

Delaware Executive Director Installed as President Of Masonic Home Executives Assn. of North America

Marion K. Taggart, Executive Director of Highfield, the Masonic Home of Delaware, was installed as President of the Masonic Home Executives Association of North America (M.H.E.A.N.A.) on June 28, 2005, at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Association. The Dumont Masonic Home of New Rochelle, New York hosted the event, which took place at the Crown Plaza Hotel in East Elmhurst, New York.

The mission of the Association has evolved over the last three-quarters of a century from one of largely fraternal fellowship to one of education with the emphasis shifting in the 1970s to continuing education credits, helping to meet the ever expanding federal and state licensing requirements for nursing home administrators.

Ms. Taggart joined the Masonic Home of Delaware in February 1993 and attended her first M.H.E.A.N.A. Conference in June of that year. She immediately felt a connection with the members who welcomed her warmly and shared common problems and successful solutions. She subsequently served on the Time and Place Program and Executive Committees.

Prior to pursuing a career in the not-for-profit sector of long-term care, Ms. Taggart was Director of Marketing and Admissions



and then Assistant Administrator of the Chateau Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a 160-bed, privately-owned, for profit, skilled nursing facility in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. She also worked at Hahnemann Hospital Medical School in Philadelphia, and two smaller community hospitals, Taylor and Phoenixville Hospitals, also in Pennsylvania, in Community Relations, Human Resources and Administration respectively. She is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator (NHA) in both Delaware and Pennsylvania and is a member of A.H.C.A., A.A.H.S.A. and D.H.C.F.A.

In addition to her duties at Highfield, Ms. Taggart serves on the Board of the Delaware Scottish Rite's Learning Center. She is a past member of the Board of Chester County, Pennsylvania American Cancer Society and the Historic Yellow Springs Foundation. She is an Honor Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania where she majored in English and Political Science.

Ms. Taggart and her husband Don reside in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of daughter Kimberly and son Brian and the proud grandparents of Hunter, 4 and Brendan, 2.

Wish List

- Two geri chairs
- Phone jacks in all health care rooms
- Two health care-safe rocking chairs
- Handicap ramp on Bedford Room
- Front hall carpet
- Eight foot privacy fence (to secure maintenance equipment)
- Funding the purchase of new curtains in:
- D-Wing rooms
- New windows

Donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to donate the funds necessary to purchase any of these items, please contact Jane Rigg or Karen Maher at (302) 994-4434.

TUB ROOM RENOVATION

Bathing or showering is often the most distressful aspect of care for residents with memory impairment and/or dementia. Residents with compromised mobility must rely on caregivers' assistance for their most personal needs, which includes bathing. Everyone prefers privacy but when assistance is required, privacy is compromised.

Imagine yourself in a long-term care facility. Having to rely on staff members to do the things that you've always done for yourself. Now imagine that you're confused, unsure of your surroundings, unable to verbalize your concerns or fears.

Unfamiliar equipment is all that you see and a stranger is trying to assist in removing your clothing. You or your loved one could be that resident.

The Tub/Shower Room at Highfield Masonic Home of Delaware is antiquated.



Although staff members provide kind, gentle care, they must do the best that they can with the equipment that is available. Experts agree that the environment in which residents are bathed is as important as the care, which they receive. "The environment is experienced primarily through our senses," says Margaret P Calkins, PhD- Nursing Homes Magazine. "How bathing rooms are designed and decorated, can speak volumes about the quality of a care setting."

The Administration and the Staff of Highfield, are keenly aware of the need to improve the bathing experience of the residents. They are determined to upgrade the equipment and enhance the overall ambiance of the Tub Room, thereby changing what is sometimes a frightening routine into a pleasurable and relaxing experience.

We invite you to become an active supporter of the Masonic Home Tub Room Renovation Project. This project is one that will benefit all residents of Highfield, those needing assistance now and those who will need assistance in the future.

Highfield Church Service Schedule

3:00 P.M.

2005

October 2	Ruth Chapter No. 19 & Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8 O.E.S.
October 9	Doric Lodge No. 30 & Delaware Lodge No. 37
October 16	Armstrong Lodge No. 26
October 23	Temple Lodge No. 9
October 30	Hope Lodge No. 4
November 6	Franklin Lodge No. 12 & Endeavor Lodge No. 17
November 13	Brandywine Lodge No. 33 & Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34
November 20	Five Points Chapter No.13 & Newark Chapter No. 10 O.E.S.
November 27	Thanksgiving Weekend – No service scheduled
December 4	No service scheduled
December 11	NUR Shrine
December 18	Christiana Lodge No. 35
December 25	Christmas Weekend – No service scheduled

2006

January 1	Washington Lodge No. 1
January 8	St. John's Lodge No. 2
January 15	Lafayette Lodge No. 14
January 22	Oriental Lodge No. 27
January 29	Scottish Rite

Masonic Home Birthdays

Claude Naylor	October 12	Granite-Corinthian No. 34
Walter Megonigal Sr.	October 22	Armstrong No. 26
Nancy Grayson	October 24	George Bartram No. 298
Earl Swanson	November 3	Christiana No. 35
Grace VanGorder	November 4	Armstrong No. 26
Robert Bedwell	November 6	Granite-Corinthian No. 34
Louise Keim	November 6	Granite-Corinthian No. 34
Elsee Stott	November 6	Osiris, Washington No. 29
Joe Hutchinson	November 8	Union No. 7
Max Jaworowski	December 6	Lafayette No. 14
Jeanette Reynolds	December 8	Mayon Chapter No. 1
Robert DuHadaway	December 15	Brandywine No. 33
Margaret Cantwell	December 30	Eureka No. 23
Howard C. Smith	January 1	Prospect Park No. 578
Madge Covert	January 2	DE Lodge, Indiana No. 46
Eleanor Wentzell	January 7	Solomon No. 36
Julia Bingham	January 9	Brandywine No. 33
Vera M. Smith	January 17	Prospect Park No. 578
Catharine Leon	January 28	Unity No. 32
Harold Heitman	January 29	Brandywine No. 33

New Residents

Shirley Axsom	Brandywine No. 33
Pierce Chesworth	Konohasset Lodge (Mass)
Hannah Finkley	Armstrong No. 26
Harold Heitmann	Brandywine No. 33

In Memoriam

Charles Graber	May 12, 2005	Temple No. 11
Susan Bedwell	June 7, 2005	Granite-Corinthian No. 34
Elsie Conley	June 11, 2005	Lafayette No. 14
Bernadine Sipple	July 22, 2005	Eureka-DuPont No. 29