

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By M.R. W. Leroy Jones
Grand Chaplain

While serving a church in the Pittsburgh area, I had the privilege of knowing a layman who worked for the Mellon Corporation. Through that connection he was treasurer of the Grant Foundation which was created when Dr. William Larrimore Mellon put his estate in a trust, went to medical school and then went off to Haiti to establish a hospital among the poorest of the poor of that nation. He named the Hospital the Albert Schweitzer Hospital after the great doctor who had done the same thing in Africa.

Albert Schweitzer was one of the great men of history. He was an intellectual giant, a physician, a prominent Christian theologian, a superb organist and the world's foremost authority on the music of Bach. Some would have said that Schweitzer had the world at his feet.

But look what he did. At the age of thirty he renounced the promise of a great and prosperous career to give the remaining forty years of his life to being a missionary doctor in the jungles of Africa. There, Schweitzer built, with his own hands, a hospital and a settlement on the Ogowe River and paid for the medical supplies by giving organ recitals in Vienna, London and Paris. In his lifetime he was a crusader for world peace and a winner of the Noble Peace Prize. He was truly one of the great men of our time. Though he died in 1965, his philosophy, especially his ethical code of reverence for life, is still with us.

I like what Norman Cousins said about him. "The greatness of Schweitzer is not so much what he has done, but what others have done because of him and the power of his example". This is the real measure of a man. William Larrimore Melon is a good example of this concept.

Isn't this the real measure of every person? It is not so much what we do, but what we cause others to do. It is what others do because of us. So again I ask, as I did at one of the Grand Master's visitations, "What legacy are you leaving behind?"

GRAND MASTERS'S LADY

Carol Carey

It's hard to believe that almost a year has passed since Donald became Grand Master of Masons in Delaware – and what a wonderful year it has been! We have traveled to 13 Grand Jurisdictions and had the pleasure of visiting new places and acquiring new friends. I must take a moment here to mention the Grand Staff. They have been truly wonderful as they have accompanied us to our many destinations. Who will ever forget the get-acquainted picnic where Delaware Electric Cooperative failed us leaving us without power during an afternoon of 95 degree heat? We were not deterred however and the vision of Donald walking down the highway with a casserole dish in his hands enroute to a neighbor's home to finish the cooking was a sight to remember! The other interesting sight that day was that of eight Masons "supervising" the replacement of the ailing transformer!! Many friendships began that day and continued to grow throughout the year.

My charity for this year has been the Ronald McDonald House, in memory of our granddaughter Amanda Lee Parry whom we lost in 1997 at the age of one year. I am very proud of and thankful to everyone for their help in raising money for the Ronald McDonald House. From October until the beginning of December, we sold Christmas lights for \$15.00 per bulb collecting a total of \$3000.00 for the Ronald McDonald House. The Grand Ladies also sold the large Masonic Bibles throughout the year raising an additional \$290.00.

During the year each Grand Lady received the names of two or three female residents of Highfield Masonic Home. As they visited with these ladies and sent cards and gifts, etc, some lasting friendships were formed.

The memories from this year are too numerous to mention here. Each one has a special place in my heart as do the many new friends I have made throughout the year.

I will close by saying how proud I am of my husband and his Grand Staff for all they have accomplished this year. And what can I say about the Grand Ladies? They are the best! Both Donald and I have memories that will stay with us forever.

Message From the Deputy Grand Master RW. Wayne D. Mower, III

To our Masonic family I say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. I take my hat off to you all. It has been a humbling experience to observe how our wonderful fraternity comes together in time of need. I have seen many random acts of Brotherly Love and Relief over the years that I have been a proud member of this organization. However, never have I seen anything like the outpouring of true compassion that you all have shown in the recent months.

THE BILL DOWNING FUND: The many donations from the Lodges and bodies and individual members and friends have been overwhelming. Delaware Freemasonry has shown its true colors. We presented \$6,000.00 to Bill and Marty on moving day. We hope to have enough to purchase a replacement vehicle soon. We talk about how we help and we really put our money where our mouths are. It was a proud day for us all.

MASONIC HOME: Right now the almighty dollar is very hard to come by. No longer do we have the high yields we have been used to in the last decade. This affects not just the members of this fraternity, but also each of the fraternal organizations. With the Masonic Home being in the dire financial condition it is, the Grand Master asked each lodge to have a special fundraiser to benefit our Masonic Home. The lodges came through to the tune of over \$10,000.00. WOW!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: My lady Jean and I sponsored a team in the annual "Relay for Life" which is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This is one of the most emotional projects I have been connected

with. Thanks to the many sponsors and participants. Our team gave over \$1,000.00 to the fight against cancer. Even though the event was interrupted by several inches of rain, the spirit of the event and those participating was not dampened. A special THANK YOU goes out to our youth. Without the help of the Jobs' Daughters and DeMolay, we never would have made it. Even though the fraternity and the community were generous with their contributions, we needed walkers and the youth carried the day. What a great group of young men and women shaping the future of Delaware Freemasonry! A big thank you to Tara Mathena and Kathy Tyrrell for making it happen.

THE PERMANENT FUND: Contributions to the fundraiser for the Permanent Fund are still rolling in. Masons in Delaware are taking the future seriously. The Permanent Fund is key to our future financial stability. We have been dipping into the Reserve Fund for the past few years to meet our fiscal needs. This cannot continue. It will be at least 10 years before the interest on the Permanent Fund can help the Grand Lodge financially.

We all need to work on the membership issue. There are many good men with whom we associate that are unaware of the benefits derived from becoming a Freemason. We must encourage these potential members to "ask the question". Increased membership equates to increased revenue as well as increased strength for the Craft.

Again, my brothers, thank you so very much for caring. You make me proud to be a Delaware Freemason!

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Cryptic Masons

M.W. Albert H Westerside, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Delaware and Peter Tyrrell attended the Grand Council Session at Oswego, New York during the weekend of August 16 - 17, 2003.



Pictured left to right: M.W. Wayne Slack, Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Pennsylvania and M.W. Albert H. Westerside, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Delaware.

Grand Master's Schedule 2003

Gethsemane No. 28	Reliance	Friday	October 10
Franklin No. 12	Georgetown	Tuesday	October 28
Granite-Corinthian No. 34	Wilmington	Tuesday	November 4
Delaware No. 37	Dagsboro	Tuesday	November 11
Hiram No. 21	Seaford	Thursday	November 13
Highnoon no. 38	Newport	Saturday	November 15
Leadership Retreat	Dewey Beach	Friday-Sunday	November 21-23
Christiana No. 35	New Castle	Tuesday	November 25
Union No. 7	Dover	Tuesday	December 2
Washington No. 1	Wilmington	Thursday	December 4
Hiram No. 25	Newark	Monday	December 8
Unity No. 32	Newport	Monday	December 1
Hope No. 4	Laurel	Tuesday	December 16
Oriental No. 27	Wilmington	Wednesday	December 17