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WRMC Acquires Medina CCRC Assets

Western Reserve Masonic Community, Inc., (WRMC) will acquire the assets of The Oaks at Medina continuing care retirement community. Medina County Common Pleas Court Judge Christopher J. Collier announced WRMC was the successful bidder Jan. 9 at the Medina Court House. The scheduled closing date is Feb. 26, 2001.

In August, WRMC, a corporate subsidiary of The Ohio Masonic Home, Inc., entered into an asset purchase agreement with The Oaks after submitting a \$20,750,000 dollar offer for the 229-acre campus, which was built in 1998. The Oaks management defaulted on its bond payments last year and was forced into foreclosure by its financial lenders.

"This is a historic day for northeast Ohio Masons and their families," said William M. Berry, the WRMC chairman of the board. "Soon we will be able to offer them and the public accommodations in a continuing care retirement community in their neighborhood," he added.

The campus is located at 4931 Nettleton Road, less than half a mile from Highway 18 and Interstate I-71, just 30 miles south of Cleveland and 25 miles west of Akron.

Currently 150 residents live on campus, which includes 20 patio homes, 25 assisted living apartments, a Medicare/Medicaid certified 48-bed skilled nursing health care center, and 126 independent living one and two bedroom apartments.



HILLIER COMMONS — The main entrance is at Hillier Commons, one of five main campus buildings. Hillier Commons includes administrative offices and apartments on the first floor and apartments on the second and third floors.

"We will retain current qualified employees who wish to remain. We will also hire more employees as our residential population grows," said WRMC President Jerry Kuyoth.

"The only future campus construction program we may soon consider will be when to build the remainder of the 20 patio homes, which would then give us a total of 40," said Kuyoth.

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Excitement Builds for Grand Master's Class All Three Degrees on April 27 — No Memorization Required

Enthusiasm and anticipation has been growing rapidly throughout the state in preparation for the first Grand Master's One-Day Class in the 194-year history of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Planners have been working for months establishing details for the event.

The Grand Master's Class was approved by delegates at the Grand Lodge Session last October in Columbus.

In short, the action permits new candidates to receive all three Masonic degrees in one day, with no memorization required between degrees. The class is also aimed at allowing Entered Apprentices

and Fellowcrafts, perhaps some who have delayed continuing their work for years, to complete the degrees. Each candidate will leave the event as a Mason in good standing in an Ohio Lodge.

All candidates must petition a regular Lodge, be investigated and approved by ballot in the usual manner. If a candidate chooses to receive his degrees in one day, rather than through traditional degree conferral, the Lodge Secretary must notify the Grand Secretary using a special registration form. Lodges have received complete instructions about the procedures.

According to Jim S. Deyo, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, who was appointed general chairman of the Grand Master's One-Day Class, the degrees presented at each location will be done in an "exceptional manner."

Chairmen have been named for each of the 10 locations, tryouts to select the most outstanding ritualists are underway, and specific schedules and arrangements for exemplary work are being planned.

The 10 locations chosen are: Akron, Cambridge, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Steubenville, Toledo, and Youngstown.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER



by *Thomas E. Reynolds, Grand Master*

The excitement that I see and feel as I go around the state for the Grand Master's One Day Class is unbelievable. In New Matamoras at a cornerstone laying I had a 65-year member come up to me and say, "I have not been in favor of a one day class, but nothing else is working either. Thank you for having one and I will support the one day class this

year." In Toledo, Ohio a 99-year man, when asked if he was a Mason, said, "No, I should've joined years ago. It's one of the biggest mistakes I've made." Yesterday I discovered that a lodge in Northwest Ohio received a petition with the birth date 1901.

The members of our lodges are talking about being a part of the ritual teams for the one day class. We will need ten teams made up of our best ritualists. There will even be tryouts in some cases to determine who are the best ritualists. The Deputies have notified the lodges how brethren can be a part of the one day class. They have set deadlines for the tryouts, and practices will have to be held.

One very important part of the One-Day class will be the brethren who will be mentors. These brethren will sit with the candidates as they watch the degrees being exemplified. They will take part in certain parts of the degree work such as hold the bible for obligations, explain lessons being taught, and assist with raising the candidate. With limited facilities and the number of candidates we're expecting there may not be room available for brethren to watch. So any brethren who wants to attend should consider being a mentor.

After the class is over, I would like for each master of his lodge to schedule a candidates night back. At this time have a dinner for the candidates, introduce them to the lodge, and put on the Grand Lodge Education Program entitled "A Tour Around the Lodge." The main fault with other jurisdictions' one day classes is that they don't have a good follow up procedure. I feel that if we invite the candidates back, spend 3 minutes of genuine conversation with each of them, we will have them for life as a good and active member of our fraternity.

This One-Day Class will be a historic event in Masonry for Ohio. We have a Grand Lodge Committee working very hard to make it a success. We have brethren very excited about being a part of the ritual teams in each location. Many men will have an opportunity to join the fraternity who in the past may not have been able to join for various reasons. You as a Mason in Ohio may now invite a family member, dear friend, or a co-worker to join the fraternity that you love so much. The importance of the article is that if you make such an invitation you must turn in the petition early in 2001 so that the lodge has time to investigate the candidate.

The most important issue for the one day class is the opportunity to clear up the records of men who at one time wanted to join the fraternity, but for some reason have stopped or dropped out. We must make a concerted effort to locate and invite the 8,000 EA's, FC's or MM's who have not given their examinations to do so. This may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to clean up our rosters of candidates who have started and not completed their work. It may never happen again, and the legislation specifically calls for our lodges to

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GROWTH AND REORGANIZATION



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

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." That quote by Anthropologist Margaret Mead speaks to me of the vision that set the wheels in motion for the creation of our Home 110 years ago. Those dedicated Masons changed the world in a positive way for thousands of children and senior

members who have called our facilities Home.

Now we move to the year 2002, in a society that is often known for its anti-social and self-reliant tendencies. A country that, on September 11, 2001, was shaken from its foundation where we learned that there are not just a few caring people, but millions. People who emulated what former UCLA Basketball Coach, John Wooden, once said, "You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." I look at each of our 700 employees and see that perfect day in their eyes. The desire to improve the lives of those entrusted to our care.

Now as we move into the new year, I am encouraged by not only the few, but the many caring people who have chosen to meet the needs of others through their daily work, their profession, or volunteer time. We at The Ohio Masonic Home are committed to continuing the tradition of Care, Compassion, and Concern by development of new services and facilities to meet those in need. Individual homes, expanded health care, apartments and wellness services will be developed in 2002 at our Toledo, Medina, Cincinnati and Springfield sites. Although growth will be careful, it will continue. Our commitment to offering financial assistance to those in need will not be deterred by a 21% drop in the stock market or any future act of terrorism.

Motivational Consultant Cherie Carter-Scott once said, "Ordinary people believe only in the possible. Extraordinary people visualize not what is possible or probable, but rather what is impossible. And by visualizing the impossible, they begin to see it as possible." Our eternal indebtedness goes to those original founders and generations of courageous, extraordinary board members who visualized the impossible and saw it through to reality.

Completion of Degrees for Long-Standing EAs, FCs Goal of One-Day Class

One of the objectives of the Grand Master's One-Day Class is to give the opportunity to existing Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to complete their work.

Virtually every Lodge in Ohio has a number of these candidates who have begun their journey to become a Master Mason, but for a variety of reasons, have not completed their degree work.

The elimination of the memorization requirements is one powerful reason

for them to finish their degrees at this time.

Grand Secretary George O. Braatz has provided each Lodge with a list of Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts that still are identified in Grand Lodge computer records. Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds has urged Lodge officers to make contact with these individuals and encourage them to complete the work.

10 Reasons to Become a Mason



Masonry is a place where you can confidently trust every person, and entrust your family with them.



Masonry is a place where, within moral and civil guidelines, free thought, free speaking and the spiritual growth of man can grow into its fullest potential.



Masonry is a place, which provides the opportunity to meet, know, and call brother, outstanding individuals from all walks of life who you would not otherwise have met.



Masonry is a place to be part of an organization that has for its principle tenets — Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



Masonry is a place that provides self-development opportunities, leadership training and experience, and the chance to improve public speaking skills.



Masonry is a place you can go to give support, as well as seek it.



Masonry is a place where moral virtues are taught and through these teachings a regular reinforcement of the moral virtues is experienced.



Masonry is a place to spend time with a group of brothers, who, by acting as good men, can make you want to become a better man. Not better than others, but better than you would have otherwise been.



Masonry is a place to become better prepared to serve church and community.



Masonry is a place to meet with established members of the community and to become part of that community.

The One-Day Class Is 'Perfect' for . .

- Sons, grandsons, nephews of Masons, who simply have never decided to join, even though strongly encouraged by a family member.
- Individuals who, because of work or family commitments, have just never had time to join in the traditional manner.
- Men, who have feared the memorization requirements, which have been waived for this class.
- Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts, who, for a variety of reasons, have just never completed their degrees.
- Out-of-state relatives, who would like to join the "family" Lodge in Ohio, but were never given this chance before. (A "waiver of jurisdiction" must be obtained through the Grand Secretary's office, which must contact the Grand Lodge in their state of residence.)

Candidates to Have Mentors During One-Day Class

Each candidate during the One-Day Class will have a mentor assigned to him, to be with him and help him all day.

If there are a large number of candidates, Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds has directed that one mentor may serve two candidates. This decision was made because of possible limited seating at some locations.

The mentors will assist in several parts of the ritual work and will serve as a friend and companion to the candidates all day.

Seating May be Tight At One-Day Locations

Depending on the number of candidates in the One-Day Class, seating for visitors may be limited at some of the locations.

Obviously, the candidates and the assigned mentors will be given first priority for seating.

TOTAL FEES: \$ _____ (Lodge's regular initiation fees)

GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASS -- APRIL 27, 2002



Petition for Degrees

Date: _____

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

No. _____

Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio

The Petition of the Subscriber Respectfully Showeth:

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

That he believes in the existence and perfection of God.

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

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

His present residence is _____ No. _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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

He was born at _____ on the _____ day of _____

His occupation is _____ Place of business _____

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Recommended By

Signed

(SIGN FULL NAME. Abbreviations or initials not sufficient). If no Middle

Name write word "NONE"

Bro. _____

Bro. _____

TYPE OR PRINT NAME IN FULL ON THIS LINE

I would like to receive my degrees during the Grand Master's one-day class on April 27, 2002 in the following city (check one):

- Akron Cambridge Canton Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus Dayton Steubenville Toledo Youngstown

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

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

Grand Master's One-Day Class Locations

- Akron Scottish Rite Center, 3089 Manchester Road
Cambridge Scottish Rite Center, 935 Wheeling Avenue
Canton Scottish Rite Center, 836 Market Avenue, North
Cincinnati Scottish Rite Center, 317 East Fifth Street
Cleveland Scottish Rite Center, 3615 Euclid Avenue
Columbus Riffe Center Theater, 77 South High Street
Dayton Scottish Rite Center, 525 West Riverview
Steubenville Scottish Rite Center, 227 North Fourth Street
Toledo Scottish Rite Center, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard
Youngstown Scottish Rite Center, 223 Wick Avenue

Petitioning Instructions for Grand Master's One-Day Class on April 27, 2002

1
Remove blank petition from Beacon, or download and print out petition from Web page (www.freemason.com). Candidate should fill out the form as completely as possible.

2
Insert the name and number of the Lodge the candidate is seeking to join.

3
Each Lodge has its own fee structure. If you do not know the amount of fees for the Lodge for this petition, contact the Lodge Secretary, or the Grand Secretary's office. (Grand Secretary's telephone: 800/292-6092) A check for the amount of the fees should accompany the petition.

4
The petition should be signed by two members of the Lodge. If two such signatures are not immediately available, submit the petition anyway and the Lodge will attempt to secure those signatures for you.

5
The candidate should designate which location he would like to attend to receive his Lodge degrees on April 27.

6
Every candidate must be accompanied by a "mentor," who will be with him

and assist him during the degrees. Please indicate your choice for a mentor, or whether you would prefer the Lodge select one for you.

7
Send the petition to the Lodge Secretary, or, if you do not know his address, send it to the Grand Secretary, who will forward it to the Lodge. (The Grand Secretary's address is P.O. Box 629, Worthington, OH 43085-0629).

8
After receiving the petition, the Lodge will perform its normal investigation of the candidate, and then ballot on the candidate.

9
The candidate will be notified by the Lodge that a "clear" ballot was achieved, and will provide information on the selection of a "mentor" and the time and place to report for the degrees.

10
The candidate should arrive on April 27, 2002, at 7 a.m. for registration. All candidates must be present for the conferral of all three degrees, regardless of how many degrees they have received previously. Lunch for candidates will be provided at no cost. Coat and tie will be the appropriate attire for all in attendance.

Boring Receives Dean Gerber Award

Charles Boring, of Thornville, received the P. Dean Gerber Award at Grand Lodge this year from Grand Master Jack L. Allen. The award is given to Freemasons for overcoming extreme adversity in their lives.

In 1957, at age 37, Brother Boring lost both hands in a farming accident. Despite his disability, he continued farming, working as a local funeral director, part-time ambulance driver and occasional county coroner. Though he has retired from the funeral home, Boring, now 80, continues to farm and stays active.

Brother Boring is a 57-year member of the Thornville Masonic Lodge, #421, having served more than 30 years as Lodge Secretary. He is currently Lodge Treasurer.

The award was named for deceased Past Grand Master P. Dean Gerber, of Baltic, Ohio, who himself had overcome extreme physical adversity.



Charles Boring accepts the P. Dean Gerber Award from Grand Master Jack L. Allen.

Lunches at One-Day Class

Because of the anticipated number of persons expected, lunches at the Grand Master's One-Day Class on April 27 will be provided only for candidates, designated mentors, degree cast members and local committees.

The candidates' lunches are being provided by the local Scottish Rite Valleys. All other lunches are compliments of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Swank Appointed By President Bush

C. William Swank, long-time executive of the Ohio Farm Bureau, has been appointed by President George W. Bush to be a member of the board of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. His term runs until December 17, 2002.

Swank, a member of Blendon Lodge, #339, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus, is a 33rd Degree Mason.

He served the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation for 40 years, holding the position of executive vice president from 1968 to 1996. Since retirement, he has served as one of three chairmen of the Ohio Farmland Preservation Task Force, by appointment from former Governor George Voinovich. He also was chief executive officer for the Washington, D.C. based Cooperative Business International, which promotes global marketing.

Swank received undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees from Ohio State University.

32° — All The Way into Scottish Rite in One-Day

Grand Master Tom Reynolds has invited the Scottish Rite to be a part of his Grand Master's One-Day Class scheduled for April 27, 2002. The ten Scottish Rite Valleys have offered facilities for hosting this historic event. The Grand Master accepted this generous gesture. Each Valley will also provide a free lunch for the candidates participating in this historic event.

The Blue Lodge Degrees will conclude at approximately 3 p.m. after which each Valley will portray the 32° for those candidates desiring to continue their Masonic travels by seeking more light in Masonry. The Sovereign Grand Commander has given a special dispensation to Ohio permitting this format so the candidate may continue his Masonic experience and become a 32° Mason the same day. This historic event will make it possible for a candidate to go "All the Way in One Day". Any man

who already is a Master Mason can also participate in this historic event and become a 32° Mason.

Masons often encounter people who, upon seeing their Masonic lapel pin or ring, comment, "My Grandfather was a 32° Mason" or "My Uncle was a 32° Mason". These people may not have any understanding of Masonry but they know that being a 32° Mason is something special. Being a 32° Mason is something special and something of which to be proud. The Grand Master's One-day Class provides the opportunity for a man 19 years of age or older to enjoy the Masonic experience of becoming a 32° Mason. A uniform petition fee of \$100 has been established for this special portrayal of the 32°. Further information about this opportunity is available by calling the Grand Lodge Office at 800/292-6092.

York Rite Supports One-Day Effort

York Rite Masons of Ohio are planning full support of the Grand Master's One-Day Class on April 27.

The York Rite calendar has been cleared of activity on that day, and information will be available at all 10 locations to inform newly created Master Masons, as well as current members, of the York Rite story.

The York Rite of Freemasonry consists of four separate bodies of Masonry tied together to exemplify the search for "truth." Those bodies are the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge, Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal and Select Masons, and the Commandery of Knights Templar. Each Mason's entrance into the Fraternity started him on a path of character building.

The first three degrees allow him to discover that the cardinal virtues are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. He is taught the Fatherhood of God, the Brother of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul at the same time. In the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, he receives lessons in Charity,

Moderation, Industry and Humility and discovers the "lost word."

The Council of Royal and Select Masons fills the voids created in the Master Mason Degree through the Royal Arch Degree with an important lesson in Fidelity. The Commandery of Knights Templar makes the transition from the Old to the New Testament and is based on the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

As each Master Mason has started his Masonic journey, his next step is to continue that journey.

One and two-day York Rite festivals are being planned in several parts of Ohio in May, 2002.

For information, please call Allen Hart, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Ohio, at 740/498-6501; Keith McKinney, Grand Master of Grand Council, R.&S.M., of Ohio, at 330/386-3644, or Richard Weaver, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Ohio, at 740/862-8303.

Amnesty Relief Offered for Those Suspended for Nonpayment of Dues

Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds is offering a form of "amnesty" for members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues.

Beginning now, until July 31, 2002, any Ohio member who has

been suspended for nonpayment of dues can be reinstated by paying only the current dues, the Grand Master has decreed.

All other procedures will remain the same, he said.

Shrine To Participate in One-Day Class Ceremonies

The six Shrine Temples in Ohio have decided to participate by offering the opportunity to Master Masons to join the Shrine on the evening of April 27.

Walter G. Metcalfe, Potentate of Zenobia Shrine in Toledo, who has been working with the other Ohio units to organize the event, said the Shrine will hold ceremonials of initiation at Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo that day.

Each local Shrine organization will invite candidates to its location for a dinner, starting approximately at 7 p.m. on April 27, with the degree work following.

For information on the Shrine ceremonials to be held on April 27, please contact one of the following:

- Tadmor Shrine, Akron, at 330/644-8494
- Syrian Shrine, Cincinnati, at 513/751-3800
- Al Koran Shrine, Cleveland, at 440/546-9866
- Aladdin Shrine, Columbus, at 614/475-2609
- Antioch Shrine, Dayton, at 937/461-4740
- Zenobia Shrine, Toledo, at 800/462-4728

John Noffsinger Chosen as New MRV President

While in high school, this young Indiana farm boy was also working weekends as an orderly in a local nursing home when he decided to become a paramedic.

However, his career sites were set much higher. Today, that towering 6'6" former paramedic, John Noffsinger, is the new president of Masonic Retirement Village, Inc., in Springfield.

A native of Goshen, Indiana, Noffsinger succeeds former MRV President Greg Holm, who was selected to serve as The Home's first Chief Operating Officer.

While working as a paramedic, Noffsinger noted emergency room nurses worked in a clean environment and made more money than he did. So he decided to become a nurse. His career progression took him from earning recognition as a licensed practical nurse to become a registered nurse and then to earn accreditation as a long-term care administrator. To accomplish his goals, he frequently worked two full-time jobs while continuing his studies.

A prominent book on display in his office is Steven Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. "I have a working philosophy that I may not always be able to do what a resident asks, and there may be times that we have to agree to disagree, but I was

hired by them to work for them, to be a good steward for them and that's my job. I would expect nothing less from the people that work for me," he added. "We all have to remember, this is the resident's home. We work for them and we are here for them," he said.

"The history here at The Home is incredible, and the commitment from the Masonic Fraternity to the folks here and at our other campuses is overwhelming. I left my previous position as the Executive Director at the Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Community looking for a home for myself, my career, my family and something I can be proud to be a part of when I retire. I've found that here at The Home," said Noffsinger.

Jonelle, his wife and also a registered nurse, and his two daughters, Isabel, six-years-old, and Anastasia, 10-years-old all enjoy waterskiing.

"My wife's parents have a lake cottage in Michigan. It has become our getaway location," said Noffsinger. "Except for my once a year hunting trip, I do everything with my family. That's important to me," he added.

"I don't have a lot of spare time for hobbies. But, I do own a classic orange 1971 Dodge Charger RT that I occasionally show. When I bought it, it didn't have an engine, rear-end or windows. It's



taken me seven years to restore it. I've done all the mechanical work and initial body-work. My wife calls it "the money pit," he said.

Noffsinger is a man that

sets goals for himself and a path and self-imposed timeline to obtain those goals both professionally and in his personal life. He earned his Nursing Home Administration Degree in 1999 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1987 from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. He has served as a Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse with hospital experience in post open-heart surgery, emergency rooms and trauma centers and as a director of nursing for multiple corporations in both profit and non-profit organizations.

"What is important to me now is meeting all the MRV residents and building new relationships. I look forward to that," said Noffsinger.

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AERIAL VIEWPOINT — The Oaks at Medina, a 229-acre campus, was built in 1998. Western Reserve Masonic Community, Inc. is scheduled to close on The Oaks assets February 26, 2002.

"During the next 30-days a WRMC transition team will focus on various, prioritized issues that affect the residents, the employees and our new Medina community neighbors," said Kuyoth. "I want this process to have a minimum impact on the residents and others involved. Effective two-way communications with everyone involved on this project will be very important. Consequently, there will be a lot of group and individual meetings with residents, employees, community leaders, and vendors to ensure everyone is well informed and they know whom to contact if they have any questions," he concluded.

The number of assisted living and continuing care retirement communities are increasing throughout the nation. A recent National Investment Center survey reported by 2010, the total need for new construction capital will be \$25 billion.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about Western Reserve Masonic Community, Inc., should telephone this toll free number 877/679-4869, ext. 5338.

For more information about The Ohio Masonic Home and its continuing care retirement communities in Springfield, Waterville or Cincinnati call the Springfield campus at 937/325-1513 or visit The Home's web site at www.ohiomasonichome.org.

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



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

Give Twice as Much at No Additional Cost to You!

Did you know it's possible to double... or even triple... a gift to The Home at no additional expense to you, the donor? Hard to believe but it's true.....

Through the Matching Gifts program established in 1954 at General Electric, gifts made to charitable organizations by employees (some organizations also include retirees and, in some cases, employees'/retirees' wives and widows) of participating companies may be matched by funds provided by the company. Most matches are on a two-for-one basis, some are on a three-for-one basis. Thus, a \$25 gift from an employee (or retiree) becomes at least a \$50 gift to the charitable organization! Of the more than 1,000 companies participating in the program, more than 350 companies match gifts to health care organizations such as The Home.

This program is not restricted to large dollar gifts. Seventy-two percent of the participating companies have a matching gift qualifying minimum gift level of \$2 to \$25; 11.5% have no minimum gift level! Among the hundreds of companies that support gifts to health care are: Aetna, Avon Products,

Champion International Corp., CONRAIL, Inc., Dean Witter/Discover, Gap, GATX, Inc., H&R Block, Inc., Johnson&Johnson, Levi Strauss & Co., LEXIS-NEXIS, Lubrizol Corp., Mattel, McDonald's, Microsoft, Owens-Illinois, Pitney Bowes, Prudential Insurance, Quaker Oats Co., Sherwin-Williams and Tandy Corp./Radio Shack...and maybe yours!

How do you participate? It's really very easy! To see if your employer...or the company from which you retired...participates, call the Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664 or clip the coupon below and return it to our office at the address indicated. If your employer participates, we'll give you the name, address and phone number of the contact person there who can assist you. Contact that person for a matching gift form, complete it and return it to your employer per its guidelines. (We ask that you advise the Foundation if you've made a matching gift so we will know to expect the gift from your company.) That's all there is to it...it's that simple!

We hope you'll take the couple of minutes necessary to learn if your gift qualifies for this "magic" matching to make it go even further in supporting the mission of providing quality care with concern and compassion which The Home has exemplified for more than 106 years.

For more information on this and other gift-giving opportunities, some of which may provide an income stream to you, please call the Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664; fax us at: 937/525-3003; or write us at Five Masonic Drive, Springfield, OH 45504-3658.

Learn More About Matching Gifts

- Please send me information about Matching Gifts
- Please contact me about a personal visit
- I have provided for The Ohio Masonic Home/Foundation in my will or other estate-planning document
- I would be willing to consider including The Ohio Masonic Home/Foundation in my will or other estate-planning document
- Please send me 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
- Rickly Commons (Assisted Living) in Masonic Health Care
- 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

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Benevolent Endowment Foundation, Inc.

Five Masonic Drive • Springfield, OH 45504-3658

Call Toll-Free 888/248-2664 or Fax 937/525-3090

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Area Code First) _____

Lodge _____

For more information on these options, we invite you to call: Masonic Retirement Village Admissions toll-free at 888/290-2664; or Masonic Health Care Admissions toll-free at 888/243-2664; or Browning Masonic Community Admissions toll-free at 866/878-4055; or Masonic Eastern Star Community Admissions at 513/542-6464; or Western Reserve Masonic Community, Inc. toll-free at 800/433-1514.

Browning Earns Assisted Living License

Naomi L. Britton was recently one of the first Browning Masonic Community residents to benefit from their Residential Care Facility/Assisted Living License.

"I recently had an unexpected mishap, but I was able to return home sooner by taking advantage of the assisted living option. And there is no place like home when you are on the mend," said Britton.

Residents supported BMC's efforts to obtain the Ohio Department of Health issued license. "Knowing a qualified staff member would be available to assist my neighbors or myself, should the need arise, made good sense to me," said Britton.

"I've always been independent and self-reliant. Imagine how surprised I was when I became one of the first residents to use the new service. We truly never know what difficulties may await us around the corner. It gives me and my neighbors great piece of mind to know

that helping hands are just a whisper away when needed," added Britton.

"We had to ensure our facilities complied with some specific Ohio Department of Health code requirements. While not mandatory, we expanded our staff by hiring licensed nurses as well as



THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME — Naomi L. Britton was thrilled to return home sooner than anticipated to recuperate near her friends under BMC's new Residential Care/Assisted Living License.

conducting additional staff training to obtain our Residential Care Facilities/Assisted Living License," said BMC President Jim French. "Now we can offer our residents personal care services including medication monitoring and administration. Care, Concern, and Compassion is more than a motto, it is a plan of action. This is no better demonstrated than by the expansion of service now available as a result of attaining licensure," added French.

If you are thinking about the benefits and security of retirement living, then you already know this is the time to act. For more information about Browning Masonic Community, contact Gary McElfresh at 419/878-4055 or call toll free at 866/878-4055. Campus tours are available Monday through Friday during office hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or after office hours by appointment. See how Browning Masonic Community's new Residential Care Facilities/Assisted Living License may benefit you.

High Twelve Clubs Conduct Joint Installation Ceremony

New officers for the Springfield High Twelve Club #429 and the Ohio Masonic Home High Twelve Club #483 were jointly installed recently at The Home by Daniel E. Tussing, president of the Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs.

Sixty-five area residents, Tussing and four other state officers traveled to The Home from throughout Ohio to participate in the ceremony

High Twelve was founded in 1921 as a Masonic association. More than 20,000 Masons are members of the 350 clubs in the United States, Canada and foreign countries. They give volunteer services and financial assistance to worthy local causes and support numerous

youth groups including the DeMolay, Rainbow For Girls, Job's Daughters and other community activities.

The new Springfield High Twelve Club officers are: Milton Jones, president; William Frantz, first vice president; Robert Henson, second vice president; Lloyd Massie, secretary and treasurer; and George Hammann, chaplain.

New club officers at The Home are: Clarence Devore, president; John Brain, first vice president; Tom Blanton, second vice president; Florian Moore, third vice president; Kermit Ratliff, secretary and treasurer; Dr., Rev. Keith Rhoden, chaplain; Jim Mitchell, sergeant-at-arms; and Fred

Morgan, Masonic & Walcott Foundation representative.

"We encourage our members to support our Masonic youth programs," said Clarence Devore. "We recently had a great visit with the Frank W. Kiefer Chapter, Order of DeMolay members in Springfield, and we will soon be visiting other area Masonic youth organizations," he added.

Other state officers participating in the joint installation ceremony were: Lawrence E. Johnson, first vice president; Thomas S. Bevington, second vice president; Frank F. Gordnier, third vice president; and Thomas M. Major, parliamentarian.

Annual Report Highlights OMH Vision and Accomplishments

Copies of The Ohio Masonic Home's 1999 & 2000 Annual Report are now available from the Public Relations Department.

The combined report provides Masons and other stakeholders with an accountability of their generous support that enables The Home to provide quality care to residents at the Springfield campus and the two satellite campuses.

Documenting The Home's growth and accomplishments, the report highlights the vision provided by the Board of Trustees to foster growth and services in a progressive, fiscally responsible manner.

To receive a free copy of the Annual Report, send a letter to The Ohio Masonic Home, Public Relations Department, 2655 West National Road, Springfield, Ohio 45504-3698 with the mailing address where you would like the report sent, or send an e-mail with the same information to jguess@ohiomasonichome.org and a copy of the report will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, please call the Public Relations Department at 937/525-3074.

MHC Earns Outstanding Annual State Survey (Part II — Continued from Fall 2001 Beacon)

by Linda Luttrell, President, Masonic Health Care, Inc.

Social Services

Our Ohio licensed social workers assist our residents to cope with stress, age and health changes. They assist residents and families to make informed decisions, explain eligibility criteria for available services, and help solve problems. They respond to resident needs and serve as their MHC advocate.

Nutritional Services

Dietary Services offers MHC residents and employees with foods to entice and excite the senses. Residents may receive either a specialized diet to meet their nutritional needs or select from a menu. Residents may choose to eat in their rooms or in the dining room with their friends. A variety of meal programs are offered, including snacks and beverages between scheduled meals, and periodic themed food bars and other holiday specials. In addition, to assist the elderly in the community, MHC provides the local Meals-On-Wheels program with 600 meals each month.

Activities Department

Our activities offer MHC residents a large variety of events to participate in depending on the resident's functioning level, needs and interests. Residents can participate in ceramics, crafts, woodworking, and weekly outings to community events or local restaurants. They may also actively recommend and choose their favorite activities.



These photos are some of the dedicated Masonic Health Care employees whose care and compassion earned an outstanding report from the Ohio Department of Health. (Photos by Bruce Dunbar)

Admissions Department

MHC has extended its services beyond the Masonic community to serve senior citizens from the community. Our admissions team strives to make the admissions process simple, informative, and easy to understand. Either scheduled appointments or unscheduled visits and tours may be accommodated to tour the campus and answer admissions questions.

Quality Improvement

To maintain its reputation as Ohio's premier health care provider to Masons and the public, MHC has created a

comprehensive Quality Improvement program to review and improve all internal processes and outcomes to improve resident care. Encompassing every aspect of MHC operations, various QI committees monitor and evaluate the resident care and services to ensure they continue to meet the highest standards.

Pathway's Center for Alzheimer's Care

Pathway's was designed to support and enhance the quality of life of residents with Alzheimer's disease and other



dementias. It offers a home environment in four small villages with 15 residents each. Our Pathway's staff receives training to specifically provide dementia care and is committed to help residents with Alzheimer's succeed and achieve at their own level.

Medical Services

MHC has a full-time medical director and various campus medical clinics which include ophthalmologists, dental, optometrist, optician, podiatry, orthopedic, dermatologist, rheumatologist, cardiologist, and hearing aid specialist.

Environmental Services

Environmental Services encompasses a large area that affects the appearance of each resident's room to campus public areas and trash removal. These people are responsible for keeping the "residents Home" in top condition and looking good. That task also includes disposing of the 949,680 pounds of trash each year.

Laundry Service

Laundry services personnel are responsible for both personal and facility linens. Eight dedicated people in just six months cleaned 97,798 pounds of resident clothing. Those same eight people also cleaned 500,000 pounds of bed linens every six months. Talk about our washday blues!



Thank You For Your Generosity

We offer our grateful appreciation to the estates, individuals, groups, or other Masonic bodies who have supported The Ohio Masonic Home with donations given between October 1, 2001, and December 31, 2001.

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Ohio Honors Kentucky Masons for Service to Brother in Need

The Grand Lodge of Ohio presented plaques to two Kentucky brethren, who had performed extraordinary service to an Ohio Mason in need.

Ronald L. Winnett, currently Senior Grand Deacon, presented the recognition to Brothers Henry Pulley, Worshipful Master of Gasper River Lodge in Kentucky, and Jonathon Holbrook during the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky last October.

Here is the story of their service:

In late spring, 2001, David Perdue, a member of Avery Lodge, # 493, of Hilliard, Ohio, and his wife, were involved in a tragic traffic accident on a highway in Kentucky. Mrs. Perdue was seriously injured and later pronounced dead on arrival at a nearby hospital.

Brother Holbrook, a Kentucky State Trooper, was sent to the hospital to interview Brother Perdue about the accident. As he talked to the grief-stricken Ohioan, Holbrook observed his Masonic ring. He informed Brother Perdue that he was an Entered Apprentice.

No hospital chaplain was available during the evening hours following the accident, and Brother Holbrook indicated he felt somewhat unqualified as an Entered Apprentice to help a Master Mason, so he called Brother Pulley, the Worshipful Master of his Lodge, who lived nearby.

Worshipful Brother Pulley arrived, and along with Brother and Trooper Holbrook, counseled and gave relief to Brother Perdue for many hours until family members arrived to take him home. They made phone calls for Brother Perdue and provided significant comfort and assistance.

In appreciation of their service, a delegation of Avery Lodge members, under the leadership of David Henderson, Worshipful Master, traveled to Kentucky in August to witness Brother Holbrook's Master Mason Degree, performed by Worshipful Brother Pulley.

Jack L. Allen, 2001 Grand Master in Ohio, wanted to do more, and arranged for Right Worshipful Brother Winnett to present the plaques for service to the two Kentucky brothers in front of a large gathering of their peers at Kentucky's Grand Lodge.



Henry Pulley, left, Master of Gasper River Lodge in Kentucky, and State Trooper Jonathon Holbrook, receive thanks from David Henderson, Master of Avery Lodge, #493, just after Master Mason Degree for Brother Holbrook in Kentucky.

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make this effort. Remember that if they want to become a member by the one day class, they must attend the whole ceremony and not just the part(s) they are missing. No one will get credit or become a member if they don't attend the whole session.

In closing, I look forward to the district receptions starting in February, the receptions for Ohio Masons in Florida in January, and the reception in Arizona in March. This will be my chance to meet and thank you for all you do for our great fraternity. I especially want to meet the Masters of the lodges at the receptions as I am dedicating this year to them. Grand Lodge is the sum total of what over 570 lodges do in Ohio, and the Master of the lodge is responsible for what they do. It is to these Masters that this Grand Master is indebted and when you see your Master, Thank him for the leadership role he has taken this year.

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