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Cover, The Grand Lodge has been a very busy bee so far this year with multiple activities.



FREEMASONRY is the oldest fraternal organization in the world. It is dedicated to promoting improvement in the character of its members. A Mason is taught to be a good citizen, to be of good character, to care for those less fortunate, and to give back to his community.

THE MASONIC FRATERNITY contributes over \$1 Billion each year to its philanthropic pursuits. Over \$750 Million of that in the United States alone. The Crippled Children's and Burns Hospitals sponsored by Shrine Masons are world famous for their ability to help those most in need.





GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Things are really moving forward all around Maryland and I hope you are as excited as I am. Our quest for excellence and to advance masonry in our state is coming to fruition thanks to you.

I want to thank every Lodge who submitted their business plan to me. I read every report and will eventually respond to each one. Some were quite extensive and some were brief. Each one offered an insight into how the lodge expected to meet their goals for 2015 and I am extremely pleased with what I have seen. The following is excerpted from "The Worshipful Master's Workbook" which is published by The Masonic Service Association. "The essence of leadership as a Worshipful Master is preparation. The keystone of preparation is setting goals and planning to reach those goals. In practical terms, this means sitting down and giving serious thought to what you wish to accomplish during your year as Worshipful Master." "Dream big dreams, but never forget that realistic short-term goals are the key to your success." - Mac Anderson.

RECAP

We just finished the regional meetings which were all well attended. I appreciate your time and interest. Our theme was to point you in our new direction. We began by looking at the 21st Century Mason followed by a presentation on the use of social media as a vehicle to attract potential members to our craft. Interestingly the average age of our petitioners is now just over age 40. The median age is much less and was very obvious as we visited lodges in January. Younger men have not only assumed the leadership of many of our Lodges but the sidelines are also filling with their peers. This is an exciting time for masonry. Next we examined ideas to help build awareness of Maryland masonry with numerous examples of lodges providing ChIP events, scholarship awards, parades,

food banks and senior services to mention just a few. The opportunities to positively impact your community are endless. Don't be afraid to go out on a limb because that is where you will find the fruit.

RESTRUCTURING THE GRAND LODGE

I introduced at the regionals the need to restructure the Grand Lodge. Most do not know that currently the Grand Lodge is one corporation which as a result exposes all of our assets should a legal action be taken against us. Right now the Grand Lodge owns all of the real estate, all of the buildings, all of the furnishings, all of the equipment, the Masonic Homes and all of the money in the endowment funds. The time has come to address this situation to better protect ourselves and all of our assets.

We have engaged an attorney who specializes in not for profit organizations. We asked for his assistance and guidance in developing a plan to better protect our assets and at the same time to enable us to be in a posture to expand our services to the craft. He has developed such a plan and we are going to ask you to vote on it at the semi-annual meeting in May. With your approval we will begin the process of restructuring our assets which will take a year or more to move through the legal details. Brethren, this move will strengthen your Grand Lodge and position us to address the needs of our organization well into the future. Do not hesitate to call me, the Deputy or the Grand Secretary with any questions.

WHAT'S NEW?

We have now distributed to most lodges the new "Book of Lodge Strategies" which offer ideas for attracting men to masonry, use of social media, mentoring, lodge activities, community activities and retention. The plan is to not only suggest the use of the ideas presented but to spark you to develop your own ideas and to share those with everyone throughout the state.

At the regionals we introduced the "new lodge data management system" which will be in full swing in July. This system will not only reduce some of the workload on lodge secretaries but will succeed in making everyone more aware of what is going on in each lodge. The system also

Making Good Men Better... A.F. & A.M. No. 487
Grand Lodge of Maryland

Greetings Brethren!
 The big news for the week is the formal announcement of the Grand Master's Ball on Saturday, June 6th. This year's theme will be "The Roaring Twenties", and I am looking forward to a wonderful evening. Entertainment for the night will be by "Great Escape Band". You can find more details about the Ball below. So put your glad rags on and join Patty and I as we dance the night away!

Fraternally,
 Ken Wyvill, Jr. - MW Grand Master

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT
 Continue Your Masonic Education
 Scottish Rite of Provenance - Baltimore Spring Candidate Registration & Orientation
 Wednesday, April 22, 2015 @ 6:30pm
 At the Historic Scottish Rite Temple (3801 N. Charles St., Baltimore 21218)
 For more info call 410.443.3200
[Download a Position](#)

Attention All Golfers!
 A number of lodges have plans in the works to hold golf tournament fundraisers in the coming months. If your lodge is interested in promoting your tournament to other Masons, send the details and an electronic copy of your flyer in. Starting next week, we will begin promoting all those we hear from right here in *Compass Points*. Please send to Tom Foster at tfoster@mdm.org.

Chicken and Rib BBQ
 Breakfast and Brunch are meeting up for their 20th annual event featuring homemade chicken and ribs with all the fixings! Music will be provided by the Cypress Creek Bluegrass Band. Friends support our Masonic Family Youth.
 Wednesday, 10th October 11:00 AM
 4 and Cedar - 3000
 For information call 443.281.0268
[Download the Flyer](#)

National Superheroes Presentation
 Wednesday, April 22, 7:30pm
 Charles Lodge No. 123
 10015 Middlebrook Rd.
 Frederick, MD
 Representatives will be on hand to present the story of the U.S. Flag, what the stars, stripes and colors represent and how the flag serves to bind us together. Open hearing for all members, friends and relatives.

Bro. Brent Morris Talks on the Higher Degrees of Masonry
 Thursday, April 23rd, 7:00pm
 Potomac Lodge No. 100
 10001 Ireland Farm Road
 Gaithersburg, MD
 Bro. Morris, author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Provenance" will trace the "High Degree" from their first appearance to their growth and evolution up to the 33rd degree, demonstrating that every Craft Degree has always been an integral part of the Masonic family.
 Topics presented by the Chairman will include a chance of Food or Babad Chicken, Market Peasants with Gary, Shaw or Spanish Salad, Mussels and Potatoes. Cost for dinner is \$15. Please RSVP to Debbie Colton at ShawJDFM@aol.com

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 36th Annual Brotherhood Night at Nantux in Delaware
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GRAND LODGE EVENTS
 Grand Master's Ball Saturday June 6, 2015
 Ladies and Gent!
 Come dressed for the Roaring 20's in your flapper dress and stylish spats!
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Maryland Pride in Bro. George Washington
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Thought for the Week
 "A pessimist is someone who complains about the noise when opportunity knocks."
 -Oscar Wilde

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promotes communication among the members via e-mail and will eventually enable members to find other members in the fraternity who can offer needed services such as plumbers, electricians, financial advisors just to name a few. Best of all these services are provided by men you can trust. You will see and hear more about this as we get closer to the July launch date.

In an effort to promote better communication throughout the state, Tom Foster initiated a new idea called "Compass Points." This is essentially a mass e-mail notification every Monday around noon designed to keep you in the loop on the many activities of the Grand Lodge and local lodges. Lots of pictures and stories of interest and the chance for you to let everyone know about your event every week is now possible. If you haven't already subscribed please do so now by going to mdmasons.org and simply clicking the subscribe button.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

Brethren, recently two celebrated events hit the national news. One was in Boston and the other one was right here in Baltimore. Each event involved the recovery of noted cornerstones and each involved the masons. Let's focus on Baltimore and the cornerstone recovered from the Washington Monument which was dedicated nearly 200 years ago by Maryland Masons.

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We have been asked to participate in a ceremony to replace the actual Washington Monument cornerstone. Unfortunately this will involve a small group. The good news is that it will be recorded and distributed all over for publication and broadcast. Maryland masonry will be a direct beneficiary of this positive publicity.

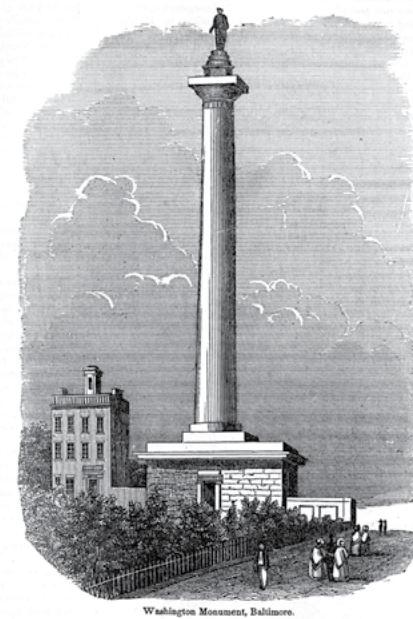
However, there is a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the monument scheduled on July 4th to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the actual cornerstone laying of this magnificent edifice and we can all attend. Negotiations are under way to enable us to form a procession in order to march to the monument in our regalia. We will have more about this as the date approaches. In September we have also been invited to perform a rededication of the monument. Please plan to join us on these historic occasions.

Meanwhile, we are offering a limited edition commemorative medal to help celebrate this historic event in our Masonic history. The medal will be available through the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Library and Museum. You will be entitled to wear and display this medal at any Masonic event as evidence that you have participated in our effort to financially support this historically significant landmark.

In conclusion my brothers, we all know that there is much more work to be done throughout our wonderful fraternity. Do you remember the question, "What came you here to do?" Your answer was "to learn to improve myself in Masonry." Always remember brethren that self-improvement is a life long journey and that masonry offers you a pathway to accomplishing your quest.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Kenneth Stuart Wyvill, Jr.
Grand Master



Washington Monument, Baltimore.

MESSAGE FROM THE RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

by Kostas "Gus" Vourvoulas, RW Deputy Grand Master



The long winter has ended. Installations and regional meetings have been completed. Let's take a look at the programs we have implemented since November of 2014.

As always, membership is our top priority. Membership growth is the only way to assure the survival of our Gentle Craft.

The Book of Lodge Strategies has been distributed throughout the state.

Facebook and other similar social media outlets are not the only way to attract and retain members. Community involvement is a huge vehicle by which Brothers can interact with potential members. Participating in local parades, providing an information booth in a town's festival, or volunteering in community projects shows the public that we are an active part of it. This also gives our membership a means by which to donate time and energy to the betterment of their lives and communities where they live or work.

The *Maryland Masonic Mentoring* program has

and seem truly humbled when receiving their certificate. They have labored in obscurity far too long. Finally, they are now being rewarded for the work they have been performing.

Worshipful Masters, if you have an instructor in your lodge who has been teaching for many years, or one who goes above and beyond the call of duty, it is incumbent on you to nominate this outstanding Brother. Contact the Grand Lodge and we will be proud to award this Brother with a charter membership in the *Instructive Tongue Society*.

Subsequent to the Semi-Annual Communication in May, nominations and memberships to the society will continue to be reviewed and awarded, but not as charter members.

The *Lodge Growth and Advancement Program* is designed to assist lodges in evaluating their membership, finances and planning for the future. Upon invitation, a group of brothers will be assigned to your lodge. These brothers will lend their advice to the lodge while it formulates plans for growth and self-perpetuation. This offer of assistance will only be provided at a lodge's request; no lodge will be required to participate in this program.

The Book of Lodge Strategies, Maryland Masonic Mentoring program, the Instructive Tongue Society, and the Lodge Growth and Advancement program are the initiatives that give our constituent lodges the tools with which to increase the enjoyment of the Blue Lodge experience. As you can see, the initiatives put forth by the Grand Lodge since November have been designed to strengthen our Fraternity. However, my Brothers, the strength has never been, nor will it ever be located in Cockeysville. True strength lies in the constituent lodges.

We urge each lodge to develop plans to increase memberships and develop programs to retain members through interesting educational, family and community activities. Share your ideas with other lodges; what is successful in your lodge may also work in another lodge.

Please spread the "Great Light of Masonry" throughout our state and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and our entire Masonic Family!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Kostas "Gus" Vourvoulas, RWDGM

GRAND LODGE PUBLICATIONS



(If your lodge has not yet received their copy, please call the Grand Lodge office.) This book contains ideas that will assist your lodge in attracting new members as well as retaining your current members. After reading these strategies, we urge you to modify and/or develop your own, send them to the Grand Lodge, and we will publish and distribute them to all lodges to be added to their book. The ideas you have may help a lodge in another area of the state.

Brothers Mark E. Pearlstein and Tom Foster have created a Facebook campaign to attract potential members. The initiative will be rolled out on a limited basis using several lodges throughout the state. Limiting the roll out will enable the Grand Lodge to evaluate the results of this project. If the campaign is successful, we will then invite all interested lodges to participate.

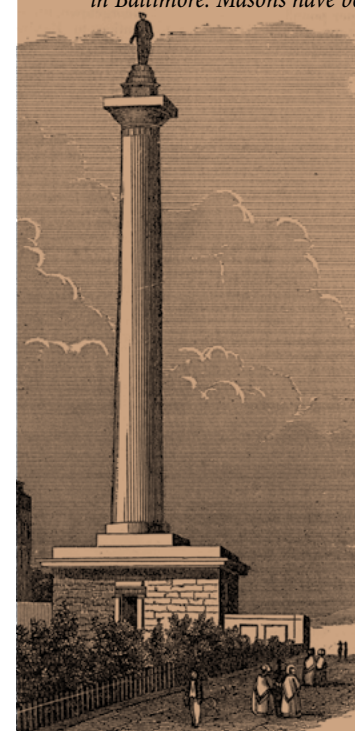
received a facelift. Any wrinkles it may have had are gone and it now has a fresh look. This program was introduced several years ago. It was met with great enthusiasm and success with the lodges who took advantage of the curriculum. Unfortunately, the momentum we enjoyed when this program was first introduced has been lost. We urge all lodges to take advantage of this revised educational tool. Bro. David Sandy and his committee will be more than willing to visit your lodge and answer any questions you may have regarding the implementation of this quality program. You may email Bro. Dave at david_jocelyn2007@isp.com for more information.

The *Instructive Tongue Society Award* has become a very coveted honor. Recognizing our catechism instructors has made for some of the most memorable moments at our installations and regional meetings. The recipients of the award have been very surprised

This July marks the bicentennial of the laying of the cornerstone of

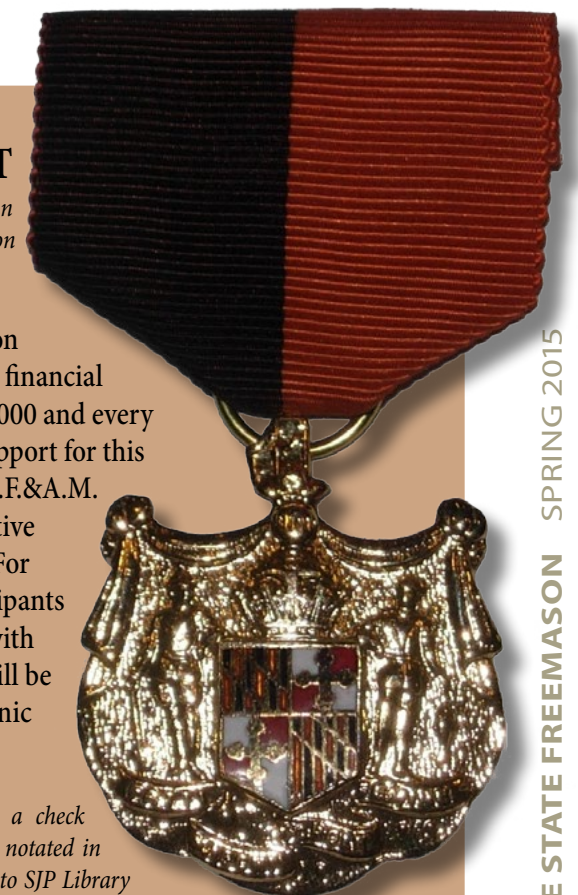
MARYLAND'S WASHINGTON MONUMENT

in Baltimore. Masons have been invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 4, 2015 and the Masonic rededication on September 26, 2015.



You can ensure Maryland's Washington Monument gleams again by making a financial contribution. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 and every contribution counts! To encourage support for this noble endeavor the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Maryland is issuing a commemorative medal representing Maryland Pride. For contributions of \$30.00 or more participants will receive a medal hand enameled with Maryland's Coat-of-Arms that they will be entitled to wear at all Maryland Masonic Events.

To make a tax deductible gift please send a check made payable to the SJP Library & Museum notated in the memo field "GW Monument" and mail it to SJP Library & Museum • 304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD. 21030. Please add an addition \$5.00 for shipping & handling if required.



2015 GRAND MASTER'S BALL JUNE 6

A Black-Tie Event
THE ROARING TWENTIES
Featuring
GREAT ESCAPE BAND

Cocktails & Hors d' Oeuvres served at 6:00PM
Seating at 6:45PM
Dinner at 7:00PM

Dinner by Atlantic Caterers
Soup & Salad
Filet/Crab Cake combo with side
dessert/coffee/tea
OPEN BAR
\$80.00 per person

Hotel reservations can be made at
Residence Inn
45 Schilling Road
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
410-527-2333

Ref: Grand Master's Ball

Contact Grand Lodge for reservations 410-527-0600
No Tickets Sold at the Door

Ladies and Gents! Come dressed to celebrate the Roaring 20's • Don't forget your flapper dress and stylish spats!



A Scholarship Recipient Checks In



Most Maryland Lodges participate annually in the Masonic Charities of Maryland Scholarship Program.

This worthy charity has been providing academic assistance to worthy public school students for many years.

Our RW Deputy Grand Master Kostas 'Gus' Vourvoulas recently received a letter from a former scholarship recipient. Ms. Jennifer Bates won a scholarship in 2009 that helped fund her undergraduate education at Stevenson University. As you can see in the letter below reprinted with Jennifer's permission, she is now continuing her pursuit of academic excellence as a doctoral student.

It is certainly encouraging to all who support this most worthy philanthropic effort to see this young woman continue to succeed, and we continue to wish Jennifer nothing but the best in the future.

Jennifer M. Bates
7130 Olivia Road
Middle River, MD 21220

Gus Vourvoulas
Deputy Grand Master
304 International Circle
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Dear Mr. Vourvoulas,

My name is Jennifer Bates, and I was a recipient of the Masonic Charities of Maryland scholarship in 2009. I want to thank you for your financial support, as it greatly contributed to the educational opportunities that I have been allowed. Your scholarship made my undergraduate education at Stevenson University significantly more affordable, and it was the experiences at Stevenson University that paved the way for my current opportunities. During my undergraduate education, I was offered the opportunity to serve the community in clinical placements at the Trauma Disorders Unit at Sheppard Pratt Hospital and Cornerstone Drug and Alcohol Treatment at Johns Hopkins Bayview. Likewise, I engaged in leadership roles at the university in the both the Psychology Club and the Psi Chi Honor Society for Psychology. In these leadership positions, I developed organizational, communication, and networking skills that served to facilitate a relationship with a faculty member at the University of MD, Baltimore County (UMBC).

This relationship with the UMBC faculty member was pivotal to my admittance to the Human Services Psychology PhD Program, Clinical Psychology Track at UMBC in 2013. Being a doctoral student is both an honor and a challenging experience that is a stepping stone toward my goal of becoming a licensed clinical psychologist and university professor. At UMBC, I am furthering my education, facilitating undergraduate students' learning as a teaching assistant, making research contributions in the field of couple and family relationships, and working to decrease intimate partner violence through my clinical externship at HopeWorks (formerly the Domestic Violence Center). All of these experiences are building a foundation on which my career will be established.

Thank you for your contribution that made these experiences possible. I greatly appreciate the generosity you extended to me and encourage you to continue making these opportunities available to other students.

Warmest Regards,

Jennifer M. Bates
Jennifer M. Bates



Masonic Charities of Maryland

THEN & NOW

By Bro. Michael C. Codori, MCM President

In 1986, Grand Master C. David Haacke determined that the youth of Maryland deserved the recognition, assistance, and protection of Masons. PGM Haacke was a member of the Board of Directors of the *Hillgenberg Foundation*, along with four others, including Bro. Maylon Hessey. This foundation was established by the Hillgenberg family to provide financial support for a wide range of community needs. Bros. Haacke and Hessey solicited the foundation for “seed” money to establish an independent Masonic organization, sanctioned as a 501c3 charitable entity to address the needs of Maryland youth. These included education funding for deserving high school seniors and intervention strategies for students at-risk for alcohol and other drug use. **Masonic Charities of Maryland (MCM)** was incorporated in August, 1986, and began operations that year. Although still an independent charity, MCM has become closely aligned with the Grand Lodge of Maryland over the years and enjoys a mutually-beneficial relationship.

Scholarship awards for high school seniors became the first focus for MCM, distributing checks for post-high school education to hundreds of students. The original awards were for \$1,000 awards and this practice continued until 2013, when the number of scholarships expanded dramatically, changing the amounts to \$500, one for each Masonic Lodge in Maryland. In addition, several of the annual scholarship recipients also received additional awards, in memory of PGM Haacke (\$5,000) and Bro. Vernon Mules (\$2,500), who served as MCM president for many years. More than \$750,000 in scholarships has been awarded since 1986. Each year since 2008, these high-achieving scholars have been feted at a ceremony in May/June at the Grand Lodge, where they are awarded their scholarships. This year, the date is May 17. Winners, their families, and Lodge representatives number more than 375 for this event.

Beginning in the early 1980’s, our country experienced an unprecedented increase in the use of alcohol and other drugs by teenagers. The epidemic accelerated and prompted PGM Haacke to meet with the Maryland State Superintendent of Schools, David Hornbeck, to inquire what schools were doing to address the problems being exhibited by teens in schools: falling grades, increased ab-

senteism, disruptive behavior, and health referrals. After being informed that there was no program or funding to address the substance use/abuse problem (and resultant effects) of adolescents in Maryland schools, PGM Haacke proposed in 1987 that MCM fund the first Student Assistance Program (SAP) training for educators. This nucleus of first trainees, mostly from the MD State Department of Education, created the Maryland Student Assistance Program (MSAP). With committed MCM funding, middle and high schools across Maryland sent teachers, administrators, nurses, and other staff members to state-wide MSAP trainings for the next two decades, resulting in more than 6,800 educators and health care professionals being trained in MSAP and forming school-based teams to address this epidemic. More than 30,000 students have been referred to MSAP and 60%—more than 18,000—of those received the professional help needed to restore their academic and personal health.

Federal funding was provided to schools systems to address the adolescent substance use problem, through the United States department of Education Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. One of the chief recipients of this much-needed funding was MSAP, allowing teams to continue their work for at-risk students. In 2007, this funding was discontinued and the federal support for MSAP became nonexistent. In addition, other factors emerged to threaten teens: violence, depression, suicide, and bullying, to mention the most critical threats to student success and well-being. Masonic Charities of Maryland remains the sole source of funding to address the needs of our students most at-risk by these ever-increasing societal pressures. The Student Assistance Program has now expanded its range of topics to include these issues and has become known as the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP) training. Ten MMSAP re-trainings have been conducted since 2010, and continue at the rate of two public school jurisdictions per year now. Each of these trainings costs more than \$17,000, all of which is funded by MCM.

The **Maryland Child Identification Program (MD-CHIP)** joined the family of MCM programs in 2013. Before then, it was managed and funded by the Grand Lodge. This program collects personal data and other empirical information from children, usually at the elementary school level, and gives the data to their parents to provide to law enforcement agencies in the event of loss or abduction. With the Grand Lodge Constitution amendment in

November, 2014, MDCHIP is fully funded by your contributions through a \$3/year assessment, which goes directly to MCM, to provide ongoing computer capability and material support to conduct these highly public events managed by many Lodges. Each year, nearly 5,000 students are registered with this program.

The Board of Directors of Masonic Charities consists of: The Grand Master (Chairman of the Board), Deputy Grand Master (Vice-Chairman of the Board), Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and nine members, elected for three-year terms by the Grand Lodge. The 2015 Board of Directors includes:

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Membership on the Board of Directors is open to any Master Mason in good standing of any Maryland subordinate Lodge.

Fund-raising, through donations and other means is on-going and MCM gladly accepts contributions from anyone. Should you wish to donate to MCM, please send your tax-deductible contribution to the Grand Lodge, payable to Masonic Charities of Maryland. You will receive a letter of thanks for your donation to verify your gift to use as a tax deduction.

Masonic Charities of Maryland, now in its 29th year, continues the work begun by a small band of brothers in 1986, to carry our commitment to charity to our Maryland youth. Your part in this effort is always a manifestation of our Masonic values and paves the way for the successful futures of our young Marylanders.



REMEMBERING HAUSSNER'S

By: Edward Heimiller, Curator



William Henry Haussner (1894-1963) is best remembered as the founder of Haussner's, Baltimore's preeminent restaurant for over half a century known for its menu and the art that hung on its walls. He was also a member of Germania Lodge, No. 160 under the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland; Initiated October 13, 1932; Passed November 10, 1932; and Raised February 9, 1933. Born in Germany, he began his restaurant career as a chef working in Nuremberg at an establishment known as the Museum Restaurant, which occupied a building formerly used as an art gallery. Here he served a four year apprenticeship as a chef, followed by two years of study of pastry making; he was also schooled as a restaurant manager in several European establishments, including the Rathskeller in Frankfurt, frequented by Kaiser Wilhelm II (1859-1941).

He immigrated to the United States in 1925 and the following year was able to open a restaurant, Haussner's, bearing his name at 3313 Eastern Avenue in Baltimore, a neighborhood primarily populated by Eastern European and German immigrants. In need of larger quarters after a decade of consistently increasing patronage the restaurant moved several blocks to a new location at 3244 Eastern Avenue. The main dining room seated over 500 patrons with additional seating for an additional 340 patrons in private rooms. At its peak the restaurant served 1400 meals a night. It was not unusual to see a line of people, sometimes stretched around the corner and down Eastern Avenue, waiting to enjoy a meal at Haussner's.

Just prior to moving the restaurant, he met Frances Wilke (1909-2000) at a performance of a choral group for the entertainment of elderly citizens where she was singing. Frances, who was born in Bontkirchen, a small village in Westphalia, Germany, immigrated to the United States to escape the economic hardship that swept Germany after World War I. Employed at Wilke's Store, her brother's grocery at Biddle and Eager Streets, the two proved to be well suited. Three weeks after they met, they were married in 1935. Together they slowly began to collect. Their first acquisition was on the occasion of their third wedding anniversary, when Frances purchased a large marble fountain. Their next purchase came on their fourth anniversary in 1939 – their first painting – The Venetian Flower Vendor

by Eugene de Blaas (1843-1931). Though reluctant to suggest the purchase to her husband, he obliged and purchased the painting for \$1,000. Quickly developing a passion for art equal to that of his wife, they continued collecting and adorned the walls of their restaurant with their purchases. Eventually their collection filled every inch of the restaurant and became a fixture of the restaurant that rivaled the food in its splendor.



The collection, which focused primarily on Academic European art, ranged in subject matter from sublime landscapes to figurative narratives. Voluptuous nudes were also present, but were relegated to the restaurant's infamous "Stag Only" bar to the right of the main entrance. Contemporary 'Modern' art was relegated to the restrooms. While the collection grew to overwhelming proportions, the most extraordinary aspect was not its size, but its quality. Other than occasional advice from Jacques Maroger (1884-1962), an art historian, the Haussners selected paintings based solely on their own taste and astute eye. Among Baltimorean's favorite pictures were "BEST FRIENDS" by Emile Munnier (1810-1895) depicting a young girl with two kittens, "I'VE BIGGEST" by Arthur John Elsley (1860-1952) depicting a girl challenging her pet dog in a height competition, "BAFFLED" by Walter Hunt (1861-1941) depicting three dogs in pursuit of a cat, and "THE DOVE FANCIERS" by Elizabeth Jane Gardner Bouguereau (1837-1922) depicting two classically clad women swooning over a pair of doves. Many of the items they purchased often came with distinguished provenances with many formerly belonging to J. Pierpoint Morgan (1837-1913), William H. Vanderbilt (1821-1885), William Backhouse Astor, Jr. (1829-1892), and more locally from the collections of Baltimoreans William T. Walters (1820-1894) and Mary Frick Jacobs (1851-1936), the widow of Robert Garrett (1847-1896).



After William's passing on June 7, 1963 Frances continued to run the restaurant until the 1970's when she semi-retired, relinquishing the day-to-day operations to her daughter and son-in-law. The family finally opted to close the restaurant in 1999 and served their last official meal on Wednesday, October 6, 1999. Through the course of a series of sales the collection was distributed at Sotheby's in New York City and Richard Opfer Auctioneers in Timonium, Maryland. Estimates for the collection were surpassed with total sales realizing more than 10 million dollars. The highest price for a single work was for a painting that had previously hung over the mirror behind the bar, *AFTER THE BATH* by Jean-Léon Gérôme (1824-1904), depicting a group of ladies in a Turkish bath. The painting was sold to a Middle Eastern collector for \$1.4 million. Their first painting, *The Venetian Flower Vendor*, sold for the second highest price, \$805,000. About a year after the restaurant closed in October 2000, Frances succumbed to kidney failure. She is interred next to her husband in Druid Ridge Cemetery in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Combining their passions for food and collecting William and Frances Haussner were able to create one of the most unique dining experiences in the country. The Haussners' legacy remains in the countless memories and treasured moments patrons spent dining in one of America's most unique restaurants.



MARYLAND DEMOLAY

Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., Executive Secretary, Maryland DeMolay

As this article is written, we are in the middle of DeMolay Month. This is the month where DeMolays from around the world plan days of activities, community outreach programs and other activities which surround our 7 Cardinal Precepts and promote DeMolay to the public. One of the favorite activities is for the Chapter members to travel to local Board Meetings, State Houses and the like to get a Proclamation or certificate from the County Council, Delegate, Senator, Mayor, etc proclaiming March as DeMolay Month in their area.

DeMolay International has a competition every year to see which Chapter does the best job in placing the name of DeMolay out in the public's eye. Last year we had two Chapters place in the top three internationally! Nelson J. Briggs Chapter of Bel Air, sponsored by Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 came in third overall and George Fleming Moore Chapter of Cockeysville, sponsored by the Lodges of Hunt Valley came in first overall.

Now for this year, our Chapters are more active than ever and are in fierce completion here in Maryland to win our State Level competition. The activities are too numerous to even try to list here. Our State Officers decided to get in on the action and bring back a tradition from the past. On Monday, March 16, an 11 person contingent of DeMolay and Advisors were asked to come to the House of Delegates in Annapolis to receive a House Resolution. Before going into the House of Delegates, they walked to Annapolis Lodge and received a warm welcome and tour from the Brothers who happened to be getting ready for their lodge meeting that night.

Upon return to the House of Delegates, SMC Spencer Schuch, DSMC Cameron Newman, Executive Officer Dad Bill Eppig and Executive Secretary Dad Carl Michel were taken to the House Lounge while the remaining members of the group filled the balcony to await the presentation.

This was an extremely special presentation as the sponsor of the House Resolution was our very own Freshman Delegate from District C1, Past State Master Councilor and Bro. Michael W. McKay!

Delegate McKay presented the Resolution along with Speaker of the House Michael Busch to our delegation on the House floor at the beginning of the evening session. After the session, we again assembled on the House floor with Delegate McKay and Delegate Kathy Szeliga, District 7 Baltimore & Harford County for a photo opportunity with our entire group. Delegate Szeliga is neighbors and friends with an advisor of GFM Chapter. During this time, SMC Schuch presented Delegate McKay with his 25 year pin for DeMolay and Dad Eppig presented him with a proclamation from DeMolay International on his election as Delegate in Maryland.

We wrapped up the evening with dinner at a local diner with Delegate McKay. He was able to speak with our members about his role in our state legislature and reminisce with some of the advisors about the time we all spent growing through the DeMolay experience. This singular event covered the ideals of pride, comradeship, patriotism, education, friendship and more cementing a capsule of time in the memories of all who attended.

Until next time, keep reaching for the stars! You might be surprised by what you can achieve.

Miss Maryland Job's Daughter, Rebecca Candler and Miss Maryland Congeniality, Naomi Hoglund. STATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR JOB'S DAUGHTER

These two daughters are the state representatives for Job's Daughters for 2014-2015. The first Saturday in December, twelve daughters representing seven bethels competed for the title of Miss Maryland Job's Daughter. Prior to the day of the pageant, each girl had to complete a take home test on the ritual, constitution and bylaws of Job's Daughters and memorize the five initiation lectures telling the story of Job and his trial and triumphs.

The day of the competition, each daughter was tested on the ritual, constitution and bylaws of the order. They had interviews with the judges and the hosts of the pageant. They also recited one of the five lectures they were asked to memorize; only being told right before they entered the room which lecture they were going to recite. They were judged on their words, their poise & posture, attitude, eye contact, projection and overall presentation as well as their regalia.

That evening, when the guests arrived to watch the competition, each daughter walked on stage and introduced herself to the audience. The four semi-finalists were announced and escorted off stage to a sound-proof room. Each semi-finalist was brought back one by one to answer a final question. The highest combined score of all the components was crowned Miss Maryland. Rebecca Candler, from Bethel 36 Towson, won the title of Miss Maryland Job's Daughter and the award for best ritual. Naomi Hoglund, from Bethel 62 LaPlata won first run-

ner up and the title of Miss Congeniality. Miss Maryland Congeniality is decided by secret ballot, voted on by the participants of the competition.

These daughters will travel to various Masonic functions throughout the state. In August, Rebecca will compete against other Miss Job's Daughters from each of the jurisdictions in the United States, Australia, Brazil, Canada and the Philippines for the title of Miss Job's Daughter International. We wish her luck and would like to congratulate all of the daughters who competed this year.

Job's Daughters is a youth organization for girls between the ages of 10 and 20. To join this organization the daughter must be related to or a descendant of a master mason. Girls who are between the ages of 7 and 9 are encouraged to become a Jobie-to-Bee and participate with the daughters in the fun activities of the Bethel while participating in their own beehive meetings.

Our organization seeks to teach the girls leadership skills, public speaking, the importance of service to the community and each other. It provides the young women an environment based on high morals, love of family and friends and respect for others throughout the world. It is a quality organization that fosters a sense of pride in achievement for each and all members as they prepare to become the adult leaders of the future. Please learn more about our Order and these two talented girls by visiting our website, www.mdjobsdaughters.org



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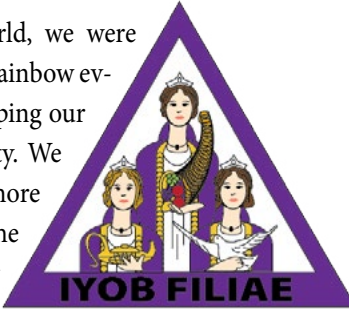


INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

The Grand Assembly of Maryland, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, had a very busy 2014 and plans to have the excitement continue into 2015.

Maryland Rainbow welcomed Rainbow Girls from all over the world to Baltimore last July as we hosted Supreme Assembly. It was because of all the hard work and dedication of our girls, adult workers and our entire Masonic Family that this event was a huge success. There were Master Masons building decorations, moving paraphernalia, welcoming guests at the airport, assisting attendees up and down steps, taking groups on tours, and basically helping whenever and wherever they were asked. Not once did we hear the word "no". What we did hear was, "what do you need, what can we do, or I can do that for you". We couldn't have asked for a better group of men. They came from all parts of the State to help. Members of the Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Sojourners, Tall Cedars, and Shrine were willing to do whatever they could. We couldn't have done it without their help and support. They showed us how important it is to be part of the Masonic Family. We thank each and every one who came out to share in this event.

While we welcomed the world, we were also busy promoting Maryland Rainbow everywhere we went. We enjoy helping our Family as well as our community. We helped serve crabs at the Mid-Shore Seafood Fest. We took part in the Tri-Youth Church Service for the residents of Bonnie Blink.



Locally we participated in parades, community festivals, picnics, served dinners and any number of fundraising events. Our 2014-2015 Grand Worthy Advisor, Nichole McKinley, had the Children's Home as her Service Project. We collected books, toys, clothing, and personal items for the children, which were presented on March 20, 2015 at our Grand Assembly.

We are excited to start a new Grand Year with Rachel Stadler as our Grand Worthy Advisor, 2015-2016. We're sure Rachel will have new ideas and way to share our love of our Order. If you know of a girl between the ages of 11 and 20, go to www.gorainbow.org and find out how she can become a member of our organization.

Medairy Lodge No.140 A.F. & A. M.

BEVERAGE TAB COLLECTORS

On Saturday, October 6, 2012 a large collection of beverage tab rings made its debut at Harvest Home Day. This collection consisted of two 55 plastic gallon drums hand delivered to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. This treasure trove was guarded by Past Master's Morris Lay and Mark Meyers and Gary Gruber and Don Tedrick. These Brothers have annually contributed to this cause and their recognition is long overdue but on this date their largest bounty was delivered to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.



MARYLAND MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS

In this issue of *The Free State Freemason* we recognize those who have achieved Service Award status during the first three months of 2015 (based on the date they were raised. Sincere fraternal congratulations to the following Brothers who have reached 50, 60 and 70 years of service to Maryland Freemasonry!

70 YEAR MEMBERS	
Lawrence Barrash	25
James Conboy	209
Joseph Grigg	219

60 YEAR MEMBERS	
Marvin Meyer	25
Harold Brimer, Jr	91
John Yewell, Jr	93
Elisha Davis, Jr.	106
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Christian Jensen	128
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50 YEAR MEMBERS	
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BRO. KOSTAS "GUS" VOURVOULAS

For Re-election to the Office of
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master



BRO. WILLIAM E. GYR

For Re-election to the Office of
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer

RUNNING FOR
RE-ELECTION

THOMAS G. HEIMILLER

For the Office of Right Worshipful
Grand Secretary



Masonic History: Raised in Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 229 in 1990, Worshipful Master in 1996, also served as Secretary and Secretary of Mt. Nebo Holding Company. Charter Member of Perry Hall Lodge No. 235, Worshipful Master in 2012-14, current Secretary. Member of Jephthah Lodge No. 222.

Masonic Leadership: W. Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Inspector, Board of Directors of Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum.

Masonic Affiliations: York Rite – Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of Grand Commandery KT of Maryland, Past Commander and Secretary of Crusade Commandery, Secretary of Jerusalem Council, Tuscan Chapter, Hiram Council. Past Sovereign Master and Secretary of Tidewater Council No. 334 RAM, Templenoe Council No. 78 Knight Masons, HRAKTP Emmanuel Tabernacle No. 8, Past Commanders' Association, Maryland Legion of Honor Preceptory, Past Masters' Association, Rosicrucian Society in the US.

Professional: Currently retired. Employed by Maryland State Highway Administration from 1979 – 2011 progressing from Acquisition Compliance Reviewer to Assistant Section Chief to Section Chief to Division Manager. Final eleven years as Program Manager over compliance, payments, procurement, budget management, sale and rental of surplus land, coordination of preservation activities for historic properties and cross-department project management. Controlled and developed

budgets ranging up to \$100,000,000 for a variety of projects. Extensive experience with personnel policies and management in teams ranging in size from 8 to 90 staff members.

Personal: Married to Sharon.

MICHAEL E. HOLCOMB

For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Masonic History: Raised in Oriental Lodge No. 158 in 1980, Worshipful Master in 1984, 1990, 2009-11, Treasurer in 1995-97, currently Marshall. Affiliated Nanticoke Lodge No. 172 in 2011, currently Treasurer. Affiliated Choptank Lodge No. 138 in 2011, Worshipful Master in 2014, currently Marshall. Affiliated Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 234 in 2011 as Charter Member, current Worshipful Master.

Masonic Leadership: RW Senior Grand Warden 2012. Grand Inspector 2005 – 2010. Deputy Grand Lecturer for the Mid-Shore Region 2007 – present. Grand Lodge Hospitality Committee 2006 – 2012.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore 32° in 2007. Member of the Shield and Square Degree Team 2005 – present.

Professional: Retired Law Enforcement after 27 years of service; 1979-99 Baltimore City Police Department – retired as Sergeant, 1999-2001 Laurel Delaware Police Department – Police Officer, 2001-06 Greenwood Police Department – Sergeant and Second in Command. Employed as the Dairy Manager for Food Lion Store No. 2521 from 2007-present.

Personal: Graduated Northern High School 1976. Graduated Baltimore City Police Academy 1999. Criminal Justice Coursework at University of Baltimore. Married to Kathleen since 1984. Father of four and grandfather of twelve.

KEN TAYLOR

For the Office of Right Worshipful
Grand Secretary



Masonic History: Raised in Howard Lodge No. 101 in 1991, Worshipful Master in 1997, 1998 and 2000 (earned Grand Master's Award all 3 years), currently Marshall. Lodge Ritualist since 1998 and Catechism Instructor to over 100; also serves on several committees.

Masonic Leadership: RW Senior Grand Warden 2009. W Grand Standard Bearer 2004. Grand Inspector 2004-10. Board of Managers – current. Deputy Grand Lecturer – current. Appointed to Grand Lodge vision 2025 Committee and Grand Lodge Masonic Trial Committee.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° 1992, KCCH 2009, Coroneted 33° 2013, President of Arundel Scottish Rite Club. York Rite – Concordia Chapter and Council, Maryland Commandery, York Rite College. Boumi Shrine 1992, Knights of Mecca. Baltimore Highlands Square Club, President Treasurer.

Professional: Employed in the real estate industry since 1983 with specialty in appraisal since 1985. Owner of Taylor Appraisals, Inc.

Personal: Born in Baltimore, MD in 1955. Graduated from Sparrows Point High School in 1973. Attended Essex Community College. Re-

sides in Catonsville, MD with Rosemary, wife of 26 years. Four children and five grandchildren.

JOHN A. YOUNG, JR.

For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Masonic History: Raised in Ionic Lodge No. 145 in 1970, Worshipful Master in 1976. Served as Secretary from 1980 until 2000. Ionic Lodge Building Company Secretary from 1978 until 1995. Served on Finance Committee.

Masonic Leadership: MW Grand Master 2003-04. RW Deputy Grand Master 2000-01. RW Senior Grand Warden 1998. Grand Inspector 1991-92.

President of Board of Grand Inspectors Baltimore City and County 1993-96. Board of Trustees 1995-96. Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland 2007 – present.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° 1993, KCCH 2001, coroneted 33° 2004. York Rite – Carroll Chapter, Council and Commandery. Boumi Shrine 1979, Knights of Mecca.

Professional: Retired after a 43 year career with Baltimore Gas and Electric Company as General Supervisor.

Personal: Married to Cheryl. Two married adult daughters and five grandchildren.



DAN B. LANE

For the Office of Right Worshipful
Senior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in Kensington-Bethesda Lodge No. 195 in 1991. Worshipful Master, Silver Spring Lodge No. 215, 2009, 2012 and 2013 and 2014 also served as Treasurer.

Masonic Leadership: Grand Inspector 2009-10. W. Junior Grand Steward 2008. District 5 Coordinator for MDCHIP Program. Silver Spring Temple and Library Assoc., served as President.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite 32° 2008, Knights of St. Andrew. Shriners International 2006, Legion of Honor. Free State Shield and Square Club 2009. National Sojourners 2009.

Professional: Columbia Union College. L'Academie de Cuisine, Culinary Program 2005. Campbell University, AA Degree 1997. Certified Food Service Manager.

Personal: Trained Emergency Medical Technician.



FREDERICK A. SPICER

For the Office of Right Worshipful
Senior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in Cassia Lodge No. 45 in 1990, Worshipful Master in 1995, 1996, 1999 and 2000. Member of Amicable-St. John's Lodge No. 25.

Masonic Leadership: W. Senior Grand Steward 2008. Acting President of Board of Grand Inspectors 2014. Grand Inspector 2007-14. Past President of Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, Past Wise Master of Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix 2008. York Rite – Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Maryland 2013, Current



Secretary of Concordia RAC #1, Concordia Chapter No. 1, Concordia Council No. 1, Maryland Commandery No. 1, Maryland York Rite College No. 58. Boumi Shriners. Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Maryland College – Masonic Societas Rosicrucians. Kallipolis Grotto. Allied Masonic Degrees. Knights Masons. Royal Ark Mariner. Maryland Council of Anointed High Priests.

Professional: Current Executive Director of Scottish Rite, Orient of Maryland.

Personal: Married to Lori for 30 years, two children.

BRO. TERRY L. ROYCE, SR.

For the Office of Right Worshipful Junior
Grand Warden



Masonic History: Raised in Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218 (now Patuxent Lodge No. 218) in 1982, Worshipful Master in 1986, 2010 and 2011, Catechism Instructor 1984-89 and 2009-15, Lodge Ritualist 2010-current. Past President of Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation. Lodge Chairman of MD-CHiP 2010-14. Member of Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142. Co-Chairman of Southern Maryland Masonic Brotherhood Night 2013-15. Member of Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1.

Masonic Leadership: W. Grand Pursuivant 2011. W. Assistant Grand Photographer 2012. W. Grand Photographer 2013, 2014, 2015. Grand Inspector 2013-2015. Recipient of the Warren S. Seipp Medal of Distinguished Service. Charter Member of Instructive Tongue Society. Membership Development and Retention Committee 2014-15. Leadership Academy Instructor 2015. Chairman of Celebrating Masonic Veterans at Charlotte Hall 2014-15.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington, D.C., Costume Room Assistant. York Rite – Mount Vernon Chapter No. 25, Harmony Council No. 20, Palestine Commandery No. 7. Almas Shrine, Volunteer Driver for Almas Shepherds Unit. Past Monarch of Kallipolis Grotto 2013. Marlboro Chapter No. 61 of Order of the Eastern Star, Sentinel 2014-15. Masonic Veterans of Maryland Association, Current Vice President. Baltimore Highlands Square Club. Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers, Euclid Council No. 14. Charter Member of Dr. John Coates Memorial Lodge No. 1787. Southern Maryland Past Masters Association, Chaplain 2015.

Professional: Retired from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority with 39 years distinguished service in Rail Station Operations as a Rail Station Manager, Utility Division Clerk, Utility Depot Clerk and Utility Line Platform Training Instructor. Served as Training Instructor for individuals with disabilities for the Office of the Disabled.

Personal: Born and raised in Capital Heights, MD. Graduated from Crossland Vocational High School and attended Prince Georges Community College. Married to Nancy for forty years. One son, Terry, Jr. and one granddaughter, Kelsey.

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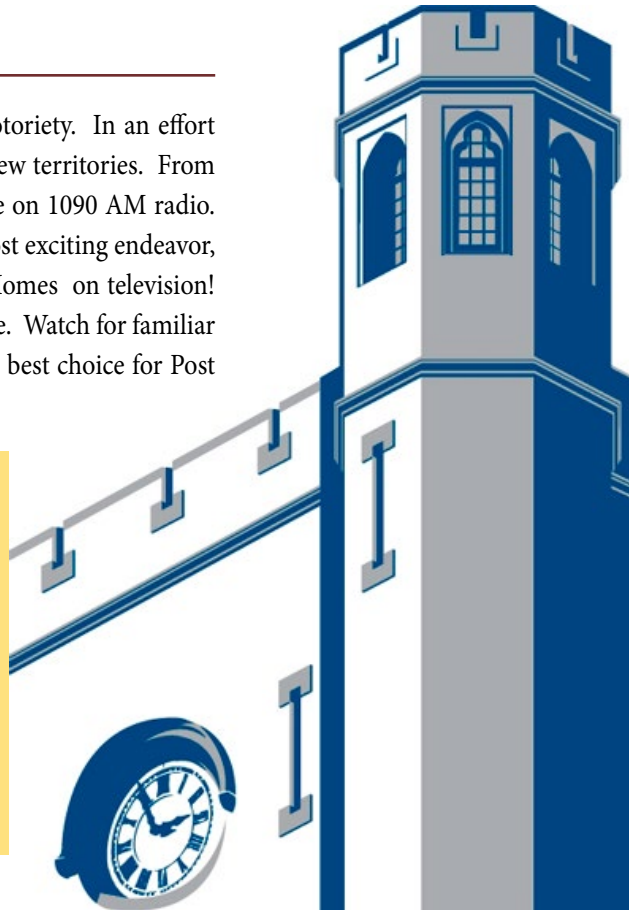


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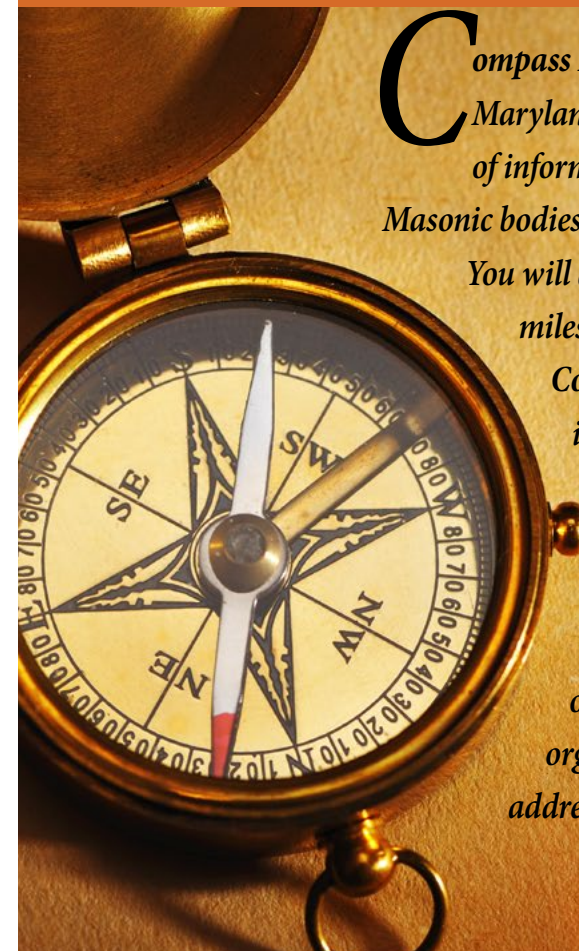


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Maryland Masonic Homes has been enjoying great success with the newly added Short Term Rehabilitative Care services! Since receiving our Medicare Certification in late September, we have had the pleasure of welcoming many new guests into our home to see what Masonic Care is all about. Most guests have been Masons or family members, however, we have extended our care to a few Non-Masons as well. As one would expect, every one of our guests have been extremely complimentary of the care and services that MMH offers.

100% of our Short-Term Care guests, whose goal was to return home, have all successfully done so! Several eligible guests, have decided to stay with us and now happily

call MMH home. Our own residents needing Sub-Acute care have chosen MMH and, after completing their therapy, have successfully returned to their previous living arrangements within Independent and Assisted Living.

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Meet Gilbert Schuler, Maryland Masonic Homes' own Music Man. Mr. Schuler has recently been featured in the Baltimore Sun, Towson Times, The Jeffersonian, and Miami Times, and was interviewed on 98 Rock Radio Station. At 92 years of age, Mr. Schuler still enjoys playing his saxophone and has become a favorite entertainer for Friday Happy Hour events here at MMH. He and his friend, Elinor Causey have written "Ode to Bonnie Blink" which our residents enjoy singing along to and is set to the tune of Disney's "When You Wish Upon A Star." "When You Wish Upon A Star."

*When you come to Bonnie Blink,
You will change the way you think.
Ask about your future
In these golden years.*

*Sitting high upon a hill
Overlooking Cockeysville,
It's an awesome place to be,
In Hunt Valley.*

*(Chorus)
Personal concerns are met each day
By lovely ladies and gentlemen
Who want us to be happy
In our own way.*

To hear the rest of the new Bonnie Blink anthem, visit us for Happy Hour some Friday afternoon!

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