

BEACON

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200 years old ... and still goin' strong!

On October 19, 2003, New England Lodge #4 reaches a milestone few lodges see — its 200th Anniversary!

Originally chartered as New England #48 by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the lodge moved to Worthington in 1803 with the Scioto Company, the original settlers. In 1808, New England and five other lodges formed the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Right Worshipful Brother James Kilbourne was not only the leader of those settlers but was also the first Worshipful Master of New England Lodge and, later, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The history of the lodge is intertwined with the history of the community and, to this day, the lodge enjoys a very close relationship with community officials and organizations.

Among the events and mementoes planned for this bicentennial celebration

are a souvenir coin and cloth apron (a leather version of the apron is available) plus a more than 250 page updated lodge history has been created to remember the year.

Earlier this year, RWB Tim Strawn, Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, and WB Dick Snow, LEO, traveled to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to present mementoes to the Grand Lodge which gave birth to New England Lodge. They presented a framed, commemorative leather apron and photos of New England's original Lodge hall, the oldest continuously operating Masonic Temple west of the Appalachian Mountains

and now the museum/meeting room operated by Grand Lodge.



Huge stainless steel Square & Compasses is featured on float in Worthington's Bicentennial parade on July 5. The State of Ohio, City of Worthington, and New England Lodge #4 all observe 200th birthdays in 2003.

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Exclusive to orphaned children of Ohio Masons

OMH starts scholarship program

The Ohio Masonic Home's Scholarship Committee is now accepting scholarship applications from orphaned children of Ohio Masons.

Scholarship application forms and instructions are available upon request at the following address: The Ohio Masonic Home Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 120, Springfield, Ohio 45501.

Approved by The Home's Board of Trustees last year, the scholarship endowment was created to offer annual tuition assistance to children of deceased Masons. To qualify, a student must be making satisfactory progress in a bachelor's, associate's or other undergraduate degree program at a qualifying institution.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- Have graduated from a high school or passed the GED.
- Be at least 16 and not more than 22 years of age at the time of application.
- Be the son or daughter of a deceased Mason who, at the time of his death, had achieved the degree of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason and who was in good standing with the Grand Lodge of Ohio, F.&A.M.
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Enroll on a full-time basis at a qualifying institution before funds are distributed.

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Masons celebrate Home Day 2003!



UNIQUE SOUNDS – The bagpipe conductor leads his musicians past The Home's "icon building, Bushnell Hall."

see page 4 for more!

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER



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

What an honor it has been to be Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio. I want to thank all the members for the courtesies they have shown me — not only as the Grand Master, but also over the years as I have come up through the Grand Lodge Line.

This year, as Grand Master, the time has flown by so fast. It is hard to believe that we will soon be gathering in Dayton, Ohio, for our Annual Communication (October 17-18, 2003).

This is my last opportunity to prepare an article for the Beacon. I want to thank all the Brethren and their ladies, who made Delores and I feel welcome at the Grand Master's receptions, which were held in each of our 25 districts.

I congratulate all the new members that have joined our fraternity during this past year. I hope you are finding time to attend and become active in your lodge. This is a good way to make new friendships, which last a lifetime.

A beautiful day was had by all, who attended the Ohio Masonic Home Day on June 8. Families and their friends from throughout the state gathered together at Springfield for this special occasion. They all enjoyed the food, parade, and entertainment. This appeared to be one of the largest crowds for this annual event. A big thank you to all, who worked so hard to make this a successful day.

I want to thank all that made donations to our Grand Lodge Charities. Through your help, on June 20 at the opening of the Ohio Special Olympics Games in Columbus, we were able to present a check for \$115,000 to support the athletes. This was a heart-warming experience.

My Brethren, this has been a wonderful year for me and for that I am eternally grateful. I thank each of you for your support and for allowing me to be your Grand Master. You all have played an important part in "Building a Brighter Tomorrow."

In closing, let me say I thank you for your courtesies, your kindness, and most of all your friendship.

May God bless each of you and may God bless Freemasonry!

MASONIC FACILITIES PROVIDE!



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

Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie once said, "Throughout history it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph."

At its 73rd annual meeting in Richmond, Virginia., this year, The Masonic Homes Executives' Association of North America (MHEANA) addressed "Creating Traditions of Quality."

From the mid-19th century through the second decade of the 20th century, Masons across our great land embarked on the construction of facilities for the care of orphaned and needy children as well as the elders of the craft. That mission has expanded and modified during the past century. Traditions of caring quality have been the hallmark of our effort long before the advent of government reimbursement or philanthropic foundation. I would like to share with you the state of care in our Masonic Homes.

Currently, 43 facilities are members of our national Masonic group with the majority also carrying membership in the state and national nonprofit associations dedicated to advancing the quality of life for all senior citizens. The majority of these facilities specialize in elderly care and services including nursing care, assisted living, independent apartments and homes, as well as home community-based services. They range in size from 50 to more than 1,300 units and seven of the locations continue to provide assistance for children. Here are the benchmarks that illustrate what

Masonic Homes provide.

Masonicare, located in Wallingford, Connecticut, provides housing and healthcare to more than 1,000 residents on three campuses in a state with only 12,000 Masons. What is even more remarkable are the more than 25 Home Health Care agencies serving Masons and others in need statewide. Who could have envisioned more than 100 years ago the depth and breadth of this service.

The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania provides care and services to more than 2,000 Pennsylvania Masons and their families at four sites in the Keystone state. A shining example of quality market rate housing, the Elizabethtown-based organization maintains sizable waiting lists for their high quality and innovative programs and the new Sewickley campus, just outside Pittsburgh, offers the best in innovative programs.

The North Carolina Masonic Home for Children in Oxford is undergoing a dramatic expansion, nearly doubling their capacity and providing a safe and healthy home for children in need.

We in Ohio can point to the faithfulness to mission by the volume of charitable assistance we provide. No where have I seen the commitment to the customer, regardless of their ability to play so faithfully carried out.

Writer James Dillet Freeman once said, "We have the power, knowledge, and equipment to build a world beyond our wonder. Only loss of nerve can defeat us." Our forefathers possessed all those characteristics as they developed a system of facilities which now care for more than 25,000 individuals each day. Let us have the knowledge and nerve to make it additionally prosper. They have given us the power and the equipment to do nothing less.

Betty Montgomery receives Distinguished Service Award from Ohio Freemasons

Betty Montgomery, Ohio's first woman Attorney General and now Ohio's State Auditor, has received the Rufus Putnam Distinguished Service Award from the Freemasons of Ohio.

Montgomery is the 16th recipient of the award in its 24-year history.

Montgomery, who grew up in Northwestern Ohio, began her legal career as a criminal clerk in the Lucas County Commons Pleas Court, then subsequently served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wood County, Perrysburg City Prosecutor, and Wood County Prosecuting Attorney. In 1988, Montgomery was elected to the Ohio Senate, in 1994, she was elected Ohio Attorney General, and in 2002, she was elected Ohio State Auditor.

The Rufus Putnam Award is named after the first Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, who served in 1808. His public service from 1788 to 1824 earned him the title, "Father of the Northwest Territory." The award was designed to honor distinguished citizens and community service providers, characteristics encouraged among all members of Freemasonry.



Grand Secretary George O. Braatz presents the Rufus Putnam Award plaque to Betty Montgomery in her office.

From Rufus to Reynolds

How well do you know Ohio's Past Grand Masters? Do you know which Grand Master disappeared without a trace? Which two were father and son-in-law?

For the answers to these questions, and others, you can now visit a new section of the Grand Lodge Web site. Go to www.freemason.com and click on "Grand Masters."

There you will find pictures and biographies of Ohio's Past Grand Masters. The information, gathered by W.B. Richard Helpman of New England Lodge #4, is full of interesting facts about each man. Discover a bit more about the men behind the collar and jewel.

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The Lodge's inspection in the EA degree was presented with the officers in colonial costume, with more than 250 attendees, including all the lodges of the 14th District, visitors from 16 lodges and 6 states outside the District and our special guests, Right Worshipful Brother Kilbourne (portrayed by MWB Rollie Lattanner, PGM) and Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr.

On July 5th, 52 brethren marched as New Englanders in Worthington's bicentennial parade. As the parade units were organized by age in the community, the Lodge's unit was #10, actually the



Charles E. Zepp, Junior Warden, of New England Lodge, polishes the 10-foot-high Square and Compasses before the parade. The "Letter G" has a mirror-like finish. The entire emblem rotates twice per minute on its base.

first community unit, following Ohio's bicentennial wagon train wagons and color guard. A beautiful float, acclaimed to be the nicest in the parade, depicted the scene of an early Lodge meeting with local historical characters, including RWB Kilbourne, and featured an 10-foot-high, stainless steel, revolving square and compasses.

Remaining events include a presentation on September 25th at 7:30 p.m. in

the lodge by Dr. Steven Bullock, a recognized authority on Freemasonry in the late 1700's – mid 1800's on: The Impact of Fraternalism on Colonial America. This presentation is the Lodge's gift to the community for their mutual anniversary and is a recognized Worthington bicentennial event.

On October 25th, the lodge will be reconsecrated by the Grand Lodge officers at 2 p.m. and, that evening, will conclude its special events with an anniversary dinner (ticket required and available from the lodge) at Aladdin Shrine Center. All brethren are welcome to attend these events. Contact the lodge for further information.

Needless to say, the lodge's more than 480 members are proud of their significant history and look forward to giving the lodge's third century a strong, healthy start.

Home Day a resounding success

A near record 2,000 Masons and their families visited the Springfield campus to enjoy "Home Day" with the residents, associates and other visitors on Sunday, June 8.

After Worship Services visitors started taking numerous campus tours while others enjoyed the picnic-style food. Some folks went immediately to the entertainment tent to enjoy the Irish dancers and later song stylist Jack Garrett, while others made a bee line to see the 42 classic and vintage cars

and trucks on display while listening to 40's and 50's music provided by a local DJ.

One of the largest Shrine Parades, courtesy of the Nobles of Antioch, Syrian, and Aladdin Shrine was rushed to start earlier than scheduled to avoid a pending rain. Just after the welcome remarks and presentations were made, the rain arrived and ended an almost perfect weather day.

The Home Day Committee extends its appreciation to all the campus

residents, associate volunteers, entertainers, off-campus volunteers, the Masonic organizations that provided the refreshments, and the Nobles of Antioch, Syrian, and Aladdin Shrine for sharing their enthusiasm, excitement and smiles.

Mark your 2004 calendars now because next year this event will be held at one of The Home's northern campuses, Western Reserve Masonic Community, in Medina, on Sunday, June 6. See you there!



PRINCE HALL BROTHERN VISIT HOME DAY – Prince Hall's Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Lecturer Jerry D. Springer (far left) from Equity Lodge #121, District 4, and many Prince Hall brethren and their families attended Home Day. The Chairman of the Ohio Masonic Home's Board of Trustees, Most Excellent Companion William M. Berry, 33° (second from left), Illustrious Brother William A. Harrell, 33°, Chairman of The Home's Benevolent Endowment Foundation, and The Home's Chief Executive Officer Joseph (Jerry) B. Kuyoth, Jr. (far right), extend a warm welcome to RWB Springer.



PARADE READY – A young man entertains Pathways residents and associates while waiting for the parade units to arrive.



THE ROYAL WAVE – These mini-Corvette drivers undergo hours of training to perfect the "Royal Wave" and one-hand parade driving skills necessary to excite the crowds.



CELEBRITY GUEST – Orville Wright cycled to Home Day while Wilbur stayed in Dayton to prepare for the Inventing Flight Celebration



DEDICATION PLAQUE – Browning Masonic Community's Director of Marketing, Gary McElfresh (far left), presents a plaque from Rubicon Lodge #237 in honor of the Past Master of Rubicon Lodge and Past Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, MWB Leander Burdick. Brother Burdick served as President of The Home's Board of Trustees and helped lay the Bushnell cornerstone in 1892. Masonic Health Care's Burdick Tower is named after Brother Burdick. Accepting the plaque is The Home's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Most Excellent Companion William M. Berry, 33°, Masonic Health Care President, Marion Leeman, and The Home's CEO Jerry Kuyoth.



GRAND LODGE OFFICERS – The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother William P. Mayberry, Sr. and the Grand Lodge Officers lead the Shrine Parade.



INDIANA CHEF – To cook the best food, every master chief needs the necessary tools... sunglasses, an Indiana Jones style hat and a beeper.

Home Day proclaimed 'John Bryan Day'

John Bryan, The Home's official photographer for more than 25 years, was surprised on Home Day when Chief Executive Officer Joseph (Jerry) B. Kuyoth, Jr., asked Bryan to join him on stage.

Kuyoth presented Brother Bryan with a plaque and announced June 8, 2003, to be "John Bryan Day" at The Home in recognition of Bryan's years as a volunteer photographer.

The plaque read in part, "The Ohio Masonic Home hereby thanks Brother John Bryan for his tireless, dedicated efforts and countless thousands of hours of service in this important capacity...May all who know him join with The Ohio Masonic Home in this statement of our sincere, fraternal thanks for a job well done."

Bryan, a former professional photographer in Springfield, sold his commercial photo business in 1978 and retired. Then he started volunteering his time to photograph The Home's events and activities. He has an extensive 20+ year photographic archive that tells the story of The Home, its residents and associates.

Bryan's award winning photography has been the primary photographic source for past corporate annual reports and the quarterly newsletter. He also established a process for residents to view and order copies of his photos for their personal enjoyment.

Lucille, Bryan's wife, is also an active volunteer at The Home and has served as a receptionist, visitor greeter, and assisted her husband catalogue the large photographic archive of photo negatives and prints.

The Bryan's were the first residents to move into the refurbished Apartments At Cunningham Place. They now live in Hillman Manor.

Brother Bryan has been a Mason for more than 54 years and is a member of the York and Scottish Rites and active in The Home's High Twelve Club #483.

Although Brother Bryan has retired a second time, he still has a camera ready to capture those special moments.



JOHN BRYAN DAY – OMH CEO Jerry Kuyoth declares Home Day, June 8, 2003, to be John Bryan Day in honor of Brother Bryan's photographic support to The Home and the Masonic Fraternity

Scholarship

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- Submit a legible, completed application form accompanied by:
 - A copy of signed federal tax forms 1040 for the most recent year.
 - A copy of the letter of acceptance from the school you will be attending.
 - A two-page essay written by the student summarizing personal and academic background, honors, awards, services, co-curricular activities and career plans.
 - A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, principal or guidance counselor.
 - A letter from the Secretary of the father's Lodge verifying "good standing."

All awards will be paid directly to the school. Any tuition refunds, discounts, or rebates, up to the amount of the annual award, must be returned to the Scholarship Fund.

Each scholarship award will be for one academic year and the award will not exceed \$3,000 or the cost of tuition. Applicants may not receive more than five scholarship awards from this fund.

The Home 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 endowment fund for this scholarship program.

All awards will be determined by a three-person Scholarship Committee.



Grand Lodge Session October 17-18 in Dayton

Several legislative topics under consideration

The 2003 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. of Ohio will be held in the Dayton Masonic Center on October 17 and 18.

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:

- Instituting an "Historical Lodge" system
- Mandatory retirement for Lodge Secretaries over age 70, or after 10 years of service
- Changing the effective date for suspending a member for non-payment of dues from December 31 until March 31
- Permitting Lodge business to be held in the Entered Apprentice Degree
- Allowing alcohol in any room not dedicated to Freemasonry
- Permitting Grand Master to suspend a Brother who has committed a crime until he has been tried
- Requiring all Ohio Lodges to include "Masonic" in their names
- Limiting frequency of a Grand Master's Class to no more than once every four years

Ohio Masons contribute \$115,000 to Special Olympics

A total donation of \$115,000 was presented to the Ohio Special Olympics on behalf of the Masons of Ohio to support the athletes at the annual summer games in Columbus.

"The gift was possible because of the dedicated efforts of Lodges and Masons from around Ohio," said Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., who made the presentation at the opening ceremonies on June 20.

"Once again," according to Michael Cecil, statewide chairman for the Grand Lodge Special Olympics, "this demonstrates 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."

Since 1978, Ohio Masons have contributed \$1.7 million to this worthy cause. The last several years have seen annual contributions

totaling well over \$100,000.

Several hundred Masons led the annual Parade of Athletes to kick-off the Summer Games on June 20 at the Jesse Owens Sports Complex on The Ohio State University campus. Grand Master Mayberry was assisted in the check presentation by two Ohio Special Olympians: Paul Carpenter a member of Pickaway Lodge #23 and Michael Baltes a member of Argus Lodge #545.

Many Lodges had been working for months to reach their contribution goals. Hosting spaghetti dinners or pancake breakfasts are two of the favorite ways

for Lodges to raise the money for this worthy charity. It cost roughly \$60 to sponsor an athlete to the summer games.



Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., at the lectern, presents the ceremonial check for \$115,000, representing this year's support from Ohio Masons for the annual Special Olympics Summer Games. Special Olympics athletes are seen in the background.

Church cornerstone laid

Led by Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., wearing top hat, a delegation of Masons laid the cornerstone for Crestview Presbyterian Church on June 1, 2003. The Masonic ceremony was held on Sunday morning, in conjunction with the church's worship services.



Worthington Mayor joins Masonry in One-Day Class

Harvey S. Minton, right, Mayor of Worthington, Ohio, became a Master Mason on March 22 during the one-day class in Columbus. Ronald L. Winnett, left, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, welcomes him.



FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



The Kathleen B. Castle Dining Room

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

Masonic Home Day on Sunday, June 8th was, again, a wonderful day of celebration here in

Springfield. One of the things that made it so special...despite an afternoon downpour...was the opportunity to do something that hadn't occurred on this campus for 80 years! That special thing was the official naming of one of our campus facilities*...the first named for a lady...a very special lady!

As the result of a major gift to The Home from Illustrious Brother Lyle W. Castle, 33°, the Dining Room of our Community Center was named in honor and memory of his late wife, Kathleen. Because of Kathleen's long time dedication to Eastern Star, Illustrious Brother Castle wanted to find a special way to remember her at The Home, a place that he and Kathleen felt was unique. After discussing several possible options for naming, he chose the Dining Room

because of Kathleen's love of cooking and the room's integral involvement in the day-to-day social life of the campus. "Kathleen loved people, especially her Eastern Star sisters, and was always trying to be helpful to them", said Illustrious Brother Castle. "She would be pleased to know such a special and important area in the life of the residents of the Masonic Home... a place she regarded very highly...now bears her name."

A formal dedication ceremony on Home Day, included remarks from Brother Jerry Kuyoth, CEO; Illustrious Brothers William M. Berry, 33°, Chairman of the Home's Board of Trustees and William A. Harrell, 33°, Chairman of the Endowment Foundation's Board of Trustees. Although Illustrious Brother Castle, who now lives in Florida, could not be present, he made touching remarks via speakerphone.



Located at the entrance to the Community Center's Kathleen B. Castle Dining Room is the dedication plaque and a photograph of Kathleen B. Castle.

Among the attendees were several members of Kathleen's Eastern Star Chapter, Lebanon #343. Several weeks later, a dozen of Kathleen's Eastern Star sisters (and one Brother!) enjoyed a celebratory luncheon in "her" dining room!

Naming and recognition opportunities are available at a wide variety of gift levels throughout The Ohio Masonic Home's several campuses. For more information about this very special way to remember or

honor a loved one, contact RWB Tim Strawn in the Foundation office toll-free at 1-888-248-2664.

*The last original building naming occurred in 1923 when the hospital on campus was named for Illustrious Brother Ralph R. Rickly, 33°, who provided the gift that enabled the building to be constructed.

Annual Report highlights OMH activities



The Ohio Masonic Home's Annual Report for 2002 is now available from the Public Relations Department.

To order a copy or copies for your Lodge, e-mail a request with the mailing address and the number of copies requested to jguess@ohiomasonichome.org. You may also mail a request to The Ohio Masonic Home, Public Relations Dept., 2655 West National Road, Springfield, Ohio, 45504-3698. Please include the number of copies needed and a return mailing address.

The 2002 Report is dedicated to The Home's associates, who are the cornerstone of our mission.

They represent our largest investment and our most important resource.

Stakeholders will find an accountability of their financial support to The Home, and The Home's stewardship of those resources to provide affordable, quality health care and retirement services.

Key messages from The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and others explain The Home's recent accomplishments, and its future challenges.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Relations Department at (937) 525-3074.

Hey, Sports Fan Golfers!

Ever want to play golf with a sports celebrity? Remember Jim Perry, Gary Bell, Hal Naragon, Milt Plum, Jim "Mudcat" Grant, Bert Campaneris, Darrell Imhoff, Tom Sneva, Ryne Duren, Vern Law and Jim O'Toole? These and 19 more stars of yesteryear will be in Springfield for the Endowment Foundation's first golf event on September 19 & 20 to benefit The Home. Single slots and threesomes (the celebrity makes four!) are still available—but not for long! For more information, call Brother Ken Hershberger toll-free in the Foundation office at 1-888-248-2664.

'Wild West' Masons from Ohio author

An Ohio Mason and book author will be bringing out a new publication about Masons in the "Wild West."

Dale Pierce was born in Akron, but grew up in Arizona. He joined Glendale Lodge #23, in Arizona, and in 1998 demitted to New Philadelphia Lodge #177 in Ohio, and directs educational programs in the Lodge. His uncles, father and grandfather were members of various Lodges in the Akron area.

He has authored numerous magazine, newspaper and Internet articles, plus three "horror" novels. But his nonfiction works may be of more interest to Masons.

Wild West Characters, written in 1991 and still in print and available in

libraries, includes information on such Masons as Phin Clanton, Morris Goldwater, Tom Mix, George Hunt, Kit Carson, and others. Find A Place To Die, A Pictorial History of Death in the West is also available. It includes photos of gravesites, profiles and obituaries, including such Masons as Blackjack Pershing, Sam Houston, George Hunt, Frank Gotch, and others.

Brother Pierce has long wanted to do a book on Masonry in the Wild West, but could not find a publisher. So he had to be satisfied with including "bios" of Masonic brethren along with a group of unsavory characters, such as Billy the Kid, John Wesley Hardin, Deacon Jim Miller,

Doc Holliday and others.

Now, a publisher has agreed to print a series of small booklets by Brother Pierce on a number of subjects, including Masonry in the West.

"There's tons of people I want to include," the author said. "Zeb Pike, Albert Pike, Dr. John Maynard, John Wayne, Will Rogers, Rex Allen, Franklin Talby, George Hunt, Morris Goldwater, Kit Carson, Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickock, and others. The Masonic Lodge flourished in the western era and I'm finally going to be able to cover it like I have wanted to since becoming a Mason."

Another successful Capstone Camp completed

Fifty children from across the state met as strangers at Craftsmen Park in Akron on a June Sunday afternoon and parted as best friends days later.

At the weeklong camp — the annual Capstone Camp for "at-risk" children, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Ohio — the youth learned skills to help them develop relationships, learn respect and take responsibilities.

The camp is a new part of the Grand Lodge's Masonic Model Student Assistance Training, which helps school personnel learn to identify and help at-risk children.

Most of the 50 campers this year were referred by the schools they attend. This year's camp was supported, in addition to funds from the Grand Lodge, by donations from New England Lodge #4, Wadsworth Lodge #385, Pleasant Valley Lodge, #531, and York-Temple Chapter #155, Royal Arch Masons.

"Thank you to all the Masons who made this possible," said one parent. "You will never know the changes that you have made in the lives of these children."

Feeley honored for 50 years of service at St. Albans Lodge

Jack F. Feeley, left, was honored with a dinner in recognition of performing the Secretary's duties of St. Albans Lodge #677, in Youngstown, for a half century. Among presentations was this certificate for longtime, outstanding service from Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master George O. Braatz.



New Endowed Memberships flourish

The cost of an Endowed Membership increased to \$800 on August 1, 2003. This led to hundreds of brethren signing up in the time period before the price increase. One example is Shelby Lodge, #350, whose delegation, pictured here, brought in 91 new Endowed Memberships in June. From left are Grand Secretary George O. Braatz, Worshipful Master John VanWagner, Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., Lodge Secretary Robert D. Crabbs, and member Billy Wright.



More Light About Masonry

Masons celebrate George Washington's 250th anniversary of becoming a Master Mason in Fredericksburg

The first President of the United States, George Washington was raised a Master Mason on August 4, 1753, in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia.

There is no doubt that the ceremony 250 years ago had a profound impact on both the futures of our nation and our Masonic Fraternity.

Brother George Washington attended numerous Masonic functions and referred to Masonry in his writings throughout his life. He took his first oath of office as President on the revered St. John's Bible, borrowed from a nearby Lodge for the ceremony.

Also, the leadership Washington displayed in leading the colonies to victory in the Revolutionary War and guiding the founding of our nation along a path of Democracy, were heavily influenced by the principles and precepts he learned and accepted in the Masonic Lodge.

Today, just a mile from the Potomac River in Alexandria, Virginia,

overlooking the nation's capitol, stands the 333-foot-high George Washington Masonic National Memorial on historic Shooters Hill. The Grand Lodge of Ohio, along with the other 50 Grand Lodge jurisdictions in the United States, built and continue to maintain this impressive memorial to George Washington, the Mason.

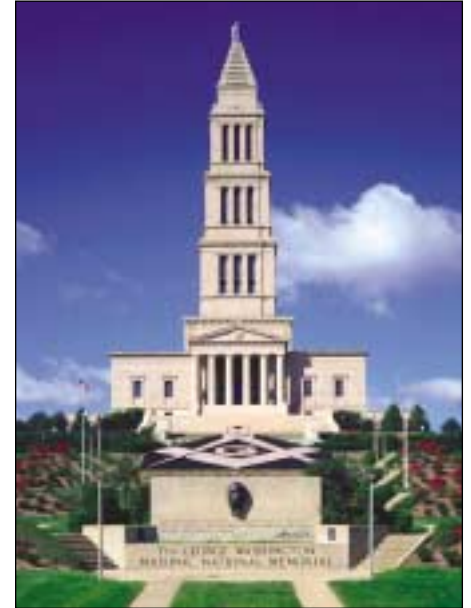
Therefore every Mason in the U.S. is part owner of this memorial. In Ohio, every new Master Mason pays \$5 to support the memorial as part of his initiation fee, and each Ohio Mason annually contributes 25 cents from his per capita fee to the memorial.

In the building's Memorial Hall stands a 17-foot-tall bronze statue, depicting George Washington as the Charter Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge. He also remained a member of Fredericksburg Lodge until his death in 1799.

Plan to visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial with your family and learn more about our first President and the importance Masonry played in founding this great country.



This 17-foot-high statue of George Washington was donated by the Order of DeMolay.



The George Washington Masonic National Memorial impressively commands the skyline in Alexandria, Virginia. It features two elevators that move sideways, and displays from most Masonic-related organizations. Ohio Masons have played a key role in the development and continuing maintenance of this landmark structure.

Our Grand Master, William P. Mayberry, Sr., was recently elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the George Washington Memorial.

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Mason becomes Vermont Governor

James H. Douglas was inaugurated as Governor of Vermont in January 2003. He grew up in Massachusetts and was active in DeMolay there, and currently serves as Dean of the Vermont Preceptory, DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Brother and Governor Douglas is a 30-year member and Past Master of Union Lodge in Middlebury, Vermont, and has been active on several Grand Lodge of Vermont Committees over the years.

Buddy Ebsen was Senior DeMolay

Buddy Ebsen, movie and television actor, was a Senior DeMolay from Florida and was inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame in 1996. Ebsen recently died on July 6, 2003.

Ebsen was best known as Jed Clampett on the television series, *The Beverly Hillbillies*. He also had the title role in the series *Barnaby Jones*. He once said, "Today when I look back, then look around me to see with whom I am standing, I fully realize the influence on my life that must be credited to DeMolay."

Innovative Brotherhood program set in Cincinnati

“Bringing Unity into Our Community” is the theme for a Brotherhood Night, planned for November 22, 2003, in the Cincinnati Masonic Center, 317 East Fifth Street.

The event is sponsored by Lodges from the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio. The event is open

to Masons, their families and the public. Reservations and tickets are required.

A dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. The program will include an address on the subject of brotherhood by three clergymen from the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths. Music will be provided by the St. Ursula Suave Choir and

the Allen Temple Choir. Several distinguished Masons will also speak. Proceeds will be divided among four community charitable programs.

Tickets for the event are \$35 for adults and \$15 for youths under 18. For information on reservations, call David Fine, co-chairman at 513/260-9234.

A decade of service



Richard N. Stradtman, of Sandusky, right, is recognized for 10 years of service as a Masonic Representative to the Ohio Veteran's Homes. The award is presented by Arthur G. Quade, left, chairman and coordinator of the Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitation Program in Ohio.

'Pillars' Leadership Program, presented in five cities

For the 3rd year in a row, the Grand Lodge Officers have presented the Pillars of Leadership Program around Ohio to assist the junior officers in preparing for their year as Worshipful Master.

The program was held this year in Springfield, Youngstown, Cambridge, Findlay, and Portsmouth. It covered the following topics: Planning your year as Worshipful Master, Managing in the 21st Century, Leadership, Protocol, Masonry and Religion, Duties of the Officers, Focus on Fellowship, Masonic Law, Trials and Jurisprudence.

Of great interest to the Senior Wardens in particular was R.W. Brother Steven J. Krekus' presentation of the 2004 Lodge Awards Program, which will be a challenging assignment for all participating Lodges. Any Lodge seeking to improve itself should give special attention to this program.

Mason Ted Lewis began career in Circleville

His performances were very similar for a half a century – the soft shoe dance, the top hat and cane, and the singing of “Me and My Shadow.” He is remembered by most for his appearances on “Hollywood Place,” and “The Ed Sullivan Show.”

He is Theodore Leopold Friedman, better known as Ted Lewis.

He was born on June 6, 1891, in Circleville, Ohio, where his father owned a hardware store. When only 15, he was hired to sing and play his clarinet at the silent movie theater on South Main Street.

By 1910 he was in vaudeville, and then performing in night clubs, cabarets, hotels, resorts and cafes. By 1917 he was doing a solo act in New York City. He played clarinet and alto sax in Earl Fuller's Orchestra and here first used his trademark line, “Is everybody happy?” It is said that W.C. Fields taught him how to use his hat in his act, when they appeared together in “Ziegfield's Midnight Follies” in 1919.

Over the years, Ted Lewis cut 108 record sides for Columbia, entertained in England and Los Angeles, and appeared in numerous “talking pictures.” He also entertained with such classic bands as Jimmy Dorsey and Benny Goodman.

In the 1930s and 1940s, he continued to make films, such as “Here Comes the Band” and “Hold That Ghost.” He was a guest on many radio shows and was considered by his contemporaries as a stylish showman. He retired after 62 years of entertaining the public, and died in New York in 1971.

Ted Lewis was a member of St. Cecile Lodge #568 of New York City.

Information for this story was researched and written by Brother Norman Lincoln, a member of Camden Lodge #159, and Boliver Lodge #82.

Charitable program continues



Past Grand Master Thomas D. Zahler, right, chairman of the Grand Lodge Charity Committee, and Worshipful Master Kenneth L. Bussey, left, of Clinton Lodge #47, present a Charitable Foundation check for \$2,000 to David Fritz, of Richville. His 19-month-old daughter required a liver transplant and Ohio Masons helped with those expenses.



Most Worshipful Brother Zahler is presented two five-gallon bottles of pennies – totaling \$685 – for the Charitable Foundation from Worshipful Master Larry M. Nicsinger of Cypress Lodge #604 in Strasburg.



Four Rex generations in Lima



James D. Rex III, right, received his Master Mason degree on March 15 in Ft. Amanda Lodge #706, in Lima, and joined several generations from his family in the Lodge. From right, next to James, are J. Dale Rex II, father and Past Master; James D. Rex, grandfather, Past Master and Past District Deputy Grand Master; Dale B. Rex, great-grandfather and 56-year member; Lester J. Reeder, great-grandfather and 54-year member of Acadia Lodge #306, and John D. Rex, uncle.

Sayre elected to national post



Kenneth L. Sayre, of Zanesville, has been elected Supreme Watchman of the Shepherds for the coming year by the International Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. This is the highest office for male members of the Order. Right Worshipful Brother Sayre is a member of the Lodge of Amity #5 in Zanesville, and is a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District. He will be traveling throughout the nation as part of his duties.

AOPHA commends OMH STARS

Seven Ohio Masonic Home employees from two campuses recently received "STAR" status 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, family members, and associates for their commitment to service and their strong work ethic.

The Masonic Eastern Star Community STARS include: Patricia A. Conn, Marty French, Jerome L. Cook and Veronica Cornelius. Masonic Health Care STARS are: John L. Mays, Sandy Stoltz and Amy Herd.

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.

Thank You For Your Generosity

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