

Grand Masters' Lady

My name is Carol Carey and I am the Grand Master's lady. There are 15 ladies who will accompany the Grand Staff to some of their many functions. They have all agreed to support the charity that I have chosen – The Ronald McDonald House.

My first encounter with the Ronald McDonald House was in 1997. Our only granddaughter, Amanda, was born with a heart problem. At the age of 11 months Amanda required surgery to correct this condition. The surgery was performed at Children's Hospital in Washington, DC. Our daughter and her husband were able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House, while Amanda was in the hospital, for more than a month. We lost Amanda at that time and so our charity is in her memory.

This year the Ronald McDonald House will hold a "Share the Light Night" on December 12th. This program will continue throughout the year. One may purchase a "Light" for \$15.00, which will enable a family to spend one night at the RMH while their child is in a hospital.

Please help support this very worthwhile charity. Our goal is to have the Ronald McDonald House purchase

many, many strings of "Lights" because the Freemasons of Delaware and their ladies care. We encourage everyone to buy just one "Light". Please call (302) 656-HUGS with any questions you may have about the Ronald McDonald House or this program.

The Grand Ladies will be selling the large Masonic Bibles. All who are interested in purchasing a bible may do so from any lady of the Grand Staff or Bill Spruill, Aide to the Grand Master.

The ladies of the Grand Staff will also continue to interact with the female residents of Highfield, the Masonic Home of Delaware. We will be visiting these ladies and send cards when appropriate. A luncheon with the female residents is planned for some time in February, 2003. The men of the Grand Staff will also have a luncheon with the male residents of Highfield.

The Grand Staff Ladies will attend as many functions as possible in support of the men of the 2002-2003 Grand Staff. Please join us when you can and show your support as well. Remember the Grand Master's theme: "Freemasonry United".

The Time is Now— Support Your Green Envelope Appeal

Dear Brethren,

Like many of you, I have been struggling for many years to understand what Masonry is and what it expects of me. Like you, I have wandered many paths, but they all start from and end with "Care for your Brother." This is the great work of the Hospital Visitation Program of the Masonic Service Association of North America. They care for our Brothers and for other men and women who served our country.

I'm honored to have been asked by MSA to write to you about the Green Envelope Appeal. The Hospital Visitation Program makes me proud to be a Mason. Our volunteers gave more than 250,000 man-hours of time last year; visiting those in VA Hospitals and Centers; making sure their needs are met; being that friendly face which tells them they haven't been forgotten.

250,000 hours—based on a 9 to 5 work day, that's 125 years of volunteer time, given in a single year! That is caring!

We've all been reminded since September 11, 2001, that Freedom is never free. It costs money, it costs lives, and it costs lost limbs and other wounds which never truly heal. Our veterans have paid the cost for us. We owe them our concern, our care, and our support. The Green Envelope appeal is a major source of funding for the Hospital Visitation Program. Please be generous in your response. We can never repay the debt we owe these veterans, but we can, at least, pay a little on the interest.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



"MASONS CARE AND WILL ALWAYS BE THERE"

Please make checks payable to: "Masonic Service Association"
8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Contributions are tax deductible. Thanks for your participation.



Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Meets in Lexington, MA

A group of more than 1,700 33rd degree Masons and their wives heard an update on Masonic charitable endeavors during the recent meeting of the Supreme Council. The charities are supported by voluntary contributions from the 300,000 32nd degree Masons throughout the jurisdiction. The National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA was built in 1975 through their efforts to provide changing exhibits on American history.

Learning Centers for dyslexic students have been providing free one-on-one tutoring at 40 locations. Within the next few years, the number of centers will increase to 59. Other charities include scholarships for college students and fellowships for schizophrenia research.

During the course of the meeting, which was held in Boston, eight new members were elected to the gov-

erning board of the Supreme Council. Retiring as Active Members. Donald D. Thomas was elected to fill the vacancy of the late Robert V. McDowell, III as Deputy for Delaware.

In attendance at the meeting were the 15 Grand Masters of each state within the Northern Jurisdiction. Also attending were officers from allied Masonic organizations across the country as well as representatives from 19 Scottish Rite Supreme Councils around the world.

The week-long meeting concluded with the conferral of the 33rd degree upon 132 members who were selected for dedicated service to Scottish Rite Freemasonry or service reflecting credit upon the fraternity.

The names of 140 nominees were announced to receive the 33rd degree at next year's meeting in St. Louis on September 23, 2003.

DeMolay of Delaware

By Earl L. Emerson, Jr.

DO YOU HAVE THE KEY?

The key to fun, friendship and a successful, productive life is found in DeMolay. If you have been searching for a way to have fun, make new friends and learn leadership and decision-making skills, you owe it to yourself to check out DeMolay. DeMolay is an international service organization for young men ages 12 to 21.

DeMolay is dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in our society today.

This serious mission is combined with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide. Fellow DeMolay members govern these chapters. They meet twice a month and decide on their own activities and programs. They play sports and organize and participate in dances and other social events. Community service and fund-raising projects are enjoyed by the order.

The key to DeMolay's success is the opportunity to lead and make decisions concerning the chapter. Adult advisors are available for guidance, but the young men make the decisions.

DeMolay is not a religious organization, although it encourages an active belief in God. It is not sponsored by any church or religious group. Membership is open to young men of all religions.

The only requirements for membership in DeMolay are that the young man be between the ages of 12 and 21 and be of good moral character and reputation. If that sounds like someone you know, please have him contact the nearest DeMolay chapter and ask to attend the next guest night.

Chapter advisors are also needed. If you can help with one of the DeMolay Chapters it would be greatly appreciated. You could be the motivational influence in some young man's life!

DeMolay Chapters currently meet in Wilmington at 818 Market Street, The Newport Masonic Hall, the Middletown Masonic Hall and the Milford Masonic Hall. Contact Grand Lodge for scheduled meeting times.

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc.

Osiris Court No. 69,
Wilmington, Delaware

By Helen Oliver
Junior Past High Priestess

Greetings from the ladies of Osiris Court No. 69.

Our purpose is to extend financial support and assistance to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our Grand High Priestess, Lady Fran Brooks's special project this year is craniofacial deformities of children. She can relate to this as she has a prosthesis where an eye used to be.

Children born with a cleft lip, without an external ear or with a seriously deformed skull, face not only medical issues, but also serious social issues. Children born with facial deformities are teased, tortured and isolated by other children and society at large.

Craniofacial surgery depends on a team of surgeons, plastic and craniofacial, and many others working together to reconstruct the child's face. Speech/language pathologists and a number of others carefully working with the child's development must support surgical procedures. Together, they treat not only the deformity, but the whole child.

The Chicago Shriners Hospital has been working with Northwestern University's, cleft lip and palate institute. They have become the regional center for care for children born with facial deformities. The Montreal Hospital, Canadian Unit, works extensively with children born without an external ear. This organization implants a hearing aid and then builds a prosthesis for the missing ear.

Shriners hospitals, with their experienced surgical teams, their extensive support network and their excellent patient transportation system, are poised to become leaders in pediatric plastic and craniofacial surgery. As Lady Shriners, we are proud to help in any way we can.