

# The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, U. S. A.

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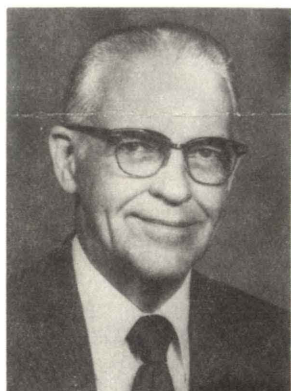
## The FREESTATE FREEMASON

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### AN AUTUMNAL MESSAGE TO EACH MARYLAND MASTER MASON



Dear Brother:

"Time's aflittin'" as the good old Pennsylvania Dutch say. When you read this message, I will have approximately two months to serve as your Grand Master. It has been a marvelous experience for Ruth and me, and I wish to express my personal appreciation to all who made it possible for me to occupy the highest Masonic office in this great jurisdiction of ours. The many kindnesses extended to us; the loyal support given to

our objectives and leadership; the encouragement and prayers expressed along the way; all have meant more to us than words can express. I humbly say, "Thank you so very much for the greatest honor granted me, apart from my ordination into the Christian ministry".

The evening I was installed as your Grand Master in 1976, I adopted as the theme for my two years in office — "Possibilities for Renewal" — believing it imperative that we recognize the need for renewal, and accept the challenge of change in an attempt to achieve it. I am happy to report that there are evidences of such renewal in our Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges —

- One of our aims was to place Grand Lodge on a sound financial footing so as to make it possible to renew the physical structure we occupy in Baltimore, and to better promote the program of Grand Lodge. The members agreed, and unanimously voted to increase the Grand Lodge assessment one hundred per cent.

- In order to reduce the cost of holding the Annual Communication, Grand Lodge accepted the proposal to change the meeting time, reducing it to one day, with the extension of an additional half day, if necessary.

- Another aim was to develop a closer contact and sharing of programs, problems and questions with lodge representatives. For this purpose, regional meetings were held during the first year in various areas of the State with the principal officers of subordinate lodges. The following year, in response to many requests, one-day seminars were held, with more intensive participation through special discussion groups for Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens and Secretaries to discuss their responsibilities and overall questions on programing and operations of subordinate lodges and Grand Lodge.

- Open meetings and programs with family participation have been advocated with the idea that the more our families become involved in Masonry, the better it is for the Craft. Such programs have included Masonic

service award presentations, entertainments, bus trips, worship services, dinner theaters, picnics and dinners. Many lodges have picked up the challenge and have experienced a revival in interest and attendance.

- For the first time in the memory of your Grand Master, an annual budget was presented to and discussed with the Craft during the two sessions of the Grand Lodge Summer School of Instruction with time given for questions and answers.

- Believing the Grand Lodge Constitution needs to be reviewed from time to time for the purpose of keeping it up to date, a Constitutional Revision Committee was appointed. This Committee has worked diligently and will be ready to present the revised Constitution at our Annual Communication in November.

- More liberal approaches have been taken toward activities of subordinate lodges held on Sunday, and the holding of Memorial Services without the body of the deceased Brother being present. Details appear in Edicts distributed to each lodge.

- A seasonal newsletter, *The Freestate Freemason*, was launched, communicating news items of interest relating to Grand Lodge, subordinate lodges and each Master Mason.

- To promote greater participation and interest on election night at subordinate lodges, action was taken by Grand Lodge, at the Grand Master's suggestion, to eliminate the reading of Article XXIII of the Constitution in open lodge.

- More members of the Grand Lodge were given an opportunity to serve as members of the Board of Trustees, Board of Managers and Grand Inspectors. This was enabled by vote of the Grand Lodge in limiting service in these offices to a maximum of six years.

- Greater understanding of Masonic Home activities was afforded by two all-day seminars for lodge liaison officers held at the Homes with the administrative staff of the Homes and Grand Lodge personnel participating.

In these and other phases of our program, the challenge for renewal and change was constantly kept before the Craft during the past two years. Time and again I have said, "We either change or die... Let's not fear change... Rather let's face up to it, and be willing to change what needs to be changed for the good of the Craft, and wherever it does not destroy the fundamental tenets of our institution. Thus we will help to preserve one of the grandest organizations on Earth". May this ever be our desire in the years to come.

May God bless you, always, and may the memories of these years in office, as we have endeavored to work together for the good of the Craft, spur us on to greater heights of achievement in Freemasonry.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Roy H. Stetler, Jr.  
Grand Master



## LODGE NOTES

### Anne Arundel County

• ANNAPOLIS NO. 89 (WM Robert O. Reynolds, Jr.). Doing well with local press with picture of Bro. John A. Hornberger, Sr. receiving Fifty Year Emblem from GI Carville E. Link assisted by WM Reynolds... Another picture of Dr. Carl P. Russell, former Dentist and County Commissioner, receiving Fifty Year Emblem from GI Link at Fairchild Nursing Home, Crownsville.

### Baltimore City

• WARREN NO. 51 (WM James K. Blevins). Here's an interesting gem. This Lodge has made a contribution to Bonnie Blink at every Annual and Semi-Annual communication of the Grand Lodge going back some 50 years.

• KEDRON NO. 148 (WM James B. Fitzgerald, Sr.). This is second consecutive term for WM. Paid respects to outgoing GI (for past nine years) Harry S. Scott and greeted new GI Larry Dodson, PM No. 93, who presented GL Fifty Year Emblem to Bro. Lloyd S. Weitzel. Bro. John Diven receives his in November. Congratulations to Bro. Carl Ritterhoff, Secy, appointed as GI. Oldest PM, Bro. Henry Kauffman, passed on. WM in 1917. Past events — Blood Donor Nite, PM Nite and DeMolay. Coming up — Job's Daughters and Ladies Nite.

• BALTIMORE NO. 210 (WM Bayard T. Davidson). Better check on your Bro. Ken Hornberger who goes by the alias "Silver Fox" around Ocean City. Claims he dyes hair grey so as not to look too young. Look him up... drives bus no. 214 at Ocean City.

### Baltimore County

• MT. MORIAH NO. 116 (WM Ronald A. Conner). Beautiful write-up by Bill Champness, Special Events Co-Chairman, on bus trip by lodge to Fredericksburg, VA. Members and wives hosted by Bro. Edward Angstadt and wife of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. Conferred MM Degree on member in same lodge George Washington received degrees. Wives spent afternoon sight-seeing. WM Connor had received MM Degree at GW Mas National Memorial in Alexandria and perpetuated Virginia experience. Followed by food and song. Any lodge interested? Contact Bill Champness (301-668-4128).

• IONIC NO. 145 (WM Charles E. Lang). On June 23rd, Milton Martin celebrated 50 years and one day in Masonry by receiving from GI Si Koontz the Grand Lodge 50 year emblem. Congratulations in order also for Bill Shinholt, J.W. Bill's firm gave him a "Citizen of the Year Award" for community service in his region. Now eligible for national award. Won a \$200 check for his charity — Bonnie Blink. Grandfather, father and other family members have served Masonry with distinction. Sons and daughter serving DeMolay and Rainbow Girls. Busy in Blood, Church, Scouting. A credit to the Craft! Achievements noted by GM Roy H. Stetler, Jr. at Grand Lodge School of Instruction, Baltimore.

• PALESTINE NO. 189 (WM Charles S. Kelley). Annual Tri-Jurisdictional meeting and dinner held July 15th in Caucus Room of Cannon Office Building in Washington. Participating lodges were Potomac No. 5, D.C., WM Seaborn Morton who hosted; Manasseh No. 182, Virginia, WM Earl Wall; and our own Palestine No. 189. Present were WMGM Morris F. Hewitt, D.C. and line, our GM Roy H. Stetler, Jr. accompanied by PGMs W. Norman Penn and Edward R. Saunders; also, PGM Cann representing GM of Virginia, Bro. Robert R. Kennedy who was visiting with his line in Scotland. Talk given by J.W. M.E. Daniel of Potomac on George Washington Gavel on display. Guest speaker R.W. Bro. Stewart M.L. Pollard, Exec-Secty. Masonic Service Assn. on "Masonic Heroes". Tour of

Capitol arranged by Hon. and Bro. Fred Schwengel, Pres. U.S. Capitol Historical Society. Other events coming up —

- Sept. 14th, DGM William E. Koenig guest speaker. Bring family and friends — 8:30 PM.
- Sept. 21st, at Bonnie Blink, EA Degree Cat. and FC conferred — 7:30 PM.
- Sept. 22nd, Bus to Manasseh Lodge, Virginia to confer FC Degree. Interested? Call John E. Towles (301-761-8397).
- Oct. 13th, Ladies Appreciation Nite, 7 PM, Boumi Temple. Call Lew Hooper for tickets (301-255-7879).

(This Lodge is some kind of busy...)

### Calvert County

• PRINCE FREDERICK NO. 142 (WM John W. Hall). W. Preston Lore, Joseph C. Lore and Kenneth Lore, three Worthy Brothers collectively represent 168 years of Masonry in Southern Maryland. Can you top this?

### Caroline County

• NANTICOKE NO. 172 (WM Thomas R. Davis). GI William E. Wright presented GL Fifty Year Emblem to Bro. Louis E. Noble assisted by PM Gilbert Wright who was WM when Bro. Davis was raised in 1928. Bro. Wright was presented his Fifty Year Emblem in 1975 by Bro. William Wright. I hope I got this right.

### Carroll County

• DOOR-TO-VIRTUE NO. 46 (WM Nelson L. Miles). Presentation of Fifty Year Emblem planned for Bro. Norval E. Hahn. Fall programs include Special outdoor EA Degree at George Harris' Farm August 24th; Oct. 12th, York Rite Nite, MM Degree; Oct. 14th, Ladies' Nite at Reese Fire Hall; Oct 26th, Beehive Nite, MM Degree; Nov. 9th, Colt Nite — call John Good for dinner reservations (301-848-1186).

### Dorchester County

• CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 66 (WM John W. Thomas). Ed. Note: Witnessed totally successful Ladies Nite at American Legion Hall. Food, entertainment, and opportunity to see old friends such as Mrs. Philip B. Matthews, GI Bill and Mrs. Wright, Russ and Mrs. Vane, Bill and Mrs. Merrick and Lee Cox. Lively and enthusiastic group of officers.

### Frederick County

• LYNCH LODGE NO. 163 (WM Ralph C. Sigler). Thanks to Secty. O.W. Cook on award to Bro. Wilbur Allison Klob of 60 Year Emblem at his home.

### Montgomery County

• MONTGOMERY NO. 195 (WM Kenneth B. Hamilton). Congratulations to Bro. Robert McKendree Williams on 50th Masonic Birthday. Terrific accomplishments: Blood donation goal exceeded; raised nine brothers; especially proud of Bro. Alfred Sullivan who has given 28 GALLONS of blood during his lifetime! Now recovering from surgery. Jobie Bethel #33 doing fine, thanks.

• KENSINGTON NO. 198 (WM Thomas C. Morris, Jr.). Dr. William E. Eccleston, PGM of D.C. and Ill. Deputy of AASR, Washington, D.C. presented slides of the Grand Lodge Temple in Philadelphia, Pa. Youth activities abound Jobie Bethels 32, 44 and 56 meet at Temple as do DeMolay Chapter. Jobie Queens include Cathy Ann Carruthers, Virginia Lee Thompson, Candi Oswald.

• BETHESDA NO. 204 (WM Michael S. Miller). Here's something unique — a Fifty Year Nite with Bros. Elmer C. Andrews, Howard A. England, Sidney F. Kershner and Douglas F. Muir representing 210 years of Masonry who witnessed the presentation of GL Fifty Year Emblems by GI Ray C. Bodmer assisted by Dr. Bernard E. Rothman,



Pres. Board of GIs (State Area) to Bros. Albert H. Selke; Homer W. Hanscom, Saggahew Lodge, Haverhill, MA; Rosmaond K. Bell, Lebanon No. 78, Lebanon, TN; and Leo Grossman, Bethlehem No. 35, Augusta, ME. In all there were over 410 years of Masonry at the Altar that night. Truly, the Pillars of Masonry. At Wardens' Nite, Bro. Perry A. Lester, Harmony No. 17, D.C., who is also the RWSGW of D.C., spoke on "The Art of Presiding".

● **SILVER SPING NO. 215** (WM W. Eugene Smallwood). Very successful "Old Timers' Night" with 64 members and guests. Met blood quota thru efforts of Bro. Harry Miller. Ladies Night at Sheraton Silver Spring, Oct. 14th. SW Robert M. Thomson handling reservations. Sept. 11th Carl Claudy play, "Rose Upon the Altar" will be presented. Fifty Year Emblems presented to Bros. Roy Kaufman and Kenneth A. Butler, Tusler No. 263, St. Paul, MN. PM Charles E. Jones and wife celebrating 56th anniversary; also, John B. Nutter and wife married 41 years.

● **CORNERSTONE NO. 224** (WM John Antonio). Appreciate courtesy extended by Hallandale Lodge, Florida in presenting Fifty Year Emblem to Bro. Leonard Kaliski. Cornerstone members living in Florida have joined with other Masons from Washington area for periodic meetings and lunches with wives — tremendously successful. For info contact Bro. Abe Bahn, 501 N.E. 14th Ave., Hallandale, FL 33009. Cornerstone DeMolay in lively competition in softball play with other Chapters. Just won Statewide Championship. Lots of fun for boys and lodge members.

● **WHEATON NO. 228** (WM Arthur C. Freitag, Sr.). DeMolay and Family night successful. Birmingham No. 188 Dads Sam Fogle, D'Armand J. Harkleroad arranged for Ceremony of Light presented by State Master Councilor Howard Kellogg and State Ritual Advisor Ron Shaver. Ever see a degree conferred on Sugarloaf Mountain? Interested? Check with Bro. R. Lawrence Stephens (301-942-8246) — hold Sept. 29th open.

#### Prince Georges County

● **CENTENNIAL NO. 174** (WM William F. Buck, Jr.). All kinds of activity! Fifty Year Service Emblem presented to Bro. Clyde Watson by GI Wiley L. Tilton with WM and SW Carl Todd and wives present at his home. Bro. Peter Wood Duvall also received Fifty Year Emblem in lodge presented by Pres. of GIs (State Area) Bro. Bernard E. Rothman. Wife, children, grandchildren and son-in-law Dr. Benhoff delighted with ceremony. Bro. Roland Darcey subject of article in Washington newspaper giving Farmer's view of Daylight Savings Time. Annual visit paid to Henry Knox Field Lodge in Alexandria. Bloodmobile held. Jobies prospering under leadership of Vic C. Travers.

● **MT. HERMON NO. 179** (W, Wm F. Mortimer, Jr.). Moving right along . . . four more 50 year members: John E. Faber, Jr., Edward H. McGee, Sr., Roswell R. Boyer and William C. Deneane. Annual Old-Timers Nite drew 100 veterans. under Chairmanship of Harry Shipp, Jr. Clay Shipp ran successful 9th District Golf Tournament — first one. JW George Jackson and band entertained Bonnie Blink guests, families and friends. St. John's Day Church Service of 9th District held at United Methodist Church at Cheverly. GM Roy H. Stetler, Jr., delivered sermon and presented Bro. Roswell Boyer with Fifty Year Emblem with many brothers, family and friends in attendance. Sept. 19th Annual PM Nite; Sept. 26th, annual "Colts" Nite; Oct. 17th Wardens Nite; Oct. 25th, All District Nite; Oct. 9th Religious Service, Bonnie Blink; Nov. 18th Annual Ladies Nite Silver Spring Holiday Inn . . . Call Tye Kutsch (301-773-7707).

● **CHILLUM CASTLE NO. 186** (WM Louis A. Dreyer). Ralph Roberson was chairman of great Anniversary Dinner-Dance. Jobies of Bethel No. 43 do well under shelter of lodge. Honored Queen, JoLynn Jeffery doing fine work. Lots of joint work with Mt. Hermon in celebrating Festival of St. John the Baptist and in sponsoring Red Cross Bloodmobile.

● **YORK NO. 225** (WM Thomas J. Heinze). Recognition and honors accorded recently to lodge members Burt Leffingwell celebrating 25 years as Secretary; William W. Scott, new Illustrious Potentate, Almas Temple; William M. Clark, Jr., RWGM, recently appointed as GI for 8th District; and special honor to Lodge counting our Grand Master as one of its members. Grand Lodge will visit on 18 Oct. at 7:30 PM at program honoring Eastern Star Chapter. PGM J. Thomas Middleton principal speaker.

#### Talbot County

● **COATS NO. 102** (WM Phillip C. Schlotzhauer). Thanks to Bro. Ebe H. Pope for beautiful! Obit on a most distinguished member, PM Silas E. Simpson, over 60 years service. Died March 31st. Distinguished himself in other Collateral Bodies . . . familiar figure at G.L. communications. Washington newspaper carried harrowing story of bees stinging to death valuable horse owned by WM Scholtzhauer. Chilling!

#### Washington County

● **FRIENDSHIP NO. 84** (WM Wm C. Herchenrother). Never a dull moment! Family picnic . . . catered . . . non-Masonic friends invited . . . Aug. 30th. Bus excursion to Bonnie Blink, Sept. 10th . . . short religious service . . . Masonic Choir sings . . . then a tour.

● Washington County Blue Lodge Night, Sept. 29th, 7:30 PM, Elks Club. Committee from Friendship No. 84, Eureka No. 105, Medairy No. 140, James W. Bowers No. 173, Salem No. 196, Antietam No. 197 and Hagerstown No. 217.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sept</b>		
6	G.L.	Fraternal Visit, Pickering No. 146, Balto.
19	G.L.	Visit, Mr. Ararat No. 44, Bel Air, MM Degree.
29	G.L.	Fraternal Visit, Hagerstown, Wash. Co. Ladies Nite.
30	G.L.	Visit, Ohr No. 131, Cumberland, MM Degree.
<b>Oct</b>		
5	G.L.	Visit, Washington No. 3, Balto.
6	G.L.	Ben Franklin No. 97, Balto.
18	G.L.	Fraternal Visit, York No. 225, Hyattsville.
21	HARVEST HOME DAY, BONNIE BLINK, Registration 6:30 AM	
27	G.L.	Visit, Corinthian No. 93, Balto. MM Degree.
30	G.L.	Visit, Oxon Hill No. 231, "All District Nite".
<b>Nov</b>		
1	G.L.	Visit, Solomon's No. 121, Savage.
3	G.L.	Visit, Hagerstown No. 217, Hagerstown.
19	G.L.	Religious Service, Bonnie Blink, 3:00 p.m.
20	G.L.	ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, 10:30 AM
20	LUNCHEON — COUNTY LODGES — COMMANDERY ROOM, GRAND LODGE TEMPLE, BALTO, — 12:30 PM — <u>FREE</u> BUFFET	



## GRAND LODGE SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION HIGHLIGHTS

May 16, 1978

### AMENDMENTS TO GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION:

- **ADOPTED** — Changing day and time of Semi-Annual and Annual Communications of Grand Lodge from third Tuesday to third Monday; and holding a second day's session at the Annual Communication, if necessary.

- **NOT ADOPTED** — Optional open installations.

- **FOR ACTION AT NOVEMBER COMMUNICATION:** Revision of Grand Lodge Constitution. Copy to be furnished to Lodges for review 60 days before Communication.

### APPOINTMENTS:

- Grand Representative — Constantine D. Anagnos, No. 34 as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Greece near the Grand Lodge of Maryland due to resignation of Gus G. Koste.

- Grand Inspectors —  
**Baltimore City & County**

Louis W. Rehberger, No. 229, Secy.

Lawrence E. Dodson, No. 93

Jerome Fields, No. 222

Roy H. Hanson, No. 13

Arnold Jacobs, No. 34

Max E. Juergensen, No. 160

Paul Ritterhoff, No. 148

Earl G. Terry, No. 51

**State Area**

A. Blair Beauchamp, No. 197

William M. Clark, Jr., No. 225

Raymond E. Hartman, No. 48

Granville Jones, No. 178

Russell E. Mummert, No. 203

Paul G. Shircliff, No. 216

Robert L. Stephens, No. 228

Roger L. Webster, No. 91

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS:** Grand Master recognized MWPGM W. Norman Penn on program sponsored by Howard No. 101; Patapsco No. 183; Jephthah No. 222 and Mt. Nebo No. 229 assisting VA Hospital patients on Sunday morning Chapel services. Also recognized for same service at Perry Point VA Hospital were Mt. Ararat No. 44; Union No. 48; Harmony No. 53, Susquehanna No. 130; Stephenson No. 135 and Aberdeen No. 187.

**BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM:** Bro. Edgar G. Dodd No. 146 and staff commended and awards given to 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 gallon donors.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Among the 538 brothers who have passed from this life to life Eternal since December were:

- Bro. William Penn Testerman, No. 106, RWPSGW on Jan. 23, 1978
- Bro. Edward J. Banel, No. 107; Mbr. Comte on Grievance, Oct. 6, 1977.
- Bro. Percy E. Marsh, Sharon No. 182, PM & Past Secy. on March 19, 1978.
- Bro. J. Britain Winter, No. 124; Mbr., Comte on By-Laws, May 11, 1978.

**SICK REPORT:** Cards would be appreciated by the following from their friends:

- MWPGM W. Norman Penn, 2901 Ohio Ave., Balto, MD 21227.
- John A. Hughes, Jr., 7818 Oak Ave., Balto, MD 21234

**HEALTH & HARMONY:** Standing by was Bro. and Dr. Lyle J. Millan, IV, Monumental No. 96. Harmony furnished by singer Bro. Donald Speake.

**EDICTS:** Two were announced by the MWGM and later mailed to all lodges: In essence,

- When asked by member during lifetime or family member thereafter, lodges may conduct Memorial Service at home of deceased member, at church or other appropriate place without remains being present.

- After asking and receiving dispensation, lodges, Temple Holding Corps., Collateral Bodies or other organizations whose membership based upon Masonry and its morals, may hold activities on Sundays to promote interests as long as Masonic Moral Code not violated and do not begin before 2 PM on Sunday afternoon when scheduled.

**NOTE:** Above are highlights. For full appreciation of Grand Lodge activities you must see Committee Reports issued to attendees and Annual Proceedings. Your Secretary has these.

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## RITUAL AND FELLOWSHIP

- Summer Schools of Instruction conducted by our Grand Lecturer, Bro. Moses Appel throughout the State have been the best possible antidote for the Summer doldrums, tired TV re-runs, boredom and humidity. In addition to an appreciation of the excellent ritualistic work was the pleasure in the repartee and warm fellowship that prevailed. This was made possible by the presence of the Grand Master, members of the Grand Line, PGMs Deputy Grand Lecturers, Grand Inspectors and ritual assistants Herb Muhr, Earle Peddicord, Lou Werner, Ed Kraft, Jim Martin, Norman Gerhard and perennial candidates Ben Hall and Louis Ege (70 times); also, Clarence Theiss and Murray Karpa, the "Mike" man.

- We all enjoyed sharing in events announced from time to time such as Bill Shinholt's recognition by his employer as "Citizen of the Year"; PGM John Fogle receiving "Humanitarian Citizen of the Year" from the Rotary Club; PGM Charles Cover's recognition of 60 years of outstanding service with his firm; and the birth of a son to S.W. Dave Tolley of Cambridge No. 66 (Grandfather is PM Al Tolley).

- Highlighting the Aug. 15th meeting in Baltimore was . . . \*Talk by GM on recent Edict on Memorial Service when body of deceased is not present. Copy of change in Service was distributed . . . will be sent to Lodges. \*Discussion held on proposed budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, by RWGS Stan Uppercue. \*Revision of GL Constitution discussed by Morris Kemp together with PGM Edward R. Saunders and John E. Sibrea, some of Committee members . . . tremendous undertaking, magnificent job. \*Announcement made of meeting of Lodge Liaison Members to Bonnie Blink on Sept. 23rd, registration at 10 AM at Bonnie Blink . . . under Ed Brueckmann . . . notices to be mailed.

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