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Grand Master Wyvill presents Governor Larry Hogan with a specially commissioned medal the Grand Lodge issued to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the George Washington Monument in Baltimore, MD.



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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

January is always an exciting month. Maryland Masonry has successfully launched into 2016. All of our lodge officers have been installed and our lodges are settling in to work. The Grand Line has completed the annual cavalcade of "Open Installations." It is a very positive experience to be able to visit various lodges and to actually see what is going on. This helps all of us better understand the challenges our lodges face moving forward.

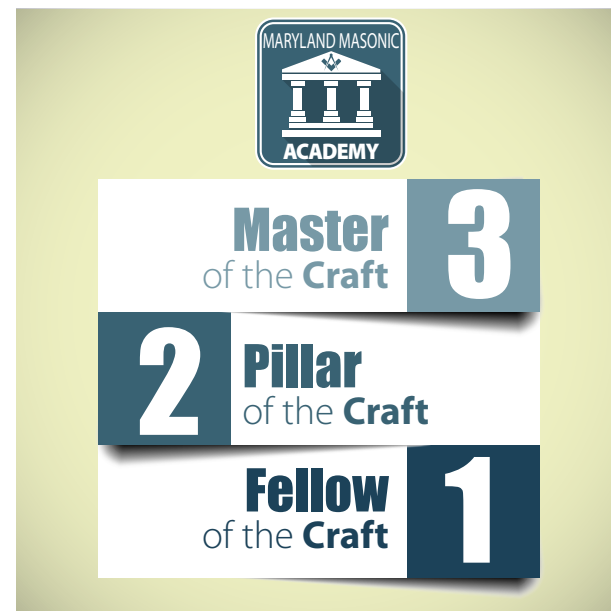
Where are we headed in 2016 and beyond? King Solomon said, "Where there is no vision the people will perish." Brethren we have a clear vision for Maryland masonry. Within our vision are the following priorities: Membership, Finances and The Masonic Homes (Bonnie Blink).

MEMBERSHIP

Membership will always be a priority but the actual making of Masons is more specifically our aim. I have come to the conclusion that although we raise a number of men each year, we must ask if we really make them Masons? What do I mean by this? Most of our new men never gain the depth of understanding and knowledge as they proceed through the three degrees to make them educated enough to really understand Masonry. So how do we resolve this? What is involved?

Having passed through the three degrees and catichisms barely scratches the surface of really becoming a Mason. So much information is processed in such a short time that most men cannot assimilate all of this that quickly. So many questions are left unanswered. This is a good thing as long as it inspires curiosity and motivates our new member to start his research.

Think about that special moment when you became a Master Mason. For most men this is a time when their appetite for masonry is insatiable. Therefore, I believe that if we actually produced a program to address some of this thirst for knowledge, we might assist our new members to become more educated and more interested in becoming engaged in masonry at some level.



To address this objective we have created the **Maryland Masonic Academy**. It is available to any Master Mason but we really want to encourage our newer members to enroll in this program. The Academy offers three different curriculums and is partially accessible through the Grand Lodge Membership website.

The first step consists of three chapters and three examinations designed to expand their knowledge and understanding regarding their experience going through the three degrees. Upon satisfactorily completing this program you will become recognized as a "Fellow of The Craft" and you will receive a beautifully framed diploma. Our goal is to have a better informed master mason who will feel comfortable discussing masonry with anyone.

The second step has twelve chapters and each is an academic exploration of masonry. Upon completion you will become recognized as a "Pillar of The Craft" again receiving a framed diploma.

The third step is designed to help a Mason in developing his leadership skills with an objective of him serving as a Lodge officer and ultimately Master of his lodge. Upon completion of the course material and upon serving as master of his lodge, the graduate will be recognized as a "Master of The Craft" and receive a framed diploma.

For those who complete all three programs, the culmination of their journey will be their induction into "King Solomon's Society." As masons know, King Solomon was the wisest of all men. Now you can become member of this elite group. This will eventually become one of the most prestigious awards in Maryland Masonry.

The first phase of this program is now available online and can be accessed by entering the Grand Lodge Membership Portal. I encourage you to get involved and expand your knowledge.

Please remember that The Grand Lodge exists for our members and therefore we have to work diligently to maintain an environment that will attract new men to our doors and simultaneously satisfy the needs of our current membership. This presents many challenges as our membership is so diverse. However one way is to improve our ability to communicate with each other. Two solutions to this challenge have been accomplished. One is "Compass Points" and the other is the new "Grand Lodge Membership Data Base."

"Compass Points" is an e-mail blast every week. It gets current information to all who subscribe and allows every lodge, collateral body and individuals with announcements to get their information out to our membership. How do you take advantage of this? Go to "MDMASONS.ORG" which is the Grand Lodge website and sign up. It is free.

We are also in the process of updating our Grand Lodge website to be more interactive and be more representative of who we are and what we do. We average 15,000 visits per month of which two thirds are new users and the number has been growing. We want this tool to be something which will not only present the best image of Maryland masonry but also one that you can use.

The new Grand Lodge Membership Data Base is open to you. "GLMD.ORG" gets you in. Your membership number will be needed to gain access the first time. The benefit of this new program allows you to keep your information current. If you change e-mail, mailing address or phone numbers it can be corrected immediately by YOU! This new system will allow rapid communication among lodge

members, lodges and the Grand Lodge. There are many more exciting features within this system and they will be implemented over the next several months.



FINANCES

The financial stability of the Grand Lodge as well as our subordinate lodges is critical to our present and future welfare. Today we are facing an old nemesis in the volatility of stock market fluctuations. This affects our various endowments and our ability to fund the ever increasing cost of our daily operation. These challenges also affect our Lodges and generally they are more vulnerable than the Grand Lodge.

We have been meeting with our financial advisor to proactively evaluate our present situation and to make certain that we are properly positioned to ride out any storm that may occur which may negatively affect our financial portfolio. The Investment Committees of our Board of Managers and Trustees have done a good job in reviewing our investment costs. The result has been lower management fees and a slight realignment of our investments. We will be watching things on a monthly basis and a more in depth review each quarter throughout 2016.

I am concerned about our Lodges for several reasons. Many of our Lodges have abnormally low dues structure which leaves them with very little operating capital. After the twenty-six dollar Grand Lodge Assessment the balance is often not enough to buy a meal for your family. We have allowed ourselves to be lulled to sleep over the years thinking that we either shouldn't have to pay larger dues to our Lodge or that somehow we would al-

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ways have enough money left over to make things work. What happens if the heating/air conditioning systems goes down or the roof needs to be replaced? Where will the money come from? Since many Lodges have experienced a reduction in dues paying members for a variety of reasons, it is becoming more and more important to look at the current lodge dues structure including the Grand Lodge Assessment and make those hard decisions to change things. I encourage every lodge to get ahead of this issue now. We are developing some ideas on this subject including "Grants."

In recent years several of our Lodges have received "Grants" which enabled them to renovate their facility. Obtaining a "Grant" is very complicated and not always possible. So we are going to bring in a professional who will work on a commission basis to seek out these opportunities for you. More information will follow.

MARYLAND MASONIC HOMES (BONNIE BLINK)

As you will recall we voted to separate the operations of the Maryland Masonic Homes from Grand Lodge last May. Work is still underway to achieve this goal. We have decided that the name of our new entity will be *Maryland Masonic Healthcare LLC*.

We are anticipating adding another layer of service for our Maryland Masons in the near future. This service will consist of providing Home Service to our members and their families as well as the widows of our members. Home Service will be able to reach masons all over the state and will prove to be an added value to all those with a masonic connection.

DOWN THE ROAD

We continue to build on the objectives set forth by the 2025 Committee. As you know, goals have to be reviewed and redefined periodically to make certain that we are on the correct path.

Today and into the near future many of our Lodges will be facing new challenges. Many Lodges are older and not functionally attractive to our aged members who can't eas-

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ily climb stairs or may need a handicap accessible bathroom. Too often today Lodges are only used 4-6 times each month while maintenance and other costs continue to increase. Some Lodges are facing a shrinking membership and they need to prepare for a reduction in their future revenue and possibly their ability to function as they do now. Shifting populations are also increasing the burden of finding new members locally. Simultaneously some Lodges have a significant amount of money tied up in the building which could be released if the building was sold. The money could be used to financially stabilize the lodge.

One solution is that some jurisdictions have begun reorganizing their Lodges into "Regional Centers." These are often new and modern facilities designed to be on one level and capable of accommodating several Lodges and collateral bodies at the same time. This allows for large scale activities to be conducted and encourages the Lodges to team up to confer degrees and accomplish other mutually beneficial tasks. Rental income can also be developed to provide supplemental income. The potential is unlimited. These centers may be owned by the Grand Lodge.

We are aggressively looking at this concept now. Remember, you approved the sale of some of our Cockeysville property to fund such an undertaking. We have a contract in hand and we are working through the final negotiations to make the sale. The plan is to reinvest this money in developing modern meeting facilities around the state. I will have more to report at the Semi-Annual in May.

Lastly Brethren, we are preparing to elect the next leaders of the Grand Lodge in May. We are fortunate to have an excellent selection of candidates. This is always important and I know that you will pay attention Thank you for everything that you are doing as you continue to make Maryland Masonry a Pathway to Excellence.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

 Kenneth Stuart Wyvill, Jr.
 Grand Master

MESSAGE FROM THE RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

by Kostas "Gus" Vourvoulas, RW Deputy Grand Master



The effects of the blizzard of 2016 have finally melted. Installations and regional meetings have been completed; now let's take a look at where we are, where we are going and how we are going to get there.

Membership development and retention has been and will always be our main focus. The making of quality Masons

should be the number one duty of every Blue Lodge. In order for our fraternity to grow we must continue our interesting and informative activities program both in an outside of our Lodges and we will retain the brothers that we have initiated.

Constituent Lodges must provide quality programs in order to keep our current members interested in attending lodge. Educational programs that include Masonic and non-Masonic topics can be used to encourage our brothers to attend their Blue Lodge. The events and activities that include the entire family are one of the strongest tools in maintaining a brother's interest in the Lodge. The ability of a brother to spend time with his family in a Masonic setting demonstrates that we are a family oriented organization. This allows us the opportunity to show every member of the family that we have something for just about everyone in our Masonic order. We offer *Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls* for the young ladies and *DeMolay* for the young men of our members. The *Order of the Eastern Star* is an organization that is available for the husband and wife to enjoy. We must let our members and their families know that there is always something for them in our fraternity.

In May 1985 Most Worshipful Grand Master C. David Hacke initiated a Membership Renewal Program as part of his overall *Solomon II Initiative*. This program recognized first line signers on new petitions through the awarding of Builders lapel pins. There is a place on the petition form asking if the petition is a Solomon II petition. We hope all Lodges will publicize the availability of this program to their members through their trestle boards and web-sites. When

sending in a Solomon II petition, the Lodge secretary must request a Builders pin and what type is needed. A Bronze pin is for the first line signer of one petition. A Silver pin is for the first line signer for two petitions and a Gold pin is for the first line signer for three or more petitions. The Grand Lodge encourages all members to participate in this membership development program.

The effect of losing members for non-payment of dues can very easily offset any membership gains that are made in other areas. Recently NPD's have been the difference between a positive gain in our membership and a net loss. This is an area where with just a little additional effort by the members of the Lodge in speaking to those who are in risk of being suspended can stem this loss. In every Lodge there is a **Membership Retention Committee** whose job it is to contact brothers who are delinquent in their dues



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and encourage them to become current. The sending letters is not always the best method to achieve this goal especially when personal contact works so much better. There are times when a brother may have lost contact and hearing the voice of another brother and friend will give him comfort in knowing that some-

one from their past cares enough to call. A phone call is a much more personal way of communication. By this method a committee member is able to understand why a brother has not paid his dues. It may be as simple as forgetting to send us a check. It could be that he has some grievance against the Lodge. If this is the case there is a possibility that the committee member could satisfy the brothers' grievance and bring him back to the Lodge as a participating member. We urge every Lodge to contact these members and make every effort to make them members in good standing. In the role of a brother on the **Retention Committee** carefully try to find out why he has lost interest, you just may be the reason the brother may decide to remain a member and perhaps become involved again.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland is working diligently to open the lines of communication between the Grand Lodge and the constituent Lodges. For years information has been disseminated through notifications sent from the Grand Lodge to the local Lodges.

The *Freestate Freemason* is published quarterly to bring information and educational materials to the craft. Recently new and more efficient electronic methods have been employed to distribute information to the brethren of our fraternity.

Compass Points is designed to distribute information to the members of the craft on a more timely basis. The on-line newsletter *Compass Points* is published weekly and has information about events occurring throughout the Fraternity.

The new *Grand Lodge Membership Program* will allow brothers to receive bulletins, announcements and other information from the Grand Lodge on their

personal information page. A brother needs only to log into the system in order to receive these updates.

The newest and a very exciting tool to be employed by the Grand Lodge for the dissemination of general information will be coming to a smart phone or computer near you. In the spring of 2016, the Grand Lodge will launch a monthly podcast for your listening pleasure. This podcast will contain the latest news and information from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and its constituent Lodges. It will also contain interviews from prominent masons from this as well as others jurisdictions throughout the country. In conjunction with this podcast the Grand Lodge will produce on You-Tube a video cast called *GL-TV*. It will consist of small segments sent from the brothers of local Lodges of the events that they are attending. The Grand Lodge is looking forward to this new method of communication and will keep you informed as to the progress of this new and exciting endeavor.

Brethren, as you can see that the Grand Lodge of Maryland is making every effort to better communicate with our brethren by implementing 21st century technology. We hope you will avail yourselves of these new and exciting informational tools and become a more informed mason.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe Bless you, your family and our entire Masonic Fraternity as we go forth "*Spreading the Light of Masonry*" throughout our great state and this great nation.

Sincerely and Fraternally
Gus Vourvoulas RWDGM

Masonic Memorial Service

for Brother **John Paul Jones**



April 24th, 2016
3:00 Post Meridiem

Annapolis Lodge
No. 89

Join Grand Master Kenneth Wyvill and Masons from across Maryland as the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Maryland conducts a Masonic Memorial Service for United States Naval hero, and Brother John Paul Jones. The service will be conducted at his tomb on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy. Bro. Jones' remains were moved from France to the United States in the early 1900's. It is believed he never properly received a Masonic Memorial Service.

The afternoon will begin as we assemble at **Annapolis Lodge No. 89** located at 162 Conduit Street in Annapolis. The assembled Brethren will then process through the streets of Annapolis to the Naval Academy where the ceremony will then take place at approximately 3:00pm. Plans include parking and shuttle arrangements to and from the parking lot area.

Save the date and take part in this historic commemoration of one of the heroes of our country and of Freemasonry!
See the full itinerary of the day's events on Page 23 of this magazine.



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STAKEHOLDERS IN MCM

Masonic Charities of Maryland, often referred to as “MCM,” has emerged from being the best kept secret in Maryland Masonry to the foremost youth-supportive enterprise of our Fraternity. The Directors of MCM are responsible for organizing and funding the initiatives that have grown from our commitment to the youth of our state since its formation in 1986. However, the real work of the organization—bringing the benefits to children—relies upon the partnership between MCM and Masons in every Lodge in the Free State. Are you interested in being a stakeholder in MCM? Here are some suggestions that may fit well with your interests and availability:

1. **Host a CHIP event.** This is probably the greatest public relations vehicle for your Lodge in demonstrating to your community that Freemasons care for and protect our youngest Marylanders. The highly-secure data collected from the child and parents at events such as school programs, county fairs, and community events provide parents with the material needed to use in the event of loss or abduction of their child. Contact Bro. Drew Taylor at drewtaylor@comcast.net to schedule an event.
2. **Be active in MCM Scholarships.** By following the time guidelines outlined in the information materials distributed to Lodges in November, you will ensure effective scholarship award planning. Work with the school in your area where a winner has been selected to recognize your student scholarship winner at a school awards program. Also, plan to attend the MCM Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Grand Lodge on May 15. Your active participation in this remarkable endeavor will demonstrate your support for these leaders of tomorrow.

3. **Raise awareness of MCM in your Lodge.** Invite someone from MCM to speak at an upcoming Lodge communication to explain what MCM is all about and answer questions about the work we do. Contact mikecodori@verizon.net for more information in securing a speaker.
4. **Donate to MCM.** Because MCM is a charitable organization, all donations—no matter the amount—made to MCM are tax-deductible. Funding for MCM programs depends on donations from many sources—Masons, businesses, and the general public—to continue the programs of support and assistance for our young Marylanders. These donations include one-time, periodic, and recurring gifts, as well as remembering MCM in your estate planning.
5. **Host a Lodge event dedicated to MCM.** Many events raise funds that may be targeted to MCM, such as dinners, raffles, yard sales, golf tournaments, bowling nights, etc. Several years ago, Centennial Lodge sponsored a target shoot on our behalf. You are limited only by your ideas.
6. **Become an MCM Director.** New ideas are the life blood of MCM, as we attempt to stay current with trends and changing needs for our youth. ANY Master Mason may be elected to a three-year term. Simply submit your name to the Grand Secretary, who will send your request to the selection committee for review. All that is asked of our Directors is regular attendance at our (usually) four annual meetings and active participation in our programs. This is not a bumper-sticker organization; everyone shares the work. The rewards are obvious: helping at-risk students through the Student Assistance Program, launching successful college careers with scholarships, and protecting elementary students by CHIP.

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS
CHARITY

MARYLAND DEMOLAY

by Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., Executive Secretary

With so much going on in Maryland DeMolay, it's always hard to decide where to begin. Installation season in the Grand Lodge is always an exciting time but it was made more special for us this year when several of our Dad's became Worshipful Master of their Lodge. In the words of our State Master Councilor in the last version of the DeMolay Herald E-newsletter “*Congratulations to Dad Carl Michel, Executive Secretary, who was Installed as Worshipful Master of Liberty Pickering Lodge No. 219. Also, Congratulations to Dad Reggie Eda, Chapter Dad of Chesapeake Chapter, who was installed as Worshipful Master of St. Columba Lodge No. 150. Dad Reggie was also installed as Senior Warden of Oxon Hill Lodge No. 231.*” Several other advisors were installed in their lodges as Wardens and other officers. Many of our members assisted with the Installation dinners for these Lodges and others showing their continued support. We are very happy to be able to be a part of this special time in a Lodge.

State Master Councilor Newman also reported that “*On January 22nd, Mom Joan from GFM Chapter and some of the Chapter's members were on a morning spot for FOX 45-Baltimore. Mom Joan won this in a contest and she wanted to share it with the Chapter. Bro. Tyler, DSMC, also spoke on DeMolay on-air.*” Fox 45 in Baltimore has a spot with Traffic Jam Jimmy where they do a little plug for a fast food restaurant and then speak with the winner of the contest. Maryland DeMolay and Maryland Freemasonry was represented well by the comments of our Deputy State Master Councilor. He made a very positive impression on the crew who continued the conversation well after they were off the air. The spot was held in the Grand Lodge room and added a very special backdrop for this.

Maryland DeMolay continues to work in the community and find new fundraisers to support the activities for each year. This year is no exception. SMC Cameron was tasked by our Executive Officer to work on a new logo for Maryland DeMolay in conjunction with the new design being introduced by DeMolay International. The new design is exciting and now available for \$5.⁰⁰ each. There are also a

limited number of Chick-fil-a Calendars available at the cost of \$7.⁰⁰ ea. These calendars come with a special discount card on the back entitling the bearer to one free menu item each month.

To keep up with all the activities going on around Maryland DeMolay and receive your own DeMolay Herald E-Newsletter, the new State pin, or a calendar, please email cmicheljrfamily@aol.com to order one.

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THE GARRETT-JACOBS MANSION

By: Edward Heimiller, Curator

One of the architectural gems of Baltimore, the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion has a unique and complicated history associated with one of Maryland's leading families as well as at one time serving as the home of Boumi Temple. Immediately following the Civil War, America heralded a new era marked by an optimistic spirit, unsurpassed economic growth, and industrial might that would be embodied by a new group of immensely wealthy Americans. In Maryland none could rival John Work Garrett, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and his family financially nor in influence.

In 1872 John Work Garrett's eldest son, Robert at the age of twenty-five, married Mary Sloan Frick. Mary descended from a number of Maryland's most illustrious families, and was a direct descendant of Judge William Frick and Revolutionary War hero Major John Swan. Upon their marriage, John Work Garrett purchased No. 11 West Mount Vernon Place for the couple as a wedding present. The house, originally built for Samuel K. George, was a typical Baltimore brick townhouse for the area. Located in one of the most fashionable neighborhoods in the city, Mount Vernon Place, the house was within eyesight of Robert's father's own house at 101 West Monument Street.

After John Work Garrett died in 1884, Robert served as President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. To make their home more suitable for entertaining the couple purchased No. 9 Mount Vernon Place, the townhouse adjacent to their house, and enlisted the aid of one of America's leading architectural firms at the time; the New York-based McKim, Mead & White, to combine the two townhouses. A new 'brownstone' façade was proposed, and the interiors were redesigned to afford larger rooms for entertaining.

Architect Stanford White oversaw the project from New York, while Mrs. Garrett, with the aid of Robert's chief secretary at Robert Garrett & Sons, Amzi Crane, took the leading role in coordinating the renovations in Baltimore. A perfectionist at heart, Mrs. Garrett had several of the home's finishes reworked to meet with her exacting specifications. The large two-story entrance hall, modeled upon the great baronial halls found in Europe, had high carved wainscoting and paneled ceiling made by the New York based firm of Herter Brothers, who also decorated the Vanderbilt residences in New York. Herter Brothers was also responsible for creating the large carved oak, spiral staircase, modeled after the stone staircase at Château de Blois as well as a narrow balcony, with an elaborately carved Renaissance balustrade connecting three sides of the room. Hidden amongst the paneling was a small decorative wooden screen fashioned after a Moroccan mashrabia (a wooden screen made of turned spools intended to allow for privacy, light, and ventilation) that allowed Mary to inspect her guests from above without being noticed.

Capping the imposing composition was a large glass dome supplied by Louis Comfort Tiffany. The other principle rooms on the main floor included a parlor, ballroom, conservatory, reception room, and dining room.

Robert Garrett died prematurely at the age of 49 in 1896. His last physician, Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs, left the employ of Mrs. Garrett, but remained a close friend. Dr. Jacobs was appointed instructor in medicine at the Johns Hopkins Medical School and, in 1901 was promoted to Associate Professor. On April 2, 1902 after a short engagement Mrs. Garrett married Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs at Grace and St. Peter's Church. After their marriage, Mrs. Garrett, now Mrs. Jacobs, engaged the young aspiring American architect, John Russell Pope, to remodel and expand the house. These additions included a library to house Dr. Jacobs' collection of rare medical treatises, the 'Supper Room' for entertaining, the 'Small Gallery,' and what would be counted as one of the most extraordinary spaces in the house, the 'Large Gallery' with a stage at one end. The two galleries paneled in the French style by the Parisian firm of Jules Allard et Fils were designed to house Mrs. Jacobs growing art collection. Among the treasures hanging on the walls were paintings by Rembrandt, Van Dyck, and Botticelli. The collection was ultimately given to the Baltimore Museum of Art before her death.

Mrs. Jacobs managed to hold her position as the leader of Baltimore society throughout her life, being dubbed 'The Mrs. Astor of Maryland' in the Baltimore Sun after her death in 1936. Dr. Jacobs resided at 11 West Mount Vernon Place until his death in 1939. In 1940 the contents of the mansion were sold at auction. The house was sold at the same time at public auction to William Cook, who had plans to convert the residence into a funeral parlor. Prohibited from implementing his plans by City zoning, Mr. Cook resold the property to Boumi Temple. With a few changes the building served as the home of Boumi Temple for almost two decades. In 1958, as part of a proposed urban renewal and expansion project for the Walters Art Museum that would have required the demolition of most of the buildings in the Mount Vernon neighborhood, 11 West Mount Vernon was purchased by Baltimore City from Boumi Temple. Boumi Temple moved to a facility on Charles Street, occupied until 1998 when they moved to their present location in Baltimore County. Public opposition halted the demolition of the buildings and eventually the project was abandoned. Ultimately 11 West Mount Vernon Place was purchased from the city by the Engineers Club. Over the years the mansion, now known as the 'Garrett-Jacobs Mansion,' has undergone careful restoration and continues to serve as one of Maryland's leading cultural venues.



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Maryland Masonic Homes

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In 2014, Maryland Masonic Homes became a certified Medicare provider for Short-Term Care and Sub-Acute Rehab. Now, only 2 years later, MMH is proud to receive a Five-Star Quality Rating by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services! This rating system was designed to provide residents and their families with an easy-to-understand summary of three dimensions of nursing home quality: health inspection results, staffing data, and quality measure data. The goal is to help consumers make meaningful distinctions among high- and low-performing nursing homes. This Five-Star distinction is extremely noteworthy, as only the top 10% in each state receive such a rating.

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RÉSUMÉS for Brothers Running for Elected Offices in 2016

BRO. KOSTAS "GUS" VOORVOULAS For the Office of Most Worshipful Grand Master

BRO. KENNETH R. "KEN" TAYLOR For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

BRO. CHARLES L. CARMICHAEL For the Office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

Masonic History: Raised in Pythagoras Lodge No. 123 in 1990, Worshipful Master in 1996. Past Chairman of Auditing Committee.

Masonic Leadership: RW Senior Grand Warden 2013. W Senior Grand Deacon 2010. President, Board of Grand Inspectors 2011 – 2013, Vice President 2008 – 2010. Board of Managers 2009 – 2012. Board of Trustees 2014 – Present. Leadership Training Committee 2009 – 2013. Committee on Masonic Education 2011 – Present. Masonic Law School Instructor. Hospitality Committee 2011 – 2013. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of New York.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 33° Inspector General (Honorary) 2007, Deputy Orient Personal Representative 2014 – Present, Wise Master, Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix 2011, General Director of Work 2008 – 2010, Life Member Scottish Rite Research Society, Arundel Scottish Rite Club, Charitable foundation Benefactor. York Rite – Mt. Vernon Chapter, Harmony Council, Palestine Commandery. Boumi Shrine – Past President of Knights of Mecca, member of Almas Shrine. Maryland York Rite College No. 58. Templenoe Council No. 78 – Knight Masons, Tidewater Council No. 334 – Allied Masonic Degrees, Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Masonic Veterans Assoc., Past Masters' Assoc. of Baltimore City/County, Southern Maryland Past Masters' Assoc., The Masonic Society, Maryland Masonic Research Society. Tall Cedars of Lebanon – Annapolis Forest No. 126, Tall Cedars Foundation Life Member.

Professional: 30 year career in management with Inchcape Shipping Services, currently as General Manager North America. Responsibilities include staff management and evaluation, development and implementation of corporate strategy, development of annual regional budgets, implementation of process improvements for productivity optimization, identification and development of new business opportunities, development and expansion of customer base, communication of and adherence to company operational guidelines and policies to staff members throughout the region, implementation and monitoring of all issues relating to quality assurance, ensuring optimum usage of company IT systems. Served on Board of Directors of the Baltimore Maritime Exchange and Board of Directors of Coal Export Services International.

Personal: Born in 1953. Married to Catherine. 1977 Graduate (Cum Laude) Virginia Wesleyan College – BA. 2008 College level training in non-profit management. Serve various positions at Christ Episco-

pal Church and All Hollows Episcopal Church. Leadership roles in the South River Federation, a 501(c)3 organization. Member of the St. Andrews Society of Baltimore.

BRO. HERBERT Y. HOLCOMB, III For the Office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

Masonic History: Raised in Oriental Lodge No. 158 in 1978, Worshipful Master in 1982, 1989, 1997, 1998 1999, 2002 and 2003. Charter Secretary of Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 234 in 2011 and has served continuously as Secretary since.

Masonic Leadership: RW Grand Secretary 2005 – 2015. Senior Grand Deacon 2004. Grand Inspector 1984 and 1985 and 1999 -2004 as Vice President of Baltimore South. Board of Managers – 2004. Served on Board of Trustees, Board of Managers, MCM Board of Directors and Library and Museum Board of Directors throughout tenure as RW Grand Secretary. Currently Business Manager of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Awards: Warren S. Seipp Medal 2005. Thomas J. Shryock Medal 2012 and Francis E. Larrimore Medal 2015.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° 1999, KCCH 2005, Coroneted 33° 2007. York Rite – Druid Chapter and Hiram Council, Monumental Commandery. Boumi Shrine 1999. Tall Cedars of Lebanon – Baltimore Forest, Allied Masonic Degrees, Rosecrucians, Knight Masons, Euclid Council United Craftsmen and Engineers.

Professional: Employed in the Fire Protection industry from 1977 to 2006. Owner and President of R. B. Fantom, Inc. Military Service: United States Air Force 1974 – 1977. Maryland Air National Guard 1977 – 1983.

Personal: Born in Baltimore, MD in 1953. Graduated from Northern Point High School in 1971. Attended Essex Community College. Resides in Yoe, Pa. Two children and three grandchildren.

BRO. THOMAS A. KELLER For the Office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

Masonic History: Raised in Odenton Lodge No. 209 served as Worshipful Master 2006 & 2007, elected as president of the Odenton Temple Holding Corporation from 2006 through 2010, appointed as Lodge Ritualist from 2005 through 2013. Worshipful Master of Daylight Lodge No. 1 2012. Worshipful Master of Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 234 2013.

Masonic Leadership: RW Senior Grand Warden 2011. W Grand Tyler 2009. Aide to the Grand Master 2008. Grand Inspector 2007 – 2013, Vice President of Board of Grand Inspectors 2008 – 2013. Board of Managers 2013 – Present. Law School Instructor 2011 – 2015. 2025 Long Range Planning Committee 2011 – 2015, serving as Ritual Com-

mittee Chairman 2012 – 2016.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, coroneted Inspector General Honorary 33° 2007, Commander of the Council of Kadosh 2014, Scottish Rite Mason of the Year 2016, member of lighting crew. York Rite – Concordia Chapter and council, Monumental Commandery, York Rite College No. 58. Boumi Shrine - President of the Knights of Mecca 2012. Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Annapolis Forest served as Grand Tall Cedar 2011.

Professional: Employed as Real Estate Broker 1971 – 1995, owned Keller Realty from 1975-1995, president of Hanover Development company from 1981-1992. Owned and operated Kellers' Bakery Inc. 1984-2015. I am now semi-retired and work for Maryland Live Casino as a dealer.

Personal: Born in Baltimore 1949. Graduated from Catonsville Senior High 1967, attended U.M.B.C. for 1 year, Attended Catonsville Community College for Real Estate courses and Anne Arundel Community College for professional certifications. Reside in Glen Burnie with wife Mary, two children and four grandchildren.

BRO. RICHARD P. NAEGELE For the Office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

Masonic History: Raised in Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 229 in 1978, Worshipful Master in 1988 and 1990. Member of ancient Baltimore Lodge no. 234 and Jephthah Lodge No. 222

Masonic Leadership: RW Senior Grand Warden 2014. W Grand Marshall 2011 – 2012. W Grand Standard Bearer 1995. Current Grand Inspector. Board of Directors and Vice President of Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc., Chairman of Scholarship Program. Grand Lodge Leadership Instructor on Membership. Chairman Grand Lodge Youth Committee. Member of 2025 Committee, Constitution and Membership. 2014 Conference of Grand Masters in North America Maryland Site Committee, Hospitality Chairman. Awarded the Warren Seipp Medal for Distinguished Service.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, coroneted 33° 2013. York Rite – Chapter: Past High Priest of Druid Chapter, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of Maryland 2014, Maryland's recipient of the 2004 General Grand Chapter Bronze medal for Distinguished Service, holds the Triple Tau, recipient of the Ephraim Kirby Award for continued Outstanding Service from General Grand Chapter. Council: Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Hiram Council and Jerusalem Council on many occasions, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of R&SM of Maryland 2009 – 2010, currently Grand Recorder, received the Order of the Secret Vault, the Adult Youth Leadership Award and the Ish Sodi Award. Commandery: Commander of Crusade Commandery on numerous occasions, currently Recorder, Right Eminent Grand Commander 1999, Grand Inspector General, recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple 2003 national award, Grand encampment Public Relations and DeMolay committee. Past Excellent Chief of Templenoe Council Knight Masons, Past Chief of Euclid Council Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers, Past Sovereign Master of Tidewater Council Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Commander Noah of Neap Tide Lodge Royal Arch Mariners, Maryland College York Rite Sovereign College – Gold Honor Award and Order of the Purple Cross. Eastern Star – Past Patron and current Patron of Gleaner Chapter No. 49. DeMolay – Past Grand Commander of the Court of Chevaliers and Past Dean of the Preceptory of the Legion of Honor, Maryland

DeMolay Executive Team, Board of the Maryland DeMolay Foundation, active member of the International Supreme council. Member of Maryland College, Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Baltimore Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon (degree team member), Boumi Shrine – Knights of Mecca, Masonic Veterans Assoc., Baltimore Past Masters' Assoc.

Professional: Elementary school teacher for 32 years, including 10 years as teacher in charge. Served on Strategic Planning Committee for 20 years. Administered \$500,000 Title I Budget. Administrator for county-wide summer program at six sites across the county.

Personal: Graduate of Loch Raven High School. Attended University of Maryland Baltimore County. Received a Master of Arts Degree in special Education/Learning Disabilities from Loyola College in Baltimore. Certification as an Administrator I and Reading from Goucher College.

BRO. ROGER D. DUNN For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in Tuscan Lodge #202 in 1971 (home of 4 generations of family members), Worshipful Master 1978 and 2012, lodge historian, also serve on various committees, catechism instructor, Honorary Past Master of Perry Hall Lodge #235.

Masonic Leadership: W Grand Marshal 2015 – 2016, Grand Inspector 2013 – present, Appointed to Grand Lodge History Committee, North American Ambassador for Institute for Historical Studies Tommaso Crudeli.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore 1983, Council of Consistory York Rite – Druid Chapter, Hiram Council, Monumental Commandery. Boumi Shrine 1983, Arab Patrol, Knights of Mecca Degree Team. Also – Masonic Veterans Association, Baltimore Highlands Square Club, plural member Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge #1, charter member Boumi Temple lodge. Order of DeMolay Foundation Board of Trustees, 50 year member of DeMolay, Order of Chevalier.

Professional: Currently retired. High school teacher for 25 years, while night school principal 7 years. Insurance and Financial Advisor 15 years.

Personal: Born in Baltimore 1948, graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute 1967, B.A. from Frostburg University, M.Ed. from Towson University, principal's certification, insurance license, securities licenses. Married for 44 years to wife Leslie, a retired school principal, with three sons and two granddaughters.

BRO. JESSE M. MILLS For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in James W. Bowers Lodge No. 173 in 1988. Served 17 terms as Worshipful Master and 4 terms as Secretary. Currently President of the Holding Corporation as well as Catechism Instructor. Served several times as President of the Washington County Past Masters Association and is currently Secretary/ Treasurer.

Masonic Leadership: W Junior Grand Deacon 2003. Appointed to the 2025 Committee, serving on the Membership Committee. Received the Warren S. Seipp Medal for Meritorious Service in 2015. Current Deputy Grand Lecturer.

Masonic Affiliations: Past Grand Tall Cedar and current Scribe of Hagerstown Forest # 95 Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Member of the Masonic Veterans Association.

Professional: Employed by Rayloc Manufacturing for 34 years as Line Supervisor and 12 Years as Quality Manager and Customer Service for NAPA Stores on the East Coast. Currently employed as Electro Mechanical Assembler for Electomet Corp. a sub-contractor of electronics and electronic cabinetry for the US Military.

Personal: Attended Clear Spring Elementary and Senior High Schools. Married to wife Rose for 40 years, with two children and three grandchildren.

BRO. MARK E. PEARLSTEIN

For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in Amicable Lodge No.25 (Now Amicable-St. John's Lodge No. 25) in 1980, Worshipful Master in 1985, 2006 and 2012, Secretary 2007. In 2006 managed as Worshipful Master, the merger of St. John's Lodge No. 34 into Amicable Lodge No. 25 to form the present Amicable-St John's Lodge No. 25. Currently serve on the Membership Committee and as council to Worshipful Master. Honorary Past Master, Millington Lodge No. 166.



Masonic Leadership: W Junior Grand Steward 2015. Board of Grand Inspectors, 2005 to 2011, currently a Grand Inspector since 2012. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts AF & AM since 2014. Appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership Retention 2013. Chairman for Social Media 2015.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite - Valley of Baltimore, 32°. York Rite - Druid Chapter, Hiram Council, Maryland Council No. 9 Knight Masons.

Professional: President, MSOM Communications, Inc., since 2012. Sales, service and design of communication equipment and applications for over 3 decades.

Personal: Born in Boston Massachusetts in 1948. Graduated from Randolph High School 1967, Received a BS/BA from Bryant College (now Bryant University)1971. Resides in Owings Mills, Maryland with Elaine, wife of 25 years, two children.

BRO. ANDREW N. WILSON

For the Office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in Glen Burnie Lodge No. 213 in 2000, Worshipful Master in 2013 and 2014. Current and Past President of Two Thirteen Holding Corporation.

Masonic Leadership: W. Senior Grand Deacon 2015, Grand Inspector 2014, 2015 and 2016, Membership Development and Retention Committee Chairman 2015 and 2016. Grand Lodge Leadership Academy Instructor 2015.



Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite - Diplomat for Valley of Baltimore. York Rite - Concordia Chapter, Concordia Council, Maryland Commandery. Arundel Chapter No. 80 of Order of the Eastern Star. Maryland Council No. 9 of Knight Masons. Allied Masonic Degrees Freestate Council No. 308.

Professional: Compounding Specialist and Pharmacy Manager at Cape Drugs in Annapolis, MD since 1991.

Personal: Born and Raised in Annapolis, MD. Graduated from Severna Park High School and attended Anne Arundel Community College and Professional Compounding Center of America in Houston, Texas.

BRO. MIKE YOUSE

For the Office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in Wicomico Lodge No. 91 in 2005, Worshipful Master in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Current Lodge Secretary. Acting President of the Masonic Temple Foundation of Wicomico Lodge No. 91. Assist as Catechism Instructor when called upon.

Masonic Leadership: W Grand Director of Ceremonies 2014. Grand Inspector 2014 to present. Current President of the Wicomico County Past Masters' Assoc.. Secretary of Past Masters Association since 2013. Member of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite - Valley of Salisbury, 32nd degree, serve on several degree teams as well as Line Officer, member of finance committee. York Rite - Thomas J. Shryock Commandery, Presented Youth Leadership Award in 2015 from York Rite. Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Evergreen Forest No. 49, currently Junior Grand Tall Cedar, Color Guard. Order of the Eastern Star, Wicomico Chapter No. 91, Worthy Patron 2015. Boumi Shrine - Secretary of the Eastern Shore Shrine Club. DeMolay - Salisbury Chapter, Chairman of Advisory Board. International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - State Executive Board, Advisory Board - Salisbury Assembly No. 5, presented the Grand Cross of Color from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Professional: Currently employed Managing a Construction Equipment Dealership for Folcomer Equipment Corp where I have been employed since 1997. Previously managed a Case Construction Equipment Dealership in Pennsylvania for 6 years, served as a comptroller for a materials handling company for 9 years and as an accountant for a CPA Firm 1 year.

Personal: Born in Reading Pennsylvania in 1958. Graduated from Schuylkill Valley High School in 1976. Attended Penn State University with a major in Business Administration. Moved to Delaware in 1997 to pursue a job opportunity. Married to wife, Linda, for forty years this October, two children and one grandchild.



BRO. RONALD L. AUGHENBAUGH

For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer

Masonic History: Raised in Cheverly Lodge No. 225 in 1966. Demitted to Howard Lodge No. 101 in 1991. Plural Membership in Waverly Lodge in 2006, Worshipful Master in 2015, Secretary in 2016.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite - Valley of Baltimore, 32° 2010. York Rite - Baltimore Chapter, High Priest 2005 - 2015, Acacia Council, Thrice Illustrious Master 2004 - 2015, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Royal and Select Masters of Maryland 2010 - 2012, Order of the Secret Vault 2013, Beauseant Commandery, Commander in 2000 - 2004 and 2014 - 2015, Treasurer 1983 - 2015, Grand commander Knights Templar of



Maryland 1992, Grand Prelate 1999 - 2001, Grand Treasurer 2001 - 2015, Chairman of Grand Encampment of USA Easter sunrise committee 2004 - 2006, Knight Commander of the Temple 2007, York Rite College Treasurer 2006 - 2012, Order of the Purple Cross 2010, Tidewater Council No. 334 Allied Masonic Degrees Sovereign Master 2007, Templenoe Council No. 78 Knight Masons Excellent Chief 2008, President Emmanuel Tabernacle No. 7 HRAKTP 2013, President of Assoc. of Past Commanders 2014 secretary 2004 - 2010, Euclid council No. 14 Worthy Chief 2002 - 2004, York Rite Charities Treasurer 2007 - 2015.

Professional: Retired from a 35 year career with the Federal Government as a Finance Officer in 2000. Worked on large government budgets and performed audits.

Personal: Graduated with a BS in Accounting from University of Baltimore in 1975. Married to Betti for 50 years, 2 children and 1 grandson.

BRO. T. SCOTT CUSHING, SR.

For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer

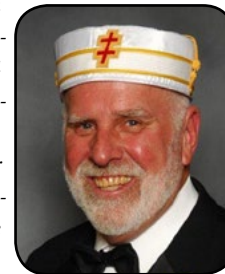
Masonic History: Raised in Jephthah Lodge No. 222 in 1981. Worshipful Master in 2012 at Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 (earned Grand Master's Award with Distinction), currently Treasurer.

Masonic Leadership: Grand Inspector since 2014, Vice President of Grand Inspectors of the North. Currently on the Board of Managers - Budget Chairman.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite - Valley of Baltimore, 32° 1982, KCCH 2007, Coroneted 33° 2015, Treasurer Valley of Susquehanna 2013- current. York Rite - 2013. Boumi Shriners - Highlanders Past Captain, currently Treasurer Boumi Big Rigs.

Professional: Principal and Certified Public Accountant with Frank Hajek & Associates, PA since 2002. Prior T. Scott Cushing, Sr. and Associates, Certified Public Accountant 1987 to 2002. Specialized in Non-profit audits and tax preparation. Former Chairman of the Board of Directors for Canton Railroad. Served on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Transportation Authority. Served on the Judicial Nominating Committee for Harford County.

Personal: Born in Baltimore, Maryland 1949. Graduated from Kenwood High School 1967. Graduated from University of Tampa 1971. Served in the Naval Reserves for eight years. Resides in Forest Hill, MD with Joanne, wife of 34 years. Three children and 2 grandchildren.



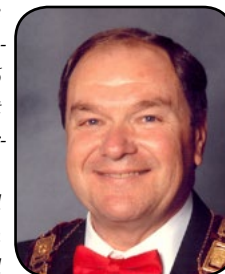
BRO. RANDALL L. WATSON

For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer

Masonic History: Raised in Nanticoke Lodge No. 172 in 1979. Worshipful Master of Cornerstone Lodge No. 224 in 1986 and 1990. Worshipful Master of Ancient Baltimore #234 in 2014, currently Marshal.

Masonic Leadership: RW Junior Grand Warden 2014. W Senior Grand Deacon 2011. Currently Grand Inspector and Vice President for Baltimore-South since 2012. Currently member of the Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland since 2009. Currently Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Dispensations & Charters since 2011. Received the Grand Lodge's John C. Naquin Youth Service Award in 2014.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite - Valley of Baltimore, 32° 1985,



KCCH 2013, currently Commander of Maryland Council of Kadosh. York Rite - Royal Arch: Past High Priest of Druid Chapter 2008, currently Treasurer; Charter High Priest of Piscataway Chapter 2013; currently Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Maryland since October 2014. Received the Grand High Priest's Award and the General Grand Chapter's "Without the Hope of Fee or Reward" ritual award. Maryland's recipient of the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal for Distinguished Service for 2011. Royal & Select Masters: Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Hiram Council 2011, currently Treasurer; currently Grand Captain of the Guard; Acting RI Grand Treasurer 2009-2010. Received the Ish Sodi Award in 2009 and was Maryland's recipient of the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year for 2014. Knights Templar: Past Commander of Crusade Commandery 2014, currently Generalissimo. Currently Deputy Governor of Maryland York Rite Sovereign College; received the Gold Honor Award. Currently Excellent Conductor of Maryland Council of Anointed High Priests. Knights of York Cross of Honor 2015. Tall Cedars - Baltimore Forest. Eastern Star - Past Patron of Henry Brecht Chapter 1990 & 1992; Past Patron of Gleaner Chapter 2011, currently Associate Patron. Other Bodies - Past Worthy Chief of Euclid Council, Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers 2010, currently Treasurer; Past Sovereign Master of Tidewater Council, Allied Masonic Degrees 2012; Past Commander Noah of Neap Tide Lodge, Royal Ark Mariners 2014; Past Excellent Chief of Templenoe Council, Knight Masons 2013. Member of: Maryland College of the Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis; the Royal Order of Scotland; and the Montgomery County Past Masters' Association. DeMolay: Past Master Councilor of Nanticoke Chapter in Federalburg 1976. Past Grand Commander of the Maryland Court of Chevaliers 1984 & 1989, currently Grand Secretary. Past Dean of Maryland Preceptory of the Legion of Honor 2007 & 2008, currently Secretary. Served on the Maryland DeMolay Executive Team as Communications Director, Awards Director and Executive Treasurer; currently Ritual Director. Currently Secretary of the Maryland DeMolay Foundation's Board of Directors. Numerous awards and honors and an Active Member of the International Supreme Council.

Professional: Retired as Assistant Commissioner with the Maryland Division of Correction at the end of 2015. Began his career as a Correctional Officer I and progressed up the ranks through Major, Security Chief, Director of Security Operations at Headquarters, and Interim Warden at the Maryland Correctional Institution in Jessup. As Assistant Commissioner, had five assignments: Security; Western Region; Administration & Finance; Eastern Region; and Program Services. As Assistant Commissioner for Administration & Finance from July 2006 through August 2009, was directly responsible for the preparation and oversight of the annual operating budget of approximately \$700 Million and management of all administrative and financial services. Overtime analysis and projections were conducted each biweekly pay period. Spending analyses and budget projections were prepared quarterly for the Division as a whole, the Regions, and each institution. Regular duties included preparation and participation with StateStat and Managing for Results. As a Regional Assistant Commissioner, provided management and budget oversight for the correctional institutions in his region. Prior to entering into public service, was employed in several capacities with General Business Services, Inc. (GBS) in Germantown, MD; first as a tax preparation specialist coordinating special projects with tax attorneys, CPAs, IRS Enrolled Agents, and other financial management specialists at national company which annually prepared in excess of 100,000 federal, state and local tax returns and financial reports for individuals, corporations and partnerships. In 1986 passed the Special Enrolled Agent examination and was enrolled to practice

before the Internal Revenue Service. As the Director of Training at GBS, was responsible for designing and implementing training curriculum for a national business counselor franchise network concentrating on tax planning and compliance; record keeping; payroll; and business planning and profit development. Delivered training at national conventions, semi-annual nationwide seminars, and monthly institutes at corporate headquarters and prepared ongoing series of professional development modules. Also responsible for in-house training programs, development and maintenance of tax projection software, and supervision of all other GBS instructors. In conjunction, taught two federal tax courses at Montgomery College. Developed and administered annual department budget in excess of \$1.2 million.

Personal: Born in 1958 and raised in Federalsburg, MD. Following graduation from Colonel Richardson High School in 1976, attended Washington College in Chestertown, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Excelsior College in Albany, NY. Received a Master of Business Administration degree from Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg.

For the Board of Managers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland

- Bro. Patrick A. Curtis
Camp Springs Lodge no. 227
- Bro. James T. Hill, Jr.
Jephthah Lodge No. 222
- Bro. Richard E. Mainley, Jr.
Mt. Ararat Lodge no. 44

For the Board of Trustees of Maryland Masonic Homes


- Bro. Dr. Robert D'Antonio
Liberty-Pickering Lodge No. 219
- Bro. Robert W. Reynolds
Ionic Lodge No. 145
- Bro. David R. Sandy
Mt. Moriah Lodge no. 116
- For Remainder of Term Expiring in 2017
- Bro. Gilbert F. Kennedy, III
Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44

For the Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.

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Charity Lodge No. 134
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- Bro. John A. "Jack" Young, Jr.
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GRAND MASTER WYVILL PRESENTS MEDAL TO GOVERNOR HOGAN

Grand Master Wyvill, accompanied by a contingent of Grand Lodge officers recently traveled to Maryland's capitol city of Annapolis. The purpose of the trip was a personal visit with Maryland Governor Larry Hogan in order to present him with one of the specially commissioned medals the Grand Lodge issued to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the George Washington Monument in Baltimore, MD.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland played a key role in the re-dedication ceremonies of the monument as hundreds of Masons from across the state formed in procession and marched to the base of the monument where the day's festivities took place.

Governor Hogan was unable to attend the re-dedication ceremony as he was in the midst of a recovery from a bout with cancer. Now fully back at work leading the state, the governor welcomed the Grand Master and his

guests within his inner office, where the two discussed the key role Freemasonry played in the history of our state.

Also joining the group were several Brother Master Masons who currently are serving in the Maryland House of Delegates including Bro. Michael McKay of House District 1C and a member of East Gate Lodge No. 216 and Birmingham Lodge No. 188; Bro. Christian Miele of House District 8 and a member of Highland Lodge No. 184; Bro. John Cluster, Jr. of House District 8 and a member of Jephthah Lodge No. 222; Bro. Will Smith, Jr. of House District 20 and Bro. Seth Howard of House district 30B and a member of Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142.

After meeting with Governor Hogan, the group also toured the State House and visited the site where Bro. George Washington resigned his commission. The famous desk, however, remains safely in the collection of our museum!



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John Paul Jones Masonic Memorial Ceremony Plans

On April 24, 2016 we intend to assemble at Annapolis Lodge No. 89 located at 162 Conduit Street in Annapolis. We will march over to Main Street and down Main Street to Gate No 1 at the United States Naval Academy. We will enter the grounds and continue to Dahlgren Hall which is located where Brother Jones's body was placed on April 24, 1906 after being retrieved from Paris, France by order of the President of the United States, Brother Theodore Roosevelt. The Grand Lodge of Maryland will then conduct a Masonic Graveside Service for Brother Jones in Dahlgren Hall.

Note that access to the Naval Academy will require a photo ID. Those who chose not to march may enter the Naval Academy by car and park at or near Dahlgren Hall and await the arrival of the Grand Lodge. A valid driver's license will be required to enter the grounds. It is recommended that Gate No. 3 is used due to traffic issues with the boat show.

ACTIVITIES AGENDA

- 1:30 PM Buses will pick up participants at Naval/Marine Crop Stadium parking and bring to Lodge.
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- 2:00 PM Parade begins The Hero's of '76 will lead the column followed by Drum and Pipers followed by Knights of St. Andrews, the Grand Commandery, Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers and all other Masons. All will wear aprons and jewels as appropriate.
- 2:45 PM Arrive at Dahlgren Hall, United States Naval Academy
- 3:00 PM Ceremony begins
 - Brother Nick McIntosh will present an historical brief of Brother John Paul Jones
 - Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers will conduct a Masonic Graveside Service
 - Brother Nick McIntosh will present a summary of Brother John Paul Jones' career
 - The Most Worshipful Grand Master of New York
- 3:45 PM Ceremony Concludes
- 3:45-4:00 PM Buses will return participants to Naval/Marine Crop Stadium

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