

A Wondrous Raising at Golden Fleece Lodge

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THE Golden Fleece Lodge in Lynn has never been so brilliantly proud as it was on Past Masters' Night, June 15, 2009. What a time it was! The assemblage of Brothers and Nobles was present from the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, and the State of New York Grand Lodge. There were 150 in attendance - so many, that some had to remain outside.

The central figure at this wondrous time was **Justin Allen Kumph**, becoming the fourth generation of Kumphs to be so honored. Not Jason, but Mason **Phil Kumph** had found the Golden Fleece!



Bro. Justin Allen Kumph (left) and his grandfather, Bro. and Noble Phil Kumph

Overwhelmed by it all, Phil laughed as he said, "It was like old-home week!" He saw before him **Peter Stone, Harvey Waugh**, all his usual Noble companions. But most distinctive were two past Grand Masters of Massachusetts: **Albert Ames and Arthur Johnson**, and one Past Grand Master from the State of Maine, **Wayne T. Adams**. With him also was Grand Treasurer of Massachusetts, **RW Larry Smith**.

Justin is presently a third-year student at Wentworth University, cooping with Perini Construction. Phil and all the rest of us are waiting and watching for the next chapter in his life!

Key enablers in this drama of Freemasonry were the Aleppo Shriners Past Masters Degree Team.



From Uncertainty to Hope

A family recalls their experience following a paralyzing injury

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD **Deanna Muir** doesn't remember life before her spinal cord injury. When she was just a year-and-a-half old, she was involved in an accident that occurred in her driveway. Initially, doctors thought she had escaped the ordeal with a few broken bones.



DEANNA MUIR

"They kept telling me how lucky she was," said Deanna's mom, **Cynthia Muir**. "But then a nurse noticed that she wasn't moving her feet, so more tests were ordered. That's when they discovered she was paralyzed from the chest down."

After spending a few months at a rehabilitation facility, her parents learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago. At the very first appointment, **Lawrence C. Vogel, M.D.**, medical director of the spinal cord injury program at the hospital, prescribed braces to keep Deanna's feet straight and a body brace for her spine. He also gave the family ideas to help Deanna move around the house and develop independence.

"The people at Shriners Hospital were miracle workers," Deanna's mother said. "Until we came there, the stroller was her only outlet for mobility. We didn't realize that she had to stand in order for her legs to grow, and we were able to construct a device to help her stand. We also created a little racecar with wheels on it so she could push herself around the house."

During elementary school, Deanna used a standing device that allowed her to move around unassisted by manipulating her upper body. The device was helpful at the time, but by middle school, Deanna decided a wheelchair would be easier to maneuver. Like many young patients with spinal cord injuries, Deanna developed scoliosis as she grew. In 2003, doctors treated the problem by placing rods in her spine. She has surgery twice a year so the rods can be expanded for growth, but according to her mom, that doesn't bother her a bit. "She loves going to Shriners Hospital,"

Cynthia Muir said. "I've never seen a kid that doesn't mind having surgery. We know everyone there, which is the best experience because it's so comfortable and inviting. It's like a second home."



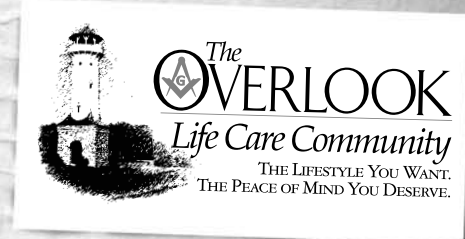
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The day could not have been more perfect. Phil and Jenna came to visit with Sarah and we walked the campus (I still can't get over how beautiful it is!). We stopped and had ice cream and played a game of croquet – Sarah's idea! She has *SO* much energy, and there is so much here to keep *US ALL* occupied! She wants to come up next weekend for the watercolor class! Maybe I'll take Sarah to the neighborhood gardens in the morning. We could cut some flowers for her to bring into class. Roses happen to be her favorite. *MINE, TOO!* I love having them visit! This is *BETTER* than I ever imagined!

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