

Masons focus on Children with Reading Problem



The Wilmington 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children is creating positive changes in school age children with dyslexia.

The Center is helping them to improve their reading and spelling; but more importantly, it is helping them to improve their attitude and the way they feel about themselves. Candace Bedrock, Center Director, sees evidence of these changes every day. As she explains, "We see steady growth with our students' reading fluently and spelling, but parents report that their children are happier, smile more often, and are more willing to read."

You can impact a child's ability to read and succeed in life by supporting the Masonic Learning Center.



To make a UW contribution: Write in our name

32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc.

and our **designation number # 9591**

And/Or

I want to impact a child's ability to read

Contributing to the Learning Center.

Becoming a tutor.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Number _____

Cut and Mail to: **Masonic Learning Center**
4800 Lancaster Ave. Wilmington, DE 19807

Past Grand Master Westerside Honored

Past Grand Master Albert Westerside was given the Honorary Grand Rank of Junior Grand Warden of Scotland at the December 15, 2004 Grand Visitation of Oriental Lodge No. 27. Brother Westerside is the Delaware Grand Representative to Scotland. This award is not given lightly and is indeed a very high honor. Most Worshipful brother Westerside was also presented with his 55 years of Masonic Service Certificate at this meeting.



Left to right: Deputy Grand Master Ronald Conaway, Past Grand Master Jim Waecker, Past Grand Master Albert Westerside, Grand Master Donald Thomas and Oriental Lodge No. 27 Worshipful Master Ronnal Sutton

Relay for Life

**By Jean Mower
Chairman**

The Masonic family of Delaware is participating in the American Cancer Society's annual "Relay for Life" at Hodgson Vo-Tech in Glasgow, Delaware on Friday, June 10th. We are selling chances on three sweatshirts with the American Cancer Society logo for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. Please call Phyllis Waecker at (302) 378-8156 or Jean Mower at (302) 798-3828 to buy tickets or to make a donation. We also invite you to come to the Relay at 7:00 PM or after, to support us by making a donation or by walking. This year we are walking Friday evening only.

Make a difference by supporting this worthwhile cause and enjoy camaraderie with your Masonic family. Don't forget those checkups!

Union Lodge No. 5

Middletown

By Earl Emerson

Greetings from Union Lodge No. 5 located in Middletown, Delaware. The officers and members of Union Lodge hope that everyone had a very special holiday season and are enjoying a prosperous New Year. The lodge is preparing for our annual Sporting Clay event which will be held on the first Sunday in May. The proceeds from the event help to sponsor our scholarship fund.

Each year Union Lodge No. 5 gives three \$1000.00 scholarships to deserving students graduating from Middletown High School. This is the seventh year of our scholarship program and our committee is hard at work to make this years event a great success. For more information on our Sporting Clay event, please contact any officer or committee member of Union Lodge No. 5.

Bethel #4 Job's Daughters is doing very well as is the Duncan Beard Chapter of the DeMolay. Cary Johnson is the Honor Queen of Bethel #4 and Travis Biederman is the Master Councilor of the DeMolay Chapter. On February 1st the Job's Daughters and the DeMolay funded and served a spaghetti dinner for the lodge members and their families. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed a good meal.

The officers and members wish everyone a Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you at our Sporting Clay event.

Ionic Lodge No. 31

Continuing with the tradition of featuring those "called-from-labor" (Harry S. Truman in January) we resurrected the likes of Elvis Presley and Patsy Cline to entertain the ladies while our Grand Visitation was held in February. As the music drifted up through the floor of the lodge room, the Grand Staff rocked and rolled with all present as we struggled to stay focused on the serious business at hand.

Our March Stated Communication was declared "Masonic Youth Night" and featured the young adults of Job's Daughters and DeMolay. A very provocative "Flower Talk" was presented by the DeMolay causing us to reflect, with moist eyes, on memories of our Mothers. Miss Junior Jobie, Miss Congeniality and Miss Job's Daughters offered informative short talks about their order. The young ladies, numbering 20+, then quieted those in attendance with their very moving "Closing Cross" and "Decaping Ceremony". We have much to be proud of in our Masonic Youth!

Brother Len Strycharz has completed a 56 page history of Ionic Lodge No. 31. This work contains photos of every Past Master and detailed information concerning each year. The early history was authored by our Charter Past Master - Ed Livermore and reflects the attitudes of the local fraternity and its key members of that period. A copy of this History will be presented to Grand Lodge for the forthcoming bicentennial.

We invite all Freemasons to join us on April 7th for our Stated Communication. This evening will be "NUR Shrine Night" and the Potentate and his Divan will be our guests. The featured speaker will be Brother Bert Penn who is a former Major League baseball player and coach as well as baseball historian. Bert will talk about Freemasons who have played professional baseball. Do any of you remember the Philadelphia Athletics? Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM with lodge opening at 7:30 PM. Please call Bob Noble (302) 571-1099 for dinner reservations.