



Gift to The Masonic Charity Foundation Honors Memory of Longtime Residents. . .

Duck Inn at Ashlar Village Dedicated to Ralph and Hilda Waring



On hand October 18th for the Duck Inn Dedication honoring the late Ralph and Hilda Waring were (l-r): great-nephew Brad Zych and his wife, Tracy, from Dover, NJ; Brad's parents, Russell and Eleanor Zych, from Dunnellon, FL; and Barbara Nelson and her husband, Edward, from Port St. Lucie, FL. Eleanor and Barbara are Ralph's nieces.

From bacon and eggs to soup and sandwiches, the existing Duck Inn restaurant has been serving up breakfast and lunchtime fare to Ashlar Village residents for the past seven years.

Located in the heart of Ashlar Village, the Duck Inn was a favorite dining spot for the late Ralph and Hilda Waring. The Warings, who made Ashlar Village their home for 17 years, enjoyed eating breakfast there — and loved being part of the larger Ashlar Village community.

"Ashlar Village was very special to them," says Eleanor Zych, the Warings' niece from Dunnellon, Florida, whose visits would often include meals at the Duck Inn. "They loved it here."

The Warings were also avid supporters of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF), the philanthropic affiliate of Masonicare. Relatives of Ralph and Hilda recently paid tribute to them by donating \$30,000 from the Waring Estate to MCF, in support of the couple's favorite restaurant. Their generous donation, made in Ralph and Hilda's memory, is helping support the renovation and expansion of the Duck Inn that is currently underway.

The formal dedication took place at the Duck Inn on October 18th. Joining Eleanor and her husband, Russell, for the afternoon ceremony were their youngest son, Brad and his wife, Tracy, from Dover, New Jersey; Eleanor's cousin, Barbara Nelson, and her husband, Edward, from Port St. Lucie, Florida; as well as

Masonicare administration and MCF staff.

"I think Ralph and Hilda are beaming today," said Russell Zych, who remembers the Warings as a modest and unobtrusive couple. "They liked doing things quietly," he said, "but I think they are beaming right now and that overtakes any modesty on this one day."

Originally from New Bedford, Massachusetts, the Warings moved to Ashlar Village from Hartford, Connecticut, where Ralph had worked for Pratt and Whitney. At Ashlar Village, he enjoyed working with his hands.

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—Russell Zych
Dunnellon, FL

"He built all of the suggestion boxes, and he made an altar and a lectern. He also put tennis balls on the legs of residents' walkers."

Bro. Ralph was a Mason affiliated with Orient Lodge No. 62 (now part of Columbia Lodge No. 25) and was Worshipful Master in 1959. He was awarded his 50-year pin in 1997. Both he and Hilda were members of the Order of Eastern Star, Good Intent Chapter

Peases Ease into Retirement with Active, Charitable Lifestyle

Bro. Irving Pease and his wife, Madeline, are relative newcomers to Ashlar Village — and to retirement — but they have adapted quickly to their new lifestyle and are enjoying every minute of it.

“It’s been 18 months already,” says Bro. Irving, a longtime Mason and retired machinist who ran his own business in Enfield for 23 years, making small, high precision aircraft parts. “It doesn’t seem like it.”

The former Enfield residents said they weren’t even looking to retire when they visited Ashlar Village, Masonicare’s continuing care retirement community, in February of 2006. “I was still working,” says Irving, a Somers native who is now 72. “I had no intention of retiring.”

But retire he did and the Peases moved to Ashlar Village in June of that same year. This year, they will be moving into a new apartment in Notch Hill when construction is completed. “It was like shutting off a light switch,” says Irving, reflecting on his decision to sell his business and make the move. “It was time.”

Although the Peases’ lifestyle has switched into retirement mode, one thing that hasn’t changed over the years is their desire to help others. One way they do that is through their faithful support of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, the philanthropic affiliate of Masonicare.

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52-year Mason, who is a Past Master of Ionic Lodge No. 110 in North Windham and Past District Deputy for District 9B. “We’ve contributed for years.”

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The Masonicare Annual



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Appeal is a campaign that supports the Quality of Life Funds for residents and patients in need at Masonic Healthcare Center, Ashlar of Newtown, and Connecticut VNA, all Masonicare affiliates.

“We’re fortunate to be able to contribute,” says Madeline.

Most recently, the couple established a charitable gift annuity (CGA) with The Foundation, which is another way to support Masonicare. The Peases will continue to receive a steady stream of income from the annuity as long as they both live.

Charitable gift annuities have tax advantages and can be established as either a one- or two-life annuity, with payout rates corresponding to the age

Gift of Song, Matching Gifts Inspire Longtime Mason . . .

McClintocks Find Niche in Ashlar Village, Charitable Giving

Singing has been a lifelong passion for Ashlar Village resident Bro. Brower McClintock. You might even say the gift of song saved his life.

In July of 2002, when the New York City native and longtime Mason and Past Master developed congestive heart failure — a condition in which the heart does not adequately pump blood to the rest of the body — he thought his days were numbered. Brower began receiving hospice care by Connecticut VNA, an affiliate of Masonicare, and, by his own admission, had given up.

“Everybody had been here to see me,” he recalls. “I was 84 years old and I told my nurse I was going to die. She said, ‘You’re not God, are you?’ She was very religious. She also loved to sing hymns — and when she sang, I would harmonize the Bass. That was pure fun!” he says. “It was an unexpected kind of therapy.”

The therapy worked, and by September 2003, Brower was taken off oxygen and no longer required 24-hour care. Today, at age 89, Brower enjoys a clean bill of health and an active lifestyle with his wife, Kay — his faithful caregiver — in Masonicare’s continuing care retirement community. “I was given up for dead

— but I ‘flunked,’” he says with a grin.

Born in May 1918 in New York City, Brower joined his church choir in Bronxville at the age of seven. During his college days, Brower — a 1940 Yale University graduate — sang with The Sons of Orpheus and Bacchus and with the Yale Glee Club. In later years, he sang with the Litchfield County Chorus and helped raise funds for musical organizations.

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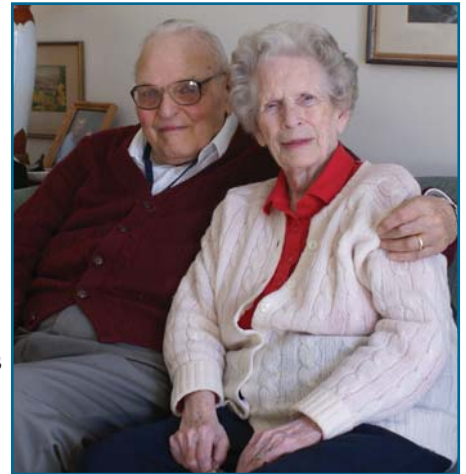
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my life,” he explains. “In my adulthood, it’s been a major form of relaxation.”

As a Wallingford resident, Brower joined the New Haven University Glee Club for two years, then switched to the Wallingford Chorus for four years until illness benched him in 2002. Today, he sings with the concert choir at Ashlar Village, where the McClintocks have made their home since 1993.

“I only have one eye and I



Bro. Brower and Kay McClintock are longtime Ashlar Village residents and faithful supporters of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

have trouble reading music, but I have a good ear and I try to fake my way through,” he says.

Brower and Kay — the former Kay Gillett who is a 1943 Smith graduate — are also avid supporters of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF), the philanthropic affiliate of Masonicare. They have supported the Masonicare Annual Appeal since 1984 and faithfully support the annual Holiday Appeal. They have also made tribute gifts to The Foundation.

As part of their giving, Brower takes advantage of the Matching Gift Program offered by his former employer, Mobil Corporation. “Corporate matching gifts amount to free money and double my own usefulness,” says Brower, who retired from

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Mobil in 1981. “When a company offers a matching gift program, why ignore it? Your gift to The Foundation will be matched dollar for dollar, in effect doubling the contribution The Foundation receives.”

In 2006, the McClintocks joined the Masonicare Society, a giving society in which donors are recognized for their contributions of \$520 or more each year to the Masonicare Annual Appeal. The Masonicare Annual Appeal is a campaign that supports the Quality of Life Funds for residents and patients in need at the Masonicare affiliates — Masonic Healthcare Center, Ashlar of Newtown, and Connecticut VNA.

Brower has also served as a phonathon caller for the Masonicare Annual Appeal, as a member of the Masonic Healthcare Center Development Committee, and as a Masonicare Golf Classic volunteer. He is a former President of the Ashlar Village Association and is currently serving on MCF’s Helping Hands Committee, which is helping to organize the 2008 MCF fundraising event at Ashlar Village.

“I think Masonicare is a leader in its field,” says Bro. Brower, a 24-year Mason who is affiliated with Compass Lodge No. 9 in Wallingford and Housatonic Lodge No. 61 in North Canaan. In 1988, Brower served as Worshipful Master at the former Western Star

Lodge No. 37 in Norfolk, Connecticut, and was awarded a medal for “Meritorious Service to Masonry” by his lodge in 1994. “When it comes to taking care of the elderly, nobody does it better,” he says. “The Masonic Charity Foundation deserves the best I can do.”

The McClintocks had been living in Norfolk, Connecticut, when Brower was introduced to Ashlar Village in the early 1990s. “I had been serving on a Masonic Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee that met in Wallingford,” Brower explains. “After one meeting here, I’d heard about Ashlar Village and thought I’d better take a look. I was immediately captivated.”

Upon moving to Ashlar Village in 1993, the McClintocks lived in cottage

77; after seven years, they moved into their current apartment in the Knoll Extension, one of only two 3-bedroom apartments in Ashlar Village overlooking the pond. “The view is great therapy,” says Brower, who delivers mail once a week in his motorized wheelchair. “I can sit in the dining room and watch the trees sway and bend. The pond is the core of beauty here.”

Married since 1943, the McClintocks have three children — Brower, Jr., Martha, and Kendall — six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

“We feel very blessed,” says Brower. “We wonder what we did right!”

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Does Your Former Employer “Match” Gifts?

Many corporations sponsor matching gift programs, which double — or even triple! — the amount of a charitable donation. If you think your former employer is one of them, The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut encourages you to contact the company and request a matching gift form. Upon completing the form, please submit it along with your contribution to The Foundation. The Foundation staff will forward the completed form to your former employer, as directed, to expedite the matching gift made in your name.

*For more information about the Matching Gift Program, please contact
Eloise Mongillo, Director of Development, at (203) 679-5572.*

Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut Welcomes 2007 Cleaveland and Baldwin Society Inductees

In the fall of 2007, The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF) was honored to induct the following Ashlar Village residents into the Cleaveland and Baldwin societies during its Annual Benefactor Luncheons held October 16 and 18 in the Waterside Dining Room:

New Gifts to the Cleaveland Society

Ashlar Village Op Shop

Ann Curtis

Bob and Edie Knowlton

John W. and Helen C. Kuhn

Ruth L. Ott

Christina G. Smith

Miriam and the late Nellis S. Treadwell

The late Ralph and Hilda Waring

Additional Gifts to the Cleaveland Society

Ferdinand Hartog, Jr.

Jean S. Kaas

New Gifts to the Baldwin Society

Dorothy O. Cole

Carleton V. and Georgia C. Erickson

Herbert C. Schattan

The **Cleaveland Society** was established in 2005 in grateful recognition of the individuals and organizations that have made unrestricted contributions of \$10,000 or more in a 12-month period to The Masonic Charity Foundation. Members' gifts take many forms, such as life income agreements, outright gifts, and confirmed bequests, as well as gifts of life insurance and retirement plan assets. These donations can be used in their entirety to support the healthcare programs, facilities, and services offered by Masonicare and its affiliates.

The **Baldwin Society** recognizes those who have made one or more gifts in the amount of \$10,000 or more in a 12-month period to the MCF Endowment Fund. Gifts to the Endowment Fund are held in trust and are never spent, with only the earnings available to support the programs, services and facilities of Masonicare and its affiliates.

Bequests

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut deeply appreciates all bequests. 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, at (203) 679-5555.

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of the annuitants. With a two-life charitable gift annuity, the balance of the original gift becomes available to support Masonicare’s many programs upon the death of the second annuitant.

“This was our first annuity,” says Irving. “We put the money in there and are getting a good return for the rest of our lives. It will also do a lot of good, helping to enhance the quality of life of those in need.”

The Peases’ association with Masonicare goes back many years. In 1979, Irving gave weekly tours of the Masonic Healthcare Center as a Right Worshipful District Deputy of the 9th Masonic District. Today, he serves as a member of the Masonic Healthcare Center Development Committee as well as President of the Ashlar Village Association.

Bro. Irving is affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 110 in Windham and with Compass Lodge No. 9 in Wallingford. In addition, he serves as Associate Grand Marshall At-Large for Ashlar Village.

Married for 43 years, the Peases

have two sons, Scott and Craig. Irving also has a daughter, Wendy, from his previous marriage, and two grandchildren; he is now a great-grandfather as well.

Madeline, 68, who was most recently employed as circulation coordinator at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, says she always had a feeling that their life’s journey would bring

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them home to the Masonicare campus in Wallingford.

“I think when we first married, it was always in the back of my mind that this was where we would end up living one day,” says Madeline, who grew up in Houlton, Maine.

And the move to Ashlar Village has been gratifying. “Everybody is so friendly here — all the residents,

all the people who work here,” she says.

“The staff bends over backwards to help you,” Madeline adds. “It’s like living in a five-star hotel. They spoil us!”

The Peases keep very busy within the Ashlar Village community. In addition to his work in the Woodcraft Shop and participation in the Computer Internet Group, Irving serves as the retirement community’s official photographer.

Madeline, meanwhile, works in the grocery store and participates in the Care Shawl Program, in which she helps knit shawls that are blessed by a chaplain and delivered to those “in need of a hug.”

“At Ashlar Village, you can be as alone or as busy as you want,” Madeline says. “There are dozens of things to participate in.

“You just can’t beat it,” she says. “Ashlar Village is wonderful.”

For more information about the benefits of establishing a charitable gift annuity, contact Alison Koons, Planned Giving Associate, at (203) 679-5573.

American Council on Gift Annuities: Rates for 2008

<u>SINGLE LIFE</u>			<u>TWO LIVES (JOINT AND SURVIVOR)</u>			
<i>Ages</i>		<i>Rates</i>	<i>Ages</i>	<i>Rates</i>	<i>Ages</i>	<i>Rates</i>
65	—	6.0%	65-65	—	85-85	7.9%
70	—	6.5%	65-70	—	90-90	9.3%
75	—	7.1%	70-70	—		
80	—	8.0%	70-75	—		
85	—	9.5%	80-80	—		
90 & Over	—	11.3%	80-85	—		

AV Residents Increase Participation, Donations to 2007 Appeal

Ashlar Village residents rang in the New Year with a new record of increased giving and participation in the 2007 Masonicare Annual Appeal.

In 2006, 53% of Ashlar Village residents had participated in the Masonicare Annual Appeal, donating \$28,364.40 towards the cause. In 2007, participation increased to 58%, with Ashlar Village gifts ringing in at \$42,738.

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut wishes to thank Ashlar Village Appeal Chairwoman Jean Kaas for her assistance with the 2007 campaign. Overall, the Masonicare Annual Appeal reached its 2007 fundraising goal of \$373,000.

Beneficiaries of the Masonicare Annual Appeal are the Quality of Life Funds at Masonic Healthcare Center, Ashlar of Newtown and Connecticut VNA, which meet the needs of residents and patients when no other funding source is available.

Thanks to all who participated!



Lisa DeFrancesco

Masonic Charity Foundation Welcomes New Assistant

Lisa DeFrancesco of Cheshire is the newest addition to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF) staff. As Foundation Assistant, Lisa is responsible for processing gifts from Masonic Charity Foundation appeals, processing sponsorship and event registrations

for MCF special events, and providing administrative support to the President. She also serves as administrative liaison to the MCF Board of Directors, greets guests and answers the telephone. Lisa brings with her past work experience from other area non-profit organizations, including Quinnipiac University and Long Wharf Theatre.

Please welcome Lisa to MCF!

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No. 17, in South Glastonbury.

“They were very much in love,” says Eleanor. “They would walk the corridors together and they were always holding hands. They were very devoted to each other.”

The Warings were married for 63 years. When Ralph died in February of 2006 at the age of 89, Hilda missed him very much, Eleanor says. Hilda died in September of the same year.

Although they are missed, the Warings will not be forgotten. A plaque commemorating their generous gift to MCF is displayed outside the Duck Inn, where residents go for good food at reasonable prices.

Today, the Duck Inn is undergoing significant expansion and, by the fall of 2008, will grow from its current capacity of 30-35 seats to a 90-seat operation, according to Joe McVerry, Director of Dining Services. The Duck Inn serves full breakfast specials and a wide array of lunch items, both hot and cold. Hours are from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Saturday.

“We at the Masonic Charity Foundation appreciate the Waring family’s gift naming very much,” says Eloise Mongillo, Director of Development. “Their gift in support of the Duck Inn means so much to so many. It is a fitting tribute to a dear couple.”

If you are interested in honoring a loved one through a gift naming opportunity at Ashlar Village, please contact Eloise Mongillo, Director of Development, at (203) 679-5572.

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Masonicare Quality of Life Walk

Great River Park, East Hartford
Saturday, May 17, 2008

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Registration: 9:00 a.m.

The Walk: 10:00 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$25

The registration fee includes a Quality of Life Walk t-shirt, light breakfast and light lunch.

Proceeds from the Walk will benefit the **Quality of Life Funds** at **Masonic Healthcare Center, Ashlar of Newtown** and **Connecticut VNA**.

For more information, please contact The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut at (203) 679-5585, (800) 562-3952 or log onto www.masonicare.org.



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If you would like more information about how you can participate in the 2008 Quality of Life Walk, please contact Eloise Mongillo, Director of Development, at The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut at (203) 679-5572, or at (203) 679-5585.