

2009 Summer School Schedule

Grand Lodge of Maryland - Cockeysville, MD

Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.

Entered Apprentice Degree
 Open full form EA degree
 Receive GM with public Gr. honors
 Confer degree - Catechism

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.

Fellowcraft Degree
 Open full form FC degree
 Confer degree - Catechism

Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.

Master Mason Degree
 Open full form MM degree
 Receive GI – take up GMW
 Confer degree - Catechism

Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 p.m.

Entered Apprentice Degree
 Open full form MM degree
 Call off and open EA lodge short form
 Confer degree - Catechism

Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 p.m.

Fellowcraft Degree
 Open full form MM degree
 Call off and open FC lodge short form
 Confer degree with multiple candidates
 Catechism

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From the Grand Master

Brethren,

As you read this issue of the Free State Freemason, your Lodge is most likely preparing to take a break for the summer. In many cases, this break is welcomed because the Lodge has been busy “making Masons”. In others, it is just a time that the officers don’t have to put on their tux and attend Lodge. I surely hope the former is the case and, from the number of requests for dispensation to hold special meetings for the purpose of conferring degrees I have approved in the past few months, it appears many of you will be glad to have a few weeks off.

I do hope that Lodges that have a number of candidates waiting for their turn to receive the next degree will be considerate of their candidates and schedule degree work over

the normally dark period so that these candidates won’t have a chance to lose interest or become disgruntled. I also hope that the members of these Lodges will enthusiastically support their Lodge by attending these special meetings. It will show candidates that we support them and are truly interested in their future as Freemasons.

The Grand Lodge activities, and hence, the Grand Master’s calendar continue over the summer at nearly the same pace as when the Lodges are not dark. July is the month for the Imperial Shrine Convention and the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters as well as activities at home such as our celebration of the birth of our nation by gathering up here on the hill to visit and watch the fireworks at Oregon Ridge Park as well as the celebration of Masonry in Maryland at the Grand Master’s Ball on July 25th. Also, July and August are the months where we devote Tuesday and Thursday evenings to the renewal of our skills in the conferral of the three Degrees of Masonry. Tuesdays are always at the Grand Lodge and Thursdays are spent in one of the regions of the state.

Bro. Paul Fishell, PJGW and Grand Lecturer has prepared a busy schedule for the Grand Lodge Summer School of Instruction. This year with six schools to be held in the Corinthian Room at the Grand Lodge beginning on July 7th at 7:00 PM. This will be followed on Thursday, July 9th at Brunswick Lodge No. 191 at 7:00 PM. Look for the Summer School schedule elsewhere in this issue of the Freestate Freemason and come out to join us. These schools are for the benefit of every Officer who sits in a chair of a subordinate Lodge or the Grand Lodge. It is my sincere hope that we see more Stewards and Deacons at the schools this year than we do Worshipful Masters and Past Masters. Also remember that it has always been considered a high honor to be selected by the Grand Lecturer to sit in one of the chairs at Summer School, so sign up to work. Your Lodge will be very proud of you if you do.

By now, you should have heard the results of the balloting on the proposed change to the Constitution regarding distribution of Trestleboards via email. This change will allow members of Lodges to receive their trestleboard as an email message if they choose. Members who still prefer to receive theirs by traditional mail will not need to inform the Lodge Secretary. Members who wish to receive theirs via email will be required to notify the Lodge Secretary and to provide their email address to the Secretary. Also, these members are admonished to keep the Secretary informed of changes to email address in a timely manner. This is necessary due to the sheer number of email address changes that many users incur over time. Lodge Secretaries will need to learn how to set up email lists and how to deal with issues related to sending large numbers of emails at one time. When these issues arise, or if a Secretary needs assistance in setting up their email client software to use mail lists, the Grand Lodge IT Advisory Committee will be available. Please make use of the experience and know-how of these Brothers. The guidelines for preparation of trestleboards for email distribution will be sent to each Lodge Secretary before the end of June.

If you are vacationing away from home this summer, or if you plan to save gas and money and stay near home, I hope that you have a safe and enjoyable one. I also hope that you will take the time to join us at some of the Summer Schools.

Fraternally,
 Tom Velvin
 Grand Master

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.

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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.

Morale Help Needed in Iraq

In an email to the Grand Lodge office:

Greetings Brothers,

My name is Brother Greg Roberts, and I am currently deployed to Joint Base Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad. I am a member of the Air Force Reserve out of McChord Air Force Base. I am a Brother raised to light at Southgate Lodge No. 100 F&AM in the State of Washington.

We need your help. We need a flag from the Great State of Maryland to hang in our new outdoor pavilion, which we call 'The Port Palace'. We worked very hard building this structure on our off time, and would like a flag of our home states to hang from the ceiling.

This would help boost morale, and we would really appreciate the gesture. Thank you very much for your support, Fraternally, SSgt Greg Roberts

In reading this email, Grand Master Velvin agreed to send the troops a Maryland State Flag. After confirmation that the flag was sent, Bro. Roberts responded:

I really appreciate this. We've put in hundreds of man-hours building our own little oasis in the desert, and the flag would be a really cool addition.

On a side note, I told my Captain here that a fellow Mason offered to send us a flag for our pavilion.

My Captain said, "he'll send you a flag just because you're a Mason?"

I answered him, "no sir, he's sending it because HE is a Mason."

That's what it's all about, my Brother. Thank you very much for your kindness. This is the beauty of the craft.

Once Bro. Roberts had received the gift of the Maryland State flag, he sent the Grand Lodge of Maryland a Certificate of Appreciation along with a few photos of "The Port Palace".

The Grand Lodge of Maryland sends many thanks to Bro. Roberts and the 332nd Expeditionary Logistic Readiness Squadron, as well as to all Soldiers who serve our Country.



Trip to Grenada

In February, I completed a business/pleasure trip to Grenada. Known as the Isle of Spice, it is one of the largest producers of nutmeg. I visited during Grenada's celebration of thirty-five years of independence. There were sailing workboat races and parades. The national colors of red, yellow and green were hung everywhere. On the pleasure side, besides teaching math in a primary school for a day, delivering school supplies to that school, and completing scuba open water certifications, I found time to attend a meeting of Lodge St. George No. 3072 EC.

Letters of Masonic introduction from our Grand Lodge were followed quickly by emails from their Lodge Secretary W. Arthur Bain, PDGW. He graciously transported me to and from Lodge St. George's new temple.

Every Masonic lodge is the same and different which makes visiting overseas lodges so exciting. This English Lodge started their opening with sung odes. Over forty brothers were in attendance. Masonry is alive and growing in Grenada, having initiated seven new E.A.s in the past four months; four were there that evening. I was privileged to see an initiation of a new brother whose father and godfather had traveled from North Wales to be in attendance. During the business part of the meeting, I heard there is movement towards a "Grand Lodge of the Caribbean". Before closing odes, an offering for charity was collected.



Following the meeting a festival board with toasts to the new initiate and honored guests was commenced. At that time, I presented Grand Master Velvin's pins and Maryland Masonic passports to those brothers in attendance. Many toasts and fine food later, I was whisked back to my hotel with an open invitation to attend again.

Fred Laser, PM #134

Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No.1



Retirees, Shift Workers, Only Daylight Drivers, "Lost" Master Masons listen up!!

There is a Lodge that needs your support!

Come to our Lodge and renew "old" acquaintances, make new ones, hear interesting Masonic related information and enjoy a very well prepared lunch.

Where might all this be found, you ask? What time does all this begin? I have not been to my own Lodge for several years. Will I have a problem getting in? Are all our Ladies welcome?

The answer to these questions and more can be found at 10:30 A.M. on the second Tuesday of each month (July and August excluded) when Daylight No. 1 is open to all Master Masons. We meet on the lower level of the Grand Lodge of Maryland building, located in Hunt Valley. We open Lodge, do the normal business, close Lodge and welcome our Ladies to join us for the business at hand- it might be a speaker, a vocal person or group, a patriotic presentation, roundtable or whatever the program is for that date. When we have concluded the program, we adjourn to the dining hall for a very well prepared full lunch. The cost is only \$ 6.00 per person and it is well worth the cost.

Come see for yourselves! I believe you will be pleasantly surprised and will want to come back again and again. Your wives- significant other- friend, may join with the other ladies establishing their own connections during the short time we spend completing Lodge business. Attire is normal Lodge but not required. We welcome those Brothers who have disabilities. The Grand Lodge is Handicap-Accessible and your Brothers will make you feel comfortable and welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you there!! Let us share our Masonic moments together while we may. This is a Great fraternity! Be proud to support it.

Fraternally,
John A. (Jack) Young, Jr. P.G.M.

Greeting from the Boumi Oasis



Now that the good weather is with us and the carnival we mentioned in our last article is now but a memory, we look forward to the coming recess and the summer activities. Also, our Membership Night is now over and the results are yet to be determined. Although,

we did give out at least nine petitions for the Blue Lodge and a number for the Shrine, we could have had greater participation all around. However, everyone including the Units and Clubs had a great time.

When you read this we will have had or just celebrated the 125th Anniversary of Boumi Shrine and what a Gala that will be. And what a surprise it was to be told by the Chairperson that it was sold out by the end of March. I cannot say enough about the Chairperson, he really put it together and got the results. Over 450 people will have been able to be at the Temple to enjoy and remember some of the achievements that those who have gone before us have accomplished and now to look to the future.

Coming events for Boumi Shriners are the Imperial Convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas, where they will participate in the business of our fraternity and the Hospitals; and in September, the annual convention for the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association at Virginia Beach, VA. Some Shriners will be looking forward to the Temple's Fall Trip.

9 Days/8 Nights- October 2-10, 2009 to the Mexican Rivera Cruise Featuring the Copper Canyon. Fly from Baltimore to San Diego and board Holland America Cruise Line Hms Veendam. Ports of call are Cabo San Lucas Loreto, Tobolobampo (Copper Canyon destination) and Mazatlan. Anyone interested can contact Ernest Carter at 410-256-0790 or Lori Carter of Prestige World Travel, Inc at 1-800-777-4224.

We wish to congratulate the Maryland Masonic Homes on celebrating their 75th Anniversary and thank them for the excellent care they provide for the residents.

As the summer approaches, the Lodges and the Grand Lodge continue to hold classes of instructions for both the old and the new members. We thank you for the continuing efforts to teach us all the lessons of our fraternity and I encourage everyone who can attend to do so.

We wish for the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his Officers an outstanding and safe year as they travel throughout the State with their Regional meetings and other programs.

Fraternally,
James L. Davis, III Potentate

Vera Bradley and Longaberger Basket BINGO

Sponsored by the Scottish Rite Woman's Club

Sunday, October 11, 2009

Scottish Rite Temple
3800 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Tickets are:

\$15.00 in advance - \$20.00 at the door

Doors open at 12:45 PM

Early Bird Game at 1:45 PM

Food, raffles, 50-50!

Chauffer tailgate party!

Ravens vs. Bengals, 1 PM Kickoff Big Screen TV food & refreshments! \$10.00 per ticket.

Contact Leah Wilhelmsen for more information: 410-252-3379 - lkfaust@aol.com

Supreme Tall Cedar James W. Reed



Jim was born on March 16, 1932 in Pottersville, New Jersey. Later he moved to the neighboring town of Oldwick, and has lived there for sixty two years. He graduated from Flemington High school in 1950 and

also received certification as Public Works Director of Tewksbury Township.

Jim and Shirley were married on August 15, 1954. They have two children, James and Emilie, who have blessed them with six grandchildren. (4 boys and 2 girls)

Jim was raised a Master Master Mason in Host Lodge No. 6 in December 1967, after which he became a Tall Cedar in the Hunterdon County Forest No. 13 on June 12, 1968. He was elected Grand Tall Cedar in 1992 and again in 1999. He was treasurer from 1996-1998 and was reelected Treasurer in 1992. He still holds the office. He is a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation.

He was appointed District Deputy of District No. 8 in 1999, 2000, and 2001. At the 2002 Convention he received the District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Award for the year 2001. He was elected Supreme Director of Region 5

for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Jim has been a member of the Crescent Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Burlington, NJ since March 1982. He is a life member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites, Lodge Council Chapter Consistory of the Valley of Trenton, New Jersey.

He is a member and Past Patron of Hobart Chapter, No. 63 Order of the Eastern Star, High Bridge, New Jersey.

Jim was Director of Public Works in Tewksbury Township for twenty seven of his thirty two years employment and retired in April 1994.

Active in the Oldwick Fire Company since April 1953, he held the office of Chief for six years and the office of President for three years. The Company has elected Jim to be Trustee of the Oldwick Fire Company since 1982. He was awarded Life membership in the Oldwick Fire Company in 1991. He joined the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association in 1981 and is also a member of Hunterdon County Fire Chiefs Association.

A member of the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association since 1968, Jim has held many offices, including President for two years. He was elected to the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Hall of Fame in 1992.

Jim is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Oldwick and has served on the church council.

2009 Tall Cedars Goodwill Ambassador Kaitlin R. Spreen



Kaitlin was born on June 9th 1998, and was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type II at the age of 15 months. Waldwick, New Jersey is home to Kaitlin, (prefers Kate) her parents

Lynn and Daniel, and her brothers Danny and Evan.

A fifth grader and an excellent student, Kate likes Girl Scouts, art, swimming, animals, music, Hanna Montana and the Jonas Brothers. Kate also enjoys playing power wheelchair soccer and dancing with a modified dance company.

In 2006, Kate represented New Jersey as their MDA Ambassador and appeared on the MDA Telethon three years in a row. She has traveled extensively throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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.

York Rite Masonry is currently undergoing a resurgence in Maryland. Many of you have attended special programs at your own Lodges on what York Rite Masonry is about. These four degrees supplement your first three degrees and answer many questions. For example, do you know why you are given a "penny" when you attend Harvest Home Day? You will when you receive the Mark Master degree. Throughout your Blue Lodge degrees, King Solomon's Temple is in the process of being built. But after you receive the Third Degree, it is still unfinished. In the Most Excellent Master degree you will attend its dedication by King Solomon and see what marvels happened then. Do you recall that during the Master Mason degree something was lost and a substitute was used "until future generations shall find out the right"? The thing that was lost is found again in the Royal Arch degree, which is sometimes referred to as the "completion of the Third Degree". The forms and ceremonies of the Chapter degrees will be familiar to those who have gone through the Lodge degrees, and the lessons taught in the Chapter expand upon as

well as add to those taught in the Lodge.

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. You can get a petition form by going to 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 ghpmd08@comcast.net or Bob Lumbert, the Grand King, at (410) 969-2682 or boblumbert@aol.com (e-mail preferred). Please come and join us.

Further Light

I consider myself a pretty well informed freemason. I attend my home lodge and other lodges regularly. I do my best to attend masonic events to further my masonic education and read articles and books about the fraternity as often as possible. Yet, I was misled. Last year, there was talk about the re-dedication of PGM Warren S. Seipp's grave marker. The brother that was with me, another well informed brother, told me that our masonic home, Bonnie Blink was named after PGM Seipp's daughter. Not knowing any better, I took him for his word and even sent out notifications to brethren about the upcoming event and the correlation of the home and PGM Seipp. Would you believe not one

brother corrected me? I didn't find out until I was researching the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Maryland history that I discovered that Bonnie Blink is Scottish for beautiful view? That the Grand Lodge had been talking about buying land and building the Masonic Home for widows and orphans for seventy-five years? That they actually started in 1921 to buy and build? That in 1927, under PGM Seipp, they then purchased the land and buildings? That corn fields were part of the purchase and the Grand Lodge needed help in husking the corn, hence we have harvest home's day?

I found all this to be very interesting, not to say the least that no one had corrected me. So, I saw a need for masonic education outside of our lodges, where groups of masons can meet, and learn. Southern Maryland Further Light was then formed. We meet on the fourth Friday of the month at Centennial Lodge 174 in Upper Marlboro at 7:00pm. Our meetings are no longer than an hour. At our first meeting we had S. Brent Morris as our guest speaker who talked about Masonic history. Also he had on hand a supply of his book "The Complete Idiots Guide to Freemasonry" which we will use as our textbook for the first six months. Our members will also help in writing four papers a year on research of various masonic topics. If you are interested in joining us, please email me at somdfurtherlight@gmail.com or call me at 301-627-9631. The website is www.furtherlight.co.nr

My most sincere thanks to Brother Gerald Poe for his hard work on the website and assistance with Brother Steven Walls in promoting this endeavor.

Dan Brewer, WM

Masonic Charities of MD, Inc.

The Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. Board of Directors is looking for Brothers who would be interested in potentially serving on the Board or helping MCM, Inc. with their several events.

Please contact MCM President, Mike Codori at 301-460-7951 or mikecodori@verizon.net if you are interested.



Mountain Lodge No. 99 in Frostburg, MD would like to express their Sincere thanks and gratitude to Past Master Emery Vernon Loar for his many years of selfless dedication and service to the Lodge and Masonry in Large.

Brother Loar joined Mountain Lodge in 1950, served as Worshipful Master in 1956, was elected Treasurer in 1959, and served this office until May 1968 when he became Secretary, and has served this office since.



On May 5, 2009 Grand Inspector Bayani Casanova and Worshipful Master Dan Brewer traveled to Lexington Park to present Brother Gearhart his Sixty year Service Award.

Brother Gearhart and his wife, Ruth have been living in an assisted living facility since last January when their daughter passed away. It was a wonderful time had by all to visit and talk with these two. Brother Gearhart was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 11, 1949 in the original Seat Pleasant 218 temple in Seat Pleasant. Brother Gearhart had just celebrated his Ninety-fifth birthday on March 30th.

Pictured above: WM Dan Brewer with Brother Gearhart



Worshipful Master of Highland Lodge No. 184, Brother Ernest F. Lehr along with Grand Inspector, Brother Julius Poston present a fifty-year service award to Brother Raymond Wilner, P.M.



Worshipful Master of Annapolis Lodge No. 89 Bruce A. Lanier along with Tiler & Art show Program Director Ellis Tinsley greet Vice President Dick Cheney at Annapolis Lodge during the successful 3 day art show held during the last three days of May 2009.

Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. 2nd Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet

On Sunday, June 7, 2009, Masonic Charities of Maryland held the Second Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet in the ballroom of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

49 students from across the state were awarded with a \$1,000 scholarship. MCM, Inc. presented the second C. David Haacke Memorial Scholarship to one of the students present at the banquet. This year's recipient was Sabrina Moroz from Owings Mills High School. This scholarship was an additional \$5,000.

Also in attendance were Samantha Keane, Associate Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Girls and Caitlin Litzenger, Miss Maryland Job's Daughter 2009. Both of these young ladies received Grand Master's Masonic Youth Group Leadership Scholarship.



Pictured Above: (L to R) Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, RW Deputy Grand Master; Thomas M. Velvin, Jr., MW Grand Master; Sabrina Moroz; Mike Codori, President of MCM; Richard Naegele, Vice-President of MCM.



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

10:00 am & 7:00 pm

The Grand Lodge of Maryland
302 International Circle



George Washington
1st President
1789-1797

Portrayed by: Dean Malissa



Thomas Jefferson
3rd President
1801-1809

Portrayed by: Bill Barker



Theodore Roosevelt
26th President
1901-1909

Portrayed by: Jim Fowie



Abraham Lincoln
16th President
1861-1865

Portrayed by: J.ritz Klein

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MdCHIP ID's 5,000th Child

At the Boumi Carnival this spring with the help of many Lodges throughout the state, MdCHIP ID'd the 5,000th person. On hand to commemorate the milestone were Brother Doug Bassett, MdCHIP State Director, Illustrious Potentate James L. Davis, Carol (Mom) and M.W. Brother Thomas M. Velvin, Jr. Grand Master of Masons in Maryland.

At the time of this article we have ID'd almost 6,000 people. The program has been very successful, no matter where we go the public is impressed by the comprehension of the program and the dedication of our volunteers. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

MdCHIP recently launched a new website to assist the lodges in implementing their MdCHIP Events and to help keep the public aware of upcoming events. Visit this site at www.mdchip.org. If your lodge or group wants to hold events go to the Event Request Form at www.mdchip.org.

As the program grows the need for more supplies and equipment also grows, consider making a contribution to the program. Contact your District Coordinator to see how your Lodge can help; a list of District Coordinators and Lodes they serve is on the website under contact us. When your Lodge or community is ready to sponsor an event please make the request at least 90 days in advance. FREEMASONS IN ACTION AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!!



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State Area Schools

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Brunswick Lodge No. 191
Entered Apprentice Degree

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.

Cambridge Lodge No. 66
Entered Apprentice Degree

Thursday, July 23

James W. Bowers Lodge No. 173 - 7:00 p.m.
Fellowcraft Degree

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Centennial Lodge No. 174 - 7:30 p.m.
Entered Apprentice Degree

Thursday, July 30

Centennial Lodge No. 221 - 7:00 p.m.
Fellowcraft Degree

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Centennial Lodge No. 174 - 7:30 p.m.
Fellowcraft Degree

Thursday, August 6

Friendship Lodge No. 84 - 7:00 p.m.
Master Mason Degree

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Centennial Lodge No. 174 - 7:30 p.m.
Master Mason Degree

Thursday, August 13

Temple Lodge No. 128 - 7:00 p.m.
Master Mason Degree

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Centennial Lodge No. 174 - 7:30 p.m.
Special topics

Maryland Honorary DeMolay

The Maryland State Association of DeMolay Chapters is 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.

The membership of Warren Seipp Honorary DeMolay Chapter will be composed of Master Masons who have attained the age of 21 years and are not Senior DeMolays. Membership in DeMolay is from 13 to 21, which is the reasoning behind the age requirement. Those younger than 21 can still join DeMolay if they so desire.

Applicants for membership into the Warren Seipp Honorary DeMolay Chapter will receive both degrees of DeMolay at our annual Degree Classes. These degrees will be taken along side young men who are joining DeMolay as active members. Along with the degrees, Honorary Members will receive a membership certificate and membership pocket medal. This pocket medal can be proudly worn to Masonic events and will show your support of DeMolay in Maryland! As an Honorary DeMolay, you will also be added to the contact list of a local Chapter in your area. These local Chapters will send information on their meetings and upcoming events as well as State events. Honorary DeMolays are asked to make every attempt to visit the local Chapter at least once during the year. Honorary DeMolays will also be invited to attend a social event for the Warren Seipp Chapter. This event will be to help promote DeMolay brotherhood among the members.

The application fee of \$75.00 is a one time Life Membership. The fee will be used to cover all administrative costs of the program and help with educational and leadership opportunities for the members of DeMolay in Maryland. Please take some time to look over this program. DeMolay can be looked at as the "first" step in Masonry. The young men who join DeMolay are well versed in running a Chapter and ritual work and look forward to joining Masonry when they reach the proper age. Please visit www.mddemolay.org or www.demolay.org for further information on DeMolay.

**Maryland Honorary DeMolay
Warren Seipp, PGM Chapter**

Application for Membership

(Please Print)
Date: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

I am a current and legal member of:

Masonic Lodge and Number: _____

Location: _____

I am Member of the following Masonic Organizations: _____

We would like our chapters to invite you to their events as an Honorary DeMolay. What Chapter would you like to be associated with? (Please circle)

- Berlin Chapter – Berlin, Maryland
- Chesapeake Chapter – LaPlata Maryland
- Frederick Chapter – Frederick Maryland
- None at this Time
- Catonsville Chapter – Catonsville Maryland
- Cumberland Chapter – Cumberland Maryland
- Nelson J Briggs Chapter – Bel Air Maryland

Signature: _____

Your Life Honorary Membership Fee of \$75.00 must accompany this application

Received: _____ Notice sent: _____

Approved: _____

Executive Officer Maryland DeMolay



Past Grand Masters Luncheon

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Thomas M. Velvin, Jr., invited his predecessors to attend a Luncheon. The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters and the Deputy Grand Master enjoyed the afternoon in the Board Room of the Grand Lodge. Everyone was thrilled to see PGM William Clark in attendance.

Pictured Left to Right: (Standing) PGM John A. Young, Jr.; PGM Bennie G. Owens; PGM Francis E. Larrimore; PGM William M. Clark, Jr.; DGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, III; PGM Ronald G. Bélanger. (Seated) GM Thomas M. Velvin, Jr.

Maryland Masonic Homes "Bonnie Blink"

Resident Profile Harriet Cole



For Harriet Cole, there was never a question as to where she would ultimately move later in life in order to maintain her active lifestyle with a sense of security. It was a home in which she had shared strong

ties over the years.

The Maryland Order of the Eastern Star, which Harriet joined in 1950, has always had a close connection to the Maryland Masonic Homes (Bonnie Blink), a Continuing Care Retirement Community located in Cockeysville.

"All through the years there has been a special committee of the Grand Chapter to visit and bring joy to the residents," she said. "I have been visiting the community since I became a member of the Eastern Star and I always knew that some day I would be living there."

It was after her husband's passing in 2007 that Harriet decided it was time to make the transition.

"I am so glad that I moved here because I couldn't be any happier," she said. "The Executive Director, Paula O'Neill, and her staff provide us with excellent care and wonderful extra activities."

One major event Harriet was able to experience recently was the 75th Anniversary of Maryland Masonic Homes on May 1st in which staff, dignitaries, residents and supporters of the community enjoyed a truly magical evening filled with music, fine dining and a live auction.

During that week, Harriet and her peers along with friends and families also had the option of enjoying a Wine and Cheese Open House, Historical Slide Shows, a Chocolate Extravaganza and a Talent Show.

Being part of these celebrations for a place that had already felt like home for so long was a truly remarkable experience for Harriet, who would encourage others to make a similar decision. Aside from the camaraderie of her home with its several activities and celebrations, she has peace of mind in knowing different levels of care are available onsite to meet any potential health needs.

Now, almost 60 years since she joined the Eastern Star and was introduced to the community, Harriet has nothing but fun and future anniversaries to look forward to in a familial environment.



Photos: courtesy of Tom Dunkin - www.tdunkin.com

Greetings from the Hill!



Our 75th Anniversary celebratory week was a HUGE success! From the start of the festivities with the Chapel service and Open House on April 26th, resident events such as the Price is Right – 1934, to the grand finale gala and fireworks on May 1st, residents, staff, families, vendors, providers, Grand Lodge and Eastern Star members had a fabulous and enjoyable time. I want to thank all who participated and supported Bonnie Blink in this endeavor. A special thanks to the Anniversary Committee who worked tirelessly to make the 75th an anniversary to remember.

We opened our doors on May 1, 1934 to provide a Home to Masons and their families. Seventy-five years later we proudly boast a legacy of unparalleled compassion, care and service to

our residents. As we continue to celebrate our past throughout the year and plan for our journey into the future, the same commitment is our constant goal.

Please stop in and see the pictures of the celebration, a Resolution presented by Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, and the handmade quilt on display in the lobby.

This beautiful quilt, created with pictures of Bonnie Blink, past and present, was purchased at the gala auction and donated to the Homes by Grand Secretary.

Many blessings to all and enjoy the summer!

Paula O'Neill, NHA
Executive Director

