

Free State Freemason



September 2006

CONTINUING IN THE "PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE"



From the Grand Master:

My Brethren:

As you receive this issue of our Masonic publication, The Free State Freemason, I'm sure most of you have either been on vacation or you are planning a late summer trip before the children head back to school. I trust you will all be well rested and ready to get back to work in Lodge and make the rest of our Masonic year meaningful.

I can tell you that summer brings no relief to the schedule of your Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master as we are constantly busy promoting "Maryland Masonry." The Summer Schools of instruction have been well attended across the state and we have been busy with various other Grand Lodge activities.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland has had the pleasure and privilege of hosting the 2006 Northeast Conference of Grand Masters and from all accounts it has been deemed a success. We were fortunate enough to have been able to hold this event in the old Grand Lodge building on North Charles St. and our distinguished guests as well as some of our own members were impressed with the \$24 million dollar renovation. Earlier in the spring we had the honor of reopening and rededicating the building and it was an emotional homecoming for all in attendance.

Our trip to Tampa and the Imperial Shrine Convention was fruitful and the situation that existed with Almas Temple moving into Maryland has been temporarily resolved. I hope that the Maryland and D.C. Masons who are involved with Almas are successful in resolving their internal problems and wish for them nothing but the greatest success in all of their future endeavors. As Grand Master of Maryland I am very proud of all our Shrine Masons. Being a Maryland Shrine Mason means you may very well belong to a number of different Temples, Almas, Ali Ghan, Boumi, Kena, Nur, and Zembo all claim Maryland Masons as members and I am proud of you all for your contributions to Shrine Masonry.

The "Sands of Time" continue to flow and with each passing day the light at the end of the tunnel becomes brighter. I sure hope it's not a freight train I'm looking at. In any event you will find in this issue resumes for the candidates for elected office. These Brothers represent the future leadership of our Grand Lodge. Please take the time to read over each of them so that when you attend our Annual Communication in November you may make a well informed decision.

My Brethren, let us continue "Making a Difference" one Brother at a time and one Lodge at a time. Together we can make it happen.

Ronald G. Bélanger

Grand Master



Deadlines for submitting articles & information for publication in the *Freestate Freemason*: the 20th of January, March, May, July, September, November. These dates are firm as the issue must be formatted and given to the AASR the last day of these months.

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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 return on the pictures they must have submitting individual's name on 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: gballroom@covad.net, Fax 410-527-0289

Office Hours: 8:00 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 see and feel 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. Ray is available during regular business hours Monday through Friday. **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. What a wonderful way to remember someone. Call Ray Vogel at the Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600 to make arrangements for yours.



John R. Biggs, Jr.

Candidate for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master

Masonic History: Past Master of Charity Lodge #134, Deputy Grand Lecturer in 1992, Deputy Grand



Lecturer at Large in 2000, Grand Lecturer 2004, W. Sr. Grand Deacon 1998, R.W. Sr. Grand

Warden 2000, Member of the Board of Trustees 2001-2004, Editor of the Free State Freemason 2001-present, Elected R.W. Deputy Grand Master 2005-2006.

Masonic Affiliations: York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Knights of Mecca, Tall Cedars, Masonic Veterans Association and The Free State Shield and Square Club.

I want to thank the Members of the Craft for their vote of confidence in electing me to my current office and I look forward to the challenges of the future should the craft see fit to elect me to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Jack R. Frazier

Candidate for the office of RW Deputy Grand Master

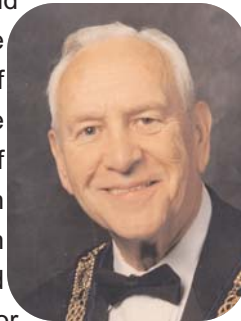
Education: B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Advanced Academic Education, majoring in Personnel Management.

Professional: Extensive background in all facets of personnel management to include labor relations, contract negotiations, business admin-

istration and budgeting

Masonic Background: Past Master of Silver Spring Lodge #215, Past Grand Inspector, Member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Masonic Veterans Association, Tall Cedars, Shrine, National Sojourners, Heroes of '76, Royal Order of Scotland, Honorary Legion of Honor for the DeMolay, Order of the Eastern Star, Past President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America and served as Right Worshipful Grand Secretary for 23 years. Currently serving as R.W. Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Masonic Awards: Grand Lodge of MD Warren G. Seipe Medal, Grand Lodge of DC Meritorious Service Award, Grand Royal Arch Medal for Distinguished Service, Honorary Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of N.C. and the Grand Lodge of Maine Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal for



Distinguished Service Beyond the call of Duty.

It is my sincere desire, with the concurrence of the craft to once again serve my Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maryland as the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

Clifton R. Friel

Candidate for the office of RW Deputy Grand Master

Clifton began his Masonic career at Temple Lodge # 128 A.F. & A.M. in Denton, Maryland on November

28, 1967, serving as Worshipful Master in 1974, Secretary since 1985 and Treasurer of the Mid-Eastern Shore Past Masters' Association since 1975.



In 1991, Clifton was the first recipient of the Grand Lodge's Warren S. Seipp Medal for Meritorious Service and has served as Grand Inspector for six years.

In the York Rite, Cliff has served as the presiding officer of all York Rite bodies in Denton earning him Knight of the York Rite Cross of Honor. Cliff has also served as presiding Grand Officer of three York Rite Bodies and received the order of the Purple Cross. He has served as Sovereign Master of the Allied Degrees, and is an officer in St. Cyprian Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Francis Scott Key Priory Knights York Cross of Honor and belongs to the Masonic Rosicrucians.

Cliff is a member of Chesapeake Consistory of the Scottish Rite as well as the Royal Order of Scotland.

Cliff joined the Caroline Chapter OES in 1975 and has served as Worthy Patron nine times.

Clifton says: If I am elected I will bring my activity in Masonic leadership positions to continued service to the Grand Lodge and loyal support to our Grand Master.



Thomas M. Velvin, Jr.

Candidate for the office of RW Deputy Grand Master

Blue Lodge: Camp Springs Lodge No. 227; Raised May 12, 1978; Worshipful Master 1985

Memberships: Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite since 1978; Ancient Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine since 1996; York Rite since 1998; Masonic Veterans since 2005; Chester River Shrine Club since 2005

Leadership Positions: Webmaster, Maryland Masonic Family since inception in 1994; Director of Work, AASR Baltimore Valley, 1998; Deputy Grand Lecturer, District 8, 2003; Board of Trustees 2005; Executive Committee, 2005; Chair, Policy Committee, 2005; AASR Holding Company Board, 2006; Right Worshipful Master, Southern Maryland Past Masters' Association, 2006; Asst. Treasurer, Christ Church at I.U.

Worshipful Junior Grand Steward, 1987; Advisory Council Bethel #41, IOJD, 1988 - 1993; Worshipful Master, Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge, 1990 - 1994; President, Camp Springs Temple Holding Corp., 1988 - 2003; Grand Inspector, 1994 - 2000. Served as President from 1996 - 2002. First President of combined Board; Board of Trustees, 1998 - 2004.

Executive Committee, 1998 - 2004; Chair, Personnel Committee, 1998 - 2003; Co-Chair, Imperial Shrine 2005 web site, 2002 - 2006; Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, 2004; Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, 2005;

Treasurer, Episcopal Church of the Nativity, 1978 - 2006

Awards: Warren E. Sipe Award, November 1996; Coroneted Inspector General Honorary in Scottish Rite, October 2001

Publications: More than sixty technical computer hardware and software publications

Jerry Piepiora

Candidate for the office of RW Sr. Grand Warden

Raised November 16, 1993 - Mt. Ararat Lodge #44; Worshipful



Master, Mt. Ararat Lodge #44 - 1999 and 2000; Grand Master's Award - 1999;

Worshipful Grand Marshal - 2000; President - Past Master's Association of Harford County - 2004; Maryland Masonic Homes - Board of Trustees - 2001 - Present; Tall Cedars, Har-Ce Forest #142 - Board of Trustees - 2003 - present; Board of Grand Inspectors - 2001, 2002; President, Board of Grand Inspectors - 2003 - Present; Chairman - Grand Master's Ball - 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006; Chairman - Hospitality Committee - Annual Communication 2005, 2006; Chairman - Hospitality Committee - Northeast Conference of Grand Masters - 2006

ORGANIZATIONS:

Mt. Ararat Lodge #44 Past Master's Association of Harford County; St. Alban Universal Lodge #233; Buomi Shrine Temple - Motor Corps; Buomi Shrine Temple - Knights of

Mecca; Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Baltimore - KCCH; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Har-Ce Forest #142; Conowingo Scottish Rite Club

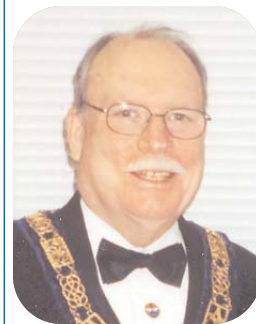
Henry C. McDonald

Candidate for the office of RW Jr. Grand Warden

Masonic History:

Blue Lodge: Raised in Concordia Lodge No. 13 on November 12, 1997; Worshipful Master 2001, 2002, 2003. Lodge received Grand Master's Award with Distinction each year; Currently chair the Catechism Committee; Plural member of Washington Lodge No. 3, Past Senior Warden.

Grand Lodge: Appointed a Grand Inspector in 2003; Appointed Instructor in the Masonic Law



School, Baltimore City/County, in 2004; Appointed to serve in the 2004 Grand Line as the

W.G. Sword Bearer; In 2005, appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F.& A.M. to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, A.F.& A.M.; In 2005, appointed to the Grand Master's Hospitality Committee; Member of the Past Master's Association, Baltimore City/County, and serve in the Line; Working member of the Harvest Home Day committee.

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Masonic Homes: Elected in 2004 to serve as a trustee for the period 2005 - 2007; Chairman of the Investment Committee.

Scottish Rite: Serve as an assistant Director of Work, co-Degree Master 18°, Diplomat and member of the Fraternal Relations Committee. Cast member of the 18°, 29° and 30°; Appointed to the Lodge of Perfection in 2001 and currently serve as the Senior Warden; In 2003, received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor, KCCH; Since joining in 1998, I have also participated in the 11°, 14°, and 32° and have served on the Degree Communicating team and as a class mentor.

Boumi Shrine: Became a Noble in 1998; Second VP of Knights of Mecca; Member of the Boumi ceremonial cast and the degree team; Member of the Ambassadors and Highlanders.

Other Masonic Organizations: National Sojourners, 2002, Royal Order of Scotland, 2003.

Kenneth Taylor

Candidate for the office of RW Jr. Grand Warden

My Masonic journey began in 1991 at Howard Lodge #101 and in the years 1997, 1998 & 2000 I was privileged to serve as Worshipful Master. I was honored to achieve the



Grand Master's Award in all three years, twice with distinction. I now serve as the lodge Marshal and Ritualist. In 2004 I was appointed Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer. Also I was appointed as a Grand Inspector, a job I truly enjoy. In 1992 I joined the Scottish Rite and Boumi Temple. I was a part of the last York Rite festival class to be held at the old Grand Lodge building. I have earned the Gold Card for ritual in the Grand Master's Pursuit of Excellence Program. Other organizations I participate in are: Baltimore Highlands Square Club - Past President and current Treasurer; Member of State Trooper Lodge #69 F.O.P.; Catonsville Elks #2323-Past Exalted Ruler.

I am a candidate for Rite Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. It would be a great honor to serve the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the brethren of the craft.

Herbert Y. Holcomb, III

Candidate for the office of RW Grand Secretary

Masonic Background: Past Master of Oriental Lodge #158 in 1982, 1989, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002 and 2003. Past Grand Inspector, Past VP of the Board of Grand Inspector's, Past Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon, Past member of the Board of Managers, Past President of the Past Master's Association of Baltimore City/County and Currently is the Right Worshipful



Grand Secretary.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars, Shrine, Knights of Mecca, Masonic Veterans Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren of the Grand Lodge for giving me the honor of serving you in the office I now hold and I hope that with their support to continue in that capacity.

Charles I. S. Hahn

Candidate for the Board of Managers

Professional Background:

Worked 38 years with the Defense Contract Audit Agency serving as an auditor, supervisor, and twenty-two years as a "field audit office manager." As a manager, responsible for long range planning, and daily operation of the office.

The individual offices audited in excess of 300 contractors with annual sales to the U. S. Government over \$4 billion.

Since retirement in 1998, I established a consulting relationship with many companies having contracts with the government and assist them in resolving complex government contract issues.

For the past 17 years, I have operated a full-service tax and accounting practice as a Certified Public Accountant.

Education/Certifications, Etc.: BS

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(Accounting), Kansas State College MBA, Frostburg State University Certified Public Accountant, Maryland Adjunct Professor, Montgomery College, Maryland

Personal Background: Married for 29 years with four children and three grandchildren.

Blue Lodge: Raised, Pentalfa Lodge, 1989 Worshipful Master, 1995, 2000, 2005. Secretary, four years

Grand Lodge: Grand Inspector, 1996-1999 Board of Manager's, 1997-2003, 2005-2006; Member, Committee, Long Term Land Leasing

Other Related Bodies: Scottish Rite, 1991; Shrine, Boumi Temple, 1991; OES, Pentalfa Chapter, 1991; Past Patron 1996, 2000; Treasurer, seven years; OES, Grand Chapter of Maryland; Finance Chairman, 2003-2006

Arthur R. Dickerson Candidate for the Board of Trustees

Graduated from Kenwood High School in 1972, I entered the



Machinist trade in Feb 1974, and in May 1977 was accepted into a State regulated

Apprenticeship program with 12 months credit for 38 months experience. In May 1980 I was awarded the classification of Journeyman Machinist, having worked an addi-

tional 7,000 hours and met the State prescribed academic requirements. In July 1983 I established Dickerson Machine & Tool which was incorporated in 1987, and continues to manufacture precision machined components for industry.

I have been a member in good standing of Jephthah Lodge #222 in Essex, Md. since being raised May 2000. In 2004, as W.M., I participated with the elected officers of Union Lodge #60 and Jephthah Lodge #222 in formulating a merger agreement. The success of this agreement demonstrates the value of fidelity to our obligations and to the Masonic tenants.

My appointment to W.G.D.C. for 2006 has provided an opportunity to visit Lodges in all regions of our State. As each Lodge is unique in its character and reflects that of the community in which it operates, our Grand Lodge has an important responsibility and opportunity to help preserve and promote our rich heritage as Masons in Maryland.

George E. Hunt Candidate for the Board of Trustees

Professional Background:

Extensive and diversified experience in working with, supervising and managing professional/non-professional employees and technical operations involving the full spectrum of engineering disciplines and manufacturing related activities, facilities management, product line acquisition & integration, operation & capital budget preparation, new facilities establishment, con-

struction and project management. Successively managed many plant



facilities and environmental abatement projects, ranging from \$50K to \$40 million, from inception

through construction and commissioning within budget and schedule constraints.

My broad based technical & financial experience in the field of facilities engineering and operations would bring related strengths, to the BOARD, and add to the understanding of current facilities problems, and, the ability to offer corrective and/or improvement measures.

Education & Professional Associations: BS, Mechanical Engr'g., J.H.U., MBA, Industrial Management, JHU. (35%); Arch. Engr'g., Tulane U. (30%). Member-American Society of Mech. Engr's. and, American Society of Plant Engrs. Licensed P.E. State of Md. #5727

Masonic: MM and PM of Mt. Nebo Lodge N0.229, Member of Scottish Rite, York Rite, T.C.L, Boumi Temple, WGDC-1998, RWSGW-2004, Have served with the Board of Trustees for eight years (8 as Chair. Bldg. Comm., 3 as Chair. Exec. Comm)

R. Bruce Tanner Candidate for the Board of Trustees

No resume Submitted.



David L. Schneider
Candidate for the
Board of Trustees

Masonic background:
 Howard Lodge No. 101; Initiated
 March 18, 1963 - Passed April 15,
 1963 -Raised

May 13, 1963;
 Worshipful
 Master 1971;
 Served as
 Ritualist, Audit
 Committee,
 B y - L a w
 Committee,



Treasurer and Secretary,
 Present member of the Board of
 Trustees. York Rite 1963; Boumi
 Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Baltimore
 Maryland 1963; Scottish Rite of
 Freemasonry, S.J. USA Valley of
 Baltimore Orient of Maryland 1992
 received KCCH in 2005; Tall Cedars
 of Lebanon 2003; Baltimore Forest
 No. 45; Grand Lodge of Maryland;
 Elected Right Worshipful Senior
 Grand Warden for 2005; Appointed
 Worshipful Grand Lecturer
 November 2004; Appointed Grand
 Inspector 1999 and served six
 years for IONIC Lodge No. 145,
 COMPOSITE Lodge No. 212 and
 SHARON Lodge No. 182; Served
 as Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon
 2001; Served as Vice-President of
 the Northern Region Board of
 Grand Inspectors 2002-200; Served
 on the Board of Managers 2001-
 2004; Appointed to the Grand
 Masters Long Range Planning
 Committee 2003 and 2004;
 Appointed to the Committee for
 Long Term Leasing Project 2004

Murray K. Lilley
Candidate for the
Board of Trustees

Masonic History: Amicable Lodge
 No. 25. Worshipful Master, 1980;
 Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon,
 1992; Right Worshipful Senior
 Grand Warden, 1994; Grand
 Representative to Iceland (1992-
 1998) and Belgium (1998-present).

Business Experience: Served as
 Managing Director of the L-Group of
 Companies consisting of engineer-
 ing, design, construction, and proj-
 ect management for multinational
 firms such as Hitachi, Saangyong,
 Sea-Land Services, ADM Foods,
 General Electric, HMC (USA), and
 others. In 1997 the L-Group became



part of World
 S e r v i c e s
 Corporation
 and has
 extended their
 areas of
 expertise in
 the environ-
 mental field of recycling, medical
 waste disposal and co-generation
 of electricity using steam as the
 power medium. There have been
 multiple health care projects execut-
 ed from simple renovation to hospi-
 tal construction.

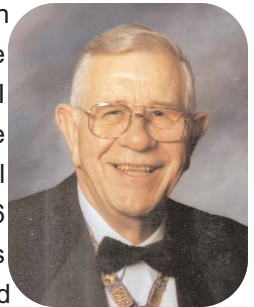
The experience of my service in
 various positions from the bottom to
 the top of major corporations with
 financial responsibilities as well as
 operational scheduling and a
 proven track record both in and out
 of the health-care field will with my
 election to the board bring a wealth
 of abilities as a member of the
 Board of Trustees.

To have the opportunity to serve as
 a member of the Board of Trustees
 and to share my knowledge and
 expertise in any manner that the
 board will decide. There is much to
 be done for the future and with our
 experiences in the past we bring a
 well-rounded approach to serving
 as a member of the Board of
 Trustees.

John A. Young, Jr., PGM
Candidate for the
MCM Board of Directors

My Masonic history begins June
 20, 1970 when I was raised to

Master Mason
 in Ionic Lodge
 No. 145. I
 served as the
 Worshipful
 Master in 1976
 and was
 appointed



Lodge Secretary in May 1980 when
 the then current Secretary passed.
 In December, of 1980, I was elected
 Secretary and continued to serve
 until January 2001.

I was elected Right Worshipful
 Deputy Grand Master at the
 November 2000 Annual Grand
 Lodge Communication and served
 with Most Worshipful Grand Master
 Bennie G Owens during 2001 and
 2002.

I was elected Most Worshipful
 Grand Master at the November
 2002 Annual Grand Lodge
 Communication and served as
 Grand Master during 2003 and
 2004. During my terms as DGM and
 GM and also as a PGM I

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served on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.

It would be my honor to be elected to serve this Board as an elected member. I believe my past experience and name recognition would serve the Board well in its quest for Lodge and member donations. I await the Grand Lodge members' decision.

Charles E. Blake

Candidate for the

MCM Board of Directors

Masonic Background: Howard Lodge 101; 1998 - 32° Scottish Rite; Shriner/with Boumi Shrine Camel Wheels; 2002 Sergeant; 2003 2nd Lt.; 2004 will be 1st Lt.; 2005 will be Captain; 2001 Appointed Ambassador, Boumi~Shrine

Other Masonic Activities:

Have donated numerous raffle items and have sold tickets at various lodge functions. 2002 Raised \$1,100 in donations for lodge pancake breakfast. Masonic Charity Golf Outing; 2002 - 2003 Chairman of the \$5,000 cash pay-out ticket sales; 2003 Founder of the "\$5,000 Club"; 2002-2003 Raised funds "On the Greens" during Golf Outing; Boumi Charity Golf Classic; 2002 - 2003 Chairman of the 50/50 \$5,000 cash pay-out ticket sales 2002- 2003 Raised funds "On the Greens" during Golf Outing Camel Wheels; 1998 - Co Chairman for Harley Davidson Raffle 2000 - Co-Chairman for PT Cruiser Raffle Presently. Sell monthly lottery tickets; Co-chaired recent "Oldies"

Dance at Boumi Shrine

Vernon W. Mules

Candidate for the

MCM Board of Directors

Business: Doughtie's Foods, Inc. Food Processing and Institutional Distribution - founded business with partner Robert Doughtie in 1962. Institutional Food Distribution for Broadline Institutional foods Distribution selling a fun line of food and related products to restaurants, fast food outlets, school systems, colleges, caterers, military installations and other institutional facilities in a five state area. Sold Food Processing business to Smithfield Foods in 1996; Sold the Institutional Foods Distribution business to SYSCO in 1999; Current Business Activities VWM, LLC - Business Consultant - Food Industry; VWHomes LLC - Residential Home Construction
Masonic Background: Mt. Moriah Lodge #116; Entered Apprentice June 1962; Fellow Craft July 1962; Master Mason April 1963; Scottish Rite 32nd Degree June 1980; Boumi Temple. A.A.O.N.M.S. Shrine June 1980

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III

Candidate for the

MCM Board of Directors

I am a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of Masonic Charities. The two central programs sponsored by the MCM are the Maryland Student Assistance Program (MSAP) and the Public High School Scholarship Program. Having previously served on the

MCM Board and being involved with the Scholarship Committee of the Board for the past ten years, I feel uniquely qualified to serve on the MCM Board.

Professionally, I have served the public schools in Maryland for over thirty-seven years. I have Bachelors and Masters degrees from Towson University and have advanced studies at five other area universities. For twenty-seven years, I have

served as a Principal and Assistant Principal at middle and high schools and



was a teacher

for eight years. Currently, I help train new public school teachers and teach graduate courses at Towson University.

Masonically, I am Past Master of Liberty Lodge, No. 219, have served in numerous Grand Lodge positions and current serve as Right Worshipful Senior Grand Ward and Curator/Librarian for Grand Lodge.

I hold the 33° in the Scottish Rite, currently serve as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. I served as Grand Master of Cryptic Masons and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Maryland.

I have been honored by the Supreme Council of DeMolay as an Honorary member.

I would bring this experience professionally and Masonically to the MCM Board.