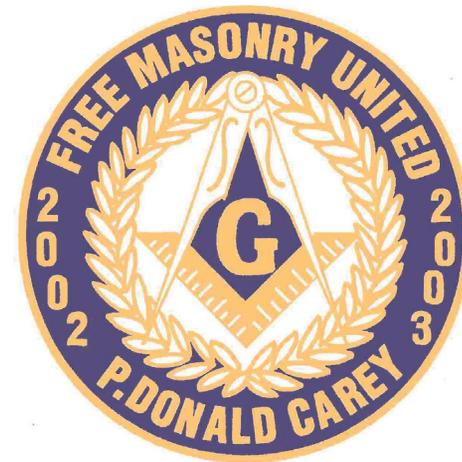




# THE DELAWARE FREEMASON

FREEMASONRY UNITED



WINTER 2002-2003

## Meet Your New Grandmaster

MW. P. Donald Carey



Paul Donald Carey was born in Coatsville, Pennsylvania on July 28, 1939 to Brother Paul R. Carey and his wife Freda B. He has a brother Carleton and a sister Jeanette, all of whom reside in the Dover area. His father and mother were both born and raised in Dover but moved to Coatsville in 1937 where his father was employed. The family moved back to Dover in 1941. Donald attended both Dover and Caesar Rodney schools, worked on his grandfather's farm and helped his father with his milk route business. He transported canned milk from the dairy farms to the processing plant.

Donald married in 1958 and had two children, Donna Jean who currently resides in Bear, Delaware and Michael D. who is engaged and living in a home built by his grandfather. Both of Donald's children were members of Masonic youth organizations.

At the age of 15, Donald Carey went to work with his grandfather's construction business and was engaged in the building, remodeling and repairing of homes in the Dover area. He continued to work as a carpenter until his retirement in July 1999.

Brother Carey entered Union Lodge No. 7 in March 1975 and began his progression through the chairs in 1976, becoming Master in 1982. PGM James E. Waecker, Sr. appointed Don to serve on his Grand Staff in 1995 and when that year was over he knew that someday he would like to advance through the Grand Chairs. He was elected Senior Grand Warden in 2000 and his dream of being Grand Master of Masons of Delaware came true in October 2002.

Grand Master Carey's other Masonic affiliations include the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Wilmington; NUR Shrine; Diamond State Shepherds Club of NUR Shrine; Lower Delaware York Rite Bodies; Kent Chapter No. 8 of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware; Adoniram Council

No. 2 of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware; St Andrews Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar, Dover, Delaware; Kent and Sussex Scottish Rite Club; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Evergreen Forest No. 49; Lover Delaware Shield & Square Club; Delaware Colonials and Degree Team; Eastern Star; and Treasurer of Union Lodge No. 7 and Masonic Hall Corporation.

Donald has spent a great deal of time with the volunteer fire service. He joined the Cheswold Fire Department in 1959 and is now a lifetime member. He was an assistant fire chief for four years and an ambulance captain with over 400 hours of training at the Delaware State Fire School.

Our new Grand Master is a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover, Delaware and active in the Methodist Men's group.

Donald and his lady Carol were married on July 4, 1985. Carol has a daughter, Donna Lee, who is married and lives in Dover and two sons, William who resides in Baltimore and Thomas who resides in Dover.

The Grand Master's theme for this Masonic year is "Freemasonry United"! He will endeavor to unite all the Masonic bodies of this great fraternity in Delaware. With the help of his Masonic brothers, this dream can come true.

The Grand Master's charities for the year are the Highfield Masonic Home and the Grand Lodge permanent fund. He has challenged every Lodge to have a fundraiser this year to benefit Highfield and is planning a Grand Master's Charity Ball to be held on April 5, 2003 for the purpose of raising funds for both charities. This event will be in conjunction with the second annual Leadership Retreat Program at Dewey Beach.

Please do not forget his theme - "Freemasonry United". Together we can make it work!

## Letter of appeal from the Grand Master

Brethren:

This year, the proceeds of our Annual Appeal on behalf of Highfield, The Masonic Home of Delaware, will be used for the restoration of the portico at the west end of the Home's original building.

The original building dates back to 1845 and is historically significant as an example of Italian Renaissance architecture. It was purchased by the Masons of Delaware from the Grubb Family in 1911 and after some modifications, it was dedicated as a retirement community in October, 1912. Later that same year, five men and five women were welcomed as the first residents.

For almost 90 years, the Home has provided a safe and comfortable retirement environment for Master Masons, their wives, and family members. They are treated with the respect and dignity they so deserve.

As you are aware, there are ongoing maintenance issues that are unique to historic buildings. Hence this year's special challenge, the preservation of the portico.

The cost of this project is estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

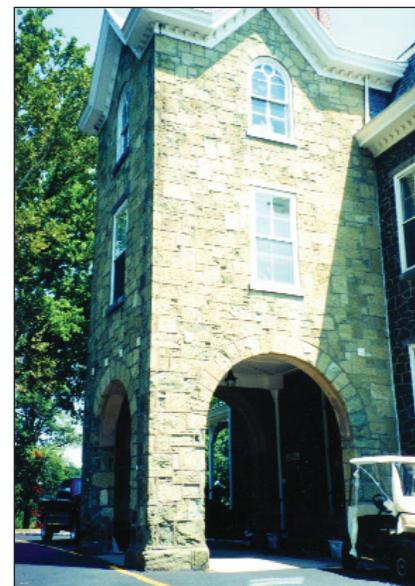
Your financial support is vital to the success of this project. Please help to restore the portico to its original splendor. We must not allow the walls and roof of this structure to deteriorate further. Our goal is \$60,000. The Masons of Delaware

can meet this challenge if they choose to do so. I urge you to send your checks payable to the Masonic Home of Delaware or give through the United Way (#9315).

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Sincerely and fraternally,

P. Donald Carey  
Grand Master



Yes, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I want to support the 2002 Campaign for Highfield, The Masonic Home.

Please complete and mail to:

**"HIGHFIELD"**  
**Masonic Home of Delaware**  
4800 Lancaster Pike  
Wilmington, DE 19807

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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