

BEACON

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Grand Master's Class enthusiasm growing as one-day event nears

Momentum is building for April 9 when Lodge candidates will gather at 11 locations to receive all the degrees in Symbolic Masonry on one day.

Grand Master Jim S. Deyo, with the help of a private pilot and effective ground transportation, is expected to "drop in" on a number of the degree presentations that day.

A strong advocate for the Grand Master's Class, Most Worshipful Brother Deyo was chairman of events in 2002 and 2003, when more than 11,000 new Master Masons were welcomed.

The 11 locations are: Akron, Cambridge, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Steubenville, Rio Grande, Toledo, and Youngstown. Ten of the sites are Scottish Rite Valley headquarters.

Following the completion of the Lodge degrees, candidates may also be initiated into Scottish Rite and Shrine.

The entire family of Freemasonry is supporting the Grand Master's Class this year. The Grand Lodge planning



Grand Master Jim S. Deyo, left, in his best "Red Barron" outfit will utilize his pilot, Daniel D. Hrinko, who is currently Worshipful Master of Clark Lodge #101.

committee, headed by Terry W. Posey, Grand Marshal, includes representatives of the Grand Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and Eastern Star.

Information on the Grand Master's Class is available from any Lodge Secretary, on the Web site, www.freemason.com, or by calling the Grand Lodge at 800/292-6092.

Plan to attend Home Day June 5 in Springfield

The residents, employees and trustees of The Ohio Masonic Home invite you, your family and friends to attend Home Day, Sunday, June 5, in Springfield. This annual event, sponsored by The Home, is a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy a day with hundreds of Masons from around the state of Ohio. It promises to be a fun day for all, as well as a time to renew your spirit and strengthen Masonic friendships.

Parking and admission is free.

The 2005 Home Day program of events will begin with a 10 a.m. Worship Service in the Burkhart Auditorium. At 11 a.m., all food and Masonic vendor booths will open for your enjoyment. Tours of Masonic Retirement Village and Masonic Health care, family entertainment and activities for children are all scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 2 to 4 p.m. At 1 p.m., everyone will want to watch one of the annual highlights of Home Day, the Shrine Parade.

Come spend the day with us, take a guided tour, and meet our wonderful Ohio Masonic Home residents and staff. If

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CLOWNING AROUND – Smiles are everywhere when the clowns appear and entertain with their special magic.



THE ROYAL WAVE – These mini-Corvette drivers are practicing their "Royal Wave" and driving skills in preparation for Home Day, June 5.

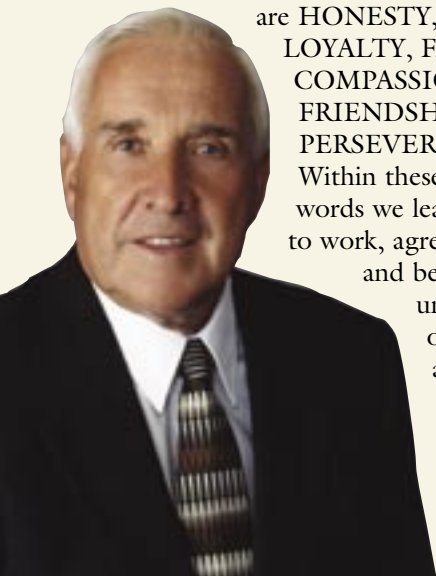


SIX KEY WORDS THAT SHOULD DIRECT EVERY MASON'S LIFE ON A DAILY BASIS

by Jim S. Deyo, Grand Master

“What good may I do in the world today” or better stated, “What came you here to do?” Freemasons should ask themselves this question every day of their lives. The true answer to this question can be found in six little words that define our thoughts, words and actions, and display our true feeling of fraternal brotherhood.

Those six little words are HONESTY, LOYALTY, FAITH, COMPASSION, FRIENDSHIP, and PERSEVERANCE. Within these six words we learn to work, agree, and better understand one another.



HONESTY is to be genuine, authentic, and bona fide. Honesty expresses both self-respect and respect for others. Every social activity, every human enterprise requiring people to act in concert, requires honesty.

LOYALTY is an important sign of the kind of persons we have chosen to become. Real loyalty endures inconvenience, withstands temptation, and does not cringe under assault.

FAITH, hope and love are formally regarded as theological virtues in traditional Christian doctrine. A shared faith binds people together in ways that cannot be duplicated by other means.

COMPASSION takes its stand with others in their distress. Compassion is a natural feeling, which, by moderating the violence of love of self in each individual, contributes to the preservation of the

whole species. It is compassion that hurries us without reflection to the relief of those who are in distress.

FRIENDSHIP usually rises out of mutual interests and common aims, and these pursuits are strengthened by the benevolent impulses that sooner or later grow. Friendship is a deep thing. It is indeed a form of love.

The noblest question in the world, observed Benjamin Franklin as Poor Richard is, “What good may I do in it?” Whether by leading or prodding others, or improving oneself, or contributing in the thick of things to some larger cause, PERSEVERANCE is often crucial to success. How quickly we learn that time, patience and perseverance will accomplish all things. As I close this message to you, it is the language from the heart that directs us though the pathway of life and each day I live, I want it to be a day to give.

“The noblest question in the world, observed Benjamin Franklin as Poor Richard, is what good may I do in it?”



ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE WHILE HAVING FUN

by David Bannerman, CEO, The Ohio Masonic Home



I have an idea, and you can help. When you're done reading this issue of the Beacon, please give it to a friend. What better way to share information about our Grand Lodge and The Home with a potential new

Home, part of my job is to energize folks to serve our residents, help non-Masons connect to the fraternity, tell people what we do and why, and to help build our great fraternity. When I tell our story to others and why our purpose is so important, they are more willing to give their time, talent, and resources to our charitable activities. I challenge you to do likewise.

Finally, I invite you and your family to attend Home Day on Sunday, June 5, at the Springfield campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a day to renew our spirits, strengthen existing friendships, build new friendships, and enjoy the entertainment and the Shrine Parade. Bring the family, bring your friends and experience old-fashioned family fun with a few new twists. See you all at Home Day, June 5.

member? Give others a peek at what goes on behind the square and compasses. Your non-Masonic friends may acquire a new interest in Masonry. Be a force multiplier and help build our fraternity. As CEO of The Ohio Masonic

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

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Masonic Model Program helps meet needs of Ohio's children

The Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP), a workshop sponsored by the Grand Lodge for Ohio's educators, has just completed another very successful year.

Since this program started in 1995, the Grand Lodge has provided training to more than 2,000 educators from more than 300 schools.

In the intensive three-day training, school personnel learn how to identify and help children who are at risk of depression and suicide, drug use, violent crimes, or other conditions.

The Grand Lodge is gathering data and feedback on the program. To date, 14 schools have reported their statistics on their intervention efforts. In just these 14 schools, MMSAP-trained teams are serving more than 900 children. All of these children were referred to the team as a child at risk.

The program has received high praise from its attendees, as well as from school officials on the state level. Father Canfield, a Jesuit priest from St. John's Jesuit in Toledo, remarks, "This model...will prove valuable for our work with students at risk. It forces us to look at the school data...to come to a measurable 'game plan' for an individual problem student."

A story of inspiration came from one of this year's attendees. Moe Demmings was a gang leader in Cleveland until 1992, when he was sentenced for manslaughter. While in prison, he studied the Bible and gave his life to God. After receiving his parole in 2000, he formed Mercy Missions with Stephanie Hughes.

Their mission is to help intervention teams and at-risk kids through inspirational and motivational speaking. Moe wrote a heart-felt note to the Masons of Ohio. In it, he mentioned, "The three days that I spent with the Masonic Student Assistance Program were so powerful and informative that it changed my life."

His partner, Stephanie Hughes, added, "This training has given me the



A Masonic Model trainer discusses possible situations with teachers at a Grand Lodge workshop. The attendees return to their schools with the knowledge and tools they need to help at-risk students.

tools needed to be more effective as an intervention worker, and has also shown me how to be a better parent to my own children."

Andie Barker, of the Ohio Prevention Network, comments, "The training was informative, as well as enjoyable. The trainers were dynamic, knowledgeable, and passionate about their work. I was impressed to hear issues discussed that are crucial for our schools and communities to face if every student is to achieve at their highest potential. Thank you, once again, for the opportunity to learn more about this important student assistance model."

Would you like to help the schools in your area? The Grand Lodge is currently looking for Masonic Model representatives from all across Ohio who can speak to the local schools and keep them informed on how to register for the workshops. If you are interested, please contact Mark Bernardin at the Grand Lodge office, 800/292-6092. For more information on the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program, please visit www.freemason.com.

Madisonville-Madeira Lodge thanked for help in high school drug-free program

Madeira City School officials have thanked Madisonville-Madeira Lodge #419 in Loveland, for allowing its building to be used for a training camp in July for 63 high school students from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The session trained youths as teen counselors to work with at risk children and encourage them to stay drug free.

Gerard Lodge looks at needs of widows

The Worshipful Master of Gerard Lodge #428, Paul Robinson, has created a small magnet for use on a refrigerator. It is given to Lodge widows at an annual ladies luncheon the Saturday before Valentines Day.

The magnet provides phone numbers for members of the Lodge and encourages the widows to contact Masons in any time of sickness or distress.



FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

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

Our first ever year-end appeal to support benevolent care brought a

tremendous response. Through the end of January, we received in excess of a 30% response, with gifts totaling \$12,031. That rate of response is very high and very unusual in fund raising. It underlines the strength of our supporters' commitment to our very important mission. And it continues the fraternity's tradition of concern for, and dedication to, our work

which has blessed The Home since its early days of operation.

At year-end, a significant gift was received from Illustrious Brother Carl H. Lindner, 33°, a long-time supporter of The Home, directly and through his Lodge, Melrose #671. Carl provided a major gift to the Masonic endowment, which will continue to provide support to our residents for many years to come. We are grateful for his continued support of The Home. We are proud of the many ways in which he exemplifies the fraternity's cornerstone, teaching the importance of charity and concern for others, throughout his community and the country.

On the Springfield campus in December, more than 100 attendees witnessed the dedication of the auditorium at the C. Ray and N. Jean Burkhart Auditorium. This naming recognition resulted from a major gift which Worshipful Brother Burkhart, a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, and his late wife, Jean, provided to the Foundation. Over the years, Ray and Jean admired and supported the work of The Home. They decided they wanted to demonstrate that admiration and support in a significant, material way. We are so appreciative of their gift and the support it will provide for years to come.

Many lives have touched, and have been touched, by The Home and its programs and services. Is there someone you would like to recognize or memorialize by creating a naming gift? Opportunities exist at a wide range of gift levels. Please call the Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664 or return the coupon for more information regarding naming and recognition opportunities.



Learn More About Naming and Recognition Opportunities

To receive information about naming and recognition opportunities at any of The Home's three campuses, please complete this form and return it to:

Benevolent Endowment Foundation
Five Masonic Drive, Springfield, Ohio 45504-3658

- Please send me information about naming and recognition opportunities.
- Please call me about a personal visit.
- I've named The Ohio Masonic Home in my will, trust or other planned gift. Please send me information about the Rickly Society, the Foundation's honor recognition program for those making such gifts.

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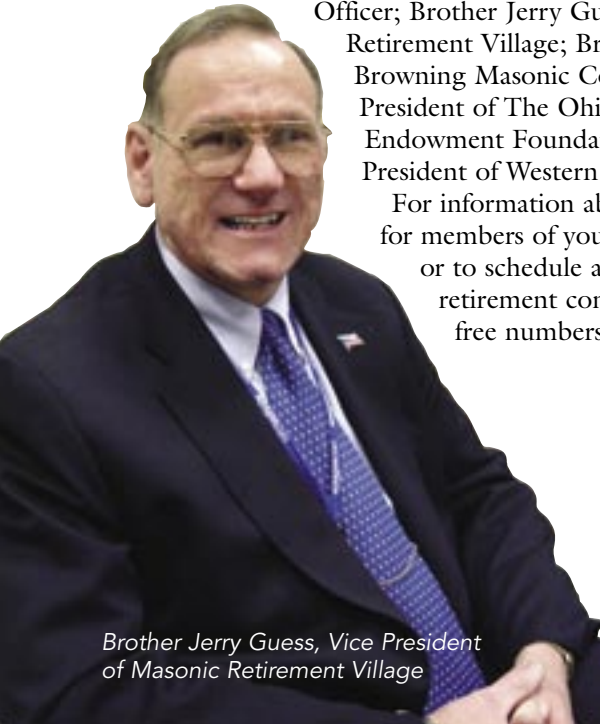
You may also call the Endowment Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664

OMH offers articles, photos, and speakers to lodges, districts

If you would like to include articles or photos about The Ohio Masonic Home, its retirement communities, health care facilities, or its Masonic Senior Services programs in a Lodge or district publication, please call The Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield and ask for the Marketing and Communications office, 937/525-3067.

By calling the Marketing and Communications office, you can also tap into the OMH Speakers Bureau for an upcoming Lodge meeting or special program about your Masonic Home. Speakers include fellow Masons Brother Dave Bannerman, Chief Executive Officer; Brother Greg Holm, Chief Operating Officer; Brother Jerry Guess, Vice President of Masonic Retirement Village; Brother Dave Subleski, President of Browning Masonic Community; Brother Tim Strawn, President of The Ohio Masonic Home Benevolent Endowment Foundation; and Brother Jay Dettorre, President of Western Reserve Masonic Community.

For information about specific retirement living needs for members of your Lodge, to request an application, or to schedule a personal visit to one of the OMH retirement communities, please call any of our toll free numbers listed below.



Brother Jerry Guess, Vice President of Masonic Retirement Village

- Masonic Retirement Village, Springfield: 888/290-2664
- Browning Masonic Community, Waterville: 866/878-4055
- Western Reserve Masonic Community, Medina: 800/433-1514
- Masonic Health Care, Springfield: 888/243-2664

MAKE YOUR MOVE

Retirement living is living at Masonic Retirement Village

Masonic Retirement Village is a beautiful retirement community located on the grounds of The Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield. Independent living lifestyle choices include 106 spacious two-bedroom, two-bathroom patio homes in Masonic Square and 101 studio, one and two-bedroom apartments in Iredell Gardens and The Apartments at Cunningham Place. We also offer 108 licensed Residential Care beds in private or couples rooms in Bancroft Manor and Hillman Manor.

To help meet the need for more independent living housing, the Village opened a 60-unit, one and two-bedroom

apartment complex, 12 new patio homes, and 30 new Residential Care beds in private rooms in 2003.

We are now taking applications and deposits to be placed on the reservation list for our apartments and patio homes. No deposit is required to be placed on the Reservation List for Assisted Living.

You will love the maintenance-free retirement living at Masonic Retirement Village. Please call us at 937/525-3006 or toll-free at 888/290-2664 to talk about your specific retirement living needs, to request an application, or to schedule a personal visit to our beautiful Masonic retirement community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Browning Masonic Community in Waterville

April 19

Eastern Star Tea

May 15 – 12 to 2 p.m.

Chicken BBQ—sponsored by District 11. The Shrine Parade precedes the BBQ

July 16

Cruise In Event. Stop in from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Springfield Campus

April 14

Annual Widow's Dinner with Grand Master and Grand Line Officers

June 5

Home Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



INDIANA CHEF – To cook the best food, every chef needs the necessary tools, sunglasses, an Indiana Jones style hat and a beeper. And, the best food will be at Home Day, June 5.

Special Olympics Summer Games scheduled for June 24-26

The opening ceremonies for the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games will be held on Friday, June 24, 2005 at the Jesse Owens Sports Complex on the OSU campus. All Ohio Masons are asked to attend and participate in the parade to kickoff the ceremonies.

Those who attend should gather at the complex at 5:30 p.m. and receive a special hat and lapel pin commemorating the event.

The Grand Lodge Special Olympics Committee is looking forward to another banner year for the "Sponsor-an-Athlete" program. Lodges across Ohio are holding dinners and other fundraising events to support Special Olympics. All Ohio Masons should consider supporting the efforts of their Lodges by sponsoring an athlete for \$60. This year's goal has been set at \$150,000.

Brad Paisley benefit helps those in need

Country music star Brad Paisley, a West Virginia Mason, appeared at a benefit in Wheeling, WV, to help raise more than \$100,000 to assist flood victims of the upper Ohio Valley. The young Mason has learned his Masonic lessons of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Grand Master speaks to Florida gathering



Grand Master Jim S. Deyo speaks to more than 150 Ohio Masons and their ladies at a luncheon in Fort Myers in January. Some 400 attended three such luncheons during the Grand Master's annual visitation. Other locations were Sarasota and Tavares.

2008 Bicentennial logo sought

The Grand Lodge Bicentennial Committee has chosen the 2008 slogan: Ohio Freemasonry: From Pioneers to Astronauts. The slogan is a compilation of ideas from several individuals.

Now, the committee is seeking a logo to express the "Pioneer to Astronaut" theme. The logo will be used on stationery, business cards, napkins, programs, news releases, and a variety of souvenir items. Therefore, the logo must

be compact and clearly definable, even in a small usage, such as on a coin.

All entries become the exclusive property of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The creator of the selected logo will be recognized in The Beacon.

The deadline for entries is June 30, 2005. All entries should be submitted to the Grand Lodge Headquarters, P.O. Box 629, Worthington, OH 43085-0629.

House Bill #467 update

House Bill #467, whose main sponsor was Representative Jim Hughes, passed the Ohio House of Representatives during the final days before the summer break of 2004. The bill was intended to reduce or eliminate property taxes for many of the fraternal buildings. It was then sent to the Ohio Senate for consideration and eventually assigned to the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

Despite the efforts of the members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Columbus, the bill died in the Senate Ways & Means Committee at the close of the 2004 Session.

Efforts are now underway to have the bill, in one form or another, reintroduced in the Ohio House and Senate.

In effort to build support for this bill, the Grand Lodge testified at several House Committee meetings, built a coalition of fraternal organizations affected by the bill, printed articles in the Beacon, sent informational letters to every Lodge, had a letter writing campaign at the Grand Session in October, and visited every senator's office and presented them with packets of information regarding the bill. The Grand Lodge Web page provided access to contact information for state senators and a letter of support which Ohio Masons could send to their senators. An e-mail campaign was also held during the final weeks.

No action is required at this time, but Ohio Masons should check the Grand Lodge Web page, www.freemason.com, for future information.

Stephen Schlechty chosen as Secretary of the Year

Stephen H. Schlechty, Secretary of Greenville Lodge #143 for 21 years, was selected by the staff of the Grand Secretary's Office as Lodge Secretary of the Year for 2004.

Brother Schlechty was Master of his Lodge in 1980, and has served as Secretary since 1983. He was chosen for his prompt and accurate monthly reporting, his helpfulness when information was needed, and his cheerful and courteous attitude. He received a plaque at the Grand Lodge, and his name was etched on a plaque at the Grand Lodge headquarters in Worthington as a member of the Ohio Lodge Secretary Hall of Fame.

Previous recipients are Russell M. Oliver of Alpha Lodge #729, and George M. Stenger of Coventry-Akron Lodge #83.



Vernon E. Musser elected Grand Secretary Emeritus

The Grand Lodge voted to honor Vernon E. Musser with the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Brother Musser served the Grand Lodge as Grand Master in 1982-83 and as Grand Secretary from 1986 through 1990.

It has been a busy period of honors for Brother Musser, who also was presented his 50-year award in Mid-Century Lodge #725, on December 7, 2004.

Findlay Masons receive Salvation Army thanks

Members of Findlay Lodge #227 received special thanks from the Salvation Army for taking turns as "bell ringers" in December. Their efforts raised nearly \$1,200.

Lodges in the news...

Beallsville football players appreciate breakfast

A letter, individually signed by 35 members of the Beallsville Blue Devil football team and coaching staff, thanked Sunbury Lodge #362 in Beallsville for hosting a September breakfast for them. The breakfast came prior to an important game.

The team's quarterback came to the Lodge's next meeting, and, prior to opening Lodge, delivered the letter, a team photo, and the team's personal thanks.

The breakfast is part of the Lodge's community service activities, which includes advertising in the school's programs.

Wauseon, Hiram Lodges reach out into the livestock arena

Wauseon Lodge #349, in Fulton County, and Hiram Lodge #18, in Delaware County, purchased "Grand Champions" at their respective 2004 county fairs.

Wauseon brethren became the owner of the Grand Champion Market Rabbit and Hiram members invested in the Grand Champion Barrow.

Both Lodges believe that such donations to youth activities involving 4-H Clubs at county fairs are an excellent form of community service.

Canton continues 61-year tradition

More than 450 persons attended the annual Christmas morning breakfast at the Canton Masonic Temple – a 61-year tradition.

The 6 a.m. event included a full breakfast, speaker and collection of funds for charity. This year, the newspaper in Canton published a feature on the annual activity, with two front-page pictures.

Raymond Nichols named Rural Carrier of the Year

Raymond R. Nichols, a letter carrier from 1959 until his retirement in 1995, has been presented the Rural Carrier of the Year Award for Ohio at the national convention of carriers in Kansas City.

Brother Nichols, a member of Freeport Lodge #415, was chosen from 4,500 carriers in Ohio. He worked out of the Freeport and Piedmont Post Offices.

Liberty Center donates flag to athletic boosters

Masonic representatives and widows of Liberty Center Lodge #518 recently donated a large American flag to the Liberty Center Athletic Boosters to fly over the high school football stadium during games. It was also used for the annual flag ceremony at the first football game of the 2004 season.

More Light About Masonry

Ohio Masonic history contains a few 'firsts,' plus many interesting experiences

Ohio Masonry is credited with a number of "firsts" in history, according to the *Frontier Cornerstone*, a book about the history of the Grand Lodge.

The *Frontier Cornerstone*, written by Allen Roberts and published in 1980, is currently out-of-print, but copies are available in most Lodge libraries.

In 1857, for example, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a short report to the Grand Lodge, claiming that "to Ohio belongs the credit of introducing the reviewing of the transactions of various Grand Lodges." This process began in 1828, and continues today with Past Grand Master James E. Olmstead, in his role as Fraternal Correspondent, examining and summarizing annual Proceedings from other Grand Lodges.

Ohio also claims credit, according to

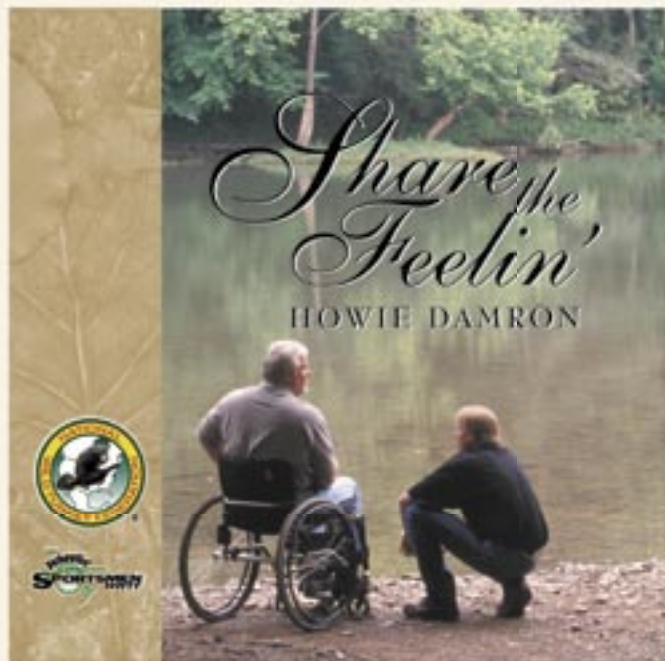
Frontier Cornerstone, for "the practice of the Grand Master submitting to the Grand Lodge a written report of his doings." This started in 1839 when William J. Reese was Grand Master and still continues today.

The *Frontier Cornerstone* (page 64) also gives an account of travel in the early days of Freemasonry in Ohio: "As we travel along in our cars these days we can scarcely imagine what our founders had to contend with to get to Lodge. There are accounts of those who walked as far as seven or eight miles each way to attend. Many of the earlier brethren rode on horseback and carried lanterns. "Roads were poor a good part of the year. The meeting time was 6 p.m. in winter and 7 p.m. in summer. It has been suggested that the timing of meeting by the full moon may have been

to permit the men to travel on moonlit nights."

Stables for horses were considered quite important. According to the book, in April 1872 the Irville Lodge appropriated a sum of \$200 to build 13 horse stalls on the Lodge lot. After they were built, the Lodge was continually having difficulty over who should look after them. At last, the Tyler was given the job and he cared for the stables for the salary of \$2 per year. The members paid rent for their stalls for several years.

As the Grand Lodge of Ohio approaches its 200th anniversary in 2008 much interest in being shown in the two centuries of history, and the *Frontier Cornerstone* is a good source of that material.



Sale of Damron CDs to support Charitable Foundation

Brother Howie Damron is a native Ohioan with musical talent and a big heart.

He has recently released two county western CDs titled *Sharing the Feeling* and *Family Ties*. The sale of both CDs will benefit the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation and further its mission to help Ohioans in distressed circumstances.

The music promotes the strong family values supported by the Masonic Fraternity. The song "The Ring" even has "Masonry" as its subject.

The CDs sell for \$16 each with \$5 benefiting the Charitable Foundation. To order one or both, visit the Grand Lodge Web site, www.freemason.com or phone Chad Simpson at 800/292-6092. Musical clips of all the songs are also available on the Web site.

Sharing the Feeling and *Family Ties* make great gifts for current Worshipful Masters or for potential candidates.

Grand Council sets record

Ohio Masons who are part of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons set a new record in their support of diabetic camps for children last year.

They raised \$42,642 through projects and member contributions.

The Diabetic Kids Fund supports Camp Hamwi (Columbus), Camp Ho-Mita-Koda (Cleveland), Camp Ko-Man-She (Dayton), Camp Korelitz (Cincinnati), and the Northwest Camp near Findlay.

Groveport restores town hall

The Village of Groveport has restored the 1876 Town Hall to original condition, including the placement of the Square and Compasses near the top of the building.

Groveport Lodge #240 met in this building from 1876 until its new Masonic building was built in 1966. Sometime throughout those years, the Square and Compasses emblem, which had originally adorned the structure, was misplaced.

Past Master Daniel Upperman had a new emblem made at no cost to the Lodge and the Village Public Works Department installed it on the building in August.

It is a strong reminder that Freemasonry has been in existence in Groveport for more than 150 years.



Past Grand Masters support Deyo



Six Past Grand Masters were present in Fort Myers in January to support Grand Master Jim S. Deyo as he addressed Ohio Masons. From left, they are Neil M. Smalley, Charles S. Ward, Grand Master Deyo, William P. Mayberry, Sr., Royal C. Scofield, Steven J. Krekus, and George O. Braatz.

Cornerstone laid in Akron for Summit Masonic Complex



Led by Grand Master Steven J. Krekus and the Grand Lodge Officers, the cornerstone of the new Summit Masonic Complex on Springside Drive in Akron was laid on September 25, 2004. The building, still undergoing renovation, is the home of Coventry-Akron Lodge #83, Adoniram-Joppa Lodge #517, the Scottish Rite Valley of Akron, and a Job's Daughters Bethel.



Results and highlights of OMH communications audit

In 2004, The Ohio Masonic Home retained the services of an outside consulting firm to perform a Communications Effectiveness Study. The purpose was to evaluate how OMH was communicating with key audiences, including employees, residents, trustees, and members of the Masonic fraternity. In this issue of the Beacon, we are highlighting some of those findings.

1. The OMH Board needs increased visibility with residents and employees at all subsidiaries.
2. Key values cited by the OMH Board members and executive leadership were: care, concern, compassion and quality.
3. Employees, in general, were not able to cite those four values or the mission of OMH. They need to know the vision, mission and direction of the organization. Employee communications needs to be addressed immediately.
4. There is no organizational culture across the organization; it has grown too big, too fast. The new CEO will need to shape and promote a functional organizational culture.
5. Our residents, and families of our residents, are pleased with the quality of care residents are receiving. In general, they are satisfied with OMH communications with them.
6. Members of the Fraternity feel they are reasonably informed about OMH, given their needs and current interest level. Members of the Fraternity who are currently considering a change toward retirement need to be made more aware of what OMH has to offer.
7. OMH needs to bring its message to Masonic lodges in Ohio; this would include the Masonic Senior Services program that helps Masons stay in their homes for as long as possible.
8. The Beacon needs to be shared with spouses, friends and

OMH Annual Report

The Ohio Masonic Home's 2003 Annual Report is now available on The Home's Web site at: www.ohiomasonichome.org.

If you prefer that the publication be sent to you, please call, e-mail, or send a note to:

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The Home's 2004 Annual Report will be published just prior to Home Day, coming up on Sunday, June 5 in Springfield. If you would like a copy of that report in advance, please let Carol know.



- families. (See the CEO's column this issue.)
9. The communications resources and quality of materials need to be strengthened to promote the organization.
10. 2,500 Ohio Masons were mailed surveys; half of those responding were over 70 years of age and 2/3 had been Masons for more than 30 years. Focus groups were conducted at five Ohio lodges; 68 members participated.

The Communications Study is a two-part process. The second part will be to develop a dynamic Strategic Communications and Marketing Plan for OMH. The findings of the Communications Audit will be a solid foundation for that planning, which will take place this spring under the direction of the new corporate Marketing and Communications Director, Paul Quinn, who began his new job in March.

Home Day *(continued from page 1)*

walking is problem, you'll be able to see our 350 acre campus in our air conditioned bus or van, tour a garden villa home, a model apartment, and see the nursing home.

You can enjoy great food for sale under one of the food tents, or if you prefer, enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner in the Katherine B. Castle Dining Room in our beautiful Community Center. Be sure to stop inside Hillman Manor for some of our famous strawberry shortcake-it's always a sell-out! Then, browse through the Hilltop Village Shoppe to find just the right card or gift for your family and friends.

During Home Day festivities, you can also meet the Grand Lodge officers, The Ohio Masonic Home Trustees,

our new Chief Executive Officer Dave Bannerman, and trustees and staff members from Browning Masonic Community, Western Reserve Masonic Community, Masonic Health Care, The Ohio Masonic Home Benevolent Endowment Foundation, and Masonic Retirement Village. Stop by one of the subsidiary booths for specific information and to pick up a copy of our 2004 Annual Report.

The Ohio Masonic Home is located about 40 minutes west of Columbus, or a half hour east of Dayton, just off I-70. Take the Route 68 North exit, and travel just over one mile to our exit. We hope to see you at Home Day, Sunday, June 5.

Frequently asked questions about The Ohio Masonic Home

Q. Are the retirement communities open to the public?

A. With the exception of Masonic Retirement Village, all subsidiaries are open to the public.

Q. Where can my father receive skilled nursing care?

A. The Ohio Masonic Home offers skilled nursing care in our Springfield and Medina communities. If a Browning resident requires skilled nursing home care, they may apply to a long-term care facility, or transfer to one of the OMH skilled nursing facilities.

Q. Are pets allowed?

A. Yes. Each retirement community has a pet policy and certain types and sizes of companion pets are allowed. Please call the community for specific details.

Q. How do I pay my mother's bill?

A. The former Asset Surrender program ended 10 years ago, in 1995. Each subsidiary community is a private pay facility. All applicants must meet financial and medical qualification standards prior to move-in or admission. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to pay by

meeting certain financial qualifications. Most OMH residents maintain and manage their own finances.

Q. Is transportation available?

A. Yes. Van and bus transportation is provided for certain community-sponsored events at each facility. There is a nominal charge for transportation to doctor appointments and other medically related trips off campus.

Q. I am moving in from out-of-state, how do I find a new doctor?

A. You may choose your own physician while you are a resident at any of our communities. However, each campus has a Medical Director and licensed nursing staff to ensure that residents receive the medical care they need and deserve.

Q. Can I receive the therapy I need at the nursing home and then return to my home?

A. Yes. In addition to providing 24-hour nursing care, we offer physical, occupational and speech therapy at each of our Health Care facilities. Our goal is to assist you in reaching your maximum physical potential.

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 and December 31, 2004.

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HORSING AROUND – These expert riders and their horses are just a few of the many Shrine units you will see in the Home Day Parade on Sunday, June 5.



Lewis & Clark expedition – Masonic/Greenville connection

Grand Master Jim S. Deyo and other Grand Lodge officers gathered in Greenville, Ohio, on December 2, to help the members of Greenville Lodge #143, dedicate a very special historical marker.

The historical marker commemorates the little known fact that Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first meet at Fort Greenville in the 1790s while serving under the command of General Anthony Wayne. Wayne, Lewis, and Clark were all Masons. Lewis joined in 1797 and Clark in 1809.

The relationship between the two men, which began in Greenville, culminated in the famous 1803 expedition, which explored the Louisiana Purchase. This expedition was the brainchild of President Thomas Jefferson, who realized the great potential of this uncharted wilderness.

Several reenactors, dressed in clothes of the period, were present for the dedication, including Worshipful Brother Robert Anderson, a Past Master of Newton Lodge #249, and Knight of the York Cross of Honor. Anderson is an active member of the bicentennial reenactment of the Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition. He portrays his great-great-great uncle, George Shannon, who was a 19-year-old member



Grand Master Deyo is joined by reenactors and members of Greenville Lodge #143 to dedicate a historical marker at the location of Lewis & Clark's very first meeting at Fort Greenville.

of the original expedition. Shannon later helped to edit the official diaries of the expedition and was also a brother Mason.

At the conclusion of the dedication ceremonies, Worshipful Brother

Anderson presented the Grand Master with an exceptional example of Native American bead work in the form of a white pennant upon which are the square and compasses in blue.

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