

## Important Upcoming Events

### October

#### October 3, 2009

6:00am - 10:00am Harvest Home Day  
 10:00am - 4:00pm Conferral of RAC Degrees  
 6:30pm - 10:30pm Grand Lodge Oktoberfest

#### October 11, 2009

2:00pm Warren Seipp Honorary DeMolay Chapter

#### October 12, 2009

8:00am MCM, Inc. Annual Golf Classic

#### October 17, 2009

10:00am Boumi Membership Ceremonial

#### October 18, 2009

2:00pm AASR Orient Honors Day

#### October 20 & 21, 2009

8:00am - 4:00pm MSAPPA

#### October 21, 2009

10:00am - 12:30pm The Rushmore Presidents  
 6:00pm - 7:00pm Rushmore Presidents Reception  
 7:30pm - 10:00pm The Rushmore Presidents

### November

#### November 8, 2009

10:00am Religious Service at Bonnie Blink

#### November 13, 2009

6:00pm - 11:00pm Grand Master's Banquet

#### November 14, 2009

1:00am - 5:00pm Annual Communication  
 6:00pm - 7:00pm Annual Communication Dinner  
 7:00pm - 11:00pm Open Installation

### December

#### December 6, 2009

1:00pm Mayor's Christmas Parade - Hampden, MD

## From the Grand Master

Brethren,



Recently, I sent a letter to the Worshipful Masters of a number of Lodges that failed to answer the role call at the Semi-Annual Communication. In this letter, I asked that the Worshipful Master explain why he and his Wardens were absent from the Communication. I also reminded them that the obligation they assented to when they were installed requires them to attend on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge.

It took two tries, but I have received responses from all of the Worshipful Masters who were absent. All of them had plausible reasons for missing the Communication and that was the same for the absence of their Wardens. Even though I probably incurred the wrath of several Worshipful Masters when I asked for an explanation, I do appreciate their taking the time to respond.

Attendance at the Communications of the Grand Lodge has as high an importance as any of the other duties of the Worshipful Master and Wardens of a Lodge. This is primarily because these Brothers are the representatives of their Lodge and are the ones charged with the responsibility of carrying the wishes of the members of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and casting ballots accordingly. If these Brothers fail to attend the Communication, then the members of the Lodge are robbed of their representation and voice in matters before Grand Lodge.

As Grand Master, I fully understand that there are times when, due to illness, important family obligations, or work schedules, the Worshipful Master and/or Wardens are not able to attend the Communication. In this event, our forefathers placed provisions in the Constitution which allow for another member of the Lodge or a Brother from a nearby Lodge to be named as the Lodge's representative, or proxy. All that is required for the Lodge to have a proxy represent the Lodge at the Grand Lodge Communication is for the Worshipful Master, through the Lodge Secretary, to notify the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the proxy. Once that is done, the Brother appointed to act as the Lodge's proxy has the authority to collect the Lodge's voting package and to cast ballots on behalf of the members of that Lodge.

Before appointing a proxy, the Worshipful Master should review the provision in the Constitution that addresses the appointment and use of proxies.

Most of all, we who are the persons elected to be the leaders of our Lodges, must remember that we are the ones charged with the responsibility of being the spokesman for our members, no matter whether it be a few or a few hundred.

We are beginning to make plans for the Leadership Seminar for 2010. This seminar will be held over a weekend in March 2010 at Rocky Gap State Park near Cumberland. This year, we will be inviting the attendees from the Ranks of Jr. Warden and Sr. Deacon so that we may concentrate on preparing them to become the Worshipful Master of their Lodges. More information will be sent to your Lodge and to your Grand Inspectors soon so that you can make plans to attend. It is my sincere hope that the 2010 seminar will be received as enthusiastically as the 2009 seminar was. I have been very encouraged with the feedback and comments delivered personally from those who attended the first seminar. We plan to add more important topics to the schedule for 2010 and use all of the available time over the two days to work with the future leaders of our Lodges.

Coming up in October will be a very important event which will be held at the Grand Lodge. This is the Rushmore Presidents. We will once again host Bro. George Washington for a morning gathering of students from surrounding schools. This will be followed in the evening with a reception at 6:00 PM and the evening performance by Bro. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.

If this event is even half as good as the Washington/Franklin and Washington/Lafayette conversations it should prove to be a wonderful evening. You will find additional information elsewhere in this issue of the Freestate Freemason.

Very soon, we will be rolling out a new web site for the Grand Lodge. We have hired a professional firm to work with us in creating a new web presence for us. When the new site is ready for prime time, I'll let you know so that you can take a look at it and give me your feedback.

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Deadlines for submitting articles & information for publication in the *Free State Freemason*: **the 1st day of March (Spring), June (Summer), September (Fall), and December (Winter).**

These dates are firm as the issue must be formatted and given to the printer the 2nd week of these months.

Send mail to:  
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### Article Submission

These points should be followed for articles submitted for inclusion in the Free State Freemason publication:

Original pictures or pictures from a digital camera on disk are fine - use the highest resolution.

Ink jet prints or newspaper pictures **will not** reproduce satisfactorily.

If you desire the return of pictures, they must have submitting individual's name on the back.

Pictures should have accompanying documentation detailing who is in the picture and what the picture represents if not accompanied by an article. Articles must be typewritten.

Articles can be submitted to the editor by e-mail, fax, regular mail or dropped off at the Grand Lodge office.



## The Grand Lodge of Maryland Ballroom Rentals



**Contact:** Raymond J. Vogel, Ballroom Coordinator at 410-527-0289

**E-Mail:** glballroom@glmd.org, Fax 410-316-9410

**Office Hours:** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday by appointment.

**Catering:** Approved list of caterers.

**Ballroom Capacity:** Receptions, 320, with a nice dance area. 410 for banquets without dance area. Separate room for Weddings and Special Events.

**Rates:** Call for information.

**Parking:** Free on site, 178 spaces.

**Information:** Foyer is marble with a fantastic staircase. Ballroom is 55 ft. x 111 ft., with hardwood floors. Twelve brass chandeliers, dance area depends on table setup. A must see in person to really experience the beauty of this facility. Call us and come see our Ballroom in this beautiful Hunt Valley setting.

## License Plates



Masonic License plates are available to Maryland Masons, with vehicles registered in Maryland, as well as their wives, widows, and sons and daughters living at home. You do not have to wait for renewal of registration. Call Ray Vogel at 410-527-0600 to find out how it works and how easy it is to put them on your vehicle. (*Motorcycle tags are not available*)

**Be proud of your fraternity and display these plates on your car this year.**

## Chair Plaques & The Tree of Life

**Chair Plaques** are for chairs located in the Corinthian Room on the second floor of Grand Lodge. You may have your own name on a plaque, or have it in memory of, or to honor a person, club, or group.

**The Tree of Life** is located in the main lobby of the Grand Lodge Building. You can sponsor a leaf on the tree, or have it in memory of, or to honor a person, club, or group.

**The Chair Plaques and the Tree of Life leaves cost only \$200.00 each.**

**This provides you with up to four lines on either, with twenty-one characters per line.**

**Call Ray Vogel at the Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600 to make arrangements for yours.**

## Masonic Charities of MD, Inc. Annual Golf Classic

Masonic Charities of MD, Inc. invites you to attend their Annual Golf Classic. The tournament will be held at Rocky Point Golf Course in Essex, MD. The proceeds of this event will be used to support Masonic Charities of MD, Inc. Scholarships, Student Assistant Programs and to continue Masonic Awareness and Brotherhood.

**Format:** 4 Person Captain's Choice

**Date:** Monday October 12, 2009

**Check-in:** Begins at 8:00 AM

**Time:** 9AM Shotgun

**Place:** Rocky Point Golf Course

935 Back River Neck Rd

Essex, MD 21221

**Fee:** \$75 per person / \$300.00 per foursome

**Includes:** Greens Fees, Golf Cart, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Beverages and Prizes

**Payment:** Please attach payment and return Registration Form to the Grand Lodge by Friday, September 18, 2009.

For more information contact: Tournament Director, Bob Ivey at (410) 608-6110 or mcmgolf@comcast.net

Hole sponsorships also available: \$100 per sign.

## Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. Cruise

Join Masonic Charities of Maryland on a Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean  
**July 1 – 10, 2010**

**Ports of Call include:** San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas; Samana, Dominican Republic; Labadee, Haiti

**Excursions include:** Bacardi Rum Distillery; Magen's Bay; Los Haitises National Park; Labadee Bay

### Pricing and Categories (includes Port taxes)

Category M (inside)	1,299.89
Category L (inside)	1,319.89
Category H (outside)	1,569.89
Category G (ocean view)	1,589.89
Category F (ocean view)	1,749.89
Category D2 (balcony)	1,949.89
(optional insurance: inside/ ocean view - \$89; balcony - \$119)	

A portion of the Cruise is tax deductible for charitable purposes.  
\$250 per person deposit required with reservation. Final payment due March 31, 2010 (Travel Agency imposes a \$25 per person cancellation fee once the deposit is received) A passport is needed for travel into the Caribbean.

For further information contact Florence Littleton, Travel Agent for the Cruise Lady (3041 O'Donnell St., 21224) 410-529-3553 after 6:30 pm.



## 75th Annual Heritage Parade

On July 4, 2009, Patapsco Lodge #183 participated in the 75th annual Heritage Parade. It was the first time the lodge has been in the parade since the 1980's and was one of the biggest parades in Dundalk in many years. 2009 is also the 120th anniversary for Patapsco Lodge. Therefore, we had a banner made noting the anniversary which was carried by the officers.



Marching in the parade were Kenneth Langston, WM; Roy Hosier, SW; David Deitz, JM; Frank Shannon, JD; Christopher Boggs, SS; and Nick Di Domenico, JS. We had a tow truck decorated with American Flags and banners hauling Masons and Rainbow Girls from Patapsco Lodge. It was a lot of fun and great exposure for us with the community.

## Grand Lodge Bookkeeping

All bookkeeping, bill paying and invoicing for the following four entities is performed at the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland, 304 International Circle:

- Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland (FEIN: 52-0226260)
- Maryland Masonic Homes (FEIN: 52-0567507)
- Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge of Maryland (FEIN: 01-0911124)
- Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. (FEIN: 52-1470411)

Please keep in mind a few things:

1. It is very important to identify your payments and or checks. Include invoice numbers or add a description in the Memo when making a payment. We can't always know what your payment is for.
2. Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum **and** Masonic Charities of Maryland are both classified as tax exempt 501(c)(3) entities.
3. Grand Lodge of AF & AM of MD **and** Maryland Masonic Homes are both classified as tax-exempt 501(c)(8) entities.

As always, please call if you have any questions about our billing or how to make a payment. We are here to assist you!

Rosie Frevel, Assistant Controller  
Bettie Dunkin, Controller

## Maryland DeMolay

The Maryland State Association of DeMolay Chapters (M.S.A.D.C.) held its' Annual Conclave and Installation of Officers at Salisbury University on the weekend of July 31st, August 1st and 2nd. Bro. Tommy Plourde, Frederick Chapter, was elected to serve as State Master Councilor of Maryland for the ensuing year.



Bro. Plourde will be accompanied by Bro. Alex Mathews, Chesapeake Chapter (La Plata), who was elected as Deputy State Master Councilor (pictured above). State Master Councilor Plourde has an aggressive term plan that should be fun and beneficial for Maryland Demolay this coming year. SMC Plourde has started all of us on a GRAIL QUEST and it all starts at the DeMolay alter, where young men start a life long journey of discovery and self improvement!

Conclave weekend went off without a hitch! The members, advisors and guest of Maryland DeMolay were treated to a weekend of fun and Fraternity, not to mention a few days of little sleep! Conclave saw the return of the Maryland DeMolay Volleyball Tournament with Catonsville Chapter claiming victory. Athletics Director, Dad Chris Gotsch also added a "Young Guys versus Old Guys" kickball game on Saturday afternoon. The OLD Guys, with the help of the ladies, and after much taunting by the Young Guys beat the Young Guys!



*Pictured above: left to right back row DGM Steve Ponzillo, III; Howard Kellog; E.O. Bill Eppig; Jeff Dill; Carl Michel, Jr.; Brian Harden; Sterling DeBold; J.C. Davis; Tom Reinhardt  
Kneeling: SMC Tom Plourde*

In keeping with athletics, the annual Chevalier versus DeMolay softball game was held later that evening with the Chevaliers, again with the ladies on their side, claiming victory after a late rally by the DeMolays. (The Chevaliers still believe that the kickball game was being used to tire them out so that they would be unable to perform that evening at

the softball game). Earlier in the day, everyone in attendance participated in Medieval Games. Participants competed in events based on medieval sports with a little twist from Monty Python's Holy Grail movie. The conclave Committee, headed by Dad Lee Riech, out did themselves again this year and is to be commended on their efforts.

State Master Councilor, Tommy Plourde and Executive Officer, Dad William Eppig, would like to thank M.W.G.M. Thomas Velvin, Jr. and the Deputy Grand Master, Steve Ponzillo III for traveling to Salisbury on Sunday to be in attendance at our annual Installation of Officers and Banquet. The M.S.A.D.C. also would like to thank all of our distinguished guests that were in attendance on Sunday afternoon as Bro. Tommy Plourde assumed the mantel of leadership of Maryland DeMolay.

In the last Freestate Freemason, the Maryland State Association of DeMolay Chapters was proud to announce the inaugural launch of the Warren Seipp Honorary DeMolay Chapter. This program was designed to honor Dad Warren Seipp, first Executive Officer of Maryland DeMolay (1928-1929) and Past Grand Master of Masons of Maryland.



We have also received the backing of the Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, M.W. Brother Thomas Velvin, Jr. on this endeavor. Applications for the Warren Seipp Honorary DeMolay Chapter can be found at the Grand Lodge and on [www.mddemolay.org](http://www.mddemolay.org). For those who filled out the application after the last article, they can be sent to:

Maryland DeMolay  
PO Box 724  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Please take a few moments to consider joining with Grand Master Velvin, the newest "DeMolay Chapter" in Maryland. Applicants will receive their DeMolay Degrees along with young men joining DeMolay, at the Grand Masters Class on Sunday October 11, 2009 at 2:00pm in the Grand Lodge Room. If you appreciate well done ritual work, this is an event not to be missed! All ritual parts will be communicated by the members of Maryland DeMolay! We look forward to welcoming you into the DeMolay Fraternity!



## Masonic Service Association Charitable Program For Our Veterans

The Masonic Service Association is a charitable program supported by our Grand Lodge to assist our Military Veterans during times of sickness and other required treatments while they are in one of our Veterans Hospitals. We try to offer varied activities that will make our veterans feel much better during their stay. Our organization can use help with volunteers to assist our representatives in implementing MSA programs. These programs include regular hospital visits on a specific evening, serve at the information desk on Monday and Thursday, bingo nights and many other social activities for our veterans. Any financial donations may be given to the MSA designated for a specific VA location to help with the program costs during the rehabilitation of our veterans. The facilities we serve are the Baltimore Veterans Medical Center, Perry Point, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and the Martinsburg, West Virginia Medical Center. Please feel free to contact Dave Schneider, MSA COORDINATOR STATE OF MARYLAND if you can assist us with our visitation program. Monetary donations are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to the "MSA" and sent to my home address and I will make sure they are sent to the proper person. You may contact me at 1114 Ingate Road, Baltimore, MD 21227. Phone 410-247-4039. e-mail daves@maxinter.net. Our area representatives are: Bobby Perry, Columbia Lodge No. 58, 301-898-7706; Anthony Pollygus, Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44, 571-243-8179. You may also contact our MSA Executive Secretary Richard E. Fletcher, PGM Phone 301-588-4010.

We are just beginning to make our program known throughout the State. Some of the areas of our State have no representation and we are trying to address having complete State involvement with helping our Veterans

I think you will find it very rewarding making some kind of contribution to our veterans. Whether it is some hours of your time or cash donations it will provide you with the feeling that this is what Masonry is all about.

Thanks – Dave Schneider, P.M.

MSA Coordinator for the State of Maryland

## Greetings from the Boumi Oasis

Spring has sprung, Summer has gone and now we enter into the Fall of the year. It will be great to enjoy the Fall foliage and the cool evenings once again. But more importantly, we will again have the opportunity to open our meetings and return to labor. For some, this will be a time of renewal after relaxing and enjoying the Summer rest. We at Boumi are preparing to assemble in Virginia Beach for the Annual Mid Atlantic Shrine Association Convention and Competition. This is always a great time and we get to renew old friendships and develop new ones. Part of the fellowship of our organizations and the benefits are the opportunity to meet and greet new friends and learn what others are doing and accomplishing in their Temples and Lodges.

The Summer was a busy time for us at Boumi, with the Imperial Convention in San Antonio, Texas, where we along with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland has the opportunity to be in attendance and see the Shrine of North America carry out the business of the Shrine and Our Hospitals. This was a very difficult Convention but the Representatives worked very hard to be sure that the hospital system was kept in tack and that the Leadership received the message that they needed to work hard to resolve the problem within the system. We at Boumi cannot Thank the Leadership of collateral bodies enough for their continued support and encouragement. For those of you who have never been to a major convention, I can't tell you what a great feeling it is to have the Leaders of our organizations with you at your

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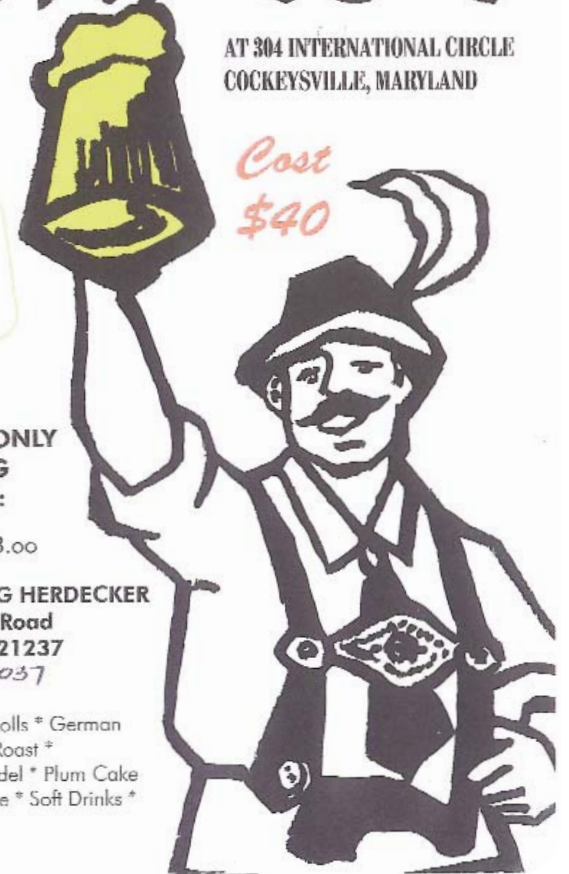
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Lutherville, MD 21093  
410-252-1386

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8419 Coco Road  
Balto., MD 21237  
410-391-2037

### Menu

Bratwurst \* Weisswurst \* Wieners (long hot dogs) \* Rolls \* German  
Potato Salad \* Egg Potato Salad \* Sauerkraut/Pork Roast \*  
Roasted Chicken - Halves \* Soft Pretzels \* Apfel Strudel \* Plum Cake  
\* Bienenstich \* Coffee Service \* German Beer \* Wine \* Soft Drinks \*  
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own Convention. The other Temples do take notice and are sorry that they don't have the kind of relationship that we here in Maryland enjoy.

As we enter into the Fall of the year, we look forward to the various activities that will be forthcoming: Harvest Home Day at the Grand Lodge on October 3rd and the Feast of Tishri, October 14th and the Orient Honors Day, October 18th at the Scottish Rite and the Membership Ceremonial, October 17th for Boumi to be held on the Eastern Shore.

We would again wish to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for their continued support and pray that the year continue to be successful and safe as they travel throughout the State.

Fraternally,  
James L. Davis, III, Potentate



## The Worshipful Master

by Melvyn N. Freed, 32°, KCCH, P.M.

"Worshipful Master" is a title of respect designating a position of authority within a lodge of Freemasons. It is a designation clothed with the habiliments of esteem and admiration. As with all organizations, the "CEO" is entrusted with certain duties and obligations the fulfillment of which determines the direction and wellbeing of that institution. A Masonic lodge will prosper when there is harmony between its Worshipful Master and its brethren.

The role of the Worshipful Master (often called simply "Master") is complex due to the historical evolution of this station and the *raison d'être* of Freemasonry. Incumbent upon him is the administration of the health and welfare of his Blue Lodge and the assurance that the lodge will remain compliant with the tenets of Freemasonry and the policies of the Grand Lodge. His actions must always be circumscribed so that he will bring honor to the fraternity and worthy consequences will be his legacy.

What does it mean to be the "Worshipful Master"? Master of what? What are his ultimate duties? This article addresses these intriguing questions.

The Master is a fraternal brother, leader, teacher, and facilitator. He is responsible for the preservation and perpetuation of Freemasonry in his lodge and, with others, in the wider community. Most importantly, he should be a man who is the master of himself and a dedicated facilitator for assisting his Masonic brethren in becoming masters of themselves. The Master is a teacher, and, as with others, he is a continuing student of Masonic principles. He understands that he is not all-knowing and must assiduously pursue moral and spiritual growth by degree.

It is the Master who is the chief craftsman of his lodge and whose duty it is to give direction to the process of enriching the qualities of good men within the structure of Freemasonry. This provides the building blocks for the continuation of our ancient fraternity, the modernization of which is assured by the dedication of its members. It is the Master who calls his lodge to labor, recognizing the appropriate time to stand down for rest and refreshment. He is cognizant that in the pursuit of Masonic precepts all of the craftsmen are, in a special sense, apprentices in search of the ultimate truth. The attainment of mastery is by degree as each of the brothers strives to build his own temple of perfection in his search for his true self and his relationship with others.

It is the obligation of the Master of a Masonic lodge to promote the dignity and integrity of Freemasonry by perpetuating its perfect tenets in ways that they will become natural functions of daily life. To accomplish this, the Worshipful Master should be all of the following:

**A man of faith** who walks with God as his guide and compassion at his side. A man who is ever mindful of the Grand Architect of the Universe, crafting his behavior as a compliant servant.

**A man of sublime character** whose actions resist wrongful temptations and whose words are of uncompromised truth. He preserves the pure principles of Freemasonry and transmits them to his Masonic successors in enhanced form.

**A man of wisdom** who teaches, not berates; leads, but does not drive; speaks when necessary; yet, does not fail to listen. He is a man who inspires his Masonic brethren as they seek further light in Masonry, and, by his conduct, causes darkness to vanish and light to shine. He is a Mason who motivates his brethren to embrace the finest values of mankind. His guidance encourages others to master themselves and, thus, attain the degree of beauty that is prescribed by the Grand Architect of the Universe. The Master shall be prudent in his decisions so that his lodge will prosper and the influence of Masonry will be magnified.

**A man of temperance** who realizes that he must learn to control his passions before he can guide others. Although power is his to exercise, he shall do so with discretion and compassion, absent of malice and subterfuge.

**A man of peace** who promotes good will and harmony within and outside of his lodge. In matters of civil affairs, the Master should be a stalwart citizen who is faithful to his civic duties, ever mindful that he represents Freemasonry in all of his endeavors.

**A man of charity** whose acts of compassion for others brings relief to the suffering. He acknowledges that while man cannot create life, charity is the means by which he can improve it. The Master appreciates that charity not only brings support to the afflicted, it also ennobles the benefactor. He teaches that a Mason's reach should never be shorter than his ability to provide succor to the needy.

In conclusion, the Master shall always be mindful of his duties to God, his country; his neighbor, his family, and himself. He should endeavor to approach the wisdom of Solomon through study, contemplation, and flexibility while understanding the strength of morality and the power of charity.

So mote it be!

## Ionic Lodge No. 145

Ionic Lodge No. 145 had the pleasure of giving two 60 year pins to William Benson and Charles Forbes, plus one 50 year pin to Edgar Rohde, Jr. at our regular meeting March 27, 2009.



Pictured Above: L-R John A. Young, Jr., PGM; Ralph Turnbaugh (Charity Lodge No. 134); Jeffrey Sherman, WM; William Benson; John Rafine, G.I.; Charles Forbes, Jr.; Edgar Rohde, Jr.; Grandson of Brother Forbes; Harold Rohde, JW of Winchester Lodge in VA.

## Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218 First Chip Event

On August 4, 2009, which was the National Night Out against crime, we held our very first MD ChIP event. We went back to District Heights, where our last temple was located. At this event, due to the tireless efforts of following listed, whom I sincerely thank for their time, we processed some 65 children. We started a little late, but remained until after dark to get those in line completed.



Bill Hines, Terry and Nancy Royce, Carl and Joanne Graham, Jesse and Roxanne Reisman, Edison Duncan, EA (St. Alban's), Mel Harrison, Jim and Dakota Cloud. Dakota Cloud stayed home and didn't attend the last summer major event for the Job's Daughters just to help us! Thank you, Dakota. Also to the wives, Roxanne and Nancy, who were so great with the children and made the night pass quickly and efficiently.

To Mr. and Mrs. Graham, whose kindness and jovial spirit made the night more palatable. While there we were asked to hold two additional events in the City, this month as well as other dates and times through the remainder of the year.

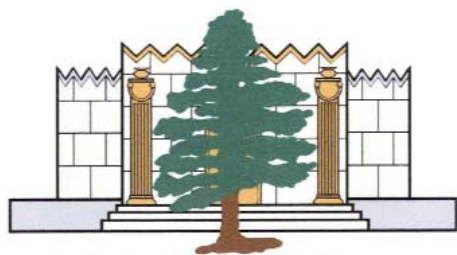
Dan Brewer, WM

## Royal Arch Chapter Degrees

As part of this year's Harvest Home festivities the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland will be hosting the annual Multi-Jurisdictional York Rite Festival, on October 3rd at the Grand Lodge building in Cockeysville. The four Royal Arch Chapter degrees will be conferred by degree teams from Delaware, the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. This is a special opportunity for Masons to see outstanding degree work from four different jurisdictions. Registration will begin at 9:30am and the degree work at 10:00am.

If you are already a Royal Arch Mason, you are encouraged to attend this event. If you are not, but would like to be, this is a wonderful opportunity to receive this further light in Masonry in a single day. We ask that you first petition a Chapter, pay the appropriate fee and be voted on. A list of Chapters can be found at [www.yorkrite.com/md/gcram](http://www.yorkrite.com/md/gcram). You can get a petition form by going to [www.yorkrite.com/md](http://www.yorkrite.com/md) or by asking a Royal Arch Mason. However, if you just show up on October 3rd, we will do our best to get you in. (Remember to bring your checkbook.) If you have questions or need more information, you can contact Lou Bandell, the Grand High Priest, at (410) 252-6020 or [gghpmd08@comcast.net](mailto:gghpmd08@comcast.net) or Bob Lumbert, the Grand King, at (410) 969-2682 or [boblumbert@aol.com](mailto:boblumbert@aol.com) (e-mail preferred). Please come and join us.





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<http://www.tallcedars.org>



Come and join us in our "Fun, Frolic and Fellowship."

Travel with us to the many Forests (Lodges) in our area. Attend our Conventions and help us raise money for Muscular Dystrophy Research.

Masonic related, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was chartered in Trenton, New Jersey in 1902.

Beginning in 1951, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon became the first organization to offer continuing financial assistance to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year marks our 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary supporting MDA.

*"Visit our website, use the Forest Finder to locate a Forest nearest to you & contact the Scribe for more information on how to become a Tall Cedar"*



## Grand Master's Message Continued from Page 1

Recently, we began to use a new telephone calling service to notify the Grand Lodge Officers of upcoming events and to alert them to changes in the Grand Line's schedule. This has proved to be very useful for spreading the word quickly. We have also created a list of the Worshipful Masters of our Lodges and a list of the Grand Inspectors so that we can take advantage of this service for their benefit as well. In addition, we have asked about fifteen Lodges to participate in a test of the system to send reminders to the members of their Lodges as well as important announcements such as memorial services. The cost is very reasonable and during the test period, the Grand Lodge will be paying for the use of the service.

If you receive calls from the system, and decide you would prefer not to receive future calls, listen to the options that are announced and choose the one that lets you opt out from future calls. Should you decide later that you would like to receive calls, you will need to personally notify your Lodge Secretary who will, in turn, add your number back into the call-up list. Some Lodges have been using a similar service for the past year or so and have reported that it is very well received by their members.

I look forward to seeing each of you as we travel around our jurisdiction and visit.

Fraternally,  
Tom Velvin  
Grand Master

## Nation's Capital Masonic Day of Prayer

The Nation's Capital Masonic Day of Prayer will be held on Saturday October 3, 2009 at 12:00 noon at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Nebraska Avenue, Washington DC.

The event is being jointly organized and hosted by the Grand Lodge, FAAM, of the District of Columbia and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of DC.

The Nation's Capital Masonic Day of Prayer was conceived to promote unity among all Masons, prayer and thanksgiving for God's blessings on our noble fraternity and for the contributions made by past and present brethren for its development, growth and prosperity, and reflection by Masons on the true purposes of our institution as requiring us to dedicate and devote our lives to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe.

The event will take place some two weeks following the publication of the much heralded Dan Brown's book, "Solomon's Key", which is to appear in shops on September 15, 2009. The focus of the book, we are told, is on Freemasonry and Washington, DC.

The event is open to all Masons, their family and friends, and refreshments will follow the program.

The event will also coincide with the arrival in Washington DC of hundreds of Masons from the US and other parts of the world to attend the biennial session of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction.

## Masonic Service Association Beyond the Call Award

Brother John Douglas recently was awarded the "Beyond the Call Award" at the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center dinner for outstanding volunteers.

In addition of being a Deputy Representative of the Masonic Service Association, John was the driver of the Veterans Affairs transportation van from Frederick, Maryland to the Martinsburg, V.A. Medical Center.

John also donates his time as a Masonic Service Association volunteer visiting with the veterans in the Medical Center.

John is a veteran of World War II with a busy schedule. He is very active in Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland raised to Master Mason in Columbia Lodge No. 58 on February 7, 1994 in Frederick, Maryland; Ali Ghan Shiner Cumberland Maryland; Past President of Hagerstown Shiners; Past President of Sayara Unit (little cars - Model T); Tall Cedars of Lebanon on (current Treasurer); Scottish Rite 32 Degree; Valley of Frederick; Valley of Cumberland; Knights of St. Andrew.

It is a great honor for me to have Brother John as a Masonic Service Association volunteer.

Fraternally, Bob Perry  
Masonic Service Association Representative  
Martinsburg V A Medical Center

## Can You Help Identify This Picture?



This picture was sent to the Grand Lodge from The Photo Detective.

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If anyone can identify the group or the individuals in this picture, please contact Jason at the Grand Lodge Office at 410-527-0600



## Harvest Home Day 2009

The hour glass is an emblem of... time. Behold how swiftly the sands run and how rapidly the seasons change. We cannot without astonishment believe that summer has passed almost imperceptibly and to our surprise, Fall is upon us and in the short space of a few days another Harvest Home will beckon men from both near and far. Your Harvest Home Committee has been at labor for weeks planning and preparing for the gathering of friends and brothers. Over a ton of sausage has been ordered, pounds and pounds of pancake mix, syrup and butter as well as bags and bags of coffee is being stockpiled for the fall feast. Pumpkin pies, fresh baked and delivered, will top off the morning meal.

Our Grand Master, Thomas M. Velvin, will have members of the Ham Radio Club on site and making calls worldwide should you feel like "reaching out to touch someone". Antique cars and tractors will be on site also for viewing or negotiations.

The Scottish Rite, York Rite, Demolay and Jobs Daughters will each have a display table and information on their organization. Will your Lodge have a table set up or a "sign post"? There is no charge and this makes a great meeting place and recognition for your Lodge.

If you have a car, tractor, or any item you would like to display call Marlin Mills at 410-836-8855/410-459-1500 or Fred Spicer at 410-740-8359 for entry arrangements.

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009.** Buses will start running at 6:00 AM and the last bus will depart at 10:00 AM. Parking is in the same place as always, McCormick Plaza.

There is no parking available on Grand Lodge Grounds! All of this plus all you can eat for only a \$5.00 donation. And, in addition, you will receive your "wages", a 2009 Harvest Home token.

## Remember When?



*In these undated photos, you can see tons of cars lined up on the Bonnie Blink property for the annual corn husking and Brothers standing in line for pumpkin pie.*

*What started as a day of labor has now become a tradition for all Maryland Masons.*



*The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.  
of Maryland and the  
Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial  
Library & Museum presents,*

## *The Rushmore Presidents*

*Come find out about the United States Constitution, the views of these four former Presidents of the great document, and the impact the document had on each of them.*



*Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
The Grand Lodge of Maryland  
302 International Circle  
Cockeysville, MD 21030*



*Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland*

*FREE to Masons, their guests and the public.  
Reservations Required*



Reservations must be made by September 18, 2009 and a ticket secured.

Preceding the 7:00pm performance, a reception will be available for \$22.00 per person at 6:00pm in the Grand Lodge Ballroom including fruit, cheese, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks.

Reservations for the reception and/or program may be made by contacting the Office of the Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600 or by email at [office@glmd.org](mailto:office@glmd.org)

*No reservation is final until confirmed by US mail or email.*



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## The Lewis Jewel

The word "Lewis" denotes strength and is depicted by certain pieces of metal dovetailed into a stone, which forms a cramp, and enables the operative Mason to raise great weights to certain heights with little encumbrance, and to fix them in their proper bases. Lewis, likewise, denotes the son of a Mason; his duty is to bear the heat and burden of the day, from which his parents, by reason of their age, ought to be exempt; to help them in time of need, and thereby render the close of their days happy and comfortable; and his privilege for so doing is to be made a Mason before any other person however dignified.

In the days of operative Masonry, it was a great source of pride when a son followed in his father's footsteps and was Entered as an Apprentice, his name "entered" on the roll, and thereby admitted to the Lodge. To study his father's skills and learn to use his father's tools were manifest expressions of the greatest honor and esteem a son could play. It was common to

carry on the tradition through several generations in the same family.

The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason, if, at the time of his Initiation, his father was a Mason in good standing. The initiate of a deceased father - in good standing at the time of his death - would also qualify. The jewel is suspended from two chains with two bars. The upper bar contains the name of the father and the date of his initiation. The lower bar contains the name of the son and date of his initiation. The Jewel comes in a wallet with a pocket holder. The father of a "Lewis" may also wear the jewel.

To qualify for the Lewis Award, contact the Grand Lodge office to secure the form for verification and engraving and return the completed form with the fee of \$65.00 in a check made payable to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The Grand Inspector will arrange for the Lewis Medal presentation.

# Maryland Masonic Homes

## “Bonnie Blink”

### Interested In Making Bonnie Blink A Part of Your Future?

Residents of Maryland Masonic Homes can maintain their independence while utilizing the amenities available to them in their Independent Living apartments. These one and two bedroom apartments come equipped with the following:

- Fully equipped Kitchen Living Room / Dining Room
- Basic Cable
- Easy access to complimentary laundry and trash rooms
- All utilities (except telephone)
- Weekly Housekeeping and Linen Services
- Maintenance Services
- 24 hour Security with Emergency Pull Cords and daily residential checks
- Social Activities on and off campus
- Scheduled Medical Transportation
- Flexible / Optional Meal Plans
- Access to Medical Clinic and Nurses

#### Retirement living has never been so easy!

Maryland Masonic Homes offers all comforts of Assisted Living in two different settings.

A personalized assisted living program offers assistance with activities of daily living such as medication management, bathing and dressing.

Residents also benefit from 24-hour nursing care, fine dining including three (3) delicious and nutritious meals a day, housekeeping and maintenance services, and a great social activity program with exciting excursions.

Our staff prides themselves on servicing 24-hour care for those residents requiring long term care.

We provide the following as it may be needed: medication and pain management, on campus rehabilitation services and hospice care support.

We also offer spacious private and semi-private suites!

A medical evaluation/review is performed by our Nursing staff to ensure proper placement and specific level of care needed. A medical assessment packet will be sent to your physician to be completed and returned within 30 days of admission.

Submit your completed Admission and Financial Applications along with the required one time, non-refundable processing fee of \$300.

During the application process you also have the option of reserving an available unit with a refundable \$1,000 deposit. This reservation will hold that unit for up to 30 days.

**Yes, I would like information about  
Maryland Masonic Homes**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Level of Care Interested In:**

**Healthcare** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assisted Living** \_\_\_\_\_

**Independent Living** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**  
**Maryland Masonic Homes**  
**300 International Circle**  
**Cockeysville, MD 21030**

### Maryland Masonic Homes Bonnie Blink Resident Council

To All Master Masons and Eastern Star  
Members of Maryland:



**Did you know that  
Bonnie Blink has a  
Resident Council?**

The first Council began in 1993. The name of the Council was called “The Independent Resident Council.” Brother H. Arnold Perkins of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116 was the Chairman.

Since that time, the council has grown and decided to change its name to “Bonnie Blink Resident Council.”

Our top officers are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Council consists of residents living in Independent Apartments, Assisted Living and Assisted Living Terrace. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm.

At our meetings, we have Department Heads speak to us about what is going on at Bonnie Blink. They keep us informed about what is currently being replaced, repaired and any upcoming new improvements. In turn, the residents can ask questions or express their concerns. The staff is never too busy to help and assist the residents with their needs.

All of the above makes the Resident Council very important and the lives of the residents more enjoyable at Bonnie Blink.

The Council holds three money making projects each year. Our biggest fund raiser is at Harvest Home Day when our Ways & Means Committee holds a bake sale and a 50/50 raffle. The raffle tickets sell one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. You do not have to be present to win; just put your name and telephone number on the ticket and if you’re the winner, you will be notified. The money made on our projects are donated to worthy causes. For example, we donated to the Bonnie Blink 75th Anniversary Gala event, money for a cart for moving around our new ice cream machine and also, we made a donation to the Armed Forces Foundation. These are just a few of our contributions.

Our motto this year is “We Share Because We Care.”

We ask for your continuing support and thank you for giving us this wonderful home.

Morley E. Frech, President  
Bonnie Blink Resident Council  
Oriental Lodge No. 158