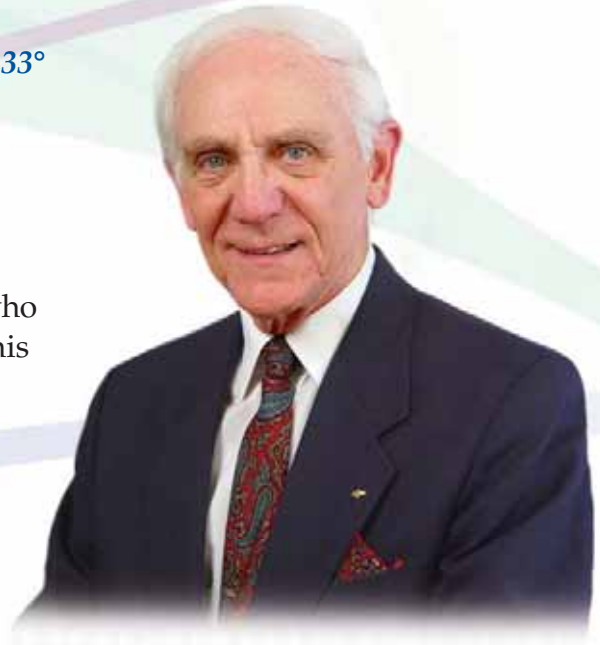


REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Continuing the Tradition

*Brother William M. Berry, 33°
Chairman of the Board*



By the time you receive this report, I will have completed my term on The Ohio Masonic Home Board of Trustees, the last four of which have been as Chairman of the Board. From my childhood days growing up just across the road on Sugar Grove Hill to the 16 years I served on the Board of Trustees, I have enjoyed every moment of my relationships with the children and adults from The Home that I have come to know over those many years.

This annual report, "A Celebration of Age," captures the essence of who we are, the struggles we have faced in the past and that we most assuredly will face in the future, and the spirit of caring, concern and compassion that are our hallmarks. Over the years, we have been faithful to the mission established by our forefathers so many years ago. That is to provide the services to take care of our Masonic brethren and their families across Ohio.

REMINISCING

I remember those wonderful days growing up on Sugar Grove Hill and the opportunities

of playing with the children who lived at The Home. Even to this day, I carry on friendships with a number of those people I became acquainted with so long ago. I greatly respected the elders who were always kind and gave me wonderful advice. I have often said that I owe much of my success in life to many of those people. I have especially fond memories of former Superintendent Burleigh Cartmell and others such as "Pop" Bancroft, James Phillips, Chris Jensen, Mom and Dad Haines and many residents too numerous to list.

CHANGING AND GROWING

When I was appointed to the Board, we no longer cared for children, but we still ran a farm operation and served our seniors in the very best way we knew how. Over the years, we were forced by circumstances beyond our control to let go of old ideas in the search for better ways to provide care. We grew from one campus to four, then three as we made the difficult decision to close Masonic Eastern Star Community in 2004.

As needs changed over the years, the Home's services changed. But we have never lost sight of why we exist – Masons, their wives and widows remain foremost in the Home's mission.

We no longer have a trade school, nor do we operate the farm. Residents stopped surrendering all their assets 10 years ago. Today, residents choose from a variety of services depending on their needs. Some may require skilled nursing care, while others need a less intensive assisted living setting. Other residents desire only occasional care, housekeeping and meal services provided in our apartments, while some prefer the independence of garden villas.

The generosity of Masons throughout the state help The Ohio Masonic Home communities provide

residents with cheerful living environments, comfortable facilities, excellent services, and a caring staff. All provided with care, concern and compassion that is fitting to the name of Ohio Freemasonry.

MOVING FORWARD

One of the most important responsibilities your Board of Trustees faces in the years ahead is preserving the financial strength and viability of The Ohio Masonic Home. It is essential to do so in order to continue our charitable mission. Like most organizations in our industry, we face increasing economic pressures. Government reimbursement for skilled nursing care is being cut significantly despite rising operating costs. The economic realities are severe. But I can assure you that your Board of Trustees is doing everything it possibly can to reduce the impact of the ups and downs of the economy. They do so while still ensuring the provision of the best possible care and service to our residents and maintaining the integrity of the Endowment.

THANK YOU

In closing, I would like to thank Worshipful Brother Jerry Kuyoth, CEO from 1995 through June of 2004,

for his splendid leadership and guidance through those difficult years of transition. It was during Jerry's term that we eliminated Asset Surrender, introduced a "pay as you go" policy, opened admission to Masonic relatives through the concentric circles of care, accomplished reorganization of The Home into a parent corporation with an affiliated Endowment Foundation and two direct-care subsidiaries in Springfield. We also added three subsidiaries around the state. We also met the necessary criteria to qualify current and future residents for financial assistance through the Medicare/Medicaid programs. It was also a time when the Springfield campus was extensively renovated.

I also wish to thank Mr. David Stacy for assuming the responsibility of Interim CEO alongside his duties as Chief Financial Officer from July 1 until Brother David Bannerman assumed his responsibilities as CEO in October. I extend best wishes to Brother Bannerman for a long and successful tenure with The Ohio Masonic Home.

As I close out my term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I wish to thank the residents, employees, staff,

administration, and my fellow parent and subsidiary Board members, past and present, for their trust, loyalty and enthusiastic and dedicated service to Freemasonry. Also, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Masons of Ohio and the community in general for their fine cooperation and support, dedication, and loyalty shown to The Ohio Masonic Home through the years.

Fraternally submitted,

*Most Excellent Companion
William M. Berry, 33°
Chairman of the Board
The Ohio Masonic Home*