

# *The Shining Light*

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# FROM YOUR EDITOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers

It hardly feels real that this is my last issue as your Editor. Several years ago I was asked to come on board for one year, and somehow that one year became four. While there have been times where execution didn't go quite as planned, I hope that the overall product has been to your liking. I know our next set of Editors will do even more to elevate this publication.

I thank the membership for giving me one more challenging issue by submitting so many pictures and articles, it was a wonderful challenge indeed. It has been an honor to serve this amazing Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,

*Stacy*

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# MESSAGE FROM WORTHY GRAND MATRON

My Sisters and Brothers,

This has been a wonderful year traveling though this beautiful Commonwealth steeped in history. We enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many of our Sisters and Brothers while attending Chapter meetings and viewing your ritual work. We are honored and privileged to initiate five new members for Harrisburg Chapter #552, Shick-Shawnee Chapter #190 and Altoona Chapter #290. It is amazing that none of the itinerary events was duplicated. PA OES is blessed to have so many talented and creative members. The Grand Family enjoyed each and every event and meeting all of you!



Spring has sprung and everything is coming alive! Spring is my second favorite season. I enjoy watching as the leaves unfold sharing all the shades of green. Flowers begin popping up everywhere in all the colors of the rainbow and a multitude of fragrances. Yet with everything awakening from a winter's nap, the Grand Family will be keeping their sleighs close at hand for our rapidly approaching arrival in York. The Grand Officers are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Grand Chapter in York.

Thank you for the friendship and hard work you put into your chapters and committees not only this year but every year. Your devotion to your chapters, communities, and each other is inspiring and heartwarming. Continue sharing the "Warmth of the Season."



# MESSAGE FROM WORTHY GRAND PATRON

My Sisters and Brothers:

Where has the 2022-23 OES Year gone? As I look back to June of 2022 when I was installed as your Worthy Grand Patron and my WGP travels began I recall a country song by the late Johnny Cash titled “I’ve Been Everywhere”. Well as of the writing of this last article for the PA Eastern Star Happenings, I feel I’ve been almost everywhere and then some. My itinerary travels so far have taken me to no less than 120 different cities across our Commonwealth and I have passed through hundreds more and traveled to and through many cities when Linda and I did our trips through the Hudson Valley and the Pacific Northwest. The trip has been incredible!



It has been enjoyable traveling to each chapter meeting, fun event and meeting our Sisters and Brothers. The welcoming receptions given to me and the Grand Family have been awesome. On a personal note, I cannot begin to say thank you enough to everyone for their kind, thoughtful and sincere words said to me during my travels. My Golden Chain of OES friendships has grown a thousand-fold this year and I feel truly blessed by it.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 128th “Warmth of the Season” Grand Chapter Session in June in York. I thank you for the hard work you have put into your individual Committees, your Chapter meetings and events this past year. Most of all I thank you for your friendships and your devotion to our Order while serving our fellow members and communities.

And remember always – To be a guiding light, a beacon of inspiration, kindness and hope to those around you.

In Star Service and Love  
J. David McKibben, WGP



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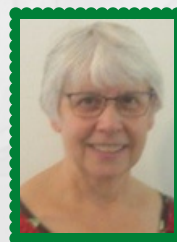
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# 2022-2023 AGCCM CHAIRS

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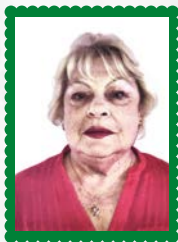


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## Our Helping Hands



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# Chapter & Regional News



Cowanesque Chapter #33 was thrilled to initiate the fifth generation to our Order on November 9, 2022. Katherine (Kate) Kulish was the candidate for our Official Visit. She is the daughter of our Worthy Matron (for the seventh time), Elizabeth Kulish and Worthy Patron (for the first time), Kevin Kulish. Family attending were: Grandmother and member of Cowanesque Chapter #33, Bernita Douglass; Great Aunt and Associate Matron of Cowanesque Chapter #33, Irene Douglass; and Great Aunt and a member of Cuba, NY, OES, Roberta Butler.

We know with us and watching from the stars were those who got the family started in Eastern Star: Great Grandmother, Phyllis Buter and Great Great Grandmother, Avis Judd.

Submitted by Angela DiPetta  
Cowanesque Chapter #33



Grace Einsel, Worthy Matron, and Robert Bricker, Worthy Patron, and members of Conrad Weiser Chapter #449 were busy collecting and shopping for patients at the Lebanon Veteran's Medical Center in Lebanon. We hope we brought lots of Christmas joy to these veterans who put their lives on the line so we can have our freedom. We will always remember and thank them for all they did for us.

Submitted by Suzette Yoh  
Conrad Weiser Chapter No. 449



The members of Orwigsburg Chapter #424 collected snacks at their meeting. The snacks were donated to a nearby elementary school. The elementary students have a designated snack time during the day. Many of the students are from low income families and do not have a snack from home like their peers. Therefore, the snacks were greatly appreciated. In this picture, Lillie Schropp, Orwigsburg Chapter #424 member is shown with school guidance counselor, Amy Ketner, after delivering the snacks.



Submitted by: Constance Schropp  
Orwigsburg Chapter #424

On Saturday, February 11, the Eastern Section of the Our Helping Hands Committee held an event for the residents of the Masonic Home at Lafayette Hill. Several members of Grand family along with volunteers chatted with the residents, including one who is a 58 year member of OES! We were then entertained by The Ring Leaders, a Barbershop Quartet. The residents were then treated to assorted bags of snacks.



Submitted by: Holly Smith  
Our Helping Hands Committee,  
Eastern Chairman



Recently it was made known to one of our members who volunteers on a regular basis at our local hospital, Evangelical Community Hospital, that the Emergency Department was in need. They frequently have patients who come into the department as either victims of accidents, abuse or other unforeseen situations where their clothing is taken and upon release they have nothing to wear home. The staff is then left to rely on the good will of the community or others to provide clothing for these individuals. Their supply was running low and this sister was asked if we would like to join in the efforts of providing some clothing for these individuals.

The members of Lewisburg were more than willing to be good Samaritans and help them out. Not only was clothing donated, but cash was also given in order that we might shop for the much needed items. We were able to fill a large

cart with supplies of sweat pants, shirts, socks and undergarments to help offset the needs for awhile. There is a box in our chapter room for this ongoing project now. We hope to continue to fill more needs as they arise.

A special thanks to Sister Phyllis Powell for her volunteer services at the hospital and bringing this to our attention.

In the photo are Lindsey, RN, ED Dept.Head, Phyllis Powell, PM, center, and Karen Kutruff, WM, far right.

Submitted by Karen Kutruff, WM  
Lewisburg Chapter No. 394

The members of Conewago Chapter #532, 10B, donated to the veterans of York. Pictured above is a few of the items. This is the 3rd donation the Chapter has given to this organization this year.

Submitted by Deborah Stevens  
DGM 10 B







# 2022 MASONIC CHARITIES GRATITUDE REPORT

## MASONIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM

- Cataloged 3,500+ objects in the archives
- Answered **398 RESEARCH REQUESTS**
- Cataloged 2,492 manuscripts
- Welcomed 11,040 visitors

## MASONIC YOUTH FOUNDATION

- Granted \$35,500 to youth-led service projects throughout the Commonwealth
- Trained 1,455 individuals at virtual and in-person Educational Institute workshops
- Awarded **\$177,500 IN SCHOLARSHIP** funds
- Empowered 580 youth through leadership development programs

## MASONIC CHILDREN'S HOME

- Completed 1,480 hours of in-service staff training
- Welcomed **5 NEW CHILDREN**
- Supported 5 students in college
- Celebrated 4 high school graduates and 1 college graduate

## MASONIC VILLAGES

- Provided a home to 2,837 residents\*
- Supported 2,105 staff
- Made **\$48.5 MILLION\*\*** in charitable care and services possible
- Cared for 329 hospice patients and their families



*Caring for the vulnerable.  
Protecting the weak.  
Empowering the young.  
Educating the curious.*

These are the missions of our Masonic Charities. While each Masonic charity has its own mission, at the core of each organization is Pennsylvania Freemasonry, and at the heart is our generous donors.

The **Masonic Library and Museum** of Pennsylvania continued to tell the story of Pennsylvania Masonry through the preservation of artifacts, artwork, books, records and more. Many items await discovery and restoration in the archives. Thanks to donors, the nearly-complete lighting project will spotlight the Masonic Temple, inviting members, visitors, scholars and students to come inside and explore the 150-year-old building.

The **Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation** supported youth groups in leading community service projects for neighbors in need. The scholarship program, made possible through donors, helped young scholars pursue their goals through college, career or vocational opportunities. Participants were impacted by bullying prevention workshops and the LifeSkills Conference, where they learned skills to enrich their communities.

The **Masonic Children's Home** provided up to 40 children with a clean, safe and loving home. For many of the children, it's the first time they've experienced stability in their young lives. With the support of donors, house parents and tutors ensure all the necessities of a good childhood are available, including the chance for kids to pursue higher education and achieve their dreams.

The **Masonic Villages** cared for and served 2,837 residents, focusing on engagement and fulfillment, as it has for the last 150 years. The organization has endured wars, economic depressions and pandemics and continues to face challenges. Government funding falls significantly short of the rising costs to provide services for residents unable to afford their care. With donors' generous support, these shortfalls will never impact the quality of care provided. With the addition of the Evergreen end-of-life care neighborhood and therapies like multi-sensory rooms, staff continue to enhance residents' well-being.

The missions of our Masonic Charities are only successful because of YOU. Thank you for supporting our charities in 2022 and shining our light on those in need.

\* This includes residents of nursing, personal care and memory care areas; retirement living residences; the Bleiler Caring Cottage; and the Masonic Children's Home.

\*\*This amount consists of approximately \$11.6 million (at cost) of free care and services and \$36.9 million (at cost) for care and services above the amount reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid and other third-party payers.





A Christmas Gift delivery for Lebanon VA Hospital from Old Bellaire No. 375, one of many deliveries made this year. This is the last one for the year of 2022.

Submitted by Carmen Ferber  
Region 8A DGM

Robert Bricker, Conrad Weiser Worthy Patron and Looking to the Stars Committee Chairman for Regions 13A & 13B, was busy making Christmas ornaments out of aluminum cans that he collected to recycle. He sold ornaments for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00 and donated \$170.00 to the Looking to the Stars project. What a clever idea!

Submitted by Suzette Yoh  
Conrad Weiser Chapter No. 449



This is just a small amount of the beautiful Sisters and Brothers of Region 8A and they have truly made my year as Deputy Grand Matron an amazing! Thank you to all of Region 8A I love you more than anything! Step Up, Reach Out, and Be Active!

Submitted by Carmen Ferber  
Region 8A DGM



Lebanon Chapter #115 recently collected and donated 100 pounds of food for the Lebanon County Humane Society for their Service Dog project.

Submitted by Beverly Keller  
Lebanon Chapter No. 115

At their December meeting, Connellsville Chapter #247, Region 4, honored member, Dorothy P. Ridgway for 70 years of membership in the Order. Over the years Dorothy held various offices in the Chapter including Worthy Matron. Dorothy held the positions of Deputy Grand Matron and Grand Adah. Dorothy remains active in the Chapter. Picture above L-R Judy Schomer, Conductress, Dorothy P. Ridgway, and Kathleen Higgins, PM, Chapter Representative Golden Stars.



Submitted by Debbie Renninger,  
Connellsville Chapter No. 247





The Past Matrons Club of Connellsville Chapter #247, Region 4, instead of having a gift exchange at their annual Christmas Party opted to donate money to the Connellsville Police K-9 Unit. front row L-R Debra Renninger, Club President; Corporal Tyler Garlick; Kathleen Higgins, Club Secretary/Treasurer; Virginia Beecher, Past Matron; back row L-R Lisa Washabaugh, Worthy Matron; Brian Ritenour, Worthy Patron.

Submitted by Debbie Renninger  
Connellsville Chapter No. 247

Members of Lebanon Chapter #115 Region 13-A Helping Hands Committee have been busy helping the veterans, our community, and homes.

We delivered t-shirts, socks, and hats to veterans at the Lebanon VA Medical Center. The organization also purchased eight Christmas wreaths from Wreaths Across America for former Eastern Star members' or family members' graves. For the final veteran's project, three large baskets of goodies were donated for bingo and movie nights.

For the community, we delivered groceries and gifts to a widow and her three children, aged two, four, and six. Their husband and father died from cancer at age thirty. We had a Valentine card party for Renova Center in Lebanon. The members donated money, and the chapter matched donations to provide a monetary gift in each Valentine card. We also gave three large baskets of goodies to the local sheriff's department to appreciate their services.

For our home in Elizabethtown, we collected items for the health center. We donated puzzles, books, lotions, cards, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soap. Pictured are Judy Yorty and Anita Spotts with the sheriff and delivering baskets to the VA.

Submitted by Judy Yorty  
Lebanon Chapter No. 115





“Bunco... in the West” On the cold February 3rd evening, Region 3 hosted the Fun Event “Bunco With the Best in the West” to a packed house at the beautiful Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. (This was in response to our Worthy Grand Matron’s request for a “fun event” to be held by Deputy Grand Matron, Grace McClester in Region 3.) Our event was shared with the Grand Family and others from all over Pennsylvania and Ohio. Monteverde’s Catering of Pittsburgh delivered the exceptional dinner enjoyed buffet style, and the Pittsburgh Bridge Association freely delivered card tables for our Bunco setup. The committee formed from our seven chapters of Region 3 (Chartiers, Ellwood City, Jephthah, Martha V Paul, Norwood Herrington, Sewickley and Woodlawn) all pitched in with providing the setup, venue & cleanup (Jephthah), and desserts.

To cap off the evening, our well-known Grand Chapter Elected Committee Member, Randa J. Triggs, kept the crowd enjoying themselves with Bunco Fun and Prizes. Karing for Kids appointment, Rae Ann Zwick and Service Dogs Appointment, Denice Criswell raised money for those charities with donations toward used books, baskets and other gift items.

Submitted by Grace McAlester  
Region 3 DGM







# What's Happening at *Masonic Villages*

## MASONIC VILLAGE AT DALLAS

Congratulations to resident Karen Mertz, who received the "Volunteer of the Year" award at this year's Volunteer Luncheon. In addition to her work with on-campus committees and events, Karen volunteers with Back Mountain Memorial Library and Habitat for Humanity and makes blankets for the Bourger Women With Children Program at Misericordia University.



texture, taste and flavor. Residents Mary Ellen Dougherty and Herb Thomas competed against each other in a close race, with Mary Ellen eventually being crowned the winner.

Residents celebrated Easter by making adorable no-sew sock bunnies, led by recreation coordinator Melissa Lindsey and Brynn Harris, daughter of Bridget Harris, director of sales and marketing.



## MASONIC VILLAGE AT ELIZABETHTOWN

Masonic Village was named the best overall senior living community in the country on Verywell Health's "Best Senior Living Communities of 2023" list, citing its Lancaster County farmland setting, 30+ clubs, activities and continuum of care as some of its advantages.



The Bleiler Caring Cottage celebrated its 25th anniversary in April. It began as Lancaster County's only in-home respite-care facility in 1998. A year later,

the first permanent residents moved in, leading to the elimination of the respite care program entirely in 2003. Today, thanks to the support of generous donors, Bleiler Caring Cottage residents work, volunteer and generally enjoy life on and off campus, with involvement in programs like Elizabethtown College Best Buddies, Special Olympics Pennsylvania and Night to Shine.

## MASONIC VILLAGE AT LAFAYETTE HILL

Residents had their annual meatball cookoff competition with delicious results! Entries in "The Great Meatball Throwdown" were judged in five categories: presentation, aroma,



## MASONIC VILLAGE AT SEWICKLEY

New and longtime residents learned how to get involved or more involved with campus clubs, volunteer and community service opportunities and others at the Opportunities Expo. A cross-section of groups, from committees to game and educational clubs, gathered in the Assembly Room to share about what they have to offer.



During a book talk, resident Gail Neustadt spoke about her inspirations for and experiences writing books. Her newest book, "Traveling Our Road," (published under the pen name Dylan Weiss, with illustrations by Abigail Walouke) is a children's book inspired by her caregiving journey with her late husband, who had early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

## MASONIC VILLAGE AT WARMINSTER

With a focus on person-directed care, Masonic Village is proud to renew its membership with the Eden Alternative®. This philosophy promotes active and caring environments which encourage self-worth, camaraderie and excitement. Pets bring variety and spontaneity into residents' daily lives, and children and volunteers visit regularly, providing opportunities to build meaningful relationships.



All Masonic Village locations which offer nursing and personal care are Eden Alternative® certified.



Linda Potts, 6 time WM of Orwigsburg Chap.#424, Region 13B and Rebecca Boltz, Chapter representative for Service Dogs visited the Sanctuary at Haafsville in Fogelsville Pa. in December 2022 to deliver cat and dog food and supplies that were generously donated by our members. The volunteers at Haafsville were very appreciative of these donations. I'm sorry that the great amount donated wasn't properly shown.

Submitted by Rebecca Boltz  
Orwigsburg Chapter No. 424



The Glen Chapter #425 held their annual Christmas Party on January 15, 2023. While they enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner, they also had their annual

ESTARL bingo. ESTAR bingo has been a mainstay with The Glen Chapter since 1989 when Patti Ulsh was our Worthy Matron and her mother Marilyn Dietrich had the inspiration to create ESTAR bingo cards. Our members look forward to this event each year and always say "where are the ESTAR cards". We bring many gifts and all enjoy the prizes as they are opened. We always remember Marilyn as the creator of the game.

Submitted by Cathy Hoke  
The Glen Chapter No. 425





Region 8B held their fun event to benefit Karing for Kids and a local charity, Caitlin's Smiles, on February 10, 2023. The event raised \$755.33 for CHOP and Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group. This was accomplished through the generous donations of baskets and a quilt. In addition, several members donated food, decorations and Harrisburg Chapter #552 donated their meeting space for the event.

In addition to the money raised for Karing for Kids Committee, members donated coloring books, journals, puzzles, crayons, activity books etc. which Caitlin's Smiles creates "Bags of Smiles" for children's hospitals in the five state area. These "Bags of Smiles" are packed with the aforementioned items, cards and craft kits. The pictures you see are the members who attended the event creating these craft kits and cards. The craft kits included wooden coloring items, doorknob hangers and bookmarks. All toll we assembled over 1,000 craft kits in addition to at least five boxes full of donated items.

A local mother, Cheryl, started this non-profit as a way of keeping her daughter's smile, Caitlin, going even though she passed away from cancer in 2000. I have had the privilege of volunteering for this organization for many years and thought this event would be even a bigger way of giving back. Knowing that I can perhaps put a smile on a child's face while they are going through health issues makes me have a smile on mine.

Submitted by  
Cathy Hoke  
Region 8B DGM





Calypso #163 has a very strong Rainbow connection. In December we were thrilled to welcome one of our Easton Rainbow Girls into the order. Sister Jeanette Remaly, Grand Fidelity in Pa Rainbow, was initiated by many Rainbow majority girls and advisors. Our Conductress is her mother, Crystal Remaly, a Past Grand Officer in Rainbow. We also have two Past Grand Worthy Advisors on our floor, Sister Diana Jolly Deitrich, our Associate Conductress, and Sister Calista Cavanaugh, our Electa. Our Worthy Matron, Sister Linda Jolly, Chaplain - Sister Hayley Woebse, Sister Jo-Ann Lauderman, our Treasurer, and Sister Melanie Pyscher, our Associate Matron serve on the Easton Advisory Board. Our Ruth, Sister Jennifer Chilmonik, and Trustee, Sister Linda Shafer are also former Rainbow Girls. Pictured are the officers who are active Rainbow advisors with our new member, Jeanette.

We are thrilled to have new decor for our room. Sister Linda Jolly, our Worthy Matron, created beautiful new pedestal covers for the Star point pedestals. They brighten up our room and help our Star shine even brighter. Pictured are the Star point officers holding their new covers.



Submitted by Linda Jolly  
Calypso Chapter No. 163



On Saturday March 25th, 2023 @ 3pm Gettysburg Chapter hosted "A Downton Abbey Themed Tea" at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Fellowship Room. 136 tickets were sold with attendees from Ohio, New Jersey and Virginia joining us for this occasion. Many members helped with the preparations including selling tickets, preparing favors and



assembling many door prizes, room and table décor and preparing and serving a full English Tea as well as setting up and tearing down the venue. A number of our members came in appropriate costumes portraying the main characters from Downton Abbey including the Dowager Countess, Count and Countess of Grantham (Robert and Cora), Lady Mary, Lady Edith, Lady Sybil, Mr. Carson, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Patmore, Mr. Bates and Anna, Daisy and other servants.

Sister Helen Larkin painted huge pictures of Downton Abbey and the grounds, and these were placed round the room to provide a garden ambience. Sister Jill Manga and a group of our sisters assembled exquisite teapot favors which were greatly appreciated by the guests and added the finishing touch to the wonderful table décor.

All the hard work and effort was rewarded with a \$4500.00 amount raised for charity which will be divided between Karing for Kids (\$3000.00) and The Adams County Children's Advocacy Center (\$1500.00). A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND HELPED to make this event "TRULY MEMBORABLE". Gettysburg Chapter you are the best!!!

Submitted by Valerie Petty  
Gettysburg Chapter No. 392



Freeland Chapter #323 held their first Fashion Show event after the Covid hiatus. There were 87 people who attended the event at St. Lukes UCC in Trappe. Luncheon was provided by the members of Freeland Chapter and Fashions were by Shakela's Boutique in Telford.

The fashions were so in touch with today's lifestyle- and the slacks, capris, and shorts all fit a variety of body shapes and were very comfortable. It was a great event and a fun way to be able to do those events that brought us joy! And to welcome Spring.

Submitted by Cathy Keeley  
Freeland Chapter No. 323



# A New Lease on Life

Masonic Villages' locations in Dallas, Elizabethtown and Lafayette Hill offer an array of rental apartments featuring benefits and amenities without an "up-front" fee.

Rental apartments allow residents to rid themselves of excess space, while enabling them to gather with friends and neighbors in the common recreation areas located inside each building. Masonic Village offers a variety of apartments to suit nearly every budget and move-in time frame. Rental apartments generally have a much shorter waiting time than entrance fee apartments with all the same benefits. Residents have access to personal care and nursing care services, should they need them in the future.

## Rental Option Advantages

1. No entrance fee
2. Additional storage included
3. Ample parking included
4. Pet-friendly, with no extra fees
5. Monthly service fees include phone, cable and internet (optional)
6. Variety of floor plans
7. Shared campus amenities and outdoor areas
8. Shared common recreation space in each building
9. Immediate availability at some locations

Frances Lindsey knew she wanted to move to Masonic Village at Elizabethtown ever since her parents were residents in the late 1990s.

"When they moved in, and I saw the care they received over their lifetimes and the amenities available to them, I made up my mind that if it was possible, when my husband and I retired and no longer wanted to live in our house, we'd end up at Masonic Village," she said.

Frances' husband passed away eight years ago, which is something she wasn't planning for. While she initially wanted to move into an entrance fee apartment and be near her sister who lived at Masonic Village, after putting her house up for sale, she received an offer she

couldn't refuse. Her time frame for moving had to be fast forwarded.

Jennifer Adams, Sales Associate, advised a rental apartment would be available immediately and shared several floor plans with her. She recommended an apartment in Smith South, which Frances moved into last July.



"I love where I am," Frances said. "I have beautiful windows and light. I'm in a small building with only eight apartments, and everyone who lives here seems to get along."

She gathers with neighbors to do puzzles and to dine in the campus restaurants when she doesn't cook for herself at home. Frances also frequents the Baird Wellness Center, which is a short walk from her apartment, and enjoys the Masonic Village Farm Market and doing crafts at home.

"Being able to be outside, the whole atmosphere, is wonderful," Frances said. "Everyone is friendly and welcoming. I'm amazed at the amount of work landscape does, housekeeping is fantastic and if there's a maintenance issue, you just put a request in."

Frances came to Masonic Village knowing the quality care available. Every aspect of her apartment and the lifestyle offered has only exceeded her expectations.

*"It's just comfortable," Frances said. "Being here takes a lot of worry and stress away from life."*

Learn more by visiting [MasonicVillages.org](http://MasonicVillages.org) or calling your preferred Masonic Village location:

Masonic Village at Dallas: 570-466-5658

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown: 717-473-0614

Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill: 484-535-3119



# Itinerary

JUNE 2023	West Willow Street Smethport, PA 16749 Res Made (By June 16, 2023) \$15.00 Checks Payable to: Grand Chapter of PA OES, Inc. Lisa Clinger 29 S Wood Street Emporium, PA 15834 814-389-2630 lisaclinger@gmail.com	Thurs. 20 Morris Chapter 14 Reg 2 Picnic 6:00 pm Forever Farm 275 Miller Road Franklin, PA 16323 Amanda Lewis, PM 814-758-4439 Casual Dress Res. Made (By July 6, 2023) \$25.00 Checks Payable to: Morris Chapter #14 Camilla Anderson 435 Wiley Avenue Franklin, PA 16323 814-432-3373 jandc435@gmail.com	Res. Made (By August 1, 2023) Kimberly J Gallup Secretary 1341 W Valley Rd Smethport, PA 16749 814-558-4135 bkajgallup@yahoo.com
Sat. 3 Grand Officer Rehearsal 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania 128th Session			
Fri. 23 Board of Directors 9AM Afternoon Grand Officers Rehearsal 2022-2023 Grand Officers	12-14 Rainbow Assembly "Kindness Changes Everything" Altoona, PA Res Made (By July 1, 2023) See On-line Registration for detail Checks Payable to: Pennsylvania Grand Assembly Mrs. Helen Snedden 613 Library Avenue Carnegie, PA 15106 hsnedden@aol.com	Fri. 21 Demolay 100th Anniversary Cranberry, PA	Fri. 11 BOD MEETING Elizabethtown
Sat. 24 Rehearsals		Sat. 22 Sewickley Chapter #439 (3) "Flights of Fancy" Luncheon Business Attire Receiving Line 11:30 Meal 12:00 Masonic Village/Sewickley Club 1000 Masonic Drive Sewickley, PA 15143 412-741-1400 Res Made (By July 12, 2023) \$27.00 Checks Payable to: Sewickley Chapter #439 Sandra Wilson, WM 533 Lincoln Blvd Freedom, PA 15042 412-467-9089	Sat. 12 WGM/WGP TESTIMONIAL Raystown Lake 11:30 WGM/WGP FAMILY REUNION Raystown Lake 4-8pm
Sun. 25 Divine Service Men's Seminar Secretaries Seminar Grand Banquet	Fri. 16 Deborah Grand Chapter Valley Forge, PA		Wed. 16 Shiloh #153 (1A) 110th Anniversary Dinner "An Evening in Wine Country" Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6 pm Casual Attire Gravel Park Pavillion D 10300 W Main Road (Route 20) North East, PA 16428 814-449-9584 Res Made (By August 10, 2023) \$15.00 Checks Payable to: Shiloh Ch #153 OES Gladys B Scott, PM 13109 Scott Road Waterford, PA 16441-9625 814-796-6179 gscott4@verizon.net
Mon. 26 Session Ritualistic Opening and Reports Informal Opening Introductions	Mon. 17 William E Gelston #435 (5A) "It's Tiki Time-Luau Party" Dinner 6:00 pm Casual dress-hula skirt optional Greensburg Masonic center 349 Donohoe Road Greensburg, PA 15601 724-836-6614 Res Made (By July 10, 2023) \$15.00 Checks Payable to: William E. Gelston #435 Beth Devericks 1049 Rimrock Road Greensburg, PA 15601 724-834-0279 bethdevericks@gmail.com	Sat. 22-Aug 6 Alaska Trip	
Tues. 27 Session - Election Reports		AUGUST 2023	Thurs. 17 Irwin #400 (5A) Fun Event "Bocci and Beverages" Dinner 6:00 pm M&S Club 315 Cort St. Jeannette, PA 15644 724-523-3810 Casual Dress Res Made (By August 1, 2023) \$20.00 Checks Payable to: Irwin Chapter #400 Carly Galley 106 Warrior Court Harrison City, PA 15636 602-402-5583 carly.galley@yahoo.com
Wed. 28 Session Closing Installation of 2023-2024 Grand Officers	Mon. 18 Martha V Paul 404 Reg 3 "Picnic in the Park" Dinner at 6:00 pm Washington Park Stone Building Park Rd #1 283 Dunn Ave. Washington, PA 15301 Picnic Attire Res Made (By July 6, 2023) \$20.00 Checks Payable to: Martha V. Pauls Chapter #404 Cynthia E. McDaniel, Secy 60 Phillips Road Washington, PA 15301 724-747-8958 cynthiamcdaniel1516@gmail.com	Wed 9 Triangle 483 PICNIC Reg 10B Picnic Dinner 6:00 pm 4530 Copenhagen Road Glennville, PA 17329 Casual Dress Res Made (By July 26, 2023) \$12.00 Checks Payable to: Triangle Chapter #483 Pamela Kilgore 447 McCalls Ferry Rd. Airville, PA 17302 717-578-5329 Triangle483sec@gmail.com	
JULY 2023		Thurs 10 Phoenix #15 Reg 6 Picnic 5:30PM Casual Attire St Luke's Episcopal Church 602 W Main St. Smethport PA 16749 814-887-5841	Fri. 18 Farrell #156 (1B) Fun Event GRAND ADAH HONOR DAY "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" Dinner Gates Open 5:30 pm Casual-wear favorite team jersey and ball cap Kedron Lodge Hall Erie St. West Middlesex, PA 16159
Thurs. 7 Day With the Dogs Casual Dress 1078 Gravel Hill Road Grantville, PA 17028 Tour and Educational Session Light Refreshments Res Made (By July 1, 2023) No Charge Tara Mondock, PM 814.777.4080 TLMONDOCK@GMAIL.COM			
Sat. 8 WGP Patriotic Concert Fireworks of Music by the Worthy Grand Patron 2:00 PM Palm Lutheran Church 11 W Cherry Street Palmyra, PA NO CHARGE evkohl@comcast.net			
Sun. 9 Region 6 Meeting "Let Freedom Ring" Meal 3:00 pm Casual Dress Hamlin Lake Park			

Res Made (By August 8, 2023) \$20  
Kids 10 and under free  
Checks Payable to :  
Farrell OES #156  
Darla Renner, PM  
25 Denaman Dr. A  
West Middlesex, PA 16159  
724-977-2861  
rrenner50@yahoo.com

Sat. 19 BOB'S BASH  
"Boogie Woogie Bugle Bob"  
HONORING ROBERT PENOYER, PMWGP  
Red, white , blue or service attire  
Masonic Village at Elizabethtown  
Brossman Hall Terrace 3:00 pm  
One Masonic Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 172202  
Res Made (By August 9, 2023) Limit 250  
(Check Payable to:  
Keystone Eagles Club \$25.00  
Ann K Berger, PGM/  
JoAnne G Karnes, PGM  
636 Garfield Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 172202  
412-496-9868  
jogkarnes@aol.com

Sun. 20 Clarion (267) (2)  
"Afternoon Tea in Wonderland"  
Honor Day for Grand Chaplain  
And Grand Warder  
Luncheon 11:30 pm  
Casual Attire  
American Legion  
530 Main St. Clarion, PA 16214  
814-319-3597  
Res Made (By August 6, 2023) \$15.00  
Checks Payable to:  
Clarion Chapter #267  
Joan Kniebel  
1309 Eastwood Drive  
Clarion, PA 16214  
814-319-3597  
jmkniebel@verizon.net

Tues. 22 Trinity (138) (7B) Fun Event  
"Painting Canvas"  
Snacks !2:30 pm Paint 1:30pm  
Casual Dress  
Somerset Masonic Temple  
204 Temple Road  
Somerset, PA 15501  
Res Made (By August 1, 2023) \$25.00  
Check Payable to:  
Janet E. Swank  
142 Hawthorne Lane  
Somerset, PA 15501  
814.442.5450  
jnets2030@gmail.com

Thurs. 24 Grange Fair Parade Service Dogs  
10:00 am Southside Stage  
149 Homan Lane  
Centre Hall, PA 16828-0271  
Requires Fair Pass at Gate  
Res Made (By August 21, 2023)  
Tara Mondock, PM  
814.777.4080  
TLMONDOCK@GMAIL.COM

Sun. 27 Knoebel's Unity Day  
Knoebel's Grove Elysburg, PA  
Park opens at Noon and closes at  
9:00 pm

Mon. 28 Robert Fulton (446 ) (10A)  
Honor Day for Grand Martha  
Picnic  
Quarryville, PA  
More details to come

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

Wed. 13 Lebanon #115 (13A)  
Honor Day for Grand Ruth  
Meeting 7:00 pm Refreshments after  
Formal Attire  
Lebanon Masonic Hall  
499 South 14th Avenue  
Lebanon, PA 17042  
Res Made (By September 4, 2023)  
No charge  
Kay Deaner, Secy.  
1055 Alden Way  
Lebanon, PA 17042  
717-507-0486 44  
memi@gmail.com

Thur. 14 Harmony #58 (12A)  
Honor Day for Grand Esther  
Meeting 7:30 Formal Attire  
Wyoming Masonic Hall  
1821 Wyoming Ave.  
Wyoming, PA 18644  
Refreshments to follow

Res Made (By September 7, 2023) no charge  
Dawn Shaver-Quinn, Secy.  
256 E. Pettebone St.  
Wyoming, PA 18644  
570-947-5697  
blue4464@aol.com

Thurs. 21 Mercer #180 (1B)  
Honor Day for Grand Marshal,  
Grand Electa, Personal Secretary  
Formal Attire  
New Castle Consistory  
110 E. Lincoln Ave.  
New Castle, PA 16101

Sat. 23 Initiation—Grand Master  
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center  
3579 Masonic Way  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

SAT 23 UNITY CELEBRATION  
PITTSBURGH RIVERBOAT DINNER CRUISE  
Dress Casual  
Gateway Clipper Fleet dock 350 W. Station  
Square Drive, Pittsburgh  
Boarding & Hors D'oeuvres 5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Sailing at 6:00 PM  
Dinner at 6:00 PM with a Cash Bar all evening  
Concert by Street Level at 7:00 PM  
Disembarking at 10:00 PM  
RSVP by September 1, 2023  
Subscription is \$75.00 a ticket  
Checks payable to: Grand Chapter of PA OES,  
Inc.  
Tammie Lasswell, AGCCM  
12020 Radcliffe Circle  
North Huntingdon, PA 15642  
tlasswell@comcast.net  
724-454-3088



**Please visit  
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events and changes  
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For those looking to give a helping hand, Masonic Villages has lots of volunteer opportunities for residents, youth and community

members. We appreciate everything our volunteers do, from visiting with residents to helping with activities to assisting with office work.

We proudly celebrated all Masonic Villages' volunteers in April during Volunteer Appreciation Week and National Volunteer Month!

## VOLUNTEERING AT MASONIC VILLAGES

Opportunities exist across the state for individuals to share their time and talents. Contact the location of your choice to see how you can help. Please note, locations not listed offer volunteer opportunities for residents only.

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown:  
[mvevolunteers@masonicvillages.org](mailto:mvevolunteers@masonicvillages.org)

Masonic Village Hospice (Elizabethtown): Visit [www.masonicvillagehospice.org/volunteer](http://www.masonicvillagehospice.org/volunteer). Training is required, and sessions are offered throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill (Volunteers specifically needed to take residents outside, lead a book club for retirement living residents or give a lecture on a historical or other topic of interest):  
[mvlhvolunteers@masonicvillages.org](mailto:mvlhvolunteers@masonicvillages.org)

Masonic Village at Warminster:  
[mvwvolunteers@masonicvillages.org](mailto:mvwvolunteers@masonicvillages.org)



## MASONIC VILLAGE FARM MARKET

- Home-grown cherries, peaches, nectarines, apricots, plums, pears and apples
- Tomatoes, cantaloupes, sweet corn, salad greens, broccoli, cauliflower and much more
- Apple cider, apple butter, preserves, pickles and salsa
- Pies, apple dumplings, cookies, cakes and breads from our bakery
- Hand-dipped ice cream and milkshakes from our Orchard View Café

### FARM MARKET HOURS:

**THURSDAY - SATURDAY**  
9 A.M. – 5 P.M.  
**SUNDAY**  
NOON – 4 P.M.

CALL US: **717-361-4520**

SHOP ONLINE:  
**MVFarmMarket.com**

Located on the grounds of Masonic Village at Elizabethtown:  
310 Eden View Road

## Orchard View Café

### HOURS:

**THURSDAY - SATURDAY**  
11 A.M. – 5 P.M.

**SUNDAY**  
NOON - 4 P.M.

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