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Late Ashlar Village Residents Remembered for Generosity and Support. . .

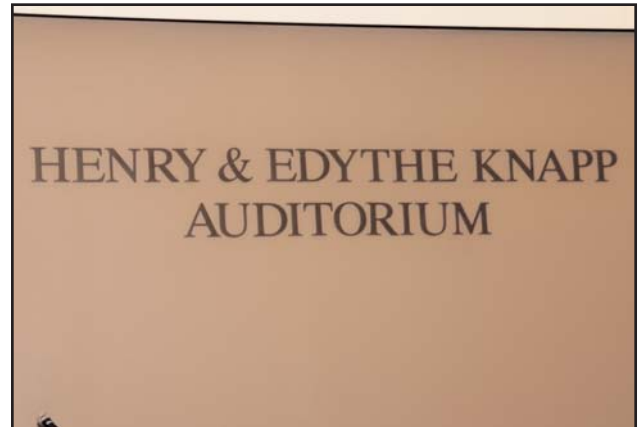
Auditorium Named in Memory of Henry and Edythe Knapp

Bro. Henry and Edythe Knapp were considered “pioneers” in the Ashlar Village retirement community — the first to settle into Cottage 16 back in 1984.

The former Trumbull residents were good neighbors who welcomed new arrivals and helped them transition into the developing AV community — hosting neighborhood picnics, driving residents to and from appointments, and enthusiastically volunteering their time and talents wherever they were needed.

The Knapps were also generous benefactors who strongly believed in the Masonicare mission and actively supported the work of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF).

Before his death in June 2007, Bro. Henry — who was a Mason affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 104 in Easton, Connecticut — made a \$500,000 gift to MCF through his estate plan to name the Auditorium at the newly completed Hartog Activities Center in memory



The late Henry and Edythe Knapp were Ashlar Village residents who were known for their volunteerism and generous support of the work carried out by The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. The Auditorium at the Hartog Activities Center was dedicated to the Knapps earlier this year through a \$500,000 gift Bro. Henry had made in his wife’s memory.

of his late wife, who died in September 2006.

Earlier this year, the Knapps were remembered for their generosity at a special gift-naming ceremony attended by

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President, Ashlar Village*

Ashlar Village residents, Masonicare officials, and family and friends. On May 30, the Auditorium was officially

dedicated the Henry & Edythe Knapp Auditorium.

“Henry and Edythe Knapp were outstanding donors and great friends to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut,” said Jennifer King, Foundation President, who presided over the gift-naming ceremony. “Henry and Edythe had a great love for Ashlar Village. And Henry felt strongly that his bequest in support of the Foundation’s gift-naming program at Ashlar Village would brighten the lives of current and future residents for years to come.”

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The Knapps (above), who moved to Ashlar Village from Trumbull in 1984, were remembered in pictures during the May 30th gift-naming ceremony at the Hartog Activities Center.

“Henry believed that the many spaces within the Hartog Activities Center would centralize important amenities and services for his fellow-Ashlar Village residents,” King said. “And, he was pleased to support the naming of the Auditorium in memory of his beloved wife, Edythe.”

J.P. Venoit, President of Ashlar Village, remembers Edythe as a gracious lady, who was very proficient and highly skilled. “Edythe volunteered her time unselfishly by utilizing her secretarial skills at Ashlar Village, greeting visitors, answering phones, taking menu orders and reservations for the dining room, typing and helping out in various departments as needed,” Venoit said.

“Hank had a dry sense of humor, was tall and well-groomed, detail oriented, and always had time to help a neighbor,” Venoit recalled. “He volunteered his time at Ashlar Village as treasurer of the

Ashlar Village Association and the Square Club — and wherever else he was needed, Hank was there.”

“Together, they made a difference,” Venoit said. “They were the ‘bricks and mortar’ of Ashlar Village. The dedication of the Henry & Edythe Knapp

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Henry, a long-time manager with the Southern Connecticut Gas Company in Bridgeport, and Edythe moved into Cottage 16 on October 1, 1984, transferring to Pond Ridge assisted living

more than 20 years later, on March 21, 2006.

As residents of Ashlar Village, the Knapps were well aware of the vital services provided to seniors through Masonicare’s continuum of care, such as the rehabilitation services they received at the Masonic Healthcare Center.

The Knapps actively showed their support for the Masonicare mission and the work of the Masonic Charity Foundation through Annual Appeal and Holiday Appeal donations, Tribute Gifts and Major Outright Gifts, three charitable gift annuities, and through their estate plan.

“Although Henry did not live to see the dedication of the Auditorium, he felt strongly about supporting the Foundation’s gift-naming program,” King said. “He believed strongly in the mission of Masonicare and, together with his wife, Edythe, was a lifelong supporter of MCF.”