

Fifty is Nifty!

By William J. Esham, III, PM

In our fraternity it is ever so seldom that we have a brother eligible to receive recognition for 50 years of membership. Each year, during Grand Lodge visitations, we hear the names read aloud of those among us who have reached 50 years of membership and the lodge's secretary is instructed to present a 50-year certificate to those brothers.

On May 25th of this year a rather unique situation occurred in Franklin Lodge No. 12. Lucien T. Lenhart, Sr., PM, who served Franklin Lodge as Master in 1954, conferred the Master Mason Degree on FC Glenn B. Showell during our "Past Masters' Night" program. As it was also the 50th anniversary of Brother Lenhart's service as Master, there was no question who would sit in the East. Brother Lenhart, at the still-young age of 90 did an excellent job of conferring the degree, but the story doesn't end there.

Also in attendance that night were Brothers William H. Showell, father of the candidate, who received his Master Mason degree in 1951 (the year Brother Lucien was Worshipful Master) and Samuel H. Showell, Jr., uncle of the candidate and himself a 50 year member of Franklin Lodge.

We were privileged that evening to have with us MW Wayne D. Mower, III, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, who administered the charge and closed the lodge in ample form. It was a great night for Franklin Lodge and we are pleased to have Brother Glenn Showell as our newest Master Mason. We all wish him well in his travels in Masonry.

It is fitting then that, in June of this year, Brother Lucien Lenhart was installed as Chaplain of this lodge and continues to serve in any capacity when asked.



Newly raised Brother Glenn B. Showell (left) is congratulated by Past Master Lucien Lenhart

Gunning Bedford Scholarship Committee

By Earl L. Emerson, Jr.,
Chairman

The Gunning Bedford Scholarship Committee would like to thank all the applicants for the scholarship program this year. We had 11 applications for a very limited amount of money.

Copies of the applications were sent to the committee members for a two-week review. The committee then met at Union Lodge No. 5 and, after much discussion, three applicants were selected. They are Christin Mills, Amanda Lawson and Alison Wilson. Each winner received a \$500.00 scholarship award.

It is hoped that in the years to come and with the generosity of the members of this Grand Lodge, we will be able to increase the number and amount of our scholarship awards.

Job's Daughters Scholarships Awarded

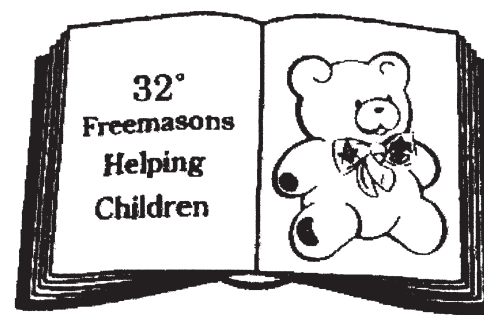
The Jurisdictional Guardian Council of Delaware awarded seven scholarships at their leadership weekend at Paten Campus, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

The following daughters are recipients:

Johanna Lightcap – PHW11
Megan Menozzi – PHQ10
Tia Wallace – PHQ3
Danielle Artis – PHQ4
Kathi Artis – PHQ4
Erika Peronti – PHQ11
Ann Nakai – PHQ9

The scholarships total \$7,000, much of which came from the profit of the Miss Job's Daughter Pageant. Thanks to the Lodges and O.E.S. and many others for their support.

Scholarship Committee
Virginia Taylor PGG Chairperson
Marsha Bright PGG PHQ
Bronwyn Peake PHQ PBG



Do you know?

The 32° Scottish Rite Masons support a Learning Center for Dyslexic children on the 3rd floor of the Grand Opera House in Wilmington?

The Center opened in September 2003 and tutored 9 children free of charge this academic year.

Because dyslexia impedes a child's ability to read and because many teachers have never received training to teach these children, there is a great need in our community for our program.

There are 7 students enrolled in the summer session which runs from June 21st to July 29th.

Parents and Grandparents have expressed their gratitude for this wonderful service that the Masons are providing for their children; they have been impressed with the beautiful facility.

Parents are saying, "This program was well beyond my expectations." And, "Even the school is surprised how far my son has come!"

You can impact a child's life by financially supporting this program and/or recruiting potential tutors.

We need your help! Please spread the word!

Call Franklin Townsend at 302-998-6475 to find out how YOU can make a difference in the life of a struggling reader.

Foreign Correspondence Committee

By Earl L. Emerson, Jr., Chairman

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence relies on the Standards of Recognition report presented by the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. This Commission was created to gather, collate and from time to time, revise information on Grand Lodges in other lands. The Standards of Recognition used by this Commission are as follows:

- Legitimacy of Origin.
- Exclusive territorial jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.
- Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks – specifically, a belief in God, the

Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge and the prohibition of the discussion of politics or religion.

The Commission applies these standards to all requests from the Foreign Grand Lodge Jurisdictions who seek recognition before a recommended conclusion is reached.

The Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Delaware are all of the Grand Lodges in the United States plus: AFRICA-Babon, Ivory Coast, South Africa; ARGENTINA; AUSTRALIA-New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia; AUSTRIA;BELGIUM (Regular);BOLIVIA; BRAZIL-Alagoas, Bahia, Ceara, Golas, Mato Grosso, Minas Gerais, Para, Paralba, Parana, Pemambuco, Piaul, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Norte, Rio Grande do Sul, Rodonia, Roralima, Santa Catarina, Sao Paulo, Sergipe, Tocantins; CANADA-Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan; CHILE; CHINA(Taiwan); COLUMBIA-Barranquia, Bogota, Occidental, Santander; COSTA RICA; CUBA (in Havana); DENMARK; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; ECUADOR, ENGLAND; FINLAND;FRANCE (National); GERMANY (United); GREECE (A;F&A.M.); GUATEMALA; HAITI; HUNGARY; ICELAND (National); INDIA; IRAN (in exile); IRELAND; ISRAEL; JAPAN; LUXEMBOURG (Grand Ducy); MEXICO-Benito Juarez (Coahuila), Valie de Mexaco, York; NETHERLANDS; NEW ZEALAND; NICARAGUA (united); NORWAY; PANAMA; PERU; PHILLIPINES; PORTUGAL (Legal); PUERTO RICA; ROMANIA; RUSSIA; ELSALVADORE (Cuscatian); SCOTLAND; SPAIN; SWEDEN; SWITZERLAND (Alpina); TURKEY; URUGUAY; VENEZUELA; and YOGOSLAVIA (Regular).

Some foreign Grand Lodges have made requests to be recognized by this Grand Lodge and are being examined at this time. When a report has been established, either favorable or unfavorable, those requests for recognition are presented to the Grand Lodge of Delaware for action.