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## Mossbergs Embrace an Active, Charitable, Masonic Lifestyle



Carl and Michelle Mossberg at home in Groton with their dog, Gage, one of their two Wirehaired Pointing Griffons.

Carl Mossberg of Coastal Lodge No. 57 has been actively involved in all things Masonic since becoming a Mason in 2001. In the last six-plus years, the 41-year-old Groton, Connecticut, native has packed a lot of goodwill and good works into a busy lifestyle that he and his wife, Michelle, fully embrace.

Carl works full-time as a building and automation engineer at Pfizer Inc. in Groton and takes classes at Three Rivers Community College, where he is working on his engineering degree. He is also involved in a whole host of volunteer activities that keep him

Masonic organizations across the state, he is also a strong advocate for Masonicare.

Towards that end, Carl and Michelle are strong supporters of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. "Helping the elderly is very important to me," says Carl, who currently serves on the Ashlar Village Board of Directors and is a former member of the Masonic Healthcare Center Development Committee. "Masonicare is such a good organization. I like supporting a place that really cares for the people it serves."

Carl's Lodge, Coastal Lodge No. 57,

busy nearly every night of the week. In addition to serving as chairman of the Connecticut Child Identification Program (CT CHIP) and contributing to a number of

generously supports the Masonicare Annual Appeal each year with a \$1,000 donation. "Charity and Relief always felt strongly about making a \$1,000 donation to the Masonicare Annual Appeal, and now my new lodge -- a merger between Charity and Relief, Pawcatuck and Asylum lodges -- is continuing this tradition," says Carl.

In addition to encouraging his lodge's support, Carl and Michelle donate generously to Masonicare as well. For the past six years, the Mossbergs have personally designated gifts to the Masonicare Annual Appeal through their pledges to Pfizer's United Way campaign. Carl also faithfully participates in the annual Masonicare Golf Classic and, this year, he served as a Walk Captain in the 8th Masonic district for the 2007 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk.

In their free time, the Mossbergs enjoy many leisure activities -- from boating and beekeeping to motorcycle riding and sausage-making -- as well as the Masonicare

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## Ashlar Village Resident Kay Schneider Faithfully Supports The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut



**Kay Schneider is a long-time supporter of The Foundation.**

She can often be found manning the front desk at Ashlar Village, or making special deliveries throughout the residence halls on her scooter. Kay Schneider has carved out her own niche at Ashlar Village and loves the home she has made for herself there.

Born and raised in New York in the Adirondacks along with a twin brother, Kay later attended Maryland College for Women, where she was president of the student body. After graduation, she worked in a law office until she met and married her husband,

Francis Schneider, an orthodontist. The couple then moved to Connecticut, where he opened a New Haven practice and she ran a thrift shop for charity. The Schneiders enjoyed their home in Woodbridge for many years, until Alzheimer's disease caused Francis to begin losing interest in caring for the house and working in the yard. At that time, Kay's three children encouraged her to find a place where she would have more assistance.

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*--Kay Schneider*

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Kay chose Ashlar Village because she liked the atmosphere. “It had a hominess and a friendliness about it,” she recalls. Eventually, it became too difficult for Kay to care for her husband in the apartment, and he was moved to the Masonic Healthcare Center Dementia Care Unit, where he remained until he passed away last October. “I went down

every day and was very satisfied with his care there,” remembers Kay. “I am very happy he was there.”

Kay speaks just as highly of the care she receives, especially from Masonicare at Home, a homemaking and companion program of Masonicare's Connecticut VNA. “I have an aide who comes every day, and the care I receive is perfect!” she raves. “I like everything about living at Ashlar Village. The people are friendly, helpful and agreeable.”

Because she loves her home and all it represents, Kay has been a long-time supporter of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. She is a faithful donor to the Masonicare Annual Appeal and the Holiday Appeal, and she regularly attends special events hosted by The Foundation. She has also made a generous, outright gift in her husband's memory, earmarked for the Dementia Care Unit at Masonic Healthcare Center. Kay finds giving to The Foundation to be an easy decision. “I support The Masonic Charity Foundation because I enjoy my life at Ashlar Village, and I like the work The Foundation does.” ☆

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events in which the couple participates. “I support Carl with the walk and whatever events Masonicare does,” says Michelle, a resource administrator at Pfizer Inc. in New London, who is working on her management degree at Eastern Connecticut State College.

“One of the obligations of a Mason is to help other people,” Carl says. “Donating to the Masonicare Annual Appeal is one way to help enhance the quality of life of many deserving elderly residents and patients of Masonicare.”

## *Giving from the Heart. . .*

# **Ionic Lodge No. 110 Joins the Ranks of the Masonicare Society**



**Ionic Lodge members shown here include (front row, l-r): M.W. Bro. Gail N. Smith, Past Grand Master, R.W. Bro. James W. Currier, and M.W. Bro. William L. Greene, Grand Master; and (back row, l-r): Bro. George L. Bardons, Bro. John M. Wolf, Bro. E. Bruce Card, and Bro. Raymond T. Krawiec.**

**W**hen it comes to giving time and money, the members of Ionic Lodge No. 110 are very generous with both. The Lodge has been a long-time supporter of The Masonic Charity Foundation (MCF) of Connecticut and regularly contributes to the Masonicare Annual Appeal and Holiday Appeal. And, in 2006, Ionic Lodge was among the first donors to join the newly formed Masonicare Society, which recognizes donations of \$520 or more per year to the Masonicare Annual Appeal.

“We really enjoy working with the staff at The Masonic Charity Foundation,”

says Brother William (Bill) L. Greene, Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut, and Past Master of Ionic Lodge. “We are a bunch of guys who really believe in what Masonicare does.”

The donation that made Ionic Lodge a member of the Masonicare Society was a \$1,500 memorial gift to the Quality of Life Fund at Masonic Healthcare Center. Their gift was made in memory of Bill’s daughter, Donna, who died in March 2006. In addition to their generous Annual Appeal donations, Ionic Lodge has also been an avid supporter of The

Foundation’s gift naming program, dedicating the third-floor lounge in 2000 -- and later, a fitness center -- in the Wright Residence at Masonic Healthcare Center. The members of Ionic Lodge also donate their time by participating in the Masonicare Annual Appeal phonathon. “Ionic Lodge No. 110, as long as we can, will continue to support The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut,” Bill says.

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Brother Jim Currier, Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge, says he appreciates Masonicare, its services, and the work that MCF does. He is particularly appreciative of the care his wife, Joan, receives in the Dementia Care Unit at Masonic Healthcare Center. “The staff up there are fantastic,” says Jim, who has been a Mason for 40 years and a member of Ionic Lodge for the last eight. “The care is very good. I am very thankful to have a place like this for her.” ☆

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## Masonicare Society Growing

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut is pleased to announce that 138 members were inducted into the Masonicare Society between November 15, 2005, and December 31, 2006.

The Masonicare Society, founded by Gail L. Smith and Gail N. Smith, recognizes donors who give \$520 or more to the Masonicare Annual Appeal each year. Beneficiaries of the Annual Appeal are the Quality of Life Funds at Masonic Healthcare Center, Ashlar of Newtown and Connecticut VNA. A beautiful donor board listing the names of each Masonicare Society donor is located outside the auditorium at Masonic Healthcare Center in Wallingford.

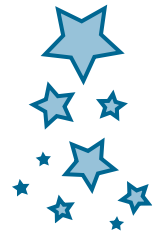
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For more information about the Masonicare Society, the Masonicare Annual Appeal, or any of our fundraising events, please contact Eloise J. Mongillo, Director of Development for The Foundation, at (203) 679-5572.

## 2006 Masonicare Annual Appeal Exceeds Goal

Your generous contributions to the 2006 Masonicare Annual Appeal put us over the top! The 2006 Appeal raised \$352,118, exceeding our goal of \$334,000! Beneficiaries of the Annual Appeal are the Quality of Life Funds at Masonic Healthcare Center, Ashlar of Newtown and Connecticut VNA. These Quality of Life Funds meet the needs of residents and patients when no other funding source is available.

Thanks to our donors  
for their generous  
support!



## The Foundation's Bequest Language

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut deeply appreciates gifts of all kinds. Should you wish to remember The Foundation in your Will, we encourage you to provide the following bequest language to your attorney:

*"I give, devise, and bequeath \$\_\_\_\_\_ (sum of money), or \_\_\_\_\_% (percentage) of my estate, or all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., located in Wallingford, CT."*

Bequests provide important revenue in support of the mission of Masonicare, enabling us to provide the highest quality healthcare programs and services to our residents and patients regardless of their ability to pay. If you wish to discuss a bequest to The Foundation, please contact Jennifer King, President of The Foundation, at 203-679-5570.