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Stated Meeting Minutes November, 2003

Dr. Steven Ross presided. The following members were introduced to the Academy and signed the book:
Drs. Paul Curcillo, John Marks and Howard Ross.

The program for the evening was by Dr. Stephen Cohn whose topic was "Is Blood Obsolete?" After completion of this program a short business meeting followed.

Dr. Clarke reported that the Jonathan Rhoads Memorial Fund has reached \$26,150 toward the goal of \$30,000. A mechanism has been put in place whereby the Program Directors of General Surgical Programs in the area will receive a letter inviting them to send one resident in the case of smaller programs and two in the larger programs to the Annual Rhoads Oration. Enough funds have been raised to implement the program for this year's Oration on December 1, 2003. Dr. Clarke thanked the members for their generous contributions to the fund. He will continue to look for creative ways to raise the remaining \$4,000. A line will appear on the Annual Dues Statement which will allow members to make a "Voluntary Tax Deductible Contribution" to the Fund.

The By-Laws Committee will be reviewing and updating the Bylaws of the Academy. If any of the Fellows have any specific recommendations about bylaw revisions, please send either in writing to the administrator, Philomena Murray, 518 East Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA 19038 or e-mail: philomena47@aol.com

Respectfully submitted,

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