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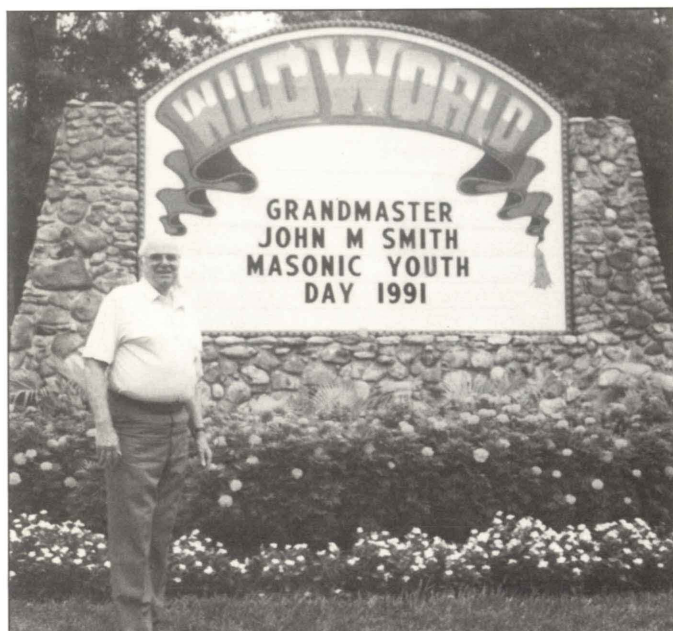
# The FREESTATE FREEMASON

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## BRETHREN



In my last message to you, I mentioned how disheartening it was to hear other Masonic leaders, when called upon for remarks, say that we are a dying Fraternity. Well, the response to that message really has the membership thinking and it only makes me realize that I was right all along. While I have your attention, let's keep thinking in a positive direction and shut down on the negative conversation..

Plans are advancing very well on the "Activities" or "Multi-Purpose Building" at the Maryland Masonic Homes. Ground Breaking Ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 1991 at 10 a.m. It is the same day as the Annual Harvest Homes Day or, as we affectionately refer to it, as Corn Husking Day. It will be a great day in the history of Maryland Masonry. As I remarked on many occasions we are not only alive, but we are also on the move and will continue to go upward. There will be no looking back.

Freemasonry is a story of life: With all its joys, its heartaches, its failures and its final triumph over all earthly things.

Anyone can read of it in countless books. Its teachings, its symbols and its ambitions are open for general observation. They are practiced in the light and held up for all the world to see.

Freemasonry is not practiced in the dark; neither are its teachings the dogma of some forbidden cult. We, as Freemasons, are required to reflect the light, to practice its teachings and live by their direction. No greater thing

can be said of Freemasonry than that it is an ideal way of life.

No other Fraternity offers such profound lessons in its Ritual or Work as does Freemasonry. Each word and each act in the ceremonies of the Lodge carries a true lesson to each of us, if we will but open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to accept.

We can study Freemasonry for years, as we attend its meetings, and each time we stop to think of the things said and done, we get a new meaning and inspiration from them. There is a never ending source of pleasure in the various shades of meaning that can be read into each line of our work. Each new meaning and interpretation that we put upon some word or act will make that passage live for us, and we will begin to see Freemasonry for what it is intended. Great men have devoted many years of study and meditation to the cause of Freemasonry. When their work is finished they realize that they have only begun to see the light and that they have only started to uncover the true meanings of the work.

Freemasonry has been talked of and written about by countless men in every country in the world. Its members have been persecuted in all lands at one time or the other; but, it still grows and flourishes as no other Fraternity on earth today.

There must be something good and great in Freemasonry for it to stand through the years as a beacon of light to its members and as a symbol of the true way of life for all to see and follow. Its greatness is not due to its secret teachings, its mysteries or fanfare of its deeds, but rather to the profound lessons taught to its members and to the comfort, inspiration and enlightenment brought to all who will but study it.

Freemasonry frowns on advertising its good deeds, preferring to let those who benefit from them reflect its goodness, that others might have hope, and desire the better things of life.

Freemasonry offers comfort to those who sorrow, hope for those who despair, wise council for those who err, and the joys and contentment of life to all.

Until the next time.

Fraternally,

John McWm. Smith, Jr., *Grand Master*

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## TRAVELS & VISITATIONS - GRAND MASTER & GRAND LINE.

### September

- 4-8 GM & Wife. Mid-Atlantic Shrine Assn.
- 11 GM & Wife. Balto. Scottish Rite Temple. Recognition of 25 yr members.
- 12 GM. Boumi Temple - Ambassador Meeting.
- 16 Grand Line. Potomac Lodge No. 5, D.C. Maryland Night.
- 18 Board of Trustees. Bonnie Blink.
- 19 Grand Line. Sugar Loaf Mountain (Wheaton No. 228). MM Degree.
- 20 Grand Line & Wives. Yedz Grotto. Annual visit.
- 21 Grand Line & Wives. Ohr No. 131. MM Degree.
- 23 Grand Line. Howard No. 101. Fraternal visit.
- 25 GM addresses Diplomats of Scottish Rite.
- 26 Grand Line. Door-to-Virtue No. 46. MM Degree.
- 27 Board of Managers. Grand Lodge Temple.
- 28 GM & Wife. Mt. Vernon RAC No. 25. Tri-Mt. Vernon Chapters' Night.

### October

- 5 Palestine No. 189. 100th Anniversary & Ladies Night.
- 9 GM & Wife. Daughters of the Nile - Zitta Temple No. 27.
- 10 Grand Line. Patapsco No. 183. Past Masters' Night.
- 12 Harvest Homes Day & Dedication of "All Purpose Building". Bonnie Blink.
- 15 Grand Line. Mt. Moriah No. 116.
- 25 GM & Wife. Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America.

### November

- 5 Grand Line. Mt. Ararat No. 44. MM Degree.
- 7 Grand Line. Chester No. 115.
- 10 Grand Line. Birmingham No. 188. 100th Anniversary.
- 11 Grand Line. Friendship No. 84.
- 17 Grand Lodge Religious Services, Bonnie Blink. 10 a.m.
- 18 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Grand Lodge Temple, Balto. 2 p.m.
- 22 GM. Maryland Masonic Research Society.
- 23 Grand Line. Palestine No. 189. Rededication of Charter.
- 29 GM. Knights of Mecca. Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple.
- 30 Grand Line. Landmark Lodge No. 127. 125th Anniversary.

### December

- 7 GM. Anacostia No. 21, F.A. & A.M. of DC. Installation.
- 8 GM & Wife. International Order of Job's Daughters.

**BONNIE BLINK BIRTHDAYS.** A card or token will assure that our Bonnie Blink residents have not been forgotten on their special day.

	Name	Lodge
<b>October</b>		
1	Emma Lambert	Highland 184
5	Henry Leuschner	King David 68
8	Howard Walters	Pickering 146
9	Alberta Mohr	Mt Vernon 151
11	Emma Bell	Liberty 219
16	Addie Hayman	Manokin 106
21	Agnes Johnson	Palestine 189
22	Rhoda Geiman	Door-to-Virtue 46
24	Horace Belcher	Mt Moriah 116
26	Mildred Rupprecht	Ben Franklin 97
28	Lillian Anderson	Shryock 223

### November

3	Edward R. Saunders	Kensington 198
6	Lillian Voris	Highland 184
6	Annette Baxter	Tuscan 184
10	Elizabeth Anders	Howard 101
10	Gladys Daugherty	Warren 51
11	Florence Sanders	Adherence 188
12	William Dols	Concordia 13
12	Bessie Adams	Glen Burnie 213
13	Blanche Messner	Doric 124
15	Thomas Williams	Liberty 219
21	George Frank	Mt Moriah 116
22	Harry Wirtz	Oriental 158
22	Evelyn Wynn	Charity 134
25	Irvin Curry	Latrobe 165
26	Dorothy Eckels	Liberty 219
26	Helen McLaughlin	Mt Moriah 116
27	John Engelbrecht	Columbia 58
30	Rose Woods	Millington 166

### December

1	Katherine Davis	Sharon 182
3	Ethel Fairall	Laurel Wreath 149
4	Nine Bready	Adherence 88
4	Daisy Gue	Millington 166
7	Frieda Wewerka	Mt Vernon 151
8	Irma Cummins	Doric 124
13	Katie Windsor	Liberty 219
17	Mae Gaver	Ben Franklin 97
21	Thelma Rohlfing	Joppa 132
25	Mike Carter	Mystic Circle 109
26	Frederick Reis	Oriental 158
28	Letitia Ford	Mt Hermon 179
29	Oliver Shane	Tuscan 202

**HARVEST HOME DAY.** Saturday, OCTOBER 12 will be a very special day, something unique in the annals of Grand Lodge History. On that date, ground-breaking ceremonies will be held for the "All Purpose Building", approved at the May 1991 Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication for erection on the grounds of the Maryland Masonic Homes.

This will be an outstanding occasion coupled with the food and fellowship shared with the thousands of Masons from Maryland and other Grand Jurisdictions.

An opportunity to share "The Gift of Life" is available through a Blood Mobile which will operate from 6:30 to 11 a.m. The goal is to take between 125 and 150 pints of much needed blood. If you're under 66 and have not given blood in the six weeks immediately prior to October 12, you are eligible to donate blood. It only takes a few minute and should not interrupt your participation in the festivities.

Festivities begin with registration at 6 a.m. Parking is limited to the Executive Plaza of the McCormick Industrial Park. Shuttle busses will operate between the parking area and the center of activities.

- **TOLMAN WILLOUGHBY, AGE 105.** Don K. Covington, Jr. sends a clipping forwarded to him by his sister-in-law from a Cape Girardeau, Missouri, newspaper featuring the presentation of a 70 year service emblem to Bro. Tolman Willoughby, a past Secretary of Joppa No. 132.

The presentation took place in Excelsior Lodge No. 441 where Bro. Willoughby regularly attends meetings. Pictured fifth from the left in the front row is Bro. Willoughby.



- **W. EUGENE GUNTHER, P.M., BALTIMORE NO. 210.** Bro. Gunther has been inducted into the 1991 Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame as recommended in the following statement prepared by Ray H. Leonard, Jr., Chairman of the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame Nominating Committee.

"Gene Gunther was born in Richmond, Virginia on December 31, 1929, started boxing while serving in the U.S. Army in 1947. While in the Service he was a semi-finalist fighting as a welterweight in the All-Japan Tournament in 1947. In all he fought 10 amateur fights losing just two from 1947 to 1949. He said that he was trained by Lew Jenkins, "Seattle Kid", from Baltimore, and Lee Halfpenny.

"Gene turned professional in May of 1949 with Benny Trotta as his manager during his professional career. His first professional fight was against Ernest Ramsey in Baltimore on May 2, 1949 with Gene stopping him via the K.O. route in the 2nd round. Gunther would go on to having 31 professional fights of which he won 22, losing eight with just one draw. His last fight was on August 19, 1954 against Hall of Famer, Rudy Watkins. Twenty of his fights were fought in Baltimore City. Among the members of the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame that he fought during his career included Ray Klingmeyer, Billy Francis and Rudy Watkins.

"Now retired from the Eastern Stainless Steel after 33 years of service, Gene lives in Dundalk. He certainly has a credible boxing record and meets the required qualifications of the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame in every manner.

"It is recommended that W. Gene Gunther be seriously considered for induction into the 1991 Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame into the Professional Boxing Category."

Congratulations, Brother Gene!

- **WILLIAM L. "BILL" HUGHES.** A member of Charity No.

134 and the Grand Lodge Board of Managers, has been thrice-fold honored for his many and varied community achievements. The awards by the Federal Executive Board, Interstate Commerce Commission and President Bush's "Points of Light" Committee recognized, among other things, his organization of the first 10K American Legion Charity Race in Maryland, his formation of The Masonic Choir of North Wales and the successful campaign for a public library in northern Baltimore County. Charity No. 234, incidentally, was the first to donate a book: "An Introduction on Freemasonry".

- **JOSEPH R. SANCHEZ, SR.** Considering what he's done, where he's been, his accomplishments as a citizen and a Mason, one must agree that Joe Sanchez is an achiever. For example, the August 8, 1991 issue of The Dundalk Eagle gives an account of an event 20 years ago on August 1, 1971 when the Sanchez family consisting of his wife and two sons rescued 29 people caught in a flash flood on Golden Ring Road. It was a stroke of Fate that the family took this route. They also happened to have a canoe strapped to the top of their station wagon which enabled them to ferry stranded people to high ground.

Joe also had a charmed life on his job as a connector working 1,250 feet above the ground on a TV tower, and a close call he experienced when working on a 625 foot tower. As a youngster, he dedicated himself to boxing, a discipline which fortified him physically, mentally and morally. It also brought him recognition in the Navy and his being inducted into the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame as were Buddy Sauerhoff and Gene Gunther, all Past Masters of their respective Lodges. Joe is a four time Worshipful Master of Warren No. 51. During his term in 1984, he and Bob Arnold, W.M. of Oriental No. 158, originated what we know of today as the state-wide "Family Day Picnic". He also perpetuated successfully Warren's outstanding record in support of community charities.

It may be due to Joe's charmed presence that his son, Joe Jr., recently won the White Marlin Fishing Contest in Ocean City that earned a prize of \$132,000, soon to be diminished by extensive expenses. Joe Jr. is competing in the Tournament of Champions in a Tuna competition at Cape May, NJ.

Joe has the gift of a raconteur: A talent of telling of his adventures in a fashion that puts you into the scene. Warren No. 51 should share him with the rest of the Craft!

- **MRS. MAGGIE SYBERT - MRS. MARIE SLAYSMAN.** The residents of the Maryland Masonic Homes recently welcoming Maggie Sybert as Associate Administrator of the Homes. Mrs. Sybert brings to her position 22 years of health care experience in both acute and long-term care and consulting. Her predecessor, Mrs. Slaysman, will be sorely missed but leaves with best wishes in the years to come. She will always be remembered and loved - "Lord willing and the creek don't rise" as expressed by the folks at the Homes.

## LODGE ACTIVITIES

- **IONIC NO. 145 SUPPORTS COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM.** Ionic Lodge submits the following article on its support of the Community Food Pantry in Reisterstown:

" 'To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds is the great aim we have in view' ".

Every regularly initiated Mason immediately recognizes this statement as an important portion of our Ritual. To the members of Ionic Lodge No. 145 it is also an important belief in their lives.

Since 1985, Lodge members have donated almost \$1,500.00 and hundreds of cans of food to the needy and hungry through their support to the Community Food Pantry. This worthy charity serves Reisterstown, Glyn-don and Owings Mills. On occasion, Lodge treasury funds have been used to reach the desired level of dona-tion. However, most of the monies raised and canned food collected have come from the hearts and pockets of the individual Lodge Brother.

P.M. Charles E. Lang has been the guiding force behind this charitable act since its inception. Donations are made to the Food Pantry throughout the year and not just at Christmas or Easter. Poor people are hungry and need our help 12 months of the year and the Lodge Brothers have responded accordingly.

Brethren, look into your community and extend the helping hand of Friendship and Brotherly Love. We can-not and must not confine our charitable efforts to ourselves."

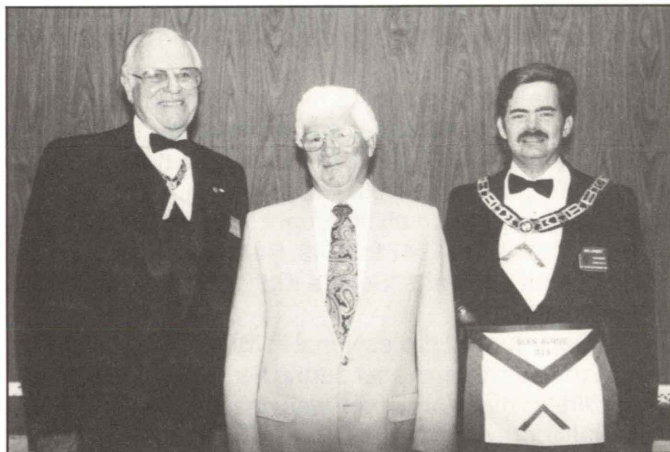
A clipping from the Owings Mills Times of June 27 is also furnished describing in glowing terms the communi-ty appreciation of the Lodge's efforts and gives an ac-count of the presentation of a check to representatives of the Community Food Pantry at the June meeting of the Lodge. Pictured below from left to right are Mr. George Maynard, Bro. H. Allen Lewis, WM of Ionic Lodge, Margurete Maynard and PM Charles E. Lang.



- **PALESTINE NO. 189 CELEBRATES ITS 100TH AN-NIVERSARY AND LADIES NIGHT.** The event is plann-ed for October 5 and will be held at Boumi Temple. A centennial medallion has been struck and is available at

a cost of \$5.00. A book titled "The First Hundred Years" is still available containing interesting facts and per-sonalities. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact P.M. Reverdy L. Orrell III, at 301-788-6882.

- **WHEATON NO. 228 SPONSORS ITS ANNUAL MOUN-TAIN TOP LODGE.** This event is held on Sugar Loaf Mountain. Scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on September 19, the Grand Master and Grand Line will be present. Bro. Paul A. Carroll, P.M. who is W.M. of Wheaton Lodge, extends an invitation to all Master Masons. Bro. Earl Brown of Montgomery No. 195 will have the MM Degree confer-red by the seven Worshipful Masters of the Montgomery County Lodges.
- **GLEN BURNIE NO. 213 HONORS THE OLD AND THE NEW.** Bro. Robert B. Lumbert, WM of Glen Burnie Lodge had some distinguished assistance at its June meeting. Following a well-appreciated dinner, Bro. Milton Carroll Brundige, Jr., age 87, raised on June 20, 1929, was presented with a 60 year service emblem by GM Smith. The Grand Master and the Grand Line then conferred the the MM Degree on Bro. Chester A. Kirk. Pictured below are Grand Master Smith, Bro. Kirk and W.M. Lumbert.

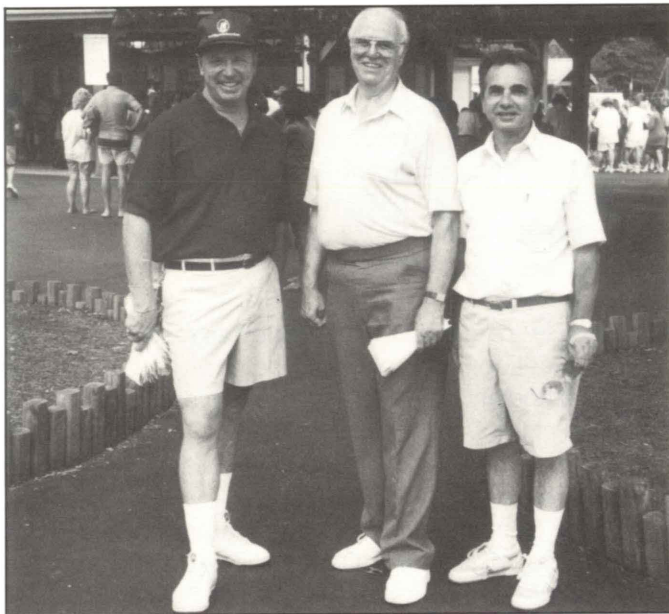


- **MYSTIC CIRCLE NO. 109. RITUAL IN COSTUME.** As a special and unusual treat, Bro. Wayne H. McKenna, P.M. and W.M. of Mystic Circle Lodge, is having the Knights of Mecca conferring the MM Degree in costume at its meeting on September 16 at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.
- **ROELMA NO. 208. THE FISH FRY LODGE.** The pictures taken at the 84th annual anniversary fish fry this past spring came in late. Here's an interesting one with Grand Master Smith, Bro. Herman D. Wheatley, W.M. of Roelma Lodge and Bro. Ronnie Jefferson, Grand Master of Delaware.



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **ANNUAL YOUTH DAY - WILD WORLD.** If numbers mean anything, this annual event this past July was a huge success. Some 1,090 youth made quite a day of it. There was no question about who the participants were in observing the photo of the marquee shown with the Grand Master's message. Shown in the photo below are



the movers and shakers of this event: Raoul L. Frevel (Chief Rabban, Boumi Temple), Grand Master Smith and Gerard W. Jordan, (Chairman for Job's Daughters).

Both photos were taken by "Happy Snaps" Jordan.

- **ATTENTION SENIOR DEMOLAYS.** III. Bernard E. Rothman, 33 Degree, has announced an exciting new format for the Fall Class of the Scottish Rite. As part of the special program on October 30, all members of the Rite who are Senior DeMolays will be recognized.

Many are eligible for either a 25 or 50 year DeMolay membership pin, and all qualify for a certificate attesting to their years as Senior DeMolays. Please complete the information on the form below so that appropriate pins and certificates can be ordered for each eligible recipient.

Plan now to attend this special program on October 30 to receive the tangible recognition for your years of membership in the Order of DeMolay.

Please print and forward to:

MSADC, P.O. Box 9811, Towson, MD 21284.

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DeMolay Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Initiated: \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER MASONIC BODIES

- **ST. JOHN'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. - TABLE CHAPTER.** On Wednesday, November 20, 1991, St. John's Royal Arch Chapter will hold a Table Chapter to which all Master Masons are invited.

The Chapter will open at 6:30 p.m., conduct necessary necessary business, and recess. At 7 p.m., all will partake in a potluck dinner. Companions are asked to bring a meat dish or a vegetable and dessert dish.

After dinner, we will all join in a Ritual of Toasts. Each Companion is asked to make a donation of \$3.00 for which he will receive an inscribed "firing glass" to use for toasts and to take home as a souvenir.

Following the Table Lodge, the Chapter will reconvene to receive the Grand Chapter Officers for their Grand Visitation and program. This portion of the program will be a closed event, open only to Companions.

Afterwards, the Chapter will close and all will be invited to partake in the home made desserts and a beverage. The Chapter will provide the table setting and beverages. Master Masons are invited to attend dinner, the Table Chapter and refreshments.

Reservations are not needed, but groups are asked to call ahead so we may have ample seating. Glasses are limited to 72. Any left over will be sold for the \$3.00 donation.

For further information, call the High Priest, Comp. Robert L. Foreman, 301-876-3957, between 6 and 9 p.m.

- **JERUSALEM COUNCIL NO. 2, R. & S.M. - A DOUBLE HEADER.** On June 6, 1991, Jerusalem Council

presented to Grand Lodge an amplifying system with two remote microphones in memory of their dearly departed Companion, William C. Smith, MIPGM, for use by all bodies using the Oriental Room. Shown in the following photo is MWGM John McWilliam Smith, Jr., receiving the letter conveying the amplifying system from Thrice Illustrious Master William E. Lautenschlager assisted by MIGM Leighton E. Harrell, Jr. The letter will be framed and mounted on the wall in the vestibule of the Oriental Room for all to see.

On this same date, Grand Master Smith gave his approval for the Council to move to its new location at Jephthah Lodge Masonic Temple in Essex, MD, where the Council will meet starting in September.



- **SOUTHERN MARYLAND CHAPTER, PHILAETHES SOCIETY.** Masons in Maryland and the District of Columbia will enjoy a real treat in early October in having the opportunity to hear Bro. Michel L. Brodsky lecture on several Masonic subjects. Bro. Brodsky is Past Grand Librarian of the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium and a full member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 E.C., the premier Lodge of Research in the world. He is a 33rd Degree Mason under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree of Belgium; Grand Scribe under the Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch of Belgium and Past Asst Grand Director of Ceremonies under the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and their District and Lodges Overseas. He has been Master of a Craft Lodge three times; Master of a Mark Master Masons Lodge (in French, in Dutch and in English) three times; and has had several articles published in A.Q.C. In addition to lecturing extensively in Europe, he has of late expanded his lecturing tours to Canada and the United States. Bro. Brodsky's lecturing schedule Maryland/ D.C. area is as follows:

- October 5 (Saturday): He will address the annual meeting of the Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787 at the Grand Lodge Temple in Baltimore. W.M Tom Velvin will host.
- October 7 (Monday evening): He will be guest speaker during Past Masters' Night at Annapolis No. 89. W.M. David Hillery will host.
- October 8 (Tuesday evening): At a regular communication of Camp Springs No. 227, he will speak on the difference between Freemasonry in Europe and the United States. This visit is being arranged by Bro. Carl W. Todd, President of the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Philaethes Society, in cooperation with W.M. Ron Belanger, who is V.P. of the Southern Maryland Chapter.
- October 9 (Wednesday evening): Bro. Brodsky is the guest of Benjamin B. French Lodge No. 15 in the District of Columbia. PM Asaf Burakovic is organizing the visit.

Each of the four Lodges, in conjunction with Lodges in Ohio have joined in defraying Bro. Brodsky's travel expenses and hosting him during his stay in their particular locales.

Further details on these events are available by writing or calling Bro. Carl W. Todd, Rt. 2 Box 219, Pomfret, MD 20675 (301-932-0473),

- **THE THURSDAY CLUB.** Something new on the Eastern Shore. It meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in the refreshment room of the Temple of Coats Lodge No. 102, 114 North Washington St., Easton, MD 21601. A dutch-treat dinner is usually served at approximately 12:30 p.m. The Club already has met at least seven times. Attending the June meeting were 32 Brothers with attendance increasing with every meeting.

All Master Masons are welcome but should advise Bro. Walter J. Harmsen if they are planning to attend. Bro. Harmsen is currently serving in the Grand Line as RW Senior Grand Warden. He can be reached by writing him at the Coats Lodge address above or phone him at 301-822-3085.

- **THE BALDRIC CLUB.** The Club has resumed its Tuesday meetings beginning on September 10. It meets for lunch and an interesting program every Tuesday at 12 Noon at the Cafe Royal, Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore and Hanover Streets. All Master Masons and their guests are welcome.

The September 10 meeting featured Agent Robert Douglas, Baltimore City Police Department and Chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Police.

The Club is approaching 65 years of existence. No Membership Fee is required. Annual dues are \$8.00. Officers include Bros Walter Conway, President; Roy H. Hansen, V.P.; Clinton Larmore, Secretary and Clyde Curry, Treasurer and Chaplain.

For additional details, please contact Clinton Larmore, 1101 N. Calvert St., No. 1602, Baltimore, MD 21202-2804.

Incidentally, a "Baldric" is a belt, sometimes richly ornamented, worn diagonally from shoulder to hip supporting a sword.

- **BONNIE BLINK DAYLIGHT LODGE NO. 1.** On September 10, the Lodge was called from refreshment to labor and featured the Shrine Chanters and the usual good fellowship, lunches and music. Make plans to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, October 8 when Bro. Robert F. Schmidt of the Shrine Burn Unit will be the guest speaker

Bro. James Wolfe, Lodge Secretary will be available to receive dues at Lodge or at his address, 1411 Fairbank Dr., Hanover, MD 21076.

## NEED CASH?

If you sold property and took back a mortgage/deed of trust, I will buy that mortgage for cash.

*Call Bro. F. Blake, (301) 622-4072*

## VIEWS ON MASONRY & MASONS

- **REFLECTIONS OF A MASON'S WIFE.** The following is a re-print of a reprint reported in the July issue of EMESSAY NOTES published by the MSA. It is an extract of a letter written by Juana Weatherall, wife of PGM James Weatherall of Arkansas which appeared in the November 1990 issue of "The Arkansas Mason". "I am not a Mason. I'm not even a man. Better than both of these, I am the wife of a Mason. Many times I have wanted to stand up at a Masonic function and tell those present just how much the Masonic Fraternity has positively affected my life, but I never quite gathered the confidence. Perhaps I was afraid you would think me silly, or out of place, or worse yet, insincere. Knowing that I will probably never stand before any of you and verbally express my feelings, I hope you will not be offended that I take this means to communicate my long silent thoughts.

"Cold words written on a cold peice of paper can't express the warmth I have in my heart. My life has been enriched by the experience I have had and by the people I have met through my husband's affiliation with the Masons. I love the man my husband has become even more than I loved that naive nineteen year old by I married twenty-three years ago; I love the Masonic Fraternity and its principles of living, for making him the man he is. And, so I finally got around to what I've wanted to say for so long, but lacked the nerve. Thanks, Masons everywhere. I love you."

“A MASON AND A MAN”. Bro. Alan “Buck” Burton, W.M. of Chester No. 115 sends the following poem he found in the April 1991 edition of the Knight Templar magazine bearing this title:

“My brother, Masonry means much more than the wearing of a pin,

Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt so the Lodge will let you in.

You may wear an emblem on your coat from your finger flash a ring,

But if you're not sincere at heart this doesn't mean a thing.

It's merely an outward sign to show the world that you belong

To this great Fraternal Brotherhood that teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep within the human breast,

Till Masonic teaching brings it out and puts it to the test.

If you can practice out of Lodge the things you learn within,

Be just and upright to yourself and to your fellow men;

Console a Brother when he's sick or assist him when in need,

Without a thought of personal reward for any act or deed;

Walk and act in such a way that the world without can see

That none but the best can meet the test laid down by Masonry;

Always live up to your trust and do the best you can,

Then you can proudly tell the world you're a Mason and a Man."

## ET CETERA

- **GET SMART!** Grand Lodge Correspondence Course Series No. 1 is now available to all Lodge officers and members to familiarize them with the regulations, customs, procedures and history of Masonry in Maryland. Knowledge and understanding of these matters makes for more effective leadership, and confidence in being an advocate of Masonry. The course was prepared by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. To enroll, fill out the form below and mail with a check for \$5.00 made payable to the Grand Lodge of Maryland to cover the cost of producing and distributing the material.

### Enrollment Card

Grand Lodge Correspondence Course No. 1

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- **A RIDDLE.** What's gray in color, oblong in shape, and is a passport to the world of Freemasonry?

Answer: Your 1992 Dues Card which contains your

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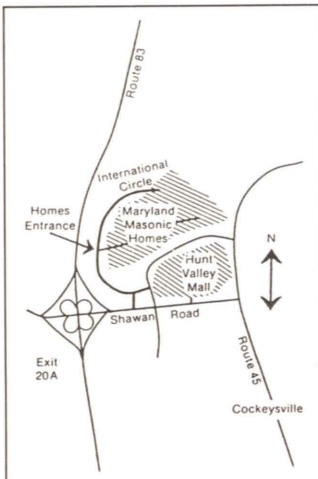
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