab for Day

The Lodge Room in the Grand Lodge Headquarters building was converted to a veritable computer laboratory on March 24 for a Secretary's Workshop.

Lights were turned low, a Power Point presentation was on the overhead screen, more than 16 laptop computers were turned on in the room, and one Secretary even lugged in his full computer and had it powered up.

Some 70 Lodge Secretaries attended to learn more about a membership management software program being offered to Lodges by the Grand Lodge. Currently 90 Lodges in Ohio are using the program.

Three current Lodge Secretaries, who are familiar with the software program, instructed their peers in using it. The leaders were Roger L. Gotthardt, Secretary of West Milton Lodge, #577, and also a District Deputy Grand Master in the Third Masonic District; Robert H. Coster, Secretary of Cynthia-Vattier Lodge #155, and Fred L. Hocking, Secretary of William McKinley Lodge, #431.

The program was organized by Grand Secretary George O. Braatz, P.G.M., and implemented with the assistance of the State Secretaries Association.

Larry Householder, Speaker of the House of Representatives *(continued from page 1)*

honorable people," Brother Householder said.

"There is a great opportunity for Lodges to grow," he continued. "Young people today are going back to the family values that most of us hold dear. I am impressed by young people today. They have a desire to renew a faith in our country and in mankind. They want to live in a society where morals are held in high esteem."

Throughout Ohio, but particularly in Appalachia, people are bound by strong family traditions, "and Masonic involvement is one of those traditions," Brother Household said.

It is such a heritage that prompts the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives to dedicate himself to improving the state's system of school funding, as well as education



Larry Householder

performance and accountability measures to assure that every child in Ohio receives a top-notch education.

Born in 1959, Brother Householder had a successful insurance business in Perry County, which he started after graduating from Ohio University in 1983. He recently sold his business and is now completely focused on leading the Ohio House of Representatives.

His public service career began in 1994, when Brother Householder was elected Perry County Commissioner, serving as both the Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. He was elected to his first term as a State Representative in 1996.

He is a member of New Lexington Chapter, R.A.M.; New Lexington Council, R.&S.M.; New Lexington Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus. He has taken ritual parts in the York Rite, including a major role in the Super Excellent Master Degree, and has assisted in ritualistic conferrals of friends in the Symbolic Lodge degrees.

Brother Householder and his wife, Taundra, are raising five children - Derek, Adam, Matthew, Nathan and Luke - on their family farm in Glenford.

McKinley Funeral to be Reenacted in Canton



William McKinley, 25th President of the United States

A piece of American history will be brought to life by Ohio Masons and William McKinley Lodge, #431, during a reenactment of President William McKinley's Masonic funeral on Saturday, September 15, 2001.

At noon, a procession will start at the Church of the Saviour Methodist Church and continue to the McKinley National Memorial, the resting place of the president.

The event will call attention to the \$2.4 million refurbished national memorial.

The procession will include a horse-drawn hearse, a riderless horse, and a casket draped with a 45-star flag. Representatives of many Masonic organizations as well as civic officials will participate.

Chairman of the event is Glenn R. Greenamyer. For more information, log onto the Grand Lodge Web page at www.freemason.com.

Browning Provides Residents New Beginnings, New Friendships

For the residents and staff of the Browning Masonic Community, “community” not only describes what the facility is, but symbolizes the feelings of family and friendship shared by all who have come in close contact with the community.

Browning Housing Coordinator Gary McElfresh says each resident brings a set of new life experiences with them to share with their neighbors. All of these life experiences seek only to enrich and enhance the Community.



Carrie Cartwright

“Coming to Browning is not the end, rather a beginning – a beginning of newfound friendships as well as new life experiences. Each one of our residents makes our Community a better place – a better place to spend time, a better place to share in the joys of life, a better place to live,” says McElfresh.

Carrie Cartwright has been a Browning Masonic Community resident for two and a half years and has had many wonderful experiences.

“It is home. Everybody is wonderfully kind. It’s like having a second family,” she says. “I’m very happy here. I’m getting spoiled, by having someone else clean my apartment, make my dinner and all. It was the answer to our prayers. It worked out wonderfully for us.”

Close friend and neighbor Mazilla Rosser agrees. A resident since 1995, she says, “We are like one big family. We all get along well and look out for one another. If someone gets sick, or something happens to someone, we all



Mazilla Rosser

worry like you would with a member of your own family. It helps to know that you have friends close by to depend on.”

Both Carrie and Mazilla agree that a variety of activities help residents make close friendships such as their own. The two women met and became close friends after becoming neighbors. They enjoy playing Bingo together, eating meals at the same table and are members of the Resident Council.

McElfresh credits the strong friendships and feeling of family to the Browning Masonic Community’s warm and friendly environment.

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Involve your family and preferably an accountant and legal counsel. You have to consider the quality of service, the price, the community amenities offered, if it provides the type of current and future living environment you desire, and if it offers all levels of health care.

I would encourage you to also take three to six months to make a decision, and not to go anyplace that you couldn’t leave and be made substantially whole financially.

Lastly, don’t wait, familiarize yourself now with options and plan for your own future needs as well as that of your family.

Q If you could sum up this article in two sentences, what would you say?

A The Masons have created an organization and Home in this state second to none. Learn about it, share it with your family, and continue to support it.

Q Where does your revenue come from and how many clients live on campus?

A Annually, about 50 percent of our revenue is generated from our residents, 33 percent from our endowment/gifts, 16 percent from Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurance, and one percent from our annual Masonic dues assessment. We have a total of 671 residents residing within our system, 330 receiving nursing care, 110 receiving assisted living service and 231 living independently.

Q Can you explain the Board’s composition and how the trustees are selected?

A We have 15 trustees, each appointed for a three-year term. Six members are representatives of Grand Lodge, three members from Grand Commandery, three members from Grand Chapter, one member is from Grand Council, and two members are representing the Scottish Rite. Each presiding officer of the grand body is responsible to either reappoint an existing board member or appoint a new board member at the end of their term. Every year five board members are up for reappointment. Each Grand Master, Grand Commander, and Grand High Priest will at least have one board appointment during their time in office. Also, we are working with the fraternal presiding officers on a board profile to help them search and select board members with the specific expertise and skills, and indicate which match the organizational needs. Each subsidiary board is made up of seven members, of which up to two are from the Ohio Masonic Home (Parent) Board.



(Part II will be published in the Summer Beacon)

WELCOME HOME

We are pleased to introduce new residents who arrived from February 6, 2001 to April 23, 2001

MASONIC HEALTH CARE

John Arthur
Michael L.
Finnell #711

Randolph Dirks
Vandalia #742

Roxanna Stewart
New Carlisle #100

Ellen Massie
St. Andrew's #619

Robert Fuller
H.S. Kissell #674

Doris Ray
Springfield, OH

Jerry Bowshier
Springfield, OH

Merieum Allison
Urbana #502, OES

Anne Tapogna
St. Petersburg, FL

Kathryn Arthur
Michael L.
Finnell #711

Bernard Swisher
Acadia #306

Mary Tupman
Joppa #666

Ronald Beck
Clawson, MI

Ruth Wickham
Harmony #8

Mary Turner
Springfield, OH

Cena Montgomery
Jeffersonville, OH

Ralph Stevenson
Anthony #455

Mamie Petty
Dayton, OH

Catherine Wilson
Franklin #14

Orpha Queen
South Charleston, OH

Edna Rapp
Springfield, OH

Thelma Rush
Springfield, OH

Gladys Wilcox
H.S. Kissell #674

Georgia Pierce
Casa Grande, AZ

Bruce Rowand
Springfield, OH

Mary Maher
Springfield, OH

MASONIC RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Cunningham Place

Elmer & Naomi
Runnels
Portage Lakes #752

Norton Egbert
WM. McKinley #431

Marilyn Martin
Belmont #555, OES

Masonic Square

William & Carroll
Caylor Warren #24

James & Doris
Goddard
Beaver Valley #753

Harry & Bettie Smith
Alpha #729

Robert & Eunice Bray
Parma #721

MASONIC EASTERN STAR COMMUNITY

Rowan Sidle
Columbus #30

Paul Steele
Koneta #385, OES

Margaret Beckman
Cincinnati, OH

Opal Hopper
Cincinnati, OH

Howard Miller
Cincinnati, OH

Rose Hubbard
Cincinnati, OH

Ruth Hover
Cincinnati, OH

IN MEMORY

We honor the memory of these residents who passed away since the last issue of the Beacon:

MASONIC HEALTH CARE

Mildred I. Asper
Springfield, OH

Margaret D. Bloomer
New Holland #392

Mildred Bobo
St. Andrew's #619

George A. Circle
St. Andrew's #619

Raymond W. Dunn
St. Andrew's #619

William J. Fent
New Carlisle #100

Anna M. Gideon
Camellia #562, OES

Helen Grosnickle
Mystic #405

Margaret C.
Harrington
Highland #38

Julia M. Iklody
Circle #5, OES

Frieda L. Jay
Bradford #593

Jacqueline Maxwell
Springfield, OH

Nancy J. Meals
Anthony Lodge #455

Delmar Morton
Vandalia #742

James H. Murphy, Sr.
Champion #15

Harry G. Noble
Lebanon #26

Martha J. Perkins
St. Andrew's #619

Della V. Raber
Springfield, OH

Ada C. Ressler
Stillwater #616
Salt Lake City, UT

Patricia H.
Rittenhouse
Norris #426, OES

Mary L. Roberts
Springfield, OH

Fay Swisher-Ross
Harmony #8

Beulah E. Sartor
Clark #101

John L. Shank
Dayton #147

Lillian Sheely
Cedarville #418, OES

Donald H. Shirk
Springfield, OH

Ralph H. Stevenson
Anthony #455

Della St. Peter
Springfield, OH

Glenna Sturgeon
Akron #83

Hilda M. Turnmire
Springfield, OH

Gladys P. Wilcox
H. S. Kissel #674

BOWNING MASONIC COMMUNITY

Ruth Thomas
Waterville, OH

Mary Ehrsam
Waterville, OH

MASONIC EASTERN STAR COMMUNITY

Fred Cornwell
Albert Pike #117
Denver, CO

James Johnson
Pride of the
Valley #78

Ann Stewart
Carthage #573

Richard Toedt
Columbia #44

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Ohio Masonic Model Student Assistance Program

Innovative Summer Camp Planned at Craftsmen Park

The Masonic Model Student Assistant Training program has reached more than 800 teachers and staff members at over 100 schools since it first began in Ohio in 1997, and is planning an innovative program this summer.

The Masonic Model is a nationally acclaimed training program for teachers and school personnel to help identify students that may be "at risk" in the school system.

Last year, a sizeable grant from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) increased the number of three-day training sessions offered yearly to seven.

In addition, the ODE now offers incentive grants to all schools sending teams of at least four members, who stay for all three days of training. The incentive grants have greatly increased the number of schools willing to send their staff members to this important training. All seven of these Masonic Model training sessions will be hosted at Springfield by the Ohio Masonic Home.

Chad E. Simpson, Grand Lodge Director of Program Development, secured another sizable grant from the State Department of Education. This grant money will be used to host two more training sessions, one in Lawrence County and one in Akron at the Craftsmen Park facilities.

Capstone Masonic Summer Camp



The grant money also has made possible something new in the efforts by Ohio Masons to meet the needs of under-served children. On July 1-7, Craftsmen Park will host the first ever Capstone Masonic Life Skills Camp. This week long summer camp will bring together 30 youth recommended by various Masonic Model core teams with

30 youth from Ohio's Masonic youth organizations.

The camp will focus on self-esteem building, life skills development, resume writing, and all around good clean fun. The Masonic Bodies of Summit County which own Craftsmen Park, a 68-acre, lakeside camp, have generously agreed to support the Capstone Camp by sponsoring the building of a low rope obstacle course, which is an essential part of the team and self-esteem building aspects of the camp experience. The low rope obstacle course will also become a new part of the fair-weather Masonic Model training session, which is something none of the other 32 states which currently support the program are doing.

If you or your Lodge are interested in helping to support the Masonic Model Student Assistance Training program and Ohio Masonry's commitment to saving our children, please call 1-800-292-6092 for more information, or send a check to the Charitable Foundation earmarked for the Masonic Model.

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