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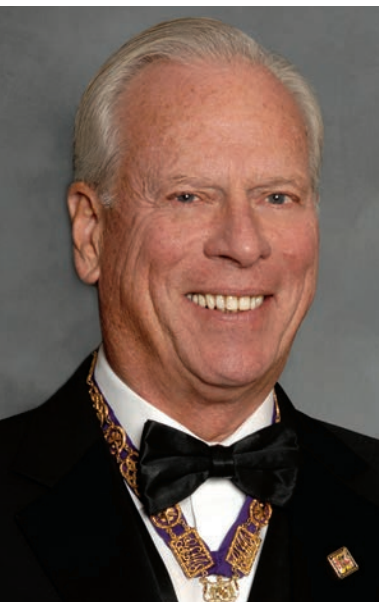
After several months of development, the Grand Lodge of Maryland has unveiled its all new media campaign which will include television, radio and print elements. The new ads highlight the many strengths of Freemasonry and are tagged with Grand Master Kenneth Wyvill asking a simple question, "What are you waiting for?"



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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Thank you for everything you continue to do to make Maryland Masonry a **Pathway to Excellence!**

The Semi Annual Communication is now in the books and you can actually hear my report and the Deputy Grand Master's report on our new "Podcast." You can find the "Podcast" on our new Grand Lodge website along with several other new features including access to our TV station. Take a look by going to mdmasons.org.

By now you should be aware that the new leaders of the Grand Lodge were elected at our semi-Annual Communication on May 14th. We are so fortunate in Maryland to have so many men who are committed to our fraternity. Men who are willing to step forward as candidates for the various leadership roles. Unfortunately some fall short of their goal as others are chosen. As such, I not only want to congratulate those who have been elected but also to thank everyone who participated in this rigorous process. I extend my sincere appreciation and best wishes to all of them.

I am confident that our Deputy Grand Master is well prepared and ready to take charge but I have about six months left to serve as Grand Master. So as Ronald Reagan so aptly stated: *"Don't take your boots off yet, we have more work to do and I want to get it finished."*

Leadership is critical to the success of any organization and Masonry is not excluded. The Grand Lodge recognizes the importance of developing the leadership skills of our Lodge officers and has invested heavily in the process. Begin-

ning under Past Grand Master Velvin a formal program was established to accomplish the goal of preparing men with the necessary leadership skills to be a successful Worshipful Master. The **Grand Lodge Leadership Program** has proven to be very beneficial over the past seven years and we are excited to continue the program this year.

We have scheduled our 2016 Leadership Class to be held on October 7th, 8th and 9th at the Embassy Suites in Cockeysville. This class will be for first time Worshipful Masters and there will be some invitations sent to others. By the way, there will be a presentation Saturday morning for the students and their ladies from 8:30AM to 10AM to start the course of study. There will also be a banquet Saturday night to include the ladies. So, if you are headed to the East in January 2017 please make your plans now to attend. Specific information will be arriving in you Lodge shortly.

Updates on Previously Approved Grand Lodge Projects

Brethren, I announced at Grand Lodge that we have successfully formed a new corporation known as *"Maryland Masonic Homes, LTD"*. The purpose of this new corporation is to simply enable us to better protect our assets by segregating the operation of Bonnie Blink from the Grand Lodge. Our goal, at Bonnie Blink, continues to able to provide the highest quality of care and service to our residents and membership possible. Our Director, along with her staff and the Grand Lodge, is applying all of our resources to this end. In fact, Bonnie Blink just recently received the highest rating, 5 Stars, from Maryland Department of Aging for the first time ever. Congratulations and "Thanks" to the great staff at Bonnie Blink.

We have entered into a contract, which was approved last year at Grand Lodge, to sell some of our acreage. This property, although valuable, was not easily accessible for us making it more difficult and costly for us to develop if we ever chose to do something with it. The purchaser has a direct and easy access to

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the property and they were willing to pay accordingly. Settlement will take about two years following various permits and county approvals.

Meanwhile, our plan for this money is to strengthen our lodges in several ways. We have learned that other jurisdictions have begun establishing **Regional Masonic Centers** shared by several Lodges and other Masonic groups and we think that this is a good idea.

The first objective is to build modern single story buildings strategically located around the state and each one owned by Grand Lodge. This will free up capital for each participating lodge making them more solvent. We know that Masonic buildings exist to serve the needs of its members. However, that purpose can only be sustained if they are managed in a way that is financially viable. These buildings should provide income from outside sources through rentals and community service activities. We believe that these buildings can become a focal point within the community which will result in a better understanding of our principles and values. We are currently looking at Southern Maryland, Salisbury and the Columbia areas to launch this concept. Let us know if you have an interest and we will be happy to meet with you.

Second we are exploring a program whereby the Grand Lodge can lend money to lodges to make needed improvements. This program will have some restrictions but will offer a very competitive interest rate. I will have more information on these programs later.

We are also exploring the availability of "Grants" for our Lodges. Past Master Jesse Guercio is heading this committee and will be rendering a report to all of us shortly.

At the semi-annual I introduced the need for our Lodges and the Grand Lodge to re-evaluate our dues structure. As you know the number of Masons in Maryland has declined significantly over the years. All of us are working hard to stem the decline and turn our membership numbers around. The unintended consequence of our declining membership is the reduction in dues revenue for our Lodges and the Grand Lodge. This is placing us all in financial jeopardy.

The Grand Lodge and Masonic Homes do have a large endowment built up over many years. We have been prudent stewards of this money by taking every precaution to guarantee that it will be there for you as well as future generations when it may be needed. We have successfully slashed the overhead expenses at Bonnie Blink and at the Grand Lodge. Yet every year we have to pull money from our principal to meet the operating expenses of both the Grand Lodge and Masonic Homes. This is a flawed and dangerous practice. Our assets

are always in jeopardy of eroding to a point where we can no longer support our mission.

Let's look at some facts. The Grand Lodge receives an annual assessment of \$26 for each member of which only \$18 actually comes to Grand Lodge to meet operating expenses. This amount is nowhere near sufficient for us to run the day to day business activity needed to support you and the Grand Lodge. The assessment was last increased in 2004 when it was doubled from \$9 to \$18. Sadly, no provision was made to address the annual increase for the cost of operations. The bottom line is that the cost of being a member of the greatest fraternity in the world has not kept up with the increased cost of doing business. Brethren, we can no longer ignore reality. We must practice prudent business principles.

Due to our reduced and declining membership we are forced to strive for higher returns from our endowment to meet our cost of doing business. This means taking bigger risks and exposing our money to potential loss. Just recently we all experienced a severe down turn in the market at the end of 2015 and beginning of 2016. Fortunately the market has somewhat returned but you can bet that this will happen again and at the worst possible time. Remember Brethren, that every nickel we spend or lose is lost forever. This is a risk we can ill afford to perpetuate.

So what should we do? We can continue to take chances with our investments and hope for the best or we can increase the assessment participation from our members and continue to take a more conservative approach with our investments. I recommended to the Grand Lodge that we immediately begin to explore various plans to resolve this important issue and we are forming a committee now. I am certain we can intelligently arrive at a plan which will be workable for our membership and when coupled with our investments satisfy our needs well into the future. I welcome your ideas.

Membership will always be a priority for any organization. Maryland has taken a positive approach to membership. We have successfully chartered two new Lodges and both have specific growth venues. We are also seeking to form a **Latino Lodge** and perhaps a **Barrister Lodge**. **St. Florian Lodge** was chartered last year. **St. Florian** is the patron saint of the fire service. St. Florian Lodge No. 239 has seen a growing interest from men who are associated with the fire service all over the state. They are receiving petitions and conferring degrees.

Newly chartered **Crescent Lodge No. 240** is domiciled within Boumi Shrine. It is designed to attract men into Masonry who have an ultimate interest in becoming a Shriner.

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Terrapin Lodge No. 241 is our very first university Lodge and is composed of men who have attended or who are presently attending the University of Maryland. Many other jurisdictions have already formed university Lodges. The District of Columbia is planning to hold Congress of University Lodges in Washington, DC this fall. **Terrapin Lodge No. 241** will participate.

We expect other university Lodges to follow. We are specifically interested in reaching out to alumni of any university within the state to establish either a Masonic club or a Masonic Lodge. Please let me know if you have an interest and we will be ready to assist you.

We have reinstated the **Solomon's Two Program** to recognize men who are bringing petitions to their lodges. As a first line signer, you receive a Bronze pin for the first petition, a Silver pin for the second and a Gold pin for the third petition. At the Semi Annual we awarded all three to Brother Albert Westra who has brought all three of his sons into Masonry. How special that moment was for him and Maryland Masonry.

Lastly, we introduced the new Grand Lodge advertising video and it was well received. It is more aggressive in promoting Maryland Masonry. I am certain that you will like it once you see it. Some last minute adjustments are being made before it is released. Stay tuned.

Brethren you constantly hear that Masonry takes good men and makes them better. I believe that this is essentially true and the transformation spans a lifetime. However, we must not forget that much of this self-improvement is a *"do it yourself project."* In other words the man must share this objective and apply himself to make it happen.

Based on numerous studies and a recent survey by the United Grand Lodge of England, it was determined that although lodges do a good job in presenting ritual while conferring degrees, at the same time the Lodges fall short in providing Masonic education to new members. This is generally the most formative time in his Masonic career. Yes, they have received three degrees, followed by three lectures, and then followed by three catechisms. But for many, the information comes so quickly that they are unable to fully comprehend the deeper meaning of the various lessons they have experienced.

I am becoming more convinced that one of the reasons we lose some men is because we have failed to give them enough Masonic knowledge to build a strong foundation and a solid appreciation for the values of Masonry.

Too often when a new Master Mason expresses an interest in learning more about Masonry, the suggestion they receive is to join another Masonic body because then they will find

out everything they need to know. Sometimes this works but too often the results are low percentage. We can change this now in two ways and assist our members in building a more solid Masonic foundation.

First, we have successfully launched the Maryland Masonic Academy. We presented 17 beautiful diplomas to our first graduates at the semi-annual. Now more men have signed up for the program. It is open to any Master Mason regardless of how long he has been a Mason. So take a look and get involved. You may be surprised by what you will learn. You can access this program through glmd.org. So get started now. I look forward to presenting you with your diploma.

Second, several years ago we introduced a **Guide to Mentoring**. This is an excellent program but as with all new things in masonry change takes place at glacial speed. What is mentoring all about?

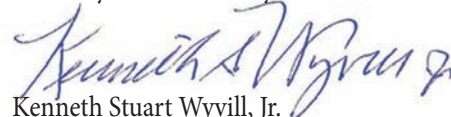
The dictionary defines a mentor as *"an inexperienced person's advisor."* Mentoring systems put Masonic development at the heart of promoting the lifelong development of every Freemason by providing him a *"personal guide or mentor"* as soon as he is balloted upon.

What better way for a man to become infused with the spirit of Freemasonry and to believe in and understand its purposes and ideals than to have a respected member of the lodge take on the responsibility of *"mentoring"* him through his first year and perhaps even further. In our **Guide to Mentoring**, we recommend that a *"mentor"* be assigned to every new candidate as soon as he is elected to receive his degrees. The *"mentor"* should make every effort to meet and get to know the candidate before he comes to lodge for his first degree. What better way to show a new member that we care about him and his early experiences with Freemasonry than by devoting some personal time to him.

Robert F. Kennedy said: *"The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to make things better."* My Brothers, you can make a difference to a new Mason by playing an important part in his early masonic development just by being his friend and mentor.

Can we count on you? Brethren, please join me in continuing to make Maryland Masonry a **Pathway to Excellence!** Thank you!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Kenneth Stuart Wyvill, Jr.

Grand Master

MESSAGE FROM THE RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

by Kostas "Gus" Vourvoulas, RW Deputy Grand Master



I want to thank you, the members of the Craft for electing me the next Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. Many great men have held this prestigious office and I am so very humbled that you have seen fit to place me among them. It is the duty of every Grand Master to serve the Masons of Maryland to the best of his ability. Brethren,

I pledge that I will give you my utmost effort to move Maryland Masonry forward in the coming term.

As we have stated on many occasions, membership development and retention must be at the top of our priority list. The making of quality Masons is the primary duty of every Blue Lodge. We will not be able to persevere and continue to grow without attracting and retaining members. We must give men a reason to join and an even greater reason to maintain their membership. Community involvement, charitable endeavors and personal growth are just a few reasons men join and our Lodges must encourage these activities.

It is time, my Brethren, that we take responsibility for the future of our Fraternity. We must go out into the public and tell them who we are and what we stand for. It is incumbent on each one of us to tell the world at large that we are men of quality and of good moral stature. Each member of our Fraternity must be willing to communicate the principles of Masonry to the outside world and let them know that we are an organization to which they need to belong.

Once a prospective member has submitted his petition for membership, it is time for us to forge a relationship with this person. We must learn why this individual wants to be a Mason and what he expects to receive from being a member of our fraternity.

The initial contact to the prospective member is made by the Lodge Investigating Committee. In 2011 a **Guide for Masonic Investigating Committees** was published by the Grand Lodge. This pamphlet contains helpful hints about conducting an interview with a petitioner. . The committee can interview the

potential member as a group or individually. The manner in which the interview is conducted will be made by the worshipful master. It is preferred that the interview be conducted in the petitioner's home and that the spouse and significant other be present. By this process, the committee is afforded the opportunity to explain to the petitioner and his family what to expect after the potential candidate is elected to receive the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. It also allows the family a chance to ask any questions that they may have regarding the fraternity.

During the interview process it is imperative that the members of the committee assess the attitude of the family toward the petitioners desire to become a Freemason. As we all are aware, the journey to becoming and remaining a Mason is not one traveled alone. If the entire family is not willing to embark on this trip; then it may not be in the best interest of the petitioner or the lodge to begin the journey.

Many of the programs instituted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland have been suggested by you, the members of the Craft. You are the real treasure of Masonry and I pray that you will continue to spread our message of morality and brotherly love throughout the world.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Gus Vourvoulas RWDG



It is recommended that that every Lodge has a standing committee of at least six men, trained as to how an interview should be conducted. A group of three men from this committee is assigned and charged with the task of interviewing the petitioner and ascertaining his motives for petitioning the fraternity for membership



**4TH ANNUAL
WESTERN
MARYLAND
MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

The Western Maryland Masonic Lodges are proud to present the 4th Annual Western Maryland Music Festival, Saturday, Sept. 24th at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic grounds, Cumberland starting at 11:30AM with gates opening at 10AM. The Masonic Lodges who have combined in this Fundraising effort are Potomac 100, Queen City 131, East Gate 216, James W. Bowers 173 and Kemp 154. “*We have put together what we think is another fantastic day of fun and electrifying entertainment, with a variety of Special Foods, Beverages (including imports), Vendors and Bands, including recording artist the Davisson Brothers and Bon~Journey headlining the evening*”, according to Tim Schupfer, Festival Committee Chairman. This event is a fundraiser to support the many missions and contributions the Masonic Temples and members provide to the community, including charities throughout the area, Scholarships to local high school students, Youth Sports, Masonic Charities of Maryland and many more, “*We have many missions we accomplish each year to help our community and state, but we need your help to accomplish this.*” We would like to thank the many bands, performers, sponsors and the over 50 infield vendors making this show the success it has come to be.

Other bands and musicians performing during the day will consist of the Ronnie Wayne TideWater Band from Baltimore, City Limits (Local Favorite), So Low (featuring Dean Cramer), Ol’ Buzzard Band and Brickyard Road (Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute) from Frederick, Md. A special thanks to the major sponsors of the event: Western Maryland Distributors, Service Unlimited, Aaron’s Jewelers, Beckman’s Pharmacy, Gornall Construction, Ali Ghan Shrine, Arby’s, Ellsworth Electric, Inc., Planet Fitness, D & D Motors (Buy here, Pay Here), Puffinburger Carpets, Potomac 100, East Gate 216, Bowers 173, Kemp 154, Scottish Rite, ATK, Chick-Fil-A, York Rite, RD Pools, Jimmy Joy’s Log Cabin, MB Hauling, J&D Prestigious Homes, Golf Club at Maplehurst, Star Landscaping, Rocky Gap Casino & Resort, Grand Lodge of Maryland, Allegany Aggregates, Inc. and Big Froggy, who will be broadcasting live during the show.

The Western Maryland Music Festival 4 is proud to present to our stage BON-JOURNEY, from Pittsburgh, PA. Since 2006 Bon-Journey has been performing all along the east coast to fans of two of the greatest pop-rock acts of all times: Bon Jovi and Journey. Besides working at some of the finest clubs, Festivals, concerts and venues around, the group has had the opportunity to perform in front of sell-out crowds at numerous colleges in the U.S., such as the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State, Washington and Jefferson, Carlow University, University of New Haven, Lebanon Valley College and others. The act has also shared the stage with numerous national acts including Mickey Thomas & Starship, Peter Frampton, Eric Church, 3 Doors Down and Fuel, as well as have performed the National Anthem at regional sporting events.

We are also proud to welcome back, National Recording Artist “*The Davisson Brothers*”. The Davisson Brothers Band has a unique style, fusing a blend of country, southern rock, and bluegrass to create a distinctive sound. Their remarkable sound, combined with the band’s talent and energy, has gained them an incredibly loyal and rapidly growing fan base. Brothers Donnie and Chris Davisson, Cousin Sammy Davisson, and life-long best friend Aaron Register are continuing musical pursuits started by the Davisson family long ago. In DBB, one can’t help but hear the resounding influence of a life raised in music. Their song lyrics and sound tell powerful stories of their family history and lifestyle in West Virginia, and is sure to gain a nationwide following. The band recently worked with acclaimed producer Keith Stegall on their first national single Jesse James.

“*Hit the ball out of the park.*” This was how Ronnie Van Zant described Lynyrd Skynyrd’s musical goal. To hit a home run every time. Never give it anything less than 100 percent.

You have to say that about BRICKYARD ROAD as well, says Schupfer, This talented group of musicians, centered near the Mason Dixon line, give it all they have, every time they come together for yet another re-creation of the 1970’s Lynyrd Skynyrd experience.

Every song, every note, is faithfully recreated in this authentic, concert style approach to the original band. This is not a cliché, or a parody of Southern Rock, as so many others have approached the genre. The band members of BRICKYARD ROAD live and love the music; they have been listening to, and playing it, for over 30 years now.

The over 50 infield vendors and crafters will consist of: Papparazzi, Thirty-one, Glamour Ray, Jamberry Nails, Avon, Gourmet Popcorn, Hiram & Solomon Cigars, Dove Chocolates, Park Lane Jewelry, Carol’s Quilts, Lilli Rose, American Legion, Scentsy, Woodworks, Jewelry in Candles, Beadazzled, Clothing, Younique, Chick-Fil-a, Tupperware, Spilada, Lula Rae, Pink Zebra, Personalized Jewelry & Gifts, Handmade Soaps, Origami Owl, Funnel Cakes, Crafts, Mary Kay, “*It Works*”, Real Time Relief and many, many more.

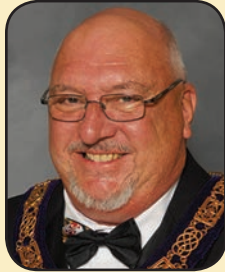
Tickets available at the Book Center (Cumberland), Liberty Liquors (LaVale), Tonya’s Tux Shop (Center St.), Battery One (Cumberland – Hagerstown), Kerr Brothers Outdoors, Ali Ghan Shrine Club, Grand Lodge of Maryland (Cockeysville) and online at Eventbrite.

If you are unable to get your tickets in advance, they will be available at the gate. For more information, please call Tim at 301-697-9760 or follow us on Facebook. The Masonic Lodges of Western Maryland along with the Grand Lodge of Maryland thank you for your support of this wonderful and important fundraising event.

GRAND LODGE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

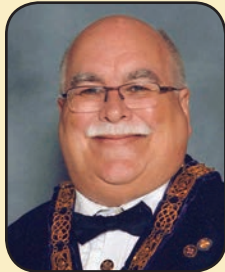
At the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland held on Saturday, May 14, 2016, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term. They will be installed on the evening of the Annual Communication to be held on November 19, 2016.

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Kostas "Gus" Vourvoulas
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION

Two proposed amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution were also balloted upon with the following results:

1 Proposed amendment to suspend a member for non-payment of dues after 6 months

This proposed amendment failed to be passed. No further action will be taken on this amendment.

2 Proposed amendment to add non-conforming Lodges to the constitution

This proposed amendment passed.



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UPLANDS

By: Edward Heimiller, Curator

Uplands is one of the last of the great country estates located in the outskirts of Catonsville, Maryland. The property originally was awarded to Major John Swan (1750-1821), a member of St. Johns Lodge, No. 20 (*Initiated Jan. 11, 1780; Passed Jan. 29, 1780; and Raised Feb. 8, 1780*), who was given a grant of 1,000 acres after the American Revolution for his services to the American cause. An emigrant from Cockerfield, Dumphries, Scotland he served with distinction in the American Revolution, being wounded at Morristown, and serving alongside the Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834) at Yorktown. Following the war, he settled in Baltimore and became president of the Maryland Branch of The Bank of The United States. He named this track of land Hunting Ridge (Edmondson Shopping Center now occupies the site his house). Major Swan raised sheep, cattle, and horses on the property.

His son, James Swan (1796-1859), the president of the Farmer's Bank and later, of the Merchant's Bank of Biltmore, inherited the property and gave a portion to his eldest daughter, Ann Elizabeth Swan (1819-1880), upon her marriage in 1848 to William Frederick Frick (1817-1905) of an estate of forty acres and a mansion on a high bluff overlooking Baltimore known as '*Bleak House*,' named in homage to Charles Dickson's novel of the same name. The couple ultimately renamed the property '*Hill Top*' and cleared the wooded areas and began establishing the gardens.

William Frederick Frick was a wealthy and prominent Baltimore lawyer and a friend of noted American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882). He was the son of Judge William Frick (1790-1855), a member of Cassia Lodge, No. 45 who had studied law under William Winder (1775-1824), a founding member of Cassia Lodge, No. 45 (Cassia Lodge, No. 45 merged in 2000 with Amicable-St. John's Lodge, No. 25). Initially educated by private tutors William Frederick Frick later attended Baltimore City College and went on to graduate from Harvard in 1835. After being admitted to the Baltimore bar in 1839 he established his practice in Baltimore and went on to serve on the board of directors of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.



Mary Sloan Frick

The Fricks' daughter, Mary Sloan Frick (1851-1936), at the age of 21 in 1872 married Robert Garrett (1847-1896), the eldest son of John Work Garrett (1820-1884), president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and namesake of Garrett County, Maryland. While John Work Garrett purchased No. 11 West Mt. Vernon Place in Baltimore for the couple's city residence as a wedding present William Frick gave 'Hill Top' to his daughter to use as the couple's country retreat as his wedding present with the understanding that he would have a life interest in the property. Around this time the property became known as 'Uplands.' She would use Uplands as a summer retreat for six to eight weeks a year, dividing the rest of the year between her Mt. Vernon residence and her summer cottage, 'Whiteholme,' in Newport, Rhode Island designed by John Russell Pope (1874-1937). After the death of her first husband in 1896 she married Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs (1858-1939) in 1902.

The present building known as Uplands was built in 1850 under William Frick after a fire devastated the previous building on the site. Several additions and improvements were made to the property in the 1880's under Mary Frick Garrett [later Mrs. Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs] until the house reached it's current size of forty-two rooms with contributions from various architects; including William H. Reasin (1816-1867), E. Francis Baldwin (1837-1916), Charles McKim (1847-1909), and Stanford White (1853-1906), the latter two through the New York based firm of McKim, Mead and White. Many of the rooms on the first floor boast stain glass windows by John Stack & Sons of Baltimore as


well as fireplaces with Colonial and Renaissance revival mantels supplied by the Baltimore based firm of Charles F. Meislahn & Co.

Upon Mary Frick Jacobs' death in 1936 she bequeathed Uplands and \$1,300,000.00 to establish an endowment "to be used as a home for lonely church women unable to provide for their own support" to the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland (the property was not transferred to the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland until 1939). The billiard room was converted into a chapel in accordance with the wishes of Mary Frick Jacobs, expressed in her will, as well as the application of stucco on the exterior of the house to improve the house's insulation to make the building more suitable as a nursing home. A sympathetic modern addition was constructed in 1951 for the residences as the mansion did not meet with fire standards. In 1986 Uplands Home for Church Women was consolidated into the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland's new retirement facility, Fairhaven in Carroll County, Maryland. Uplands was sold to the New Psalmist Baptist Church who razed the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland's 1951 addition and constructed a new contemporary brick addition on the site.



In late October of 2010 Baltimore City purchased the property as part of the Uplands Redevelopment. In December of 2015 the New Psalmist Baptist Church addition was razed alongside the original stick style carriage house. Currently Uplands stands vacant as the last vestige of a bygone era overlooking the Baltimore skyline. Plans for the adaptive reuse and development of the property are still being evaluated. For more information about this article or the museum please contact: museum@glmd.org.





Friend to Friend

MY GETTYSBURG CONNECTION TO MASONRY

By: Michael P. Codori, PM

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Growing up in Gettysburg, PA, I had no connection with Masonry. The strange symbols on the windows of the Masonic Lodge in the center of town were both mysterious and somewhat foreboding. No one in my family was or had ever been a Mason, so my interest in the Fraternity never materialized until 2001, when I became a Mason in Rockville, Maryland.

About five years ago, I discovered that I indeed had a connection to Masonry that traced back to the Civil War, at the Battle of Gettysburg. Two incidents in particular cemented my dedication to the Fraternity. Let me explain.

My great-great grandfather, **Nicholas Codori**, an immigrant from Hodweiler, France, in the early years of the 19th century, established a family butcher business in Gettysburg and purchased a farm on the edge of town, along the Emmitsburg Road, now Rt. 15. On July 2nd, 1863, his farm was at the center of one of the most critical infantry engagements of the Civil War: Picketts Charge. There were three prominent participants involved in this event, all Masons: **Union Major General Winfield Hancock** (Charity Lodge No. 190, Norristown, PA), **Confederate Brigadier General Lewis Armistead** (Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, VA), and **Union Captain Henry Bingham** (Chartiers Lodge No. 297, Cannonburg, PA).

Both Generals were West Point graduates and served together in the War on Mexico (1846-1848). In May, 1861, Armistead resigned his commission in the Union Army and was re-commissioned in the Confederate Army. The two West Pointers never met again until that fateful day at Gettysburg. At the height of the battle on July 2nd, both men were wounded, Armistead mortally. Capt. Bingham, of Hancock's staff, stopped and rendered assistance to the fallen Armistead, who gave him his belongings, including his Square & Compasses. This exchange occurred at the corner of my grandfather's property, called "*The Angle*," named so for the 90 degree arrangement of the stone wall of the Union battlement. Their moment of brotherly love and relief is now immortalized by the "*Friend to Friend*" Memorial nearby, which was erected by the Masons of Pennsylvania in 1993, and is dedicated to the Masons on both sides of the conflict.

The second event involved a Mason from Georgia, Colonel Joseph Wasden (Franklin Lodge No. 11, Warrenton, GA), who was killed on, July 1st, 1863, in the same area. His body was discovered on July 2nd by Union soldiers of the Rhode Island infantry who found a Masonic certifi-

(Reference: "*Freemasons at Gettysburg*," by Bro. Sheldon A. Munn, 1993)



cate on Bro. Wasden's body and notified their commander, Captain Foy (also a Mason). Bro. Foy assembled brother Masons from his unit and conducted a Masonic burial service for the fallen Bro. Wasden. Since acacia was not available, a green leaf of corn was placed at the head of the grave. Col./Bro. Wasden's grave was kept for several years by my great-great grandfather, Nicholas, until his remains were removed and reinterred in Laurel Grove Cemetery in Savannah, GA.



I cannot walk my ancestor's land or consider the Masonic relief and love that was demonstrated there on his farm one hundred and fifty years ago without becoming emotional. To many, it is incomprehensible to think that any acts of such respect and kindness could ever have occurred during such a regretful and hurtful period in our Nation's history. However, as Masons, we should not be as surprised that they happened, for we are committed to those tenets for our time on this earth, regardless of the circumstances that may challenge us to do so.

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He died in March, on the 23rd, surrounded by family members. With his body wracked by pain and sickness, struggling for breath, but spirit strong to the end, he succumbed to the miseries inflicted on him by others.

Thus ended the life of Tommaso Baldassarre Crudeli, a noted poet and lawyer. He is today recognized universally as the first man to die for his beliefs and loyalty to the ideals of Freemasonry. The place: Florence, Italy. The date: 1745.

As the Age of Enlightenment swept the Western world in the eighteenth century, it brought about the awakening of reason. It meant a freedom or liberation from superstition and dogma, and a realization that man is capable of determining his own destiny. It was during this period that Freemasonry was organized at Grand Lodge level and began growing worldwide.

The first Lodge in Italy was established in 1733 in Florence by the Grand Lodge of England. Tommaso became one of the first Italians to join the Lodge, being initiated on May 5, 1735. He quickly became the Lodge secretary, and the focus of the Church in its struggle to re-establish control over the civil government there.

On May 9, 1739, Tommaso Crudeli was arrested in Florence by papal police under orders of the Holy Inquisition. His crime – refusal to divulge the names of the other members of his Lodge, some of whom were suspected of being members of the clergy. He was placed in the basement cell of a local church in the dark, without air, toilet, bed or standing room. He suffered unspeakable conditions there for 16 months.

It was a process of dehumanization and demonization which ultimately failed to gain the prisoner's confession as desired by the Inquisitor. He developed tuberculosis while under these conditions.

With the strong involvement of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, the King of England, and the Grand Lodge of England, the torture was ended. The Church also did not want its dying prisoner to die in the basement of one of its churches. There was a summary trial in which Brother Crudeli could not speak because of his physical condition and because he was vomiting blood. He was convicted and

pardoned in the same day and placed under perpetual house arrest. Four years later, bedridden, physically broken and failing, he died.

His death in a young Universal Freemasonry was not in vain: already before Crudeli's death the Grand Duke of Tuscany forced the closure of the Tribunal of the Inquisition. This marked the first time in history that a civil authority limited the power of ecclesiastical authority.

In 1992, the Institute for Historical Studies of Tommaso Crudeli was created to share with the world the story of Tommaso Crudeli and to remember what Freemasonry has done, and sometimes paid with life, for Liberty and Goodness of Humanity.

The Institute has submitted to the United Nations the name of Tommaso Crudeli as Champion of Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 18 provides for universal freedom of thought.

Brother Tommaso Crudeli is the first Martyr in a young Universal Freemasonry that had no divisions, no schisms, no mutual recognition, regular or irregular, and was working without boundaries. Therefore, Crudeli is the first Martyr of all Universal Freemasonry for all colors, to all continents, for all Masonic Bodies.

On May 16, 2015, a bust of Tommaso Crudeli was presented to The Grand Lodge of Maryland at its Semi-Annual Communication by the Institute through Tuscan Lodge #202 of Maryland. A seventh generation of Tommaso is a member of Tuscan. The replica resides in the museum of the Grand Lodge as a reminder of the loyalty and fidelity to our Masonic oath, not only to all of our Brothers but also to the visitors of our museum.



MARYLAND MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS—2016

Each year, the Grand Lodge recognizes our Brothers who have reached the milestone of fifty, sixty and seventy years of service to Maryland Freemasonry. We proudly honor the following Brothers who achieved these exemplary levels of service in 2016:



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Louis Atkinson, Jr.	115
Albert Beaver, Jr.	181
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Thomas Butterbaugh	68
William Carlile, Jr.	182
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Douglas Clarke	182
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William Fleischmann	116
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William Griffin	51
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Clarence Horn	216
James Howcroft	227
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Joseph Kefauver	58
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Andrew Larkins	106
Arthur Lego	112
Herman Long	58
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Richard Musgrove	116
Max Nusbaum	195
William O'Keefe	152
Donald Osborne	166
Bennie Owens	89
William Purnell	147
Elmer Rhody	25
Israel Ruddie	25
John Schaffner	13

Robert Scott	183
Clarence Sheetz	131
William Shipley, Sr.	213
Chester Smith	116
Francis Sparr	184
Ernest Taschenberg, Jr.	100
Herbert Wright	51



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Warren Askew	183
William Atkinson	112
Gabel Bauer	213
John Blottenberger	158
George Boellner	152
Philip Bogash	25
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Thomas Cate	219
Walter Charlton	179J
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Marcus Dumond	187
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Walter Giordano	116
Stuart Goodman	25
Erick Gradl	51
Milton Greffen, Jr.	101
Edward Grimes, Jr.	84
Charles Haydon	230
Donald Hendricks	130
Ralph Hobbs, Sr.	68
Leo Huppert	184
Raymond Jackson	193
Roger Johnson	13
Charles Keister	99
Gilbert Kerr	183
David Kimmelman	25
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George Owens	101
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Allan Price	115
James Reed	58
David Rhoads	219
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Elmer Robinson	218
Marvin Rothbloom	25
Philip Rue	66
Floyd Ryan	100
Robert Scheller	70
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Homer Abbott	140	John Doyle	116	Everett Knott	103	Chester Parsons	91
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The first spot made its debut during Major League Baseball’s All Star Game. They will be featured prominently in the upcoming football season as well as other opportunities as they arise. It is also available online for viewing or downloading by visiting the Grand Lodge of Maryland website at www.mdmasons.org and clicking on the link for “Web TV”.



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