

# Village Voice



**Healing from  
the Heart**



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On the cover: Betty Beach, a resident of Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, shown with Marjorie Lindemuth, RN/nursing supervisor. Betty worked as a nurse supervisor at then-Masonic Homes for 16 years before her retirement in 1994.



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**The Masonic Villages include locations in Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warminster.**

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## Three Campuses Named “Best of” in Senior Living

As rated by residents and families, the Masonic Villages at Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill and Sewickley have been recognized as the “Best of” in senior living in Pennsylvania by SeniorAdvisor.com, putting them in the top one percent of senior care providers in the United States and Canada.

“I can feel the stress and tension melt away every time we drive onto the grounds to return to our cottage. The 1,400 acres are the largest and prettiest of any comparable facility we’ve seen. Our cottage is well-appointed, the staff and other residents are extremely friendly, respectful and very helpful. The staff makes every effort to accommodate and respond to each resident’s needs. We’ve loved every minute living here and look forward to many years of happiness as Masonic Village at Elizabethtown residents,” Linda and John Hope wrote on SeniorAdvisor.com.

“Lovely apartment, beautiful grounds, delicious food and courteous service, friendly residents and helpful employees. That about covers it! It’s a paradise come true! Medical care is there when I need it, also,” wrote Patricia Christie, a Masonic Village at Sewickley resident.

The Best of 2018 Awards celebrate the communities and agencies that have consistently received outstanding feedback from families on SeniorAdvisor.com, the largest ratings and reviews site for senior care and services in North America.

“As SeniorAdvisor.com’s ‘Best of Senior Living’ awards enters its fifth year of honoring the top family rated communities and care providers, we are proud to say that the bar has been raised,” Eric Seifert, president and COO of SeniorAdvisor.com, said. “In order to ensure only the best communities and care providers win, we decided to make the criteria harder than ever and we saw over 1,600 winners rise to the occasion. Each year, we are more and more impressed with the quality of winners and look forward to spreading the word about these award-winning organizations.”





Denise and Dolly

## *At Home* on the Job

As seniors in high school, Dolly Junk and Denise Zerphey started work in Masonic Village at Elizabethtown's dietary department. Years passed and a lot changed. They were both married, had children and welcomed grandchildren.

After 45 years, one thing remains consistent. Dolly and Denise still head to Masonic Village five days a week. What has kept them working at Masonic Village is not the pay or benefits, although both agree these are pluses.

The best part of their jobs is the people; the residents they care for and the staff they work alongside.

### **Dolly Junk**

Dolly was hired first. A native of Elizabethtown, she was one of many teenagers who worked at Masonic Village. She signed on as a dietary aide in the Masonic Health Care Center and encouraged her friend, Denise, to do the same.

Once she graduated high school, Dolly put off plans to go to college to help her mother care for her ill

father. She met her husband at Masonic Village, and after having her first child, wasn't sure she would return to work. Her supervisor at the time was leaving, and her assistant supervisor was being promoted. She asked Dolly if she'd come back after maternity leave and take the role of assistant supervisor.

Dolly agreed and took courses at Penn State to become a Certified Dietary Manager. She was eventually promoted to dietary manager and worked in the Masonic Health Care Center before transferring to the Freemasons Building, a personal care residence. On a daily basis, now as a dining room manager, Dolly has lots of employee and resident interaction, which is just the way she likes it.

"Every day has been different since I started," she said. "It doesn't feel like I've been in the same job. We have a lot of work to do, but you need to take time to enjoy the residents. I know all my residents by name, which is so nice. I know what they like and who they like to sit with.

"I always try to put myself in their shoes and relate to what they may be going through. My philosophy is to

always give the best I can every day. It's heartbreaking to think about, but each meal you serve could be the last time that resident has that experience."

Some days are more challenging than others, but this makes Dolly appreciate all the heartwarming moments.

"I just try to make every day a good day," she said. "I always try to come to work positive."

Her three daughters and four grandchildren continue to be the most important part of her life. She also raises exotic, free range chickens; loves to read; spends a lot of time with her five dogs and two cats; and enjoys taking long-distance road trips with her husband.

## Denise Zerphey

Denise had fond memories of Masonic Village even before she was an employee. Her mother would bring her family to the campus to see the roaming peacocks.

She has watched her role evolve over the last 45 years. Adjustments to the way food is served to residents has seen her doing everything from heating silver plates on a food line to packing food onto carts to hand delivering food to residents.

Now a dining attendant, Denise's day typically starts with a group meeting. Then, she heads to the Ben Franklin 2 neighborhood, and turns on all the ovens to start cooking food.

With the introduction of the Country Kitchens in the Masonic Health Care Center in 2012, meal times, once task-oriented, are now a time for staff to socialize with residents, and for residents to enjoy more variety in what they're eating. Previously, predetermined meals were delivered to each neighborhood and had to be unloaded and set up at scheduled times.

Now, residents come into the dining room anytime during a 90-minute window for each meal. A host or hostess, typically a staff volunteer from another department, seats them and serves them a drink, or they may grab their own. They are able to select from two entrées, and dining attendants prepare their meal upon ordering.

"I like the independence of being up with the residents," she said. "Now we see them. We get to know them and they know us. They look forward to the food, too."

While Denise acknowledges change can be harder to adjust to as you get older, she feels the food service has come a long way.

"Giving the best quality of food here has always been consistent," she said.

Denise has lived just over the hill from Masonic Village for many years, which has made her commute convenient, even in inclement weather when her son has been known to bring her to work on his four-wheeler.

Her family includes three children and three grandchildren. Her co-workers have become her extended family over the years. For her 50th birthday, her family and co-workers, including some who had retired, surprised her with a party.

"It's a great place to work," she said. "They always worked around my kids' hours, and the incentives for wellness are great. The people are what have kept me coming back."

## Over the Years

Dolly and Denise have witnessed many changes across the campus. Both have fond memories of the uniforms they wore, which for the first several years were dresses. When they started, there was no building dedicated to personal care services. The Freemasons Building, originally known as the Masons Care Building and built in 1973, was designated as a personal care residence in 1998.

They also recall when retirement living apartments were first added to the campus in 1989 and when the state-of-the-art Culinary Arts Center was built in 2001 (then known as the central kitchen and commissary).

One of the unique aspects of food services at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown is the history of the farm and the use of products raised on property for resident and employee meals. Both Denise and Dolly remember pouring milk from large aluminum cans, which had come straight from the dairy on campus. They stirred fresh butter, washed fruits and vegetables from the orchards and gardens and helped make sausage at the abattoir.

Many of these practices were phased out due to inefficiencies, but some, including using fresh produce and Masonic Village homegrown beef, have come back around.

"It's not just a job," Dolly said. "I'd do anything for my residents or my staff. It's not about the money. It's about putting your heart in the job. After 45 years, the focus of Masonic Village has always been on the residents."



# Pharmacy Services Expanding at Masonic Village



Masonic Village at Elizabethtown first opened its pharmacy in July 1977. It has evolved over the years to adapt to new technologies, as well as Masonic Village's growing population. Today, it provides services for staff and the surrounding community, as well as residents and staff in Warminster. Services in Lafayette Hill are slated to begin in the spring. Sewickley residents will continue to be served by HealthDirect Pharmacy Services.

Each week, on average, the pharmacy packages approximately 10,700 individual packets of medications for about 575 residents across the Elizabethtown campus. The pharmacy team consists of one pharmacy manager, three staff pharmacists, eight pharmacy technicians, two finance coordinators and one intern from the University of the Sciences, Philadelphia. Staff are on-call after hours and weekends.

## Why Should You Choose the Pharmacy at Masonic Village?

- Convenient delivery – Monday-Saturday in Elizabethtown. Orders received by 2:30 p.m. will be delivered the same day. Pick-up available until 6 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

- Full-service pharmacy – pick up your prescriptions and other over-the-counter medicine, remedies and toiletries. Prices are competitive, and often much lower, than other drug stores. Specialized packaging makes it easier to take medications.
- Personalized services – our pharmacists and technicians learn to know your name, your needs and your concerns.
- Switching pharmacies? Set up a consultation with Masonic Village staff who will help work with your doctor and insurance company.

The pharmacy is now located in the Sycamore Square Marketplace, across from Masonic Village's campus, next to the Lancaster General Health Physicians Family Medicine.

**Hours to drop off and pick up prescriptions are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, from 2 - 4 p.m. Convenient parking is available in the front and rear of the building. Cash, check or major credit cards are accepted. Call 717-361-5599 for more information. Online refills will be available in the near future.**



Five of the eight Bleiler Caring Cottage residents (l-r): Scotty, Howard, Don, Beth and Joe.



# New Spaces and Friendly Faces

Since August, residents of the Bleiler Caring Cottage have been anticipating two big milestones.

First, they've patiently waited while their home has been under construction. As part of the renovations and expansion, each of the eight residents now has his or her own bedroom. Other upgrades include an additional laundry room and bathroom and a new office space for staff.

"They love their new rooms," Missy Kilmer, program manager, said. "Everyone needs his or her own space to retreat to. Each resident was able to personalize his or her room, which makes it extra special."

Secondly, and the change the residents have been most excited about, is the arrival of a new housemate. Don moved into the cottage in early January, completing their Bleiler Cottage "family."

"We're so happy to welcome Don," Missy said. "It feels like he's been here forever. Everyone was so accommodating with helping him adjust and settle in."

The Bleiler Caring Cottage, located at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, is home to eight individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities. The residents work, volunteer or attend the Adult Daily Living Center during the day. They have access to all the amenities, events, programs and services on campus, as well as pursuing their own hobbies and interests.

The Bleiler Caring Cottage was established with assistance from a generous contribution from Kenneth and Elaine Bleiler that initiated its permanent Endowment Fund. Charitable gifts play an important role in supporting the cottage and its residents. Contributions to the Endowment Fund will generate income in perpetuity exclusively for the program's operation. This support translates directly into an improved quality of life for the residents.

**For more information on supporting the Bleiler Caring Cottage, please contact the Masonic Charities Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454 or see the enclosed business reply envelope.**



home security

# SMART cottages

Fred and Brenda Kaylor moved into their cottage in December 2017. From the outside, it looks like all the other brand new cottages at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. On the inside, though, are subtle hints at what makes the cottage “smart.”

A small iPad hangs on the wall. A tiny sensor sits on the fridge door. Angled cabinets and a large farm-style sink blend with stainless steel appliances in the kitchen.

The Kaylor’s new home is also a laboratory for new technology that will be available for all residents of Masonic Villages.

“We’re really excited about technology,” Fred said. “We like new things that are happening and try to keep up to date with technology. I was in technology practically my whole life, working with computers and computer science.

“When the smart cottage was offered, we jumped right on it. It sounded like something exciting to take part in and experiment with. It is a learning process.”

Masonic Villages has partnered with K4Connect, a technology company focused on serving and empowering older adults and individuals living with disabilities, to roll out new options which bring the latest technology directly to residents’ fingertips.

In 2016, the Elizabethtown campus participated in a pilot to test K4Connect’s home automation features (light switches, thermostats, pedometers, motion sensors, etc.).

Residents have also been testing a portal, a specially designed application that serves as a single point of access for dining menus, campus news and updates, event calendars, games, photo/video sharing and more. Known as Village Connect, it is accessible through tablets and desktop computers and available for all residents.

“I like the iPad for the Village Connect portal and the other applications,” Fred said. “One of the most important things is online menus. That’s what we do here: eat, sleep and have fun. There’s also different activities listed. It’s all right online, which is nice.”

Other features of the cottage include a thermostat and lights, which can be programmed through the Village Connect application on a tablet or smartphone. All the window blinds are automated, and the kitchen sink features a touchless faucet. The bathroom scale can also be linked to the application, and allows users to track their weight and body mass index. A sensor on the fridge door ensures it isn’t left open and monitors whether it has been used over a designated period of time.

The cottage’s infrastructure includes an air filtration system to clean the air. If something goes wrong with the furnace, the air conditioner or the lights, a maintenance worker will automatically be notified through K4Connect.

The Kaylors will have the chance to test additional options, which will help staff and other residents evaluate which ones are worth implementing. One of the benefits of K4Connect is that it’s “future-proof.”



# sensor monitoring



# mobile device control

# wifi connected

As advancements are made in technology, new gadgets can be incorporated seamlessly.

The cottage is not just about featuring the latest and greatest technology. It's also about keeping people happy, healthy and safe.

"The thing now is aging in place," Fred said. "We want to stay here in the cottage for a long time. We don't plan to move any time soon to another part of the campus. That's another benefit of this cottage - to have an open floor plan on one level. And to have the ability to be able to stay here and age in place."

The angled cabinets, counter tops, sink and easy-access pantry, as well as zero barrier showers and pocket doors, are all designed to accommodate a walker or wheelchair. Closets include different levels of shelves and bars. The backyard includes raised planters which can be used while standing or sitting. Residents can also opt for safety features such as bed sensors that monitor movement.

Fred and Brenda are eager to try new technology, but understand others may be hesitant.

"Don't be afraid," he said. "Use what you can. Some of it you may not use, but you'll learn, and then you'll go onto the next step and then the next step. Never be afraid of a computer. It can only help you."

While the chance to move into the smart cottage was very appealing to Fred and Brenda, it's not the

only thing that attracted them to Masonic Village.

"In general, we absolutely love Masonic Village and all the facilities that it offers," Fred said. "Being here in the smart cottage is one piece of that. It can only get better."

The Village Connect portal is available to all retirement living residents in Elizabethtown and will be available to other campuses by the end of 2018. In addition, home automation features will be made available to residents who would like to select these features across all Masonic Villages by the beginning of 2019.



# Village Happenings



## Octoberfest

At their annual Octoberfest in Dallas, residents welcomed visitors for baked goods, fresh produce and beautiful fall foliage.



## Happy Halloween

Across all locations, residents celebrated Halloween with parties and costumes, by hosting trick or treaters and having an all-around blast!



## Proud to be "the Best"

Thanks to readers of *The Times Herald* for voting Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill "Best Of" Retirement Living!

## Eternal Flame Recognition

The Sons of the American Revolution, Harris Ferry Chapter of Harrisburg, presented Masonic Village with a plaque for the Eternal Flame monument honoring all active service men and women and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.



## Veterans Day

Each location, including Lafayette Hill (top) and Dallas (bottom), held special programs to honor residents who have proudly served our country.



## Massing of the Colors

In November, nearly 7,000 American flags were displayed in Elizabethtown as a memorial to each U.S. military service member who has died in combat since 9/11. Thanks to the volunteers, including members of the National Sojourners - Harrisburg Chapter No. 76, for setting up the beautiful display.





### Operation Christmas Child

Residents and volunteers in Elizabethtown packed 175 shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, clothes and other goodies, and raised money for Operation Christmas Child. The organization benefits poor and orphaned children around the world through Samaritan's Purse.



### Holidays in Lafayette Hill

Santa made a stop to see residents in Lafayette Hill (right), one of many ways they celebrated the holiday season, in addition to caroling and a Secret Santa gift exchange.



### Cocktails with Santa

Residents in Sewickley enjoyed seasonal drinks and a visit from Santa at this annual holiday party.



### Warm Wishes in Warminster

Below, residents, their families and staff enjoyed parties and other celebrations as part of the holiday season.



### On Track for a Merry Christmas

Children from the Masonic Village Child Care Center took a tour of the Model Railroad Club in Elizabethtown just in time for the holidays.



### Happy Hanukkah

Residents gathered for special services and programs across the state to celebrate the eight-day Festival of Lights.

### Holiday Greetings

Brethren and guests from Jerusalem Lodge No. 506, Philadelphia, hosted a Christmas party full of festive fun for residents of the Masonic Children's Home and Masonic Village's Bleiler Caring Cottage!



### Festival of Trees

As part of the annual Festival of Trees in the Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown, residents and staff voted on their favorite tree, choosing from 21 decorated by staff and resident neighborhoods. Congrats to the Clinics Department for being voted the best!



## A Psychiatrist's Life

If you've ever wondered about the daily work of a psychiatrist, Dr. Irwin Forman is a good person to ask – he has 50 years of experience. “There are things I've seen and experienced that I'll take to my grave,” he says. “I've seen some things that are beyond comprehension.”

Always looking at the world around him – specifically, the neighborhood where he grew up – Irwin began considering medicine as a young teenager.

“I came from a poor area in the Bronx, so I saw a lot of poverty, and I thought, ‘There must be some way I can help.’”

Irwin decided he could improve the lives of the people in impoverished communities like his own through the field of medicine – but he had to test himself first. There are many aspiring doctors who discover they faint or turn green at the sight of blood and have to turn back from their studies. Irwin wanted to make sure he was well-suited for his dream career before he invested all the time and financial resources into college, medical school and beyond.

“Being a doctor sounded wonderful,” he said, “but I didn't know if I could handle it. One day, I heard about a subway accident and went down to check it out. I saw a man with his foot severed at the ankle, and I said to myself, ‘Oh, I can handle that.’”

Squeamishness disproven, Irwin went on to receive a full ride to the pre-med program at New York University (NYU). After his graduation, he started on the next step – medical school, which took him on an unforgettable journey across the ocean to Bologna, Italy.

“Applying to medical schools in the United States was expensive, so I looked overseas. First, I got accepted to medical school in Heidelberg, Germany, but I decided I liked Italy better.”

After procuring his acceptance, Irwin packed his bags for Italy. His 14-day trip by Greek freighter – where passengers were served lamb's head for dinner and only half of them spoke English – was a memorable experience. Although, the language barrier he experienced on the ship to Italy was nothing compared to the one he encountered when he arrived.

“Only two people spoke English,” he said, “the lady in the train station and one at the hotel.”

This meant that on top of his medical studies, he had to learn an entirely new language – all while vigorously budgeting his meager funds. Irwin worked hard and lived simply.

“I walked a lot – public transportation was unaffordable, and, likewise, more than one meal a day was too expensive,” he recalls.

Although he enjoyed his medical school coursework (even if he had to translate it from Italian to English and back again!), Irwin had to adjust to cultural differences in the education style.

“British medical textbooks are more concise,” he said. “Also, exams are different in Italy – they’re oral instead of written. All the professors sit at a table, with the full professor at the head and the associate professors around the table, and they ask you a question. You don’t know what question they’re going to ask you, and they look like they’re ignoring you – having conversations among themselves about soccer, the weather, etc. while you’re talking, but they really are listening.”

Irwin graduated (wearing the Julius Caesar-style wreath common in Italian commencement) and returned to the United States for his internship, residency and licensing exams. During this process, he was deciding on his specialization.

“At first, I wanted to work in pediatrics,” he said. “I thought working with kids would be cheerful, but I knew I couldn’t handle childhood deaths.”

After deciding against pediatrics, Irwin chose psychiatry because of his fascination with the connection between the mind and the body.

“When something’s wrong with you mentally, it affects you physically, and vice versa,” he said.

During his years as a practicing professional, he had many different work environments – Lancaster General Hospital, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Osteopathic Hospital and Columbia and Ephrata Hospitals. He also worked in nursing homes, community health programs and prisons, plus he taught medical students. Irwin also worked for the State Mental Health System before retiring. He studied addictions and eating disorders and was one of the first to use computers for psychiatric testing.

When Irwin scaled back his private practice, he began part-time work at a veteran’s hospital. The seven and



a half years he spent in the Army gave him common ground with the veterans he saw there. “In the Army, they expected me to be an expert in any medical problem that came up – even radiology,” he said.

While abroad for his studies, Irwin was introduced to Masonry by one of his Italian friends. Today, he is a member of Lodge No. 43 in Lancaster, and became a 50-year Blue Lodge member a few years ago.

“There’s a certain camaraderie in Masonry,” he said. That camaraderie was a factor in bringing Irwin, and his wife, Marcia, to Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.

“We played a game of ‘which apartment would you choose?’ and we both picked the same one, independent of each other,” he said.

The Formans officially moved in 10 years ago, and they have been happy here ever since.

“The people care about one another here,” Irwin said. In their retirement, the Formans enjoy reading and traveling. However, Irwin still has a desire to help others and pass along the wonders of the medical profession.

“In the past, I volunteered to help foreign doctors get into American residency programs. Now, I want to help Cuban doctors who come here learn the American system. Also, I always encourage young people who work in the dining room here to go into medicine. The rewards of helping people work through things and the satisfaction is unlike any other profession,” he said.



# Healing from the Heart

Nursing is not a career for the faint of heart. Every day is unpredictable, with emergencies arising at a moment's notice. It takes a special person to deliver care to a stranger, and nurses share a lifetime bond with one another as a result of seeing people at the worst, and sometimes best, times of their lives.

"It can break your heart. You see sad things and bad things," retired nurse Erica Pryor said. "If it's not what you really want to do, it's too hard emotionally."

Mary Gassman was sitting together with a group of women at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, who all happened to be nurses, and as they shared past experiences (some funny, some not), she thought, "I'm sure there are more of us with stories."

There were, about 25 total in fact, and so, the group of retired nurses was formed. It's an informal group with no officers or dues. The membership comprises all women, but men are also welcome to join. They meet about four times a year, and at each meeting, one of the women shares her biography. The group includes those who served in the military, prisons, hospitals, the Amish community, the classroom and a variety of other environments.

"We all have something in common," said Mary, who became a nurse during World War II and spent time at a hospital for crippled children and visiting Amish schools. "A lot of us know the same doctors. Nurses form a bond. We know some stories can't be shared in public, but we can share with one another."

## Healer and Teacher

Mary Lou Keller spent more than 30 years as a hospital nurse before stepping in front of a classroom, which she found equally rewarding.

"I taught them what I had done for so many years," she said of preparing the next generation of nurses.

Her proudest career accomplishment was receiving her Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh, which she earned over a four-year period while teaching.

She moved to the Masonic Village at Sewickley 13 years ago, and was pleased to be surrounded by the good company of other nurses.

"It seems like we all think the same," Mary Lou said, "which may be good or may be bad. I like just listening to everyone's experiences in school, why they wanted to be nurses and what they went into afterwards."

## Nurse and Nurturer

Another loyal member of the group is Carol Aeberli. Carol's mother was a nurse, and it was the only career Carol ever considered. She attended Allegheny General Health School of Nursing.

"I was very content being a staff nurse and giving hands-on care to patients," she said. "I think that is the reason I like this profession."



be a veterinarian. She quickly realized she had a heart for people and switched trajectories, earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing.

Erica gained much of her clinical experience in a physical rehabilitation hospital, which included working with patients who had suffered spinal cord injuries, amputations, strokes and other difficult conditions.

"It was inspiring to see how so many people dealt with tragedy with dignity and courage," she said, "and how they would muster resources to deal with these life-altering events. It helped me keep things in perspective. I'd walk out of the hospital, grateful I could walk."

Erica returned to school to earn her Ph.D. in epidemiology from Emory University, and joined the School of Nursing faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). There, she taught graduate level courses in epidemiology, population health, research and statistics.

In 2014, she was honored with a UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. It was a proud moment for Erica, since the award is based on recommendations from students and faculty. She retired in 2016, but remains in contact with several students as they complete their doctoral dissertations.

Mentoring students as they started their careers was the most rewarding part of Erica's job. She didn't always realize at the time how big an impact she made on her students or patients.

"Occasionally, it is one comment or one conversation with a patient or student that you later learn really made a difference," she said. "At the time, it wasn't a big deal, but it had a bigger impact."

After moving to Masonic Village last January, Erica saw a flyer for the retired nurses group. Joining it was one of the first things she did as a new resident.

"The science of nursing has changed over the years and some of the education, but nursing really is the same," she said. "If you're in the profession, you can always spot a nurse. They have a specific outlook on life. They're caring. It comes through. It doesn't matter if you're still practicing or haven't for 30 years – once a nurse, always a nurse."

Nurses have a bond – unbreakable and timeless. It takes more than medicine to care for people who are sick, hurt and suffering. Nurses offer a comforting touch and a reassuring smile in a way only a nurse can.

She was reminded of the impact she had on patients last January, when she was reunited with a woman she cared for as a child after she was burned in an accident.

"I felt a sense of pride that I had played a part in her recovery," she said. "I was one of many who cared for her for two and a half months in Pittsburgh, until she was transferred to the Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati. Little did I know that 50 years later, I would be living at the Masonic Village, and she would come back into my life. We still keep in touch."

For Carol, the group of retired nurses allows her to share her own experiences and learn about others'. Since many of them dedicated their lives to the medical field, the group also keeps up with advancements in medicine and treatments.

"It is a nice group of women, and we enjoy being together," she said.

She has been especially grateful for her move to Masonic Village more than two years ago since the passing of her husband, David, in December.

"It is a comfortable, friendly, caring community," she said. "The outpouring of concern from the people living in this village confirmed to me and my family that we had chosen a great place to live."

## The Science of Compassion

Erica Pryor, the daughter of a nurse and a physician, started her postsecondary education studying to



# A Career Dedicated to Others



Dr. John Callahan, known lovingly as “Dr. John” by his family and friends, has delivered exactly 1,500 babies. Over the span of his more than 40 years in

family medicine, he has been truly inspired by the people he has met and the lives he has touched.

John took pride in being an “old time” doctor who took the time to listen and treat the “whole” person, which is the reason he saw many of the same patients for decades. In fact, he delivered three babies who represented three generations of the same family.

His love for medicine stemmed from a childhood experience which changed his life forever. When John was 6 years old, his mother passed away after a tough battle with cancer. Her passing left his father to raise John and his brother, Francis, who was only 1 year old at the time. “Seeing her sick and the pain my family was experiencing made me realize I wanted to help others,” John recalls. “I was going to be the one to cure cancer.”

Unfortunately, that was one goal he hasn’t accomplished. However, his career was full of many proud moments, which he probably won’t mention in conversation. “All he ever wanted to do was take care of patients,” his wife, Melissa, says. “You would never know what he’s done because he doesn’t talk about himself.”

After graduating from a small high school in Scranton, Pa., John pondered his future. His passion for baseball led him to be invited to try out for the New York



Yankees for a possible catcher's position. There, he met the great Elston Howard and Yogi Berra. However, with his father's convincing, John attended the University of Scranton, and upon graduation, taught chemistry, physics and mathematics at a local high school before realizing he truly belonged in medicine.

At the age of 24, John decided to enroll in the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and began practicing in 1967. John practiced at several hospitals in Wilkes-Barre and Pittston, Pa., and in his own private practice.

He was awarded the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award, the Times Leader Health Care Hero Award, Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Practice Society's Family Physician of the Year Award and countless others. He was instrumental in representing and promoting the osteopathic profession and was president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Society and served on the State Board of Medicine. When John started his practice, there were only five osteopathic physicians in the five Pennsylvania counties that surround John's hometown. To date, there are more than 200.

Regardless of his early accomplishments, it was something the local legend did near the end of his private practice that he is most proud of. In 2007, John was confronted by a close friend who had an idea of starting a free health clinic for those who couldn't afford medical care. The center was to be located inside a local church. Without the slightest hesitation, John immediately said "yes." He jumped right into the new venture at a volunteer's salary, no less.

For the first year of the clinic, John was the only doctor who volunteered and insisted on seeing every patient, no matter how many or the time of day. After enduring an ankle replacement (a difficult operation for a then-73-year-old) during the second year, he called into the clinic every week to see how things were going without him. He then came back before he should have, using a walker to enter the clinic to see patients.

Today, the Care and Concern Free Health Clinic not only offers medical care in the Pittston area, but dental care, food baskets, children's clothing, psychiatric counseling and assistance in applying for medical coverage. In 10 years, the clinic has served more than 3,900 people who have used the clinic more than 14,000 times.

The people who inspire John the most are not world-renowned physicians, scientists or mathematicians. They are those who selflessly use their talents to help others. "The people who volunteer their time and efforts to the clinic are truly amazing," he says. "When people come together, they can do great things."

Throughout his career, John continued to write numerous letters on behalf of those applying to medical school. Many of his colleagues mention they are doctors today because of John Callahan, and he enjoys seeing local physicians who completed their residencies with him, succeed.

John was challenged throughout his career, not only with complicated cases, but with changes in technology. When he finished medical school, there weren't CAT scans, MRIs or ultrasounds. Evolving with the world of medicine gave him the challenge he always wanted. The challenge that originally drew him to healthcare.

Dr. John Callahan has dedicated his life to caring for others, including his family and those in need. The walls inside John and Melissa's villa at Masonic Village at Dallas are adorned with photographs of their seven children, 24 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, as well as thank you letters, stories and awards that sum up John's career.

"Watching people and medicine grow, especially locally, makes me proud," John said. "I just liked taking care of people."





# *The Data Makes the Difference*



Parents handle the transition period when their children go off to college differently. Some buy a smaller house or trade in the family minivan for a sports car, while others choose to travel the world. In resident Ted Ackroyd's case, he chose to start his own company at a time when he was facing college education expenses for his children for the next 13 years.

"Health insurance providers need to be accredited," he said, explaining the work that his business, HealthcareData Company, provides. "To be accredited, they need to be audited every year. We audit the services they offer."

Previously, Ted used the master's and doctoral degrees in economics he earned from the University of Iowa to teach health economics at Penn State. His involvement in healthcare data auditing came a bit later, when he worked as the CEO of a J.P. Morgan partnership, spending a lot of time on Wall Street. During one of those visits to "the street," he was asked by his board, "What's next?" After some debate, the decision was made to get into auditing.

About a year later, another decision was made – to sell the partnership to a NASDAQ company. The story continues because, within a year, Ted made a different kind of decision – to try to buy his company back from the NASDAQ firm. He enjoyed the work but not the hassle of being part of a publicly traded entity. It took a bit of effort, but the repurchase finally happened – and that meant Ted was once again free to build his own business, which he has been doing now for 29 years.

He has enjoyed the many benefits of owning a privately held company ever since. Although, he admits, running your own business means, “You can never leave the office.” But, he says, “The satisfaction derived from a team doing a good job” makes it all worthwhile.

“I like the independence and freedom to do what I think needs to be and should be done without having to seek board approval before proceeding,” he said.

HealthcareData Company has audited clients in 48 states – all except Alaska and Hawaii.

“When we started, we used a blank map of the continental United States. Every time we contracted with a client in a new state, we color-filled the state in green,” Ted said. “Eventually, we had to get a new map because it just started to look like a green blur.”

The company performs audits in 25-30 states yearly, and each audit takes about six months to complete. There are only 10 companies in the United States licensed to do this type of audit. HealthcareData’s clients include very large Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, commercial insurers and Medicare insurance plans throughout the country – plans which choose to stay with Ted’s company year after year, many of them having been clients for more than 10 consecutive years.

## Ackroyd Family Foundation

The success of HealthcareData Company led Ted to establish The Ackroyd Family Foundation. In 2006, he and his family decided it was time to give back through the formation of their own foundation. The focus of the foundation is to “contribute to healthier living.” Among its current projects are support for: (1) two “de-stress rooms” and other mental health initiatives at SUNY Geneseo, Ted’s undergraduate alma mater, (2) a health and physical education program at a local private elementary school, and (3) several endowed healthy living research programs at Penn State.

Ted and his team are also working on a data system called “Healthier Days.” Among its components is a unique Healthier Days Index which, like the S&P or Dow Jones Industrial Index, takes a bunch of numbers

and condenses them into one number that serves as an indicator of how things are going as people live their own definition of “healthier days.” This makes it easier to see improvements each day, keeping people motivated to be “living healthier, one day at a time.”

Another of the foundation’s current endeavors is happening at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, where the Ackroyds reside. Every 10 minutes of exercise logged at the Baird Wellness Center during a 60-day period means a ten-cent charitable donation to a preselected on-campus cause, including the Masonic Children’s Home, Masonic Village Hospice, the Bleiler Caring Cottage for adults with intellectual developmental disabilities and more. As an added bonus to the natural “high” of endorphins and the good feeling that comes from helping others, all participants are entered into a bimonthly gift card drawing.

“If the presence of the challenge encourages them to exercise, we’re helping them to live better lives,” Ted said.

Ted and his wife, Alley, visited the campus frequently before they decided to make the move, and it was the residents’ satisfaction that convinced them in the end.

“We liked what we heard and saw,” Ted said. “Everyone loved it and was happy, saying, ‘We wish we would have done this sooner!’”

It was the Ackroyds’ goal to move to Masonic Village within five years, but they were able to do it ahead of schedule because of the new cottage construction project.

“We were among the first to pick a site and commit by making a down payment,” Ted said.

Ted and Alley moved into their cottage in December, just four days before Christmas. Although they have only been here a few weeks, they are very pleased with their new home.

“It feels like a college campus,” Ted said – “except no homework,” Alley added.

The Ackroyds enjoy riding their tandem bicycle and paddling their tandem kayak. Now, they also enjoy watching the sun rise every morning from their beautiful new cottage.

“It’s as good as we thought it would be, and better,” Ted said.



# A Gifted Touch



Ruth Rudolph “fell into” an unlikely career at a time when the country was in the midst of a world war, and women’s job choices typically included teaching, nursing or secretarial work.

After growing up in Roxborough, in the northwest section of Philadelphia, Ruth prepared to graduate high school. Her mother knew she wouldn’t do well in clerical work and thought the medical field would be more appropriate for her daughter, who she felt had a gift. When her mother would get a migraine, Ruth would massage her head, and it was the only relief she could find for the pain.

Ruth recalls her grandmother going to see a chiropodist, also known as a podiatrist, and Ruth knew she wanted to help her, and others, ease their pain. At the time, podiatry was well known in Britain, but not in the United States. One of the few places which offered an education in the field was Temple University’s School of Chiropody.

Ruth enrolled and was one of five women in her freshman class. It typically took four years of study, plus one year of pre-med to earn a license to practice. After two years, though, World War II pulled many of the men out of school, and the curriculum was sped up. After one year of pre-med, Ruth took her boards and then waited to see if she passed.

“It took a while before they told us if we passed,” she said. “My license finally came. Right before I opened my office, I got the mumps, so I had to postpone. I opened in early 1946, but then I hurt my wrist and was out of practice for a month.”

She eventually started her practice, but later took

time off when she got married and had two children. Ruth worked for another doctor until she re-opened her own practice, which she would run from 1955 to 1981. It was in a residential area, between Joshua and Spring Mill Roads in Lafayette Hill. Her services were in high demand in the close-knit community.

“Being able to relieve people of discomfort was the most rewarding part,” Ruth said. “They’d ask, surprised, ‘What did you do?’ when I worked on them. Being able to make people feel better and walk out of my office, that was a good thing.”

One of her gifts was her touch – the same one she used to help her mother with migraines – and her ability to tell the degree of tissue a person had left in his or her foot, which is what typically causes discomfort. She decided to close her practice when she felt she was losing this touch.

“My patients wished I still worked,” she said, when they heard of her retirement. “They liked what I did. It’s gratifying when people say, ‘I wish you were still in practice.’ It was time to retire, though.”

In 1996, Ruth moved to the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill, where she now has the esteemed title of being the longest tenured resident. She had first become familiar with Masonic Village from visiting her father who received nursing care at the community. She watched as new retirement living apartments were constructed and toured the model.

She recalls the exact day she was ready to move. It was in the midst of a blizzard. A widow in her 70s, she was shoveling her driveway when she vowed the next time she got a call from Adrienne Staudenmayer – then an admissions counselor, now executive director – she would say “yes.” Adrienne called, and Ruth chose her apartment and never looked back.

“It was an easy choice,” she said. “I love my apartment and my friends. The food is good. I don’t have to cook or clean up. I like everything. I’ve enjoyed volunteering in the gift shop and taking trips.”

She’s seen many changes in the last 21 years, including the addition of 60 apartments in 2016. The location, just miles from her former practice, also keeps her close with her two children, five grandchildren, great-grandchild and friends.

**“I’m at peace. It’s the best move I made coming here,” she said.**

# Giving Catalogs



## Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Residents

### Donate from the Masonic Villages Giving Catalog!

With your help, residents are provided with unique opportunities to experience joy, continue lifelong interests and feel dignified as they age and receive care.

Purchase items through the Giving Catalog to ensure the daily needs of our residents continue to be met!

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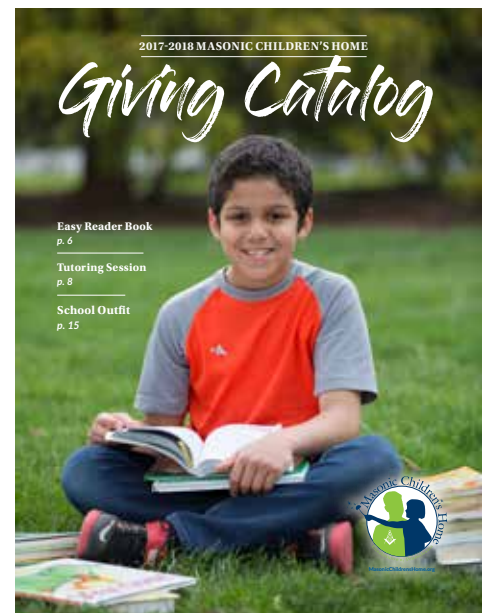
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#### Items include:

- Pair of Sneakers
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- Music Lesson
- Pair of Glasses
- School Outfit

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# Special Report

## Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

The new tax law attempts to simplify our lives by doubling the standard deduction and eliminating or limiting a number of itemized deductions. Depending upon your own personal financial circumstances, this could be good or bad news for you. Outlined below are some highlights of the individual taxpayer changes and how charitable giving may be impacted by these changes. For further details on the new law, please go to “Highlights of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017” at [MasonicCharitiesPA.org](http://MasonicCharitiesPA.org).

### The Standard Deduction

Beginning in 2018, the personal exemption increases from \$13,000 to \$24,000 for married couples and from \$6,500 to \$12,000 for single filers. In addition, the standard deduction for those 65 and older of

\$1,600 for singles and \$2,600 for couples remains. This loss could be mitigated or even beneficial to those families who can take advantage of the child tax credit of \$2,000 per child under age 17 (remember, a credit is better than a deduction since it is a dollar for dollar reduction of your tax liability). A new \$500 credit per non-child dependent is also available. The phase-out on this credit was increased to \$400,000 for couples and \$200,000 for individuals.

The personal casualty and theft loss deduction is eliminated in 2018 unless it is in a federally declared disaster area. Gambling loss deductions are limited to gambling winnings even if expenses include special expenses such as transportation and fees.

## Modified Deductions and Losses (some pertinent provisions)

- A single person or married couple can only itemize up to \$10,000 in state or local property taxes and income taxes.
- With some exceptions, home equity indebtedness is suspended, and only acquisition indebtedness up to \$750,000 for new first and second homes (up to \$1 million for existing acquisition indebtedness) is available for the interest deduction.
- Medical expense deductions are available for ALL taxpayers when exceeding 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) for years 2017 and 2018, then the threshold goes back to 10 percent in 2019.
- Cash charitable contributions to qualifying charities are increased from 50 to 60 percent of AGI.
- Repeal of Obamacare Individual Mandate begins in 2019.
- Qualified educational expenses under a Section 529 account now include up to \$10,000 per child per year for public, private and religious elementary or secondary schools.
- Estate and Gift Tax Exclusion was doubled so that one can exclude up to \$11.2 million per person from the federal estate and gift tax.

*Please be aware, almost all of the above provisions sunset in the end of 2025.*

## Charitable Giving Observations

- For those age 70½ and older, the qualified charitable distribution of all or part of your required minimum distribution to charity each year is even more attractive, since such distributions are free of income tax, and regular gifts of after-

tax cash contributions are less likely to be tax deductible due to the higher standard deduction.

- The exclusion of long term capital gain property such as stock, mutual funds and real estate from taxation is still available, making such contributions to charity attractive even if the itemized charitable deduction is not available.
- The funding of life income gifts, such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts with long term capital gain property, can be a very attractive strategy for reducing long term capital gains, increasing the chance to itemize your charitable deduction and unlocking income payments for life from such property.
- REMEMBER, the new law only deals with federal income, capital gain and estate and gift taxes. If you are a Pennsylvania resident, then up to 15 percent of your property at your death could be subject to Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax, and certain charitable giving strategies could greatly reduce this exposure.

## What Should I Do Next?

- Sign up for *The Blitz* to receive monthly information on various tax and estate planning topics by calling 1-800-599-6454 or emailing [giving@MasonicCharitiesPa.org](mailto:giving@MasonicCharitiesPa.org).
- See your tax advisor to review your personal financial circumstances, and develop a tax strategy that is right for you.
- Contact a gift planner at the Masonic Charities to discuss whether a charitable giving strategy may be beneficial for you.
- RELAX. Enjoy life while you can, and don't be too proud to seek advice on what is best for you going forward. We are all in this together. Happy 2018!

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[www.MasonicCharitiesPa.org](http://www.MasonicCharitiesPa.org)



# Help Make a Difference Today Through Masonic Compassionate Care

More than a century ago, Pennsylvania Freemasons had a vision to create a safe haven for aging Masons, their families, children and the community.

For more than 145 years, the Masonic Villages have maintained the same mission and purpose for residents across the state through Masonic Compassionate Care. While residents' needs remain constant, the gap between one's ability to afford good care and what medical insurance and government assistance covers has widened. Health care costs can often exhaust residents' personal assets, leaving them in need of financial assistance.

Many of our residents worked hard their whole lives, served their country, raised families and contributed to the world as we know it today. They deserve to live out their lives with dignity, compassion and grace.

YOU can make this happen. Your donations to the Masonic Compassionate Care Fund specifically help cover residents' nursing or personal care costs and reassure them that essential services will be available to them, even if their assets deplete.

With your support, the Mission of Love that was started more than 145 years ago will continue for another century.

## Gifts can be directed to:

**(1) Masonic Compassionate Care Fund** – provides benevolent care to residents who have exhausted their financial resources; or

**(2) Endowment Fund** – the earnings generated by this fund provide a source of continued financial support for benevolent care.

With gifts of cash, we can put your gift to work right away. Or, you may wish to do a planned gift such as a Charitable Gift Annuity, in your Will through a bequest, or by other planned gift options that better suit your situation.

To help Masonic Compassionate Care continue for residents, or if you have any questions, please fill out the enclosed business reply envelope or contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454 or [giving@MasonicCharitiesPa.org](mailto:giving@MasonicCharitiesPa.org).

For those who support the Masonic Compassionate Care Fund, a beautiful donor recognition wall is located in the Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown. Donations received for the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warminster are recognized on the Mission of Love wall at those locations.

## Donor Recognition – Levels of Support

**Supporter \$1,000 - \$2,999**

**Caregiver \$3,000 - \$24,999**

**Friend \$25,000 - \$99,999**

**Companion \$100,000 - \$249,999**

**Family \$250,000 - \$499,999**

**Love \$500,000 and higher**

Financial information about Masonic Charities can be obtained by contacting us at 1-800-599-6454. In addition, Masonic Charities is required to file financial information with several states. Colorado: Colorado residents may obtain copies of registration and financial documents from the office of the Secretary of State, (303) 894-2680, <http://www.sos.state.co.us/>. Florida: SC No. 00774. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE WITHIN THE STATE, 1-800-HELP-FLA. Georgia: full and fair description of the programs and activities of Masonic Charities and its financial statement are available upon request at the address indicated above. Illinois: Contracts and reports regarding Masonic Charities are on file with the Illinois Attorney General. Maryland: For the cost of postage and copying, documents and information filed under the Maryland charitable organizations laws can be obtained from the Secretary of State, Charitable Division, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401, (800) 825-4510. Michigan: MICS No. 11796 Mississippi: The official registration and financial information of Masonic Charities may be obtained from the Mississippi Secretary of State's office by calling 1-888-236-6167. New Jersey: INFORMATION FILED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THIS CHARITABLE SOLICITATION AND THE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHARITY DURING THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD THAT WERE DEDICATED TO THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BY CALLING (973) 504-6215 AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT [www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ocp.htm#charity](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ocp.htm#charity). REGISTRATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT. New York: A copy of the latest annual report can be obtained from the organization or from the Office of the Attorney General by writing the Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271. North Carolina: Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at 1-888-830-4989. Pennsylvania: The official registration and financial information of Masonic Charities may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Virginia: Financial statements are available from the State Office of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218. Washington: The notice of solicitation required by the Charitable Solicitation Act is on file with the Washington Secretary of State, and information relating to financial affairs of Masonic Charities is available from the Secretary of State, and the toll-free number for Washington residents: 1-800-332-4483. West Virginia: West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. REGISTRATION IN THE ABOVE STATES DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION OF MASONIC CHARITIES BY THE STATE.



Qty	Item	Unit Cost
<b>Bleiler Caring Cottage</b>		
	Washer and dryer set	\$2,000
	New office furniture	\$2,000
	New family/living room furniture	\$3,500
	Future camping trips for residents	\$5,000
	Additional renovation to cottage	\$15,000
<b>Masonic Village at Dallas</b>		
1	AED defibrillator pack	\$1,200
1	Retractable awning	\$3,500
1	Gazebo	\$5,000
<b>Masonic Village at Elizabethtown</b>		
250	Fluoride treatments for those not covered	\$20
12	Clothing Co. certificates for nursing and personal care residents	\$50
1	Gift card to local restaurant for hospice	\$50
4	Massages or Healing Touch for pain	\$65
	Hospitality cart supplies	\$100
	Donation for hospice transportation costs	\$100
5	Annual wellness center membership	\$120
4	Stand up gardens	\$200
1	Grill	\$500
10	iPads	\$500
42	Specialty wheelchair cushions	\$500
2	Fireplace inserts for Grand Lodge Hall	\$1,000
23	Specialty wheelchairs	\$1,000
3	Electric lift recliners	\$1,200
20	Specialty mattresses	\$2,500
2	Blanket warmers	\$2,800
1	Blood pressure machine	\$4,000
1	Patio set for Personal Care	\$5,000
1	Vehicle for delivery of takeout meals	\$25,000
<b>Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill</b>		
1	Ping pong table with accessories	\$800
1	LifePack CR Plus	\$1,900
	Harvest Ball event	\$2,500
	Drama lessons/activities for residents	\$3,000
<b>Masonic Village at Sewickley</b>		
1	Hand rail tilt and roll scale	\$1,550
1	Camel lift	\$3,000
1	4-channel electric stimulation	\$4,400
<b>Masonic Village at Warminster</b>		
2	Digital vital sign monitors	\$1,864
1	Broda wheelchair	\$2,550
1	Pergola with awning	\$6,000
<b>Masonic Children's Home</b>		
1	Day Trip	\$1,000
1	Sports Equipment	\$500
1	Electronic Equipment	\$500
3	Sheds	\$500

# MASONIC VILLAGES'

# 2018

## WISH LIST ITEMS

OFFICE OF GIFT PLANNING

1-800-599-6454

Thank you to those who have provided for the following items:

### Bleiler Caring Cottage

Elaine Bleiler: Activities

Jean Diffenderfer: Activities

Jacqueline Hieber: Activities

Masonic Village Piecemakers Quilting Club: Activities

Paul and Sylvia Mitchell, Jr.: Activities

### Masonic Children's Home

Anonymous: Bus trip and tickets to Radio City Music Hall

Wayne and Nancy Lee Garafola: Various items

Ronald and Judy McKnight: Various items

Michael and Barbara Overbeck: Various items

Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384: High school graduation activity

Jeffrey and Evelyn Smith: Furniture

Robert and Joyce Umbaugh: Furniture, appliances and gift cards for Umbaugh Cottage

Arthur and Dorothy Wert: College books

### Masonic Village at Dallas

Clayton and Theresa Karambelas: Awnings

### Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

Ted and Alley Ackroyd: Baird Wellness Center gift cards

Warren and Mary Brubaker: Rooster's Woodworking Shop

Robert and Rosemarie Carthew: Men's Chorus blazers

James and Virginia McCall: Musical instruments

Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384: Various items

Edward and Ruth Sattler, Jr.: Sell Chapel audio equipment

Mark and Judith Townsend: Continuing education

Jayne White: 18 manicures for the Masonic Health Care Center

### Masonic Village at Warminster

Delaware County Home Auxiliary, O.E.S.: Mailboxes for residents

Lodge No. 9: Tables for dining room, electrical work and hot box

*There is an all-inclusive wish list posted on [MasonicCharitiesPA.org](http://MasonicCharitiesPA.org), or feel free to contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454. Please note that if funds donated for any item listed are over-subscribed, the funds will be used for additional wish list items or needs in the same service area.*

# Memorial Gifts *August 1 - October 31, 2017*

Below is a list of individuals (*names are shown in gold*) whose loved ones have made a gift in their memory to one of the five Masonic Villages located at Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley or Warminster. We have taken great care to ensure the accuracy and thoroughness of the names listed below. If an error has been made, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454; 717-367-1121, ext. 33430; or by emailing giving@masonicvillages.org. Thank you.

Margaret Agliano	Friendship Chapter No. 551, O.E.S.	Edward Green	Elaine Siskind
William H. Bartle	Howard and Larene Castor	George Grise	James and Norma Hall
Richard L. Basehore	Fred and Dottie Basehore	Dorothy Hansell	St. Christopher's Hospital for Children - Nurses of Short Procedure Unit
Debra L. Bisset	Fred Barley Post No. 5667 Veterans of Foreign Wars		Jane Johnston
Kenneth C. Blankenhorn	Don and Pat March	Jane Harner	Betty Kennedy
George Boone, III	Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135		Allied Pilots Association
Myrtle N. Breneman	Myrtle Breneman Family		Alice Bishop
Bill Brown	Margie Brown		Nancianne Edwards
David R. Buch	Dwight and Leslie Cheu		Warren and Lisa Harner, Jr.
	Eleanor Cox		Warren Levy, Jr.
Ralph E. Campbell	Juniata Lodge No. 282		Michael and Janet Pelone
Richard and Peggy Case	Dennis and Sylvia Ulion		Ric and Robbie Stonesifer
Philip H. Chamberlin	Alice Chamberlin		Gerry and Kristin Wild
Robert D. Coburn	Houseman Lodge No. 211	Carolyn G. Harris	Sue Kelley
Linda Joy Cochran	Ralph Cochran	Jack R. Herbst	Whitfield Lodge No. 622
John R. Colyer	Juniata Lodge No. 282	Paul W. Hess	Judith Hess
Robert G. Crane	Lucille Baumann	J. Sherwood Hickernell	Family of J. (Jack) Sherwood Hickernell
Joy Crawford	Anonymous		Betty Hoover
	Joseph and Marcheta Antellocy	Wilmer A. Hoover	June Hull
	Norma Cole	Kenton E. Hull	E. Patricia Livezey
	Helen Connors	Ruth H. Johnson	Ken and Elaine Bleiler
	Emma Glaze	Scott D. Katherine	Dorothy Keiser
	Eleanor Hillegas	Paul H. Keiser	Beverly Schweitzer
	Paul and Jane Kinsey	Claire E. Kistler	Ronald and Bessie Kline
	Robert Laird	Robert O. C. Kline	Harvey and Charlotte Miller
	Fred and Janet Ungerman	F. Berne LaBar	McKinley-Stuckrath Lodge No. 318
	Evelyn Wardell	Harold W. Lang	Arthur and Dorothy Wert
	David and Gael Williams	Anna M. Layfield	Houseman Lodge No. 211
Carmen E. Culp	Friendship Chapter No. 551, O.E.S.	Winsor A. Lee	Ralph Lehman
Phyllis L. Dayton	Craig Dayton	Jacob K. Lehman	Ralph Lehman
Patricia E. Dooley	Bruce and Joan Howarth	Paul H. Lehman	The Delaware Deaf - Blind Team
Laura W. Dove	Albert Dove	Adele Lerman	Stephen and Marie Etris
Jim (Buckaroo) Dunkle	Jack and Valara Minnier		Alan and Michele Goldberg
Jimmie G. Erwin	Jimmie and Barbara Erwin		Lewis and Bonnie Lerman
Glen Eshleman	Employees of TE Connectivity		Joseph Murray
	Dan Kleinfelter		Timothy and Cynthia Schuchart
	Mark and Marian Kleinfelter		Steven and Beth Weiner
	June Whalen	Meg Lichtenwalner	Emma Louise Gehrig
Yvonne M. Fafata	Robert Fafata		Jim Heckman
Violette Firth	Friendship Chapter No. 551, O.E.S.		Ray and Patricia Horn
Donald Gallagher	Richard and Carolyn Freed		Frederic and Susan Koch
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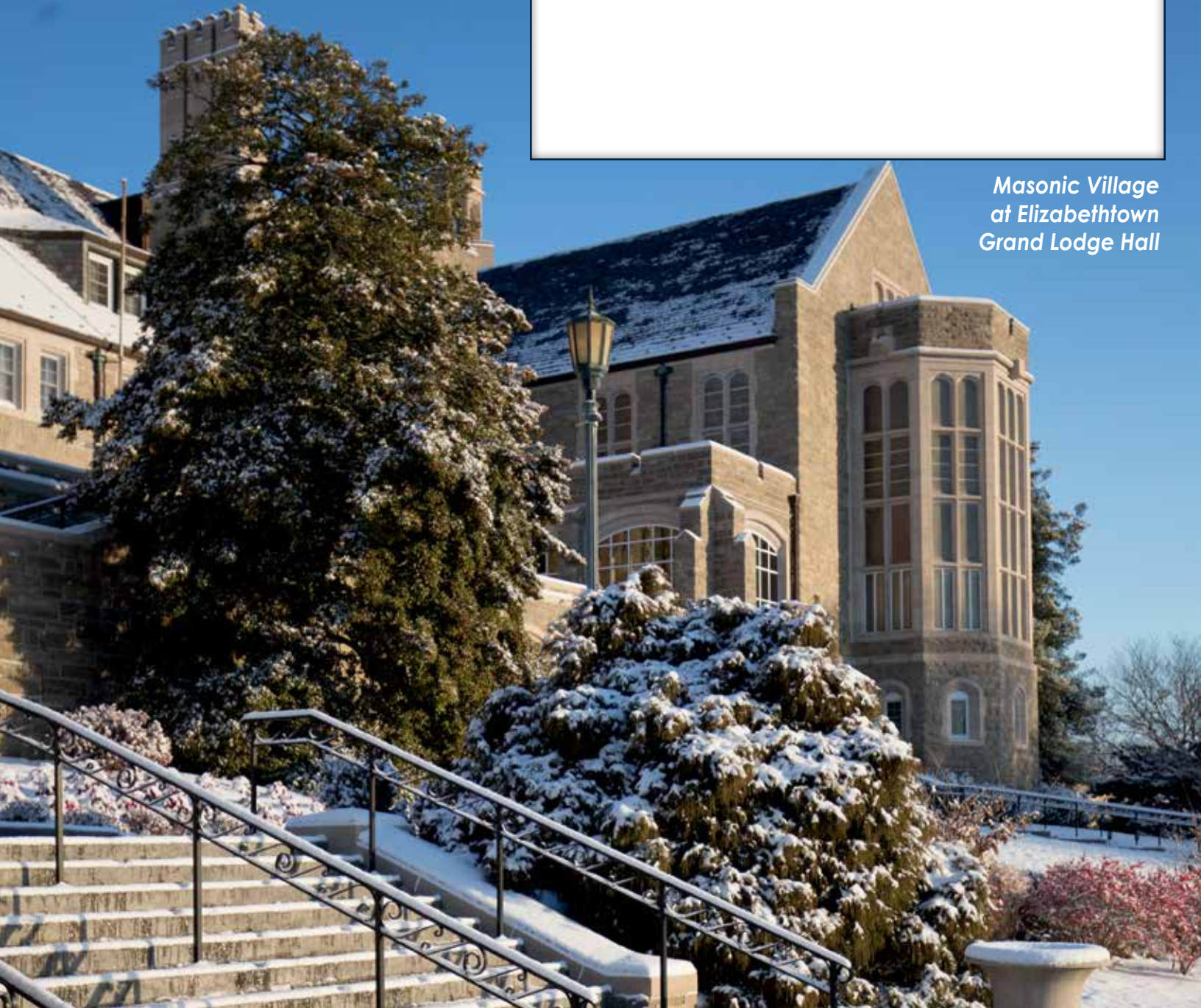
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