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Masonic world eyes success of One-Day Class

The fantastic success of Ohio's Grand Master's One-Day Class on April 27 has become the prime topic of fraternal discussion, not only in Ohio, but around the Masonic world.

On April 27, approximately 7,750 men became Master Masons in Ohio, undoubtedly the largest fraternal initiation on one day ever in Freemasonry's history.

Several Grand Lodge officers from other states were present to view the proceedings, which took place concurrently at 10 Ohio cities. A multitude of additional Grand Lodges have requested details as they examine the overwhelming success in Ohio, and look for ways to duplicate similar programs in their jurisdictions.

Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds guided the entire efforts, supported by

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Enthusiastic Masons packed the Ohio Theatre in Columbus for the Grand Master's One-Day Class.

400 guests visit campus

Masons officially launch WRMC

Western Reserve Masonic Community recently opened its impressive community to brethren of the Masonic Fraternity, their family members, Medina civic officials, and community residents.

More than 400 invited guests visited and toured the 229-acre campus on June 22.

Volunteer residents and employees gave guests informative and entertaining tours of the Health Care Center, assisted living apartments and patio homes.

"Although The Home assumed ownership March 5, we had a challenging list of tasks to accomplish before we could host our community Open House," said The Home's Chief Executive Officer, Jerry Kuyoth.

Many of the non-Masonic guests, who had previously expressed an interest in the community, were curious about what changes the Masons made after assuming ownership. Also, many of the guests were Medina area Masons who wanted to see the newest addition to The Ohio Masonic Home's family of companies.

A highlight of the event was a ribbon cutting ceremony held in the main lobby. WRMC's Executive Director, Jay Dettorre, was the event's master of ceremonies.

Eight honored guests held a giant pair of scissors to officially cut the ceremonial ribbon and open the community. Participating in the event were: President of the Medina Township Board of Trustees, Mr. Chris Kalina; the first residents who moved into the community Norm and Jane Wehner; The Home's Chief Executive Officer, Brother Jerry Kuyoth; representing the WRMC employees, Mrs. Debbie Shuler; and representing the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the 20th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David Galland.

"Each of our honored guests represented the building blocks of a solid foundation," said Dettorre.

If you would like to visit and tour the community, or receive information about WRMC, please call a Marketing Department representative toll free at 866/433-1514.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER



by *Thomas E. Reynolds, Grand Master*

I first want to thank all the Districts for wonderful experiences at your District Receptions this year. You “outdid” yourselves in making your Grand Master, the First Lady of Masonry, your Grand Lodge Officers and their wives feel very welcome. I also congratulate the Masters of Ohio Lodges, 91 percent of whom were in attendance this year at

receptions, and 97 percent of all lodges were represented. You made my theme of “Working Together—Improving the World” come alive.

April 27, 2002 was an historic day for Ohio Masonry and the entire world as we initiated more than 7,700 new brethren into our Fraternity. What a wonderful job each and every brother did on that day. Without all brethren “Working Together—Improving the World,” this great event would not have been possible.

The best part is what I have seen in our lodges since April 27. There is a renewed sense of enthusiasm that is building throughout Ohio. Many brethren are returning to lodge. I have attended 17 lodge meetings since April 27 and the poorest turnout of new brothers from the lodges visited is one-third. In one lodge, eight of nine new brothers attended a Table Lodge, three gave toasts, and one declared that he would be interested in becoming an officer.

This was a truly family-oriented event. There is no doubt in my mind that the One-Day Class was such a success because I allowed Scottish Rite and Shrine to be an integral part of the Day. Scottish Rite and Shrine are very accustomed to handling large classes such as this, and I thank them for their support. From the very beginning the Grand Presiding Officers of York Rite gave us their total support, and they are reporting their membership is increasing with the several “all-degree-days” they held this year. Eastern Star and Amaranth are also reporting new candidates who attended the One-Day Class.

One of the most important keys to our success was the momentum that developed in our lodges among the brethren. It was a “grass roots” revival. Some 550 of the existing 568 lodges in Ohio had at least one candidate in attendance. One lodge, University Lodge #631 in Columbus, had 82 candidates. The excitement also led to many new candidates that want to join in the traditional manner.

Ohio Masonry is now positioned for GROWTH. Growth in quantity, quality, activities, fraternal assistance, community service, and in that ancient power of fellowship among brothers that unites us and has always made Freemasonry the great institution it is.

I thank you for allowing me to be a part of a great experience in brotherhood and fellowship. May God always bless you and yours, and cover you with His Grace.

WHAT DO THE NEXT 20 YEARS HOLD?



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

I’ll bet all of you remember the Great Society Initiatives of the mid 1960’s. In our field they represented the federal and state reimbursement of Medicare and Medicaid. It is hard to believe that it has only been 37 years since the birth of two programs that have grown to unexpected levels of service and cost.

Prior to the mid 1960’s, services provided to seniors were primarily through family, religious or fraternal groups and private insurance. The creation of these government programs enabled more people to receive better services in a country with an ever-increasing number of elderly.

A new era is upon us

The majority of these resources were channeled to institutional care and the nursing home industry, as we now know it, was born. At this time, nearly four decades removed from those decisions, a new era is upon us. Private, unregulated homes have evolved to nursing care facilities to assisted living, and now to a resurgence of retirement communities and home care services.

It has bothered me through the years that individual groups lobby for their segment of the care continuum rather than look to a way to address the big picture and afford a degree of personal choice and quality to all seniors. We have

to pay attention to cost. The federal coffers cannot accommodate future healthcare costs in current settings.

To the individual private home or care provider, your service is good, but lacks the specialty care that results in optimum outcomes. To the nursing home, your preoccupation with institutional compliance spawned the assisted living movement, which provides a high level of residential quality, but lacks the intensity of service and staffing support we expect for our relatives. Government subsidized housing is great, but where are the services for the increasingly frail residents.

Next 20 years — statewide expansion

At The Ohio Masonic Home, our response to the next 20 years has been to expand geographically, statewide. To offer services on our campuses which meet a variety of needs using a wide range of funding opportunities.

We have begun to explore ways to meet fraternal aging issues through consultation services and support through Home Care as our resources allow. We will continue to move in directions that make sense for senior Masons and their families.

Your support of the Endowment Fund has enabled us to do that despite the changing face of state and federal reimbursement priorities. The next 20 years will be very different from the past 20 years. New advances and quality initiatives will revolutionize our field. We as Americans and Masons would not have it any other way.

Ohio Masons give \$125,000 to Special Olympics

More than \$125,000 has been donated by the Freemasons in Ohio to support the athletes who participated in the 2002 Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games in Columbus in June.

"This once again shows the commitment of Ohio's Freemasons to contribute to this worthy cause and make it easier for these nearly 3,000 special athletes to enjoy their annual competition," said Michael Cecil, chairman of the Grand Lodge program.

Ohio Masonry has been supporting the Special Olympics Summer Games for more than 25 years, and frequently has donated more than \$100,000 a year. This year's total of \$125,290 is about \$20,000, or 16 percent, higher than the 2001 contribution.

Several hundred Masons, including a delegation from the Grotto, led the annual parade of athletes that kicked-off the Summer Games at the Jesse Owens Sports Complex on The Ohio State University.

Masonic Lodges all over Ohio have worked for months raising the money, including a series of spaghetti dinners in many communities. Masons also volunteer for a variety of duties in Columbus during the Summer Games, as well as at local and district Special Olympics activities.



A delegation of Masons presents more than \$125,000 to the Special Olympics at the Jesse Owens Sports Complex in Columbus. Jim S. Deyo, Junior Grand Warden, left, speaks to the group.

Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award now available in Ohio

The new Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is now available through the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The award is a national recognition approved by the Boy Scouts of America and promoted by Grand Lodges in the United States. It may be presented to any Master Mason who has made significant contributions to youth through Scouting. An extremely selective award, its purpose is to recognize the recipient's outstanding service to youth through the Boy Scouts of America.

A committee of the Grand Lodge has established criteria for consideration of the award and created nomination and petition forms. Details about the award and forms for recommending someone are available on the Grand Lodge Web site, www.freemason.com,

or by contacting the Grand Secretary's Office.

"A successful candidate for nomination will have demonstrated leadership in his Scouting roles," according to Ronald H. Leonard, who has headed the initial organization of the committee. "These may include program, training or support functions, which result in a positive program for the Scouts."

The award consists of a certificate endorsed by the Grand Master of Ohio, and a Boy Scouts of America-approved Masonic neck medallion and knot patch to be worn with a Scout uniform.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is named in honor of one of the founders of the Boy Scouting movement worldwide, who was also a Master Mason in New York.

Large American Flag Donated To Masons



Brother William P. Rutherford, left, an active Mason and owner of funeral homes in Columbus, presents Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds with a large American flag. The 8' x 10' nylon flag is available on loan from the Grand Lodge for special occasions. Call the Grand Secretary's Office for details.

Gerard Lodge recognized for community service

Gerard Masonic Lodge in Newtown, Ohio, has been recognized for its support of the Inter Parish Ministry in Cincinnati.

"As a nonprofit agency, we admire the many events and opportunities that Gerard Masonic Lodge is involved in to make a positive difference in the

community," Annette Krochmalny, executive director of the Inter Parish Ministry said.

The lodge provides space for the group's offices, food pantry and thrift shop at a "very reasonable and affordable rental rate."

a Grand Lodge planning committee, chaired by Jim S. Deyo, Junior Grand Warden. Legislation approved at the Grand Lodge session in October 2001 permitted the Grand Master's One-Day Class.

The degrees were presented in their entirety, and in what some have called the most outstanding, impressive manner ever seen. Complete lectures, charges, and educational programs for each degree were presented.

Knowledgeable Masons across the state agree that there was no lack of quality in the class. Many men of outstanding stature in their communities – elected officials, business executives, a number of mayors, clergymen, and both young and “mature” men – were raised. Several candidates were 19 years old.

One new Master Mason was 99 years old. He is Raymond D. Baldwin, a former Toledo probate attorney, who joined Northern Light Lodge #40. He celebrated his 100th birthday in mid-June.

Warren G. Harding III, great nephew of the former President and Ohio Mason was in the class. A medical doctor, he lives in Cincinnati – although he joined Marion Lodge #70, the home lodge of his famous namesake.

Thomas C. Eakin, of Shaker

2003 Grand Master's one-day district level classes permitted

A Grand Master's One-Day Class will be held next year in Ohio on the district level, announced William P. Mayberry, Sr., Deputy Grand Master. If elected Grand Master in October, Rt. Wor. Brother Mayberry said that each Masonic District, or districts working together, will be permitted to hold one-day classes in March of 2003. Full details to come.

All planning, registration, and financial arrangements will be done on the District or local lodge level. Outstanding ritual work and the use of mentors will still be required.

Heights, who received the Grand Lodge of Ohio's prestigious Rufus Putnam Award for community service in 1999, became a member of Flushing Lodge #298 in the One-Day Class. Exactly two weeks later, Brother Eakin was presented the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor in a special ceremony in New York to add to his long list of community achievements.

Individuals who have worked with the Grand Lodge for years, but never joined, took this opportunity to become Masons. These include the Grand

Lodge insurance agent, the manager of the Grand Lodge investment portfolio, and the consultant for the Grand Lodge membership software program. In addition, quite a few employees of the Ohio Masonic Home joined the Fraternity on April 27.

State Representative Larry L. Flowers, who earlier had served as the Madison Township fire chief for 22 years, joined Groveport Lodge #240.

Perhaps one of the largest gaps between an Entered Apprentice and Master Mason degree occurred that day as well. John H. Gilcrest, Jr., became of Master Mason in Steubenville Lodge #45, about 45 years after his initial degree.

The day witnessed hundreds of family members becoming Masons, making their fathers, grandfathers and brothers very happy. One example is the Charles Stingle family. He was a mentor while four of his grandsons, Charles Stingle III, Aaron Stingle, Kevin Stingle, and Phillip N. Maderia all joined Smithfield Lodge #182.

The Scottish Rite Valleys in Ohio performed an invaluable service during the One-Day Class by providing significant registration, administrative, and on-site preparation services.



Nearly 8,000 men became Master Masons in 10 Ohio cities during the One-Day Class. Above: Columbus (left), Cincinnati (right). Page 5 clockwise from top left: Dayton, Akron and Canton.

Charitable relief giving tops \$100,000

The Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation, since its creation nearly six years ago, has surpassed \$100,000 in relief donations to individuals in Ohio, who have been recommended for aid by lodges.

The first contribution was made in December 1995. Since then, a total of 75 checks have been presented to help relieve the burden of severe illnesses, accidents, and other financial disasters.

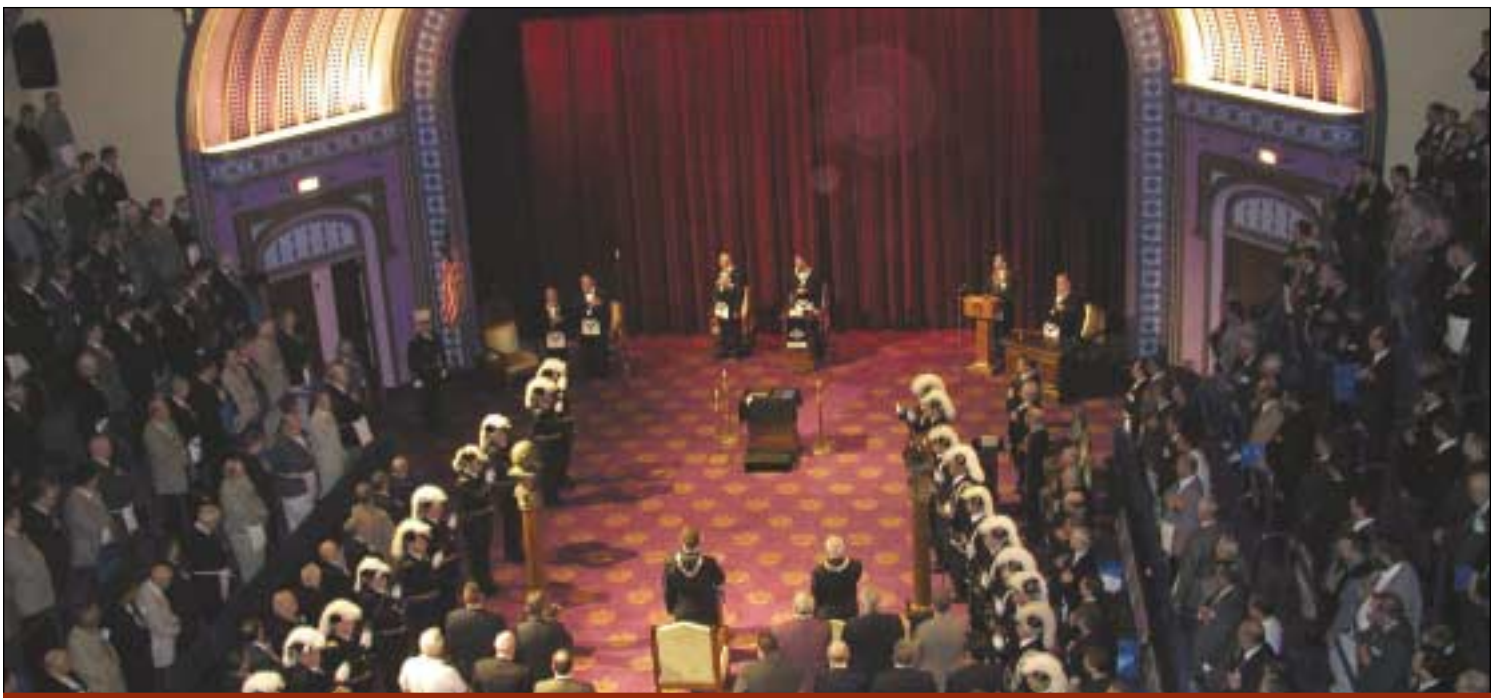
The size of the awards has grown during the Foundation's existence as

contributions have increased from lodges and brethren. All gifts are placed in an endowment fund, and only the interest may be used for relief purposes. The initial fund goal of \$1 million has yet to be reached.

The process works as follows: A lodge investigates a request for help, and then makes a donation recommendation to the Grand Lodge. The Charitable Committee, under the leadership of Past Grand Master Thomas D. Zahler, studies the request and recommends a specific amount

for the gift. The trustees of the Foundation then also endorse the donation and order a check be written. The check is sent to the lodge that made the initial request and the lodge presents it to the individual.

Last winter, a letter from Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds was sent to all Ohio Masons, urging a contribution to the Charitable Foundation. That campaign resulted in 6,336 gifts totaling about \$120,500 for the Foundation.



Masons celebrate Home Day!

The cars and buses started arriving on campus Sunday, June 2, at 9 a.m. By noon, more than 1,350 Master Masons, their families and other visitors joined with The Home residents, employees and their families to celebrate Ohio Masonic Home Day 2002.

Activities started with Worship Services followed by refreshments,

entertainment and campus tours. At 2 p.m. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Reynolds, led the Potentates and Nobles from Zenobia Shrine (Toledo), Syrian Shrine (Cincinnati), Aladdin Shrine (Columbus), and Antioch Shrine (Dayton) in a 45-minute campus

parade. More than 43 Shrine parade units gave residents and visitors an exciting, colorful parade.

Next year Home Day will be held Sunday, June 8, at the Springfield campus. Mark your calendar now! You will not want to miss this event.

EVERYONE LIKES A PARADE — Just an example of the more than 1,350 smiling faces seen along the entire parade route during the Shrine Parade.



LEADING THE WAY — Grand Lodge Officers started the Home Day 2002 Shrine Parade.



CLOWNING AROUND — A Zenobia Shrine clown from Findlay gave a personal tour of his antique fire truck to two future fire fighters.



BRUSH OFF — Janet Dobson's airbrush artwork was a big hit with the kids. People in line waiting for the artwork exceeded those at the snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn.



CRAFTSMEN HAVE PERFORMED THEIR DUTIES — Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother William P. Mayberry, Sr., checks the Burdick Tower cornerstone to ensure it is square.

Photos by: Tom Miller, John Bryan and Laura Banks

Construction Update

NEW DUPLEX PATIO HOMES — Twenty-two new Masonic Retirement Village duplex patio homes are being built on the Springfield campus in Masonic Square. Ten units will be completed in November and the remaining 12 units are scheduled for completion in February 2003. Each patio home has 1,300 square feet of living space with options to expand the square footage. Masons who would like more information about the duplex patio homes should contact



an MRV Marketing Office representative toll free at 888/290-2664

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE — Masonic Retirement Village's Iredell Gardens three-story, 60-unit apartment building on the Springfield campus is rapidly taking shape. With a February 2003 target completion date, several of the one and two bedroom units have already been leased. Masons who would like more information about the apartments should contact an MRV Marketing Office representative toll-free at 888/290-2664



WRMC celebrates grand opening with ribbon cutting



BUILDING A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS — (left to right) Chris Kalina, President of the Medina Township Board of Trustees; Debbie Shuler, representing the WRMC employees; Right Worshipful Brother David Galland, the 20th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master; Jerry Kuyoth, CEO of The Ohio Masonic Home; and Norm and Jane (not visible in the photo) Wehner, representing the WRMC residents joined together to cut a symbolic ribbon officially opening Western Reserve Masonic Community, Medina's newest continuing care retirement community.

Employees start fraternal journey

Fifteen Ohio Masonic Home employees from three campuses joined the Masonic Fraternity April 27, 2002, during the Grand Master's historic One-Day Class.

Fourteen of The Home's employees, who are Master Masons, welcomed their new brethren at a mid-July luncheon hosted by Chief Executive Officer, Brother Jerry Kuyoth and The Home's Benevolent Endowment Foundation President, Right Worshipful Brother Tim Strawn.

"All of them now have an introduction to the principles

and precepts on which The Home was founded and continues to be operated," said Strawn. "In light of the integral involvement of Masonry in the founding and operation of The Home, we felt it appropriate to do something in the way of welcoming our new brethren who work in the midst of Masonry every day," he added.

Twenty-three Masons attended the luncheon representing eleven different lodges.



MAKING HISTORY — Fifteen Ohio Masonic Home employees were raised Master Masons April 27, 2002. The new brethren are (first row, left to right) Greg Bobo, Darrell Anderson, Bill Standard, Dave Wells and Greg Goff (all from Springfield campus). (Second row, left to right) Jason Aberegg (Medina campus), Dave Thompson (Springfield campus), Mike Adams (Springfield campus), Bob Boldman (Waterville campus), and Tom Hynes (Springfield campus). Unable to be in the photograph are Chris Black, Dr. Bill Garringer, Bob Kane, John Noffsinger, and Chris Ziegler (from the Springfield campus).



Grand Lodge Utilities Program saves money, . . . and the Charitable Foundation grows

As the national economic slump continues and winter quickly approaches, more people are taking advantage of the savings generated by the Grand Lodge Utilities Program for Natural Gas and Long Distance coverage.

In addition to saving the individual money, for every dollar spent, contributions are donated to the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation to aid needy individuals and to sponsor other community outreach programs.

Natural Gas:

All those who currently receive a bill from Columbia Gas of Ohio are encouraged to contact Tim Berry with MetroMedia Energy to determine how much they can save on future home and/or business natural gas bills. Call 800/490-4427, ext. 105. Enrollment forms are also available on the Grand

Lodge Web page, www.freemason.com.

Because MetroMedia Energy offers a residential rate of only eight cents above their wholesale cost and a commercial rate of only four cents above their wholesale cost, their gas prices were on average 20 percent less than those of Columbia Gas in 2001. In addition to these savings, the Charitable Foundation receives a quarterly contribution based on your usage.

Long Distance:

The low long distance rates provided by PowerNet Global are available to anyone living in the United States who enrolls through our Grand Lodge program. Ohio residents will receive in-state long distant rates of 5.9 cents per minute and out-of-state long distance rates of 4.9 cents per minute. These rates are good 24 hours a day and seven days a week. There are also low

international rates available, which is especially timely with so many of our young men and women abroad.

There are no monthly fees associated with this program, nor any fees for switching from a current long distance provider. The long distance charges will be listed on one bill and are itemized and easy to read. In addition, 24-hour customer service is available for those who need assistance.

In this program, five percent of long distance telephone charges will go to the Charitable Foundation

To enroll or to ask questions, call toll-free, 866/833-4530. When calling to enroll it is important to explain that you are calling regarding the "MASONS OF OHIO PROGRAM." You can also enroll on the Grand Lodge Web site, www.freemason.com.



Annual Johnson's Island rites assisted by Grand Lodge Officers

Six Grand Lodge officers helped Oliver H. Perry Lodge #341 of Port Clinton, perform its annual service on Memorial Day on Johnson's Island in northern Ohio. During the Civil War, a prison was operated on the island, housing Confederate soldiers, many of them Masons. A large memorial stone stands on the site recognizing the historical significance.



Grand Lodge participants included, from left, Edward L. Draper, Grand Tyler; Michael A. Himes, Grand Marshal; Thomas E. Reynolds, Grand Master; Ronald L. Winnett, Senior Grand Deacon; Tobe N. Riedel, Grand Chaplain, and Charles R. Murphy, Junior Grand Deacon.

George Washington Memorial Unveils Ohio-Sponsored Display

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial unveiled a new display case in June, providing the public a look at some of the artifacts being found in an archeological "dig" on the Shuter's Hill, near the Memorial.

Past Grand Master Jack L. Allen and Mark Bernardin, Manager of Program Development for the Grand Lodge, pose with some of the archeologists. Below, a portion of the "dig" on the grounds of the Memorial is shown. A special appeal was made at the Grand Lodge session in October, 2001, so Ohio Masons could finance the display, and more than \$3,200 was donated by brethren to accomplish the project.



Grand Lodge session scheduled for October 18-19 in Toledo

For the first time since 1995, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio will be held in Toledo on October 18-19, 2002.

Information for all delegates and visitors has been sent to the Secretaries of each Symbolic Lodge in Ohio.

Following are legislative topics that will be considered at Grand Lodge this year:

- Creating a resolution to permit Grand Masters to appoint District Advisors.
- Establishing rules for property when a lodge surrenders its charter.
- Rephrasing the Code section prohibiting alcoholic beverages in Masonic Temples, detailing that this restriction is for Masonic buildings owned by Symbolic Lodges or their Masonic Temple Companies only.
- Permitting business of a lodge to be conducted in a Lodge of Entered Apprentices.
- Prohibiting a brother to be elected Lodge Secretary if he has passed his 70th birthday; sets guidelines for Secretary Emeritus status.
- Changing the suspension date for members who have not paid their dues to March 31.
- Repealing the Grand Master's One-Day Class legislation.

Capstone Camps kick off successful second year



Now in its second year, the 2002 Capstone Camps were held June 23-28, and June 30-July 5, at Craftsmen Park in Akron. The 88 participating campers were twice in number of last year, with about a third from Masonic youth groups. The remaining youth were recommended by Masonic Student Assistance Teams from around the state.

The camp provides a fun-filled, positive environment in which the basic life skills of respect, responsibility, and relationships are taught. Craftsmen park, which hosts the camps every year, is a 68-acre lakeside park, open to any Ohio Master Mason and his family.

The Capstone Camps are made possible through the continued support, both through financial and volunteer contributions, of the various Masonic bodies of Summit County and the 21st Masonic District.

"If we didn't have this kind of overwhelming support from the Masons, Eastern Star members, and Masonic youth groups of the greater Akron area, in addition to the generous and greatly appreciated financial support of the Charitable Foundation and the State Department of Education, this camp wouldn't be possible," said Chad Simpson, Director of Program Development. "Money makes this program possible, but people make it a reality."

Two more Capstone Camps are planned for the summer of 2003. The first will be held June 15-20 and June 22-27. For information on how your Masonic youth can participate, please call 1-800-292-6092 or visit the Web site at www.freemason.com.

Memorial Day Tribute to Past Grand Master

Center Star Lodge #11 of Heath, held Memorial Day services to pay special homage to Past Grand Master S. Stacker Williams, for the 88th consecutive year. M.W. Brother Williams, a Past Master of Center Star Lodge, was Grand Master of Ohio in 1885-87.

Center Star's Senior Steward Irvin McCormick, left, Chaplain Fred Palmer, and Worshipful Master Roger Coombs are shown next to the Williams' grave marker and floral tribute.



From left, Grandfather Quentin Saylor and Father Terry R. Saylor, both from Clifton-Gaston Lodge #664, raised Jeremy Quentin Saylor; Worshipful Master Mikel Carter; George William Spaeth III was raised by Father and Past Master G. William Spaeth II, and Grandfather George William Spaeth, Sr., a 60-year member.

Grand Master presents 80-year award to 102-year-old Mason

Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds recognized Brother Albert Levin, of Avon-Miami Lodge #542, for his 80 years in Masonry. Brother Levin is 102 years young. His son, Bert, a 50-year member of the Lodge, and daughter-in-law, were also part of the presentation of a distinctive, engraved clock.



Three generations of Masons — twice in one day

Mason Lodge #678, of Mason, Ohio, had the rare privilege of having two new Master Masons raised on May 15, both by their fathers and grandfathers.



FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



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

Your Legacy

At some point in our lives, virtually every one of us begins to think about our "legacy" and what it will be. Some think in terms of their children, some think in terms of the company they have established or grown, still others think in terms of their long-time involvement in a

church or organization. All of us want to think that we will, in fact, leave a legacy...of values, of involvement, of ideas, of things important to us...and maybe even of some type of physical remembrance of what we are about and what we stand for.

As you may be aware, a rapidly growing national program, *Leave a Legacy* (founded in Columbus), helps educate the general public about the importance of making charitable gifts to not-for-profit organizations. Many organizations, including The Ohio Masonic Home, are dependent on those charitable gifts to continue operations, year after year. Statistics show that while 70 percent of Americans make a charitable gift each year, only six percent of us make a charitable gift through our will or estate plan. It's easy to see how valuable those "planned" gifts are and why we're hearing so much about

them today. We echo the commitment of those involved with the *Leave a Legacy* program to encourage the consideration of planned gifts in support of worthy not-for-profit organizations and institutions.

For many readers of the Beacon, The Home may be the logical and appropriate focal point for a legacy gift...to assure that our Masonic values of brotherly love, relief and truth are carried long into the future in our service to brother Masons, members of their families and others in need of care. As you consider the legacy you may leave, remember the opportunities available for support of The Home...at all four of its campuses throughout Ohio...and how a gift to capture one of those opportunities will help carry on the values and ideas that have been important to you in your life.

A newly-established naming and recognition program in the Foundation may help you identify a permanent way of memorializing your commitment to the fraternity or The Home...or remembering someone special in your life... in one of the facilities throughout our several campuses. Buildings, rooms, program space and other areas are available for sponsorship in a wide range of gift levels.

To learn more about how you may leave your legacy, contact the Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664 or check the appropriate box in the coupon below and return it to us at Five Masonic Drive, Springfield, 45504-3658.

Learn More About Leaving a Legacy

- Please send me more information about how I might leave a legacy at 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 leaving a legacy, please complete and return this coupon. You also may call the Endowment Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664.

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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.

BMC prepares centenarian celebrations

Browning Masonic Community will honor two active residents this fall. Both will join a prestigious club when they celebrate their 100th birthday. The future centenarians are Mary Miller and Florence Marx.

Mary Miller

Miller, born in Toledo, August 8, 1902, recently threw the first pitch at a Toledo Mud Hens home baseball game. To the chagrin of the pitchers but to the cheers of the fans, she proved she has a good arm.

"When I was born, horse-drawn transportation was the norm," said Miller. "I even remember our family's first telephone. You had to crank it to make it work," she said with a gleam in her eye.

"I worked as a bookkeeper at a local drugstore and was active in The Order of The Eastern Star. I've been a member of Eastern Star for more than 80 years," said Miller. An avid cook and gardener, she loves flowers, even dandelions.



Mary Miller



Florence Marx

Mary plans to celebrate her 100th birthday September 10 with more than 70 family members in a local park.

Florence Marx

Browning's next centenarian is Florence Marx. She will be 100-years-old October 10.

"I was the oldest in a family of nine children," said Marx. "I remember working as a dental hygienist for 10 years in Toledo," she said. Marx also had an artists' flair and took private oil

painting lessons and classes at the Toledo Museum of Art. Her talent was soon recognized as her Maumee River landscapes were exhibited in area art shops and in the Toledo Museum of Art.

"I was reared on a farm and my husband and I both enjoyed vacationing at working ranches in Arizona and Colorado," said Marx. "I also enjoy a good game of bridge and going out to local restaurants," she said.

Both Mary and Florence are now enjoying their new friendships and comfortable, secure lifestyle at Browning Masonic Community.

As members of the Centenarian Club, Mary and Florence will join the ranks of the more than 70,000 United States centenarians and 450,000 centenarians worldwide. The United States Census Bureau estimates that by the year 2050 the number of centenarians in the United States will be more than 834,000.

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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 April 1, 2002, and June 30, 2002.

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New OMH Cookbook on sale

A new Ohio Masonic Home cookbook, "All American Recipes," is now available from The Home's Gift Shop.

Packed with 371 favorite resident recipes, these culinary treasures range from appetizers, soups & salads, main dishes, vegetables, breads & rolls, desserts, cakes and cookies, and potpourri.

You can explore, cook, experience and then enjoy these special family recipes, some passed from generation to generation.

You may order a cookbook by writing to: The Ohio Masonic Home, 2655 West National Road, Springfield, Ohio 45504. Each cookbook is \$10.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

Please include your name, mailing address, city, state and zip code where you would like the cookbook to be sent. Proceeds from the cookbook sales will be given to The Ohio Masonic Home's Benevolent Endowment Foundation to continue The Home's mission.



AOPHA honors STARS

Thirteen Ohio Masonic Home employees from three campuses recently received "STAR" status at three regional recognition luncheons sponsored by the Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes, Housing & Services for the Aging (AOPHA) and the AOPHA Resident Forum.

Front-line Ohio staff members of not-for-profit aging services providers were recognized at six regional "STARS" Employee Recognition Luncheons. The employees were nominated and selected for recognition by residents and family members for their commitment to service and their strong work ethic.

The Browning Masonic Community STARS are: Art Huff, Jennifer Rill and Carol Stout. The Masonic Eastern Star

Community STARS include: Marty French, Carol Wilford, Henrietta Reynolds, Geneva Thoroughman, and Donna Pierman. The Masonic Health Care STARS are: Darrell Anderson, Howard Applin, Betty Jo Dobson, Donna Fradd and Tim McCalla.

Congratulations to these STARS and to all The Home's front-line employees that are committed to provide daily, quality health care to the residents on all four campuses.

AOPHA is a nonprofit organization that represents more than 330 Ohio nonprofit long-term care facilities. AOPHA-member facilities serve more than 50,000 residents daily and employ more than 20,000 people.



SHINING STARS — Awarded "STAR" status at AOPHA's West Central Region Luncheon are The Home's Springfield campus employees (left to right) Darrell Anderson, Betty Jo Dobson, Donna Fradd, Tim McCalla, and Howard Applin.

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Two MRV Masons Honored

Worshipful Brother Henry W. King received his 65-year Masonic Pin from Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds during Masonic Home Day, June 2. WB King has been a member of Belpre Lodge #609 since 1937. He has visited more than 232 Lodges and is also a 64-year member of The Order of The Eastern Star.

Brother Sterling W. Tinner received his 50-year Masonic Pin June 1 from Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds during the 9th Masonic District's Grand Master Reception. Brother Tinner is a member of Rockton Lodge #316 and Anthony Lodge #455.

Both Brothers King and Tinner live in Masonic Retirement Village at The Home's Springfield campus.