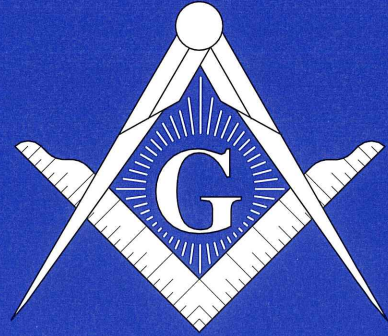


# Freestate Freemason



Fall 1999

*From the Grand Master*

## NEW ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR BONNIE BLINK

Brethren of the Maryland Jurisdiction:

Due to the low occupancy of Bonnie Blink, our Masonic Homes, and the need to correct this as quickly as possible, the Board of Trustees has passed the following revised eligibility for those people who can be admitted as private pay residents in Assisted Living and Health Care.

- 1 ) Master Masons from any jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maryland and in good standing for five (5) years prior to application for admission.
- 2) Members of the Order of Eastern Star from any jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Chapter of O.E.S. of Maryland and in good standing for five (5) years prior to the application for admission.
- 3) Wives, husbands, widows, widowers, grandparents, parents, daughters, sons, sisters, brothers, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, nieces, nephews, half-sisters, and half-brothers of approved Masters Masons or approved members of the Order of Eastern Star.
- 4) Remarried widows or widowers and their spouses.

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OF MARYLAND

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## The Universality of Masonry

*“Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honor, and it is the internal and not the external qualifications which recommend a man to be made a Mason.”*

Freemasonry is part of a proud tradition of men who freely think for themselves. We take the right of free thinking so much for granted that it is easy to forget how very rare the idea is in human history. In 1717 when four old London lodges organized themselves into the premier Grand Lodge of England, they held forth a very radical notion: a man should be judged on the content of his character ... and nothing more. His social status didn't matter; his nationality didn't matter; his politics didn't matter; and how he chose to worship God didn't matter. And this idea was deeply unsettling to the authorities.

There was a simple standard used by Freemasons then as today in judging a man: Is he of good report and well-recommended? Once that fundamental test of character had been applied, nothing else carried any weight. When you become a Freemason and accept the principle that internal qualifications are essential and external characteristics are unimportant, you have taken a giant step that has frightened little minds of all ages. The idea of a universal brotherhood terrifies the bigot who would force humanity into arbitrary and separated categories. By thinking for ourselves and peering into the hearts of other men when choosing our members, Freemasons are maintaining a proud, ancient tradition. We may not be able to eliminate the arbitrary divisions used by society, but we can insist that within our Lodges men are not categorized as blue-collar or white-collar, Republican or Democrat, or by where they choose to worship God. We use the simpler category of “Brother,” and concentrate on what unites us, not what separates us.

*“We are taught to regard the whole human species as one family; the high and low, the rich and poor.... On this principle Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.”*

Rudyard Kipling's Masonic poem, “The Mother Lodge” (reprinted on p. 10), beautifully expresses the idea of the universality of Masonry. After reading the poem, you cannot help but marvel at the power of our fraternity to bring together men of such widely diverse backgrounds. Kipling's Masonic experience in India had a deep effect on his outlook in life, which he continually expressed in his writings. He truly understood the profound meaning of the small sign outside the door of Howard Lodge (and others), “There are no strangers within these doors, only friends you have not met.”

*S. Brent Morris, Editor*





## ADMISSION *from p. 1*

5) All applicants for residency must be at least sixty (60) years of age.

6) Respite care admissions can be made for up to one (1) month regardless of the age of the applicant for residency.

7) Any Master Masons from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and their dependents who have special financial needs may apply to a special committee appointed by the Grand Master. Its purpose is to review the financial status of the resident and make recommendations to assist them in meeting the criteria set forth in the contracts for Assisted Living and Health Care. Special exceptions can also be made for those who have given outstanding service to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. All special exceptions can be made by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees, based upon recommendations for admission by the Special Masonic Admissions Committee.

The Board of Trustees and I believe these new policies are fair and are in the best interests of our wonderful Masonic Homes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

FRANCIS E. LARRIMORE  
Grand Master

## Candidates for Grand Lodge Offices

This issue of the *Freestate Freemason* offers important information to voting members of the Grand Lodge: biographies and statements from all declared candidates. As of October the following brethren have declared themselves to be candidates for the following offices:

### **M.: Wor.: Grand Master**

- Francis E. Larrimore, *unopposed*

### **R.: Wor.: Deputy Grand Master**

- Bennie G. Owens, *unopposed*

### **R.: Wor.: Sr. Grand Warden**

- John R. (Jack) Biggs
- R. Frederick Lunn

### **R.: Wor.: Jr. Grand Warden**

- Ronald G. Belanger
- Oswald L. (Ozzie) Lockard

### **R.: Wor.: Grand Treasurer**

- Theodosio V. (Ted) Gandini
- Robert E. Pugh, Sr.

### **R.: Wor.: Grand Secretary**

- Jack R. Frazier
- William H. Sorrell, Jr.

Biographies and statements of declared candidates begin on pp. 4-8. Other brethren may be nominated at the annual communication on November 15. Please let the Grand Master know if you find this information useful.

## Md. Masons Receive Scottish Rite Honors

The Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction held its biennial Session October 3-5, 1999. At that time forty-three Maryland Masons were elected to receive Scottish Rite honors.

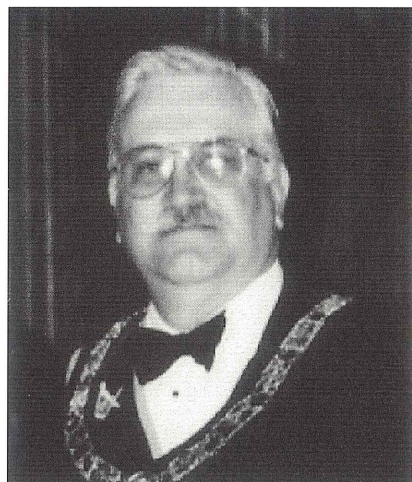
The following twenty-eight brothers were elected to receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor: Robert Thomas Adkins, Teddy Randolph Barkley, Jr., John Robinson Biggs, Jr., William Dewey Dula, Robert William England, John Thomas Evans, Edgar Woodall Faulkner, Jr., Harold Anthony Garren, Milton Warren Greffen, Jr., Ralph Patrick Hooper, Charles John Hout, Otis Elmer Jones, Donald Henry Knode, Francis Edward Larrimore, Douglas Ancrun Lauf, Jr., William Vogts Lauterbach, Jr., John Walter LeRoy, Sr., Leslie James Merritt, Edward Kenneth Miller, Richard Charles Miller, Wayne Clark Penley, Sr., James William Pittman, Jay Franklin Plummer, Theodore Raynovich, III, Marion Francis Rickard, Roger Mitchell Windsor, Stephen Henry Winer, and George Warren Zeiler. The K.C.C.H. investiture will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple on Saturday, November 20.

Fourteen brethren, all of whom had already received the K.C.C.H., received the 33° on October 5. Those

*See HONORS on p. 11, col. 1*



# Statements of Grand Lodge Candidates



Ronald G. Belanger is a candidate for R. Wor. Jr. Grand Warden.

## EDUCATION

- 1967—Graduated from North West Catholic High School West Hartford, Connecticut.
- 1968—Graduated United States

Navy School of Music, Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia.

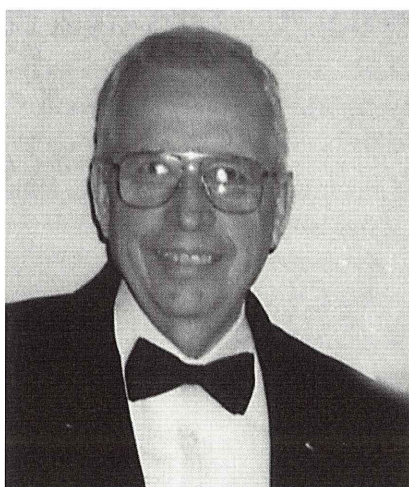
## MASONIC BACKGROUND

- 1982—Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Camp Springs Lodge No. 227.
- 1983—Appointed to the active line as Marshal, by Brother Past Master, Francis E. Stauffer.
- 1989—Charter Member and Vice President of the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Philaethes.
- 1991—Elected to serve as Worshipful Master of Camp Springs Lodge No. 227.
- 1992—Served as Assistant to Deputy Grand Lecturer, John C. Naquin.
- 1992-95—Appointed to the Board

of Grand Inspectors by M. Wor. Past Grand Master John McWilliam Smith, Jr.

- 1997-98—Served as Worshipful Grand Marshal for Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John C. Naquin.
- 1998—Assistant Web Master for the Grand Lodge web page. Designed and constructed the "Tour of the Grand Lodge Facility" on Grand Lodge web page. Designed and constructed web pages for several subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland.
- 1998—Appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut near the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

*See BELANGER on p. 8, col. 1*



John R. (Jack) Biggs is a candidate for R. Wor. Sr. Grand Warden.

As Sr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, I would bring to this position a strong love for our fraternity, its ritual and a strong ritualistic background.

## EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Applied Science in Electronic Engineering Technology

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1983—Retired First Lieutenant, Md. State Police—25 years of service
- 1998—Retired from Motorola—Program Manager

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

- Raised in Solomon's Lodge No. 121 in 1964
- Member of Charity Lodge No. 134 and Solomon's Lodge No. 121
- Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge No. 134 in 1992.
- Received "Grand Master's Award with Distinction"

Member of Tuscan RAC No. 42, Baltimore Council No. 18 and Maryland Commandery No. 1

Member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore

- Line officer for Lodge of Perfection
- Preceptor 32° conferral
- Venerable Master new 4° conferral
- Diplomat Chairman

1993 to present—Deputy Grand Lecturer and Committee on Ritualistic Work

1994 to present - Lodge Secretary & Ritualist

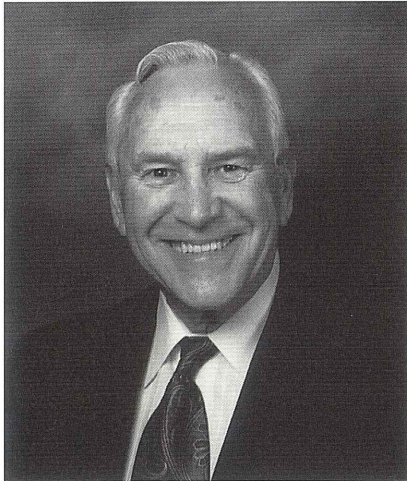
- Formed Charity Lodge's "Gentlemen of Leisure" Square Club.

Member of Tall Cedars, Boumi Temple, Maryland Masonic

*See BIGGS on p. 8, col. 2*



# Statements of Grand Lodge Candidates



Jack R. Frazier, R.:Wor.: Grand Secretary, is a candidate for reelection

## EDUCATION

B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering and advanced academic education, majoring in Personnel Management.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Familiarity with all facets of personnel management; including

labor management relations, contract negotiations, administration, termination, and budgeting.

I perform all the duties of the position of Grand Secretary as outlined on page 5 of the Constitution. I maintain a rapport with the Grand Secretaries of the Sister Jurisdictions to insure a rapid flow of information and services. I was asked to design, develop and implement the first computer system for the Grand Lodge of Maine. Implementing savings to the G.L. of Maine was over \$70,000.00 in R. & D.

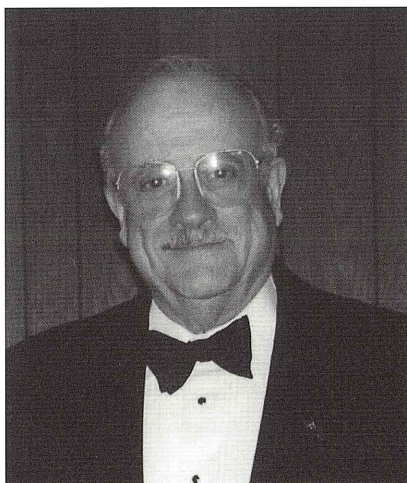
With the cooperation of the Secretaries and Worshipful Master's of the Maryland Lodges, advancing technology has been implemented in the Grand Lodge to better serve the membership. As we are constantly reviewing and updating the computer systems, the current plan is to include modem capability for the lodges.

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

Past Master of #215; Past Grand Inspector; Member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Masonic Veterans Association, Tall Cedars, National Sojourners, Heroes of '76, Royal Order of Scotland, Honorary Legion of Honor for the DeMolay; order of the Eastern Star, Past President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America.

Awards Received: The Grand Lodge of Maryland's Warren G. Seipp Medal; Grand Lodge of D.C.'s Meritorious Service Award; Grand Royal Arch Medal for Distinguished Service; Honorary Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; and Grand Lodge of Maine's Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal for Distinguished Service beyond the call of duty.

It is my desire, with the concurrence of the membership vote, to continue serving the Craft of this Grand Lodge.



Theodosio V. Gandini, R.:Wor.: Grand Treasurer, is a candidate for reelection.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

In 30 years with two Divisions of what is now Lockheed Martin and as Chief of Contracts and as a Configuration Management Specialist I acquired extensive experience in Contract Administration, budgets, pricing, personnel, audits, and surveillance of subcontractors and suppliers.

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

Elected R.W. Grand Treasurer 1998-99  
P.M. Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116

## Scottish Rite—

32°, Knight Commander Court of Honor  
Past Commander of the Council of Kadosh

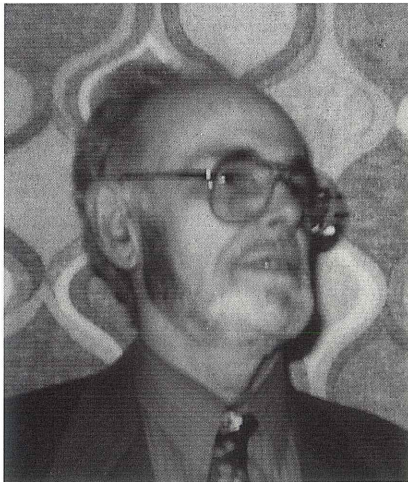
## York Rite—

St. John's Chapter No. 19, R.A.M.  
Concordia Council No. 1, R.&S.M.  
Crusade Commandery No. 5, K.T.

Ambassador of Boumi Temple  
A.A.O.N.M.S.



# Statements of Grand Lodge Candidates



Oswald L. (Ozzie) Lockard is a candidate for R.:Wor.: Jr. Grand Warden.

He is Past Master, Senior Warden of Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218 in District Heights, Maryland was born in Bedford, Virginia on July 23,

1931. He and his family moved to Washington in 1943.

Later he met Jean Marcey of southwest Washington and were married on June 30, 1950. They have four children, Joyce, Barbara Jean, Scott and Lou. His two sons work in the business with Ozzie which is the Hawk Welding Co in Clinton, Maryland. Jean and Ozzie will be married 50 years on June 30, 2000.

Ozzie was initiated into Masonry in February, 1976, raised in June of that year and ten years later served as Worshipful Master of Camp Springs Lodge No. 227 in 1986. He was Master of Anacostia Lodge in 1992, Master of Convass B. Dean Memorial Lodge in 1993, Master of Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218 in 1994, 1995, 1997. He is Past Monarch of

Kallipolis Grotto No. 15, a member of Albert Pike Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, in the District of Columbia, and was coronated a Inspector General Honorary, on October 5, 1999 (33rd degree) Ozzie rode on the Harley Davidson Drill Team of Kena Shrine Temple in Fairfax, Virginia for seven years and is now a member of Almas Temple in Washington, D. C., Past Patron of Unity Chapter 112, OES, Camp Springs Maryland

Ozzie is most proud of his Commission as Grand Representative from Virginia in Maryland, thanks to P.:G.:M.: John C. Naquin

He spends a lot time visiting other lodges and reciting poems about masonry and other subjects.



R. Frederick Lunn is a candidate for R.:Wor.: Sr. Grand Warden.

## PERSONAL

- Married Renate Christa Reussner, 1968
- Two children: Renate Jean, age 24 years, Bro. Raymond F., age 22

years

## EDUCATION

- B.S. & M.S., State University of New York
- 100+ additional Graduate Credits:
  - Administration, Supervision and Evaluation
  - Leadership Training
  - Communications Skills
- Masonic
  - “Masonic Leadership Course”
  - “Masonic Leadership Center’s Internet Leadership Course”

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

### Blue Lodge Service

- St. George’s Lodge #6, F. & A.M., New York, Member
- Charity Lodge No. 134, A.F. & A.M., Past Master

– Grand Master’s Award with Distinction

- Washington Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M., Worshipful Master

### Grand Lodge Service

- Grand Inspector
- Senior Grand Steward
- Secretary of the Board of Grand Inspectors
- Grand Representative

### Scottish Rite

- Valley of Baltimore
  - Invested: Knight Commander of the Court of Honor
  - Past Venerable Master: Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

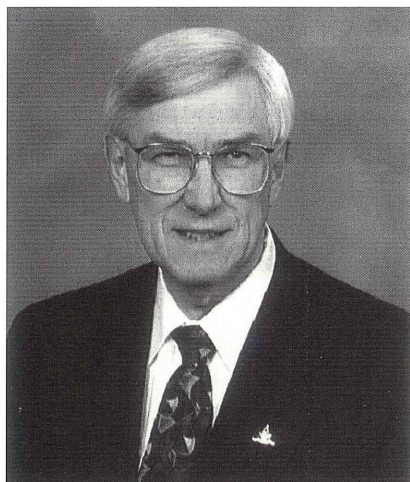
### Additional Masonic Service

Administrative, executive, or leadership positions in other Masonic bodies, including the Royal

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## Statements of Grand Lodge Candidates



Robert E. Pugh, Sr. is a candidate for R.:. Wor.:. Grand Treasurer.

Brethren, we need to have a Grand Lodge that is fiscally sound, so that our leaders can concern themselves with the important matters of the day. Operating the Grand Lodge without

adequate funding is an unwelcome distraction from our mission. We must find new ways, honorable ways, to finance the costs of maintaining the high quality level we know and expect. That is our challenge.

As a candidate for Grand Treasurer, this brother envisions a Grand Lodge that will long endure, it must, and to the office we could select a brother who is Past Master of Camp Springs Lodge No. 227, a member of the Board of Managers for 6 years, a Certified Public Accountant for 35 years, and one who has worked in private industry for a variety of concerns which all depended heavily on reliable financial management to succeed, and at times just to survive.

We note in our Constitution that, although our Gr. Treasurer is not

designated a "full-time officer", we expect that officer to conduct all the financial affairs of Gr. Lodge. Fortunately, the Gr. Treasurer is assisted by a full-time highly qualified Controller performing the day-to-day financial functions and assisting with reports. Although this candidate continues to be employed full-time in the business world, he envisions that through today's technology, he can directly and quickly be also involved in all matters required of this office. Additionally, this candidate supports a level of involvement which will provide a real distinction from the duties of this office and those contemplated in the constitution for the Grand Secretary, which have been observed in practice as overlapping.



Bill Sorrell is a candidate for R.:. Wor.:. Grand Secretary

Brother Sorrell has served Masonry and the Grand Lodge since being Raised in 1957. Bill is a Past Master of Collington No. 230, a Lodge for which he was organizing

chairman. His efforts helped make it possible for Collington to move into their own building while still under dispensation. His service includes Past Master of Annapolis Lodge as well as holding the office of Secretary for eleven years. In his year as Master, Bro. Sorrell was awarded the Grand Master's Award Program Citation.

Bill is currently serving on the Board of Managers and is Deputy Grand Lecturer for Anne Arundel County. He was a member of the 1995-96 Grand Lodge Line. Other significant experience as Secretary includes John Coats Memorial Lodge, Fort McHenry Square Club Organizing Committee, the three Annapolis York Rite bodies, Annapolis Shrine Club and the Odd

Fellows. Bro. Bill just recently organized the Central Maryland Past Masters' Association.

At the time of his early retirement, Bill was Vice President of a national corporation. His professional experience includes in-depth personnel policy management, risk management, business and corporate law, arbitration and litigation management, accounting, taxes and insurance, corporate credit and collections and is well versed in computer technology and software.

Bill has been active in many community projects such as little league football, service on several boards of directors and community associations in addition to holding public elected office.

See **SORRELL** on p. 8 col. 3



# Statements of Grand Lodge Candidates



**BELANGER** *from p. 4*

1999—Appointed to the Board of Grand Inspectors as Vice President of the Southern Region, and Vice President at Large, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Francis E. Larrimore.

1999—Appointed to serve on the Committee for the Grand Master's Accelerated Class.

1999—Featured presenter at the Grand Master's Regional Meetings through out the Grand Jurisdiction.

1999—Founder and Editor of *The Board Room*, a quarterly news letter designed to keep the Board of Grand Inspectors abreast of all the latest ideas and programs of our Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

1999—Appointed Editor, by MWPGM, Bernard E. Rothman, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, of *The Rite News* which is the official publication of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Maryland.

## AWARDS RECEIVED

1991—Received the Grand Master's award with distinction at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland, by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, John McWilliam Smith Jr., on the completion of my term as Worshipful Master of Camp Springs Lodge No. 227.

## PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Upon Completion of High School, I took and passed an audi-

tion for the United States Navy Band, Washington, DC. Because of my age it was suggested that I attend the United States Navy School of Music in Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia and further my musical education. Upon completion of school in Virginia, I accepted orders to the Sixth Fleet Band, stationed in Gieta, Italy. In 1974 I finally realized my dream of being a part of the "Worlds Finest" and became a member of the U.S. Navy Band Washington, DC. Retired from naval service in April of 1987 having served for twenty years.

I Married Karen Benoit, October of 1970. We have one daughter, Anissa Elise Belanger.

**BIGGS** *from page 4*

Veterans Association, Dr. John Coates Lodge No. 1787 and the Southern California Lodge of Research

1997—Appointed Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon in P.G.M. Naquin's Grand Line

1998—President Baltimore City and Baltimore County Past Master's Association.

1998—President Freestate Shield and Square Club. This team raised 12 Master Masons during the past year.

1999—"Millennium Committee" member

As this resume indicates, this candidate continues to support Masonry and its ideals in every way he can. He is blessed with an understanding wife who also supports these ideals.

**LUNN** *from p. 5*

Order of Scotland, Maryland College S.R.I.C.F., and Masonic Veteran Association. Membership in the York Rite, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and the Shrine. Elected an Honorary Member/Past Master of five Lodges.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Baltimore County Auxiliary Police
  - Retired as Staff Captain of Training
  - Officer of the Month and of the Year; Numerous Special Citations
- Hereford Volunteer Ambulance Association
- 5th District PTSA: Computer Comm.
- Neighborhood Watch: Block Capt.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Baltimore County Public Schools
  - Teacher / Administrator
  - Department Chairman: Technology Education
  - Principal: Loch Raven High Summer School
- Retired in 1995

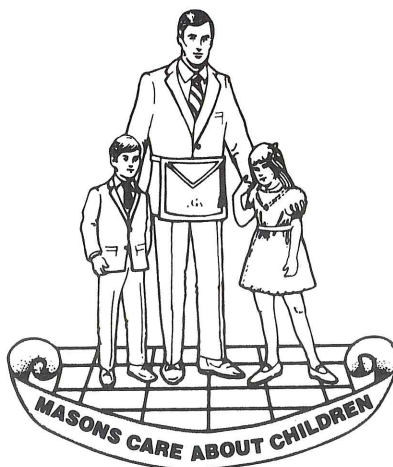
## MASONIC ADVOCACY

- Masonic Education/Leadership
- The G.L. Mentoring Program
- Community Involvement
- Effective Communication

**SORRELL** *from page 7*

Bro. Bill's interest and personal motivation is for a fresh look at updating the functions and objectives of the Office of the Grand Secretary for more effective service to the Grand Lodge, our subordinate Lodges and especially to the brethren.





## INVEST IN THE FUTURE THROUGH MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND

Maryland youth are benefitting from the Masonic Charities of Maryland Educational Grand Program (scholarships), the Student Assistance Program (Drug Education and Intervention and a Child Abuse Program. Through the support of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughter's, Demolay, the Maryland Student Assistance Program and an appropriate of \$48,000 in college scholarships, Masons and Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. are leading the way into the new millennium.

In the spirit of the coming holiday season, Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. needs your give or a brighter future for our youth. **Donations are tax deductible!** Give now—M.C.M., Inc. Needs your support

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## The Mother Lodge

Rudyard Kipling, P. : Sec. :

THERE was Rundle, Station Master,  
An' Breazeley of the Rail,  
An' Ackman, Commissariat,  
An' Donkin o' the jail  
An' Blake, Conductor-Sargeant,  
Our Master twice was 'e,  
With 'im that kept the Europe shop,  
Old Framjee Eduljee.

*Outside—"Sergeant! Sir! Salute!  
Salaam!"*

*Inside—"Brother," an' it doesn't do  
no 'arm.*

*We met upon the Level an' we  
parted on the Square*

*An' I was Junior Deacon in my  
Mother Lodge out there!*

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant.

An' Saul, the Aden Jew,  
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman  
Of the Survey Office, too;  
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,  
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,  
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,  
The Roman Catholick.

We 'adn't good regalia,

An' our Lodge was old and bare,  
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,

An' we kept them to a hair  
An' lookin' on it backwards

It often strikes me thus,  
There ain't such things as infidels  
Excep', perhaps, it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,

We'd all sit down and smoke,  
(We dursn't give no banquits  
Lest a brother's caste was broke),

An' man and man got talkin'  
Religion an' the rest,  
An' every man comparin'  
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',  
An' not a brother stirred  
Till mornin' waked the parrots  
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird;  
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,  
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,  
With Mo'amed, God, an' Shiva  
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Gov'ment service  
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,  
An' bore fraternal greetin's  
To the Lodges east and west,  
Accordin' as commanded  
From Kohat to Singapore,  
But I wish that I might see them  
In my Mother Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,  
My Brethren black and brown,  
With the trichies smellin' pleasant  
An' the hog-darn\* passin' down;  
An' the old khansamaht† snorin'  
On the bottle-khana‡ floor,  
Like a Master in good standing  
With my Mother Lodge once more!

*Outside—"Sergeant! Sir! Salute!  
Salaam!"*

*Inside—"Brother," an' it doesn't do  
no 'arm.*

*We met upon the Leve! an' we  
parted on the Square*

*An' I was Junior Deacon in my  
Mother Lodge out there!*

\*Cigar-lighter. †Butler. ‡Pantry.  
Brother Rudyard Kipling, renown-

ed writer and poet, was born in India, 1865, and died in London, 1936. He was made a Mason in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782 at Lahore, India at the age of twenty and one-half years by special dispensation, later joining Philanthropy Lodge No. 391 in Bengal, and he was also made an honorary member of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland.

Kipling stated that in the lodge at Lahore, he was initiated by a Hindu, passed by a Mohammadan, and raised by an Englishman. The Tiler of the lodge was an Indian Jew. Kipling was secretary of the lodge for some years. He often referred to the Fraternity, and it is clear that he held it in high esteem. Many of his writings have a Masonic implication of theme, the chief being The Man Who Would Be King, and poems, "Mother Lodge," "L'Envoi to Life's Handicaps," and the "Palace." [Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia (New York: Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., 1961), p. 340.]

The story, The Man Who Would be King, was made into a movie directed by John Huston and starring Sean Connery and Michael Caine. It tells of two vagabound English soldiers who try to take over a small Himalayan country. Their Masonic memberships save their lives and are crucial to the plot. The movie is available on videocassette for rental, and is a great excuse for popping a large bowl of popcorn. Enjoy it with your family (some of the scenes may be too intense for young children.)





### HONORS *from p. 3*

Brothers so honored were Joseph Clayton Brown, Meyer Cardin, Bienvenido Custodio Escalona, David Leroy Hall, Wilbur Crowley Jensen, Frank Everett Locke, James Allen Lytle, Frederick Ernest Reel, Arthur Dean Sellers, Paul Garrett Shircliff, Lynn Dale Shreffler, Einer Skretting, Roger James Staroneck, Charles Edward Winebrenner, Jr.

Brother S. Brent Morris, who received the 33° in 1989, was presented with the Grand Cross of the Court of Honor, one of only eleven such honorees for the entire Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. He and William Donald Shaffer are the only two living Maryland Masons to be so honored.

Brother Morris was asked to respond at the Supreme Council Banquet on behalf of all those elected to receive the Grand Cross. He said, "Abraham Lincoln told about a man being tarred, feathered, and ridden out of town on a rail. As he was balancing on the rail with tar dripping off him, he was asked what he thought of the ceremony. The hapless gentlemen replied, 'If it weren't for the honor, I wouldn't be doing this.'"

"That may be the incentive for tar and feathers, but it is certainly not the motivation for Masonic recognition. Neither I nor any of the Brethren here this evening—the newly initiated 33rds and we newly decorated Grand Crosses—are in this for recognition. Oh sure, like everyone else we see an award being given and think, 'Isn't that nice! Maybe

someday I can do something deserving of recognition.' And then we get back to doing our work. The prime motivator of Masons is the self-satisfaction of helping others and of doing our jobs well. That's it. Everything else is icing on the cake."

"Having now been honored with the Grand Cross, I'm reminded of a caution by Brother Mark Twain. 'On the whole, it is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them.' Prior to tonight we had the luxury of thinking we may have been deserving but unrecognized. From now on we will have to worry about having honors and perhaps not deserving them. The best thing for us to do is to get right back to doing what we have been doing, but with a little more dedication and zeal."

### Bonnie Blink's Facelift

Today's retirement communities offer a multitude of services and settings to meet the needs of their residents and potential guests. In fact, a community's physical appearance and the resulting retirement image it creates, is key to any retiree's decision to relocate to a retirement community.

Bonnie Blink, named for its beautiful view, boasts one of if not the most impressive, scenic views in the Baltimore area. Complimenting this breathtaking view, are our rich tradition, renaissance feel, and a family philosophy.

Years have passed since our last

renovation or refurbishing at Bonnie Blink. And during these years, retirement communities have multiplied. In fact, one could say that retirement living is alive and thriving in the United States.

So, in efforts to continue to serve our current residents and potential customers with that "special" touch, a change is necessary. That change is an interior facelift. And the time for that change is now.

This "interior refurbishing" project will focus on five main areas located within the retirement community complex. Those areas include the Main Lobby, adjacent lounges, cafeteria, clinic area, and all three common areas of the Healthcare Center. The changes will include some new furnishings, window treatments, floor coverings, and wall coverings.

This project is expected to conclude in January 2000. Make a point to stop by to see the changes. We can't wait!

### Computer Deal for Maryland Masons

The Gateway Country Store at 6622 Ritchie Highway is making a special offer to Maryland Masons. Upon presentation of a current dues card, Brethren and their immediate families will be entitled to 30% off the regular price of \$149 for a six-hour computer training class in Windows98 and Microsoft Office Suite applications. Brethren may call for more information at 410-863-8872 and, of course, visit the store.





## Holiday Time at the Homes

The Homes is a wondrous place during the Holidays. The outside property is lighted with hundreds of small white lights, which glow and blink in the winter weather. Inside the Home decorated trees, wreaths and garland are spread throughout, like the holiday cheer resounding through the halls.

It takes many hours and an army of staff, residents and volunteers to decorate the homes for the Holidays. We are inviting all Masons and their families to join us for a decorating party on Tuesday, November 30th from 4:00–8:00 p.m. Please come for an evening of fellowship as we decorate the trees, including our 14-foot tree in the Main dining Room. No special talent is required—just a willingness to lend a hand. Light refreshments will be served.

Please call (410) 527-1111 and let us know if you are coming on November 30.

## Maryland DeMolay on the Move!

In June, Maryland DeMolay was represented at the International Sessions of the Order of DeMolay by then State Master Councilor Chris Humphreys and State Senior Councilor, Jesse Sandler. These young men traveled to Kansas City, Missouri as delegates of Maryland DeMolay. Maryland received awards from DeMolay International for initiating more new members in 1998

than in 1997, as well as several certificates for award-winning publications. The following ISC memberships were awarded: P.G.M., John C. Naquin (Honorary), Richard P. Naegele (Deputy), and Edward Foreman (Deputy). Maryland Executive Officer, Robert England, was awarded a Gold Eagle by the Grand Master of DeMolay as the ISC Member of the Year.

In August, Brother Jesse Sandler was installed as the State Master Councilor and will lead Maryland DeMolay into the 21st century. Brother Paul Camden was installed as State Senior Councilor and Brother J.C. Davis as the Scribe.

September 10–12, 1999 Maryland DeMolay stormed the Region II ritual competition! They departed the Grand Lodge on two coach buses for Oneonta, N.Y. Chapters participating included Catonsville, Chesapeake, Frederick, Nelson J. Briggs, and Salisbury, as well as several members of Nation's Capitol DeMolay. Ritual competition was held all day Saturday, and Maryland DeMolay brought home over one-half of the awards given. Catonsville Chapter won the Chapter Proficiency in the open category and the DeMolay Degree in the championship category. The following ritualists took individual honors:

- Jon Sloat, Catonsville Chapter—Ceremony of Light (championship)
- J.C. Davis, Catonsville Chapter—Ceremony of Light (open)
- Jon Sloat, Catonsville Chapter—

4th section (championship)

- Jeremy Sloat, Catonsville Chapter—4th section (open)
- Chuck Mitten, Catonsville Chapter—Flower Talk (championship)
- Jon Sloat, Catonsville Chapter—Magnificent 7 (championship)
- Jacob Todd, Salisbury Chapter—Magnificent 7 (open)

Adam Baker of Frederick was honored with a special certificate of accomplishment and a medal for his presentation of the Ceremony of Light. Anyone who knows Adam knows his enthusiasm for DeMolay. Although unable to speak the ritual due to a hearing impairment, Adam traveled to Oneonta to compete in the Ceremony of Light competition by signing. This is thought to be the first time in any ritual tournament there has been a competitor who has signed the work. The judges were very impressed.

These are exciting times for Maryland DeMolay!

## A Chance to Help Others

Bro. John W. Hopkins, P.M. of Door to Virtue Lodge is the Lions Club Hearing and Speech Chairman. The Lions take hearing aids and refurbish them for distribution. It is wonderful charity that helps many around the country. Bro. Hopkins invites Maryland Masonic Lodges to work with the Lions Clubs in this worthwhile endeavor. For more information, please call Bro. Hopkins at 410-848-6855.





## Ministering at Bonnie Blink

Serving as chaplain at Bonnie Blink, Maryland Masonic Homes, is a very unique and rewarding experience. At Bonnie Blink there is a real feeling of family among the residents which creates a unifying spirit of love. This love is expressed in many ways as the residents look out for each other and endeavor to assist each other as they go about their daily activities.

My job as chaplain is to help maintain the spiritual life of the community. Each week two worship services are held in the chapel. One service is held on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and the other is held on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. The service on Wednesday morning is conducted by the chaplain and currently one of our residents, Bro. H. Arnold Perkins, plays the organ. The sacrament of Holy Communion is shared on the first Wednesday of each month at the chapel service and at three other locations in the health care units and the assisted living facility. Each Sunday the chapel service is sponsored by a different Masonic Lodge or organization with guest ministers and very often special music. All of the worship services are inspiring and offer the residents an opportunity for spiritual growth. Many of the clergy who assist with this service are the pastors of some of our residents. The spiritual care of our family members at Bonnie Blink reaches beyond the two chapel serv-

ices and includes Bible studies, the distribution of spiritually oriented material, and special seasonal programs. Counseling services and quiet private conversations with individuals who have special needs is also a part of the services offered by the chaplain.

Even though the residents of Bonnie Blink are from varied denominational backgrounds, there is a real sense of spiritual togetherness amongst them. Indeed, one of the important factors of the sense of family at Bonnie Blink is the strong spiritual unity of the people. All involvement in the spiritual life of the community is voluntary on the part of the residents.

*The chaplain of Maryland Masonic Homes is the Rev. Dr. Leslie G. Metcalf who is a retired United Methodist Minister who has also been a hospital chaplain and a chaplain with the Baltimore Police Department.*

## High Twelve Guild Luncheon Club

What are you doing for lunch next Tuesday? Or every Tuesday next year, for that matter? The Grand Lodge has started a fun new opportunity for Masons to get together and share fellowship each week: The High Twelve Guild Luncheon Club.

Every Tuesday at 12:00 noon in the Grand Lodge Ballroom the High Twelve Guild holds a fine lunch. The objectives are simple: good food, good fellowship, a tight schedule, and occasional speakers.

The brainchild of MWGM Larimore, the High Twelve Guild is run by Bro. Mark Page of Mt. Moriah Lodge. Mark's job is to line up the food and, when needed, the speakers. The emphasis, however, is on fellowship. A friendly, casual lunch is Mark's goal, and he has succeeded very well, if preliminary reports are a good measure.

Attendance at the High Twelve Guild luncheons is not limited to Masons. Your friends and co-workers, male and female, are welcomed. This would be a good opportunity to give a prospective Mason a visit to Grand Lodge and a sample of Masonic fellowship.

There will be a speaker on the second Tuesday of each month when Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge meets before the luncheon, and there will be other speakers from time to time. On October 12 Bro. S. Brent Morris, Editor of the *Freestate Freemason*, spoke on Masonic Philanthropies

The menu is varied but always good. On October 26 the Guild served a garden salad, roast turkey breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. On November 2 the menu was a garden salad, grilled salmon fillet, rice pilaf, fresh string beans, and ice cream.

Reservations are not required, but they are appreciated. If you know that you'll be coming for lunch, please call the Grand Secretary's office, 410-527-0600. They'll take your reservation and can tell you what upcoming menus will be.





## Keeping the Gears Oiled

The Grand Lodge of Maryland is a human endeavor. It lives, breathes, and succeeds because of the efforts of the people who work for it. We're all aware of the Grand Lodge members—the Officers, Inspectors, Lecturers, Masers, and others, but there's another group as essential to the smooth functioning of Maryland Masonry. This group is the dedicated Grand Lodge staff, under the supervision of the Grand Secretary. If the Grand Lodge Officers are the gears of the great machine of Masonry, then the staff is the oil that keeps everything running smoothly.

Charlotte Daugherty is the Administrative Assistant of the Grand Secretary. She started working at the Grand Lodge eighteen years ago when M.W. Bernard Rothman was Grand Master. Charlotte had been active with the Job's Daughters in the state when Yvonne Mangels told her the Grand Lodge needed a computer operator. Computer operations then were not for the faint of heart, and Charlotte didn't flinch at the work. Programming in those days involved getting into the machines and connecting and disconnecting wires to get the desired results—no simple keyboard commands at a monitor in those early days! The biggest change in Grand Lodge that Charlotte has seen in her nearly two decades of service is the increased use of computers to provide better support to Maryland Masonry. She has seen all the

changes from an IBM 34 (hopelessly primitive by today's standards) to a networked system of PCs on everyone's desks.

The second longest-serving Grand Lodge staff member is Cindy Moyer, who started working for the Grand Lodge fifteen years. She had worked nights for the state government, but wanted a day job with more regular hours. The Grand Lodge offered this plus a friendly atmosphere. Cindy oversees the payroll for the Grand Lodge and the Maryland Masonic Home. She agrees with Charlotte Daugherty that the introduction of computers has been the biggest change she's seen in the Grand Lodge. Cindy is also responsible for bringing her friend, Linda Zollars, to the Grand Lodge staff.

Linda Zollars has given fourteen years of service to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Her neighbor Cindy told her that there was an opening at the Grand Lodge, and with only one day's preparation Linda started to work for us. She now handles all membership actions for the Grand Lodge: petitions, address changes, SNPDs, and all similar actions. She makes sure that all Maryland Masons are properly registered with and tracked by the Grand Lodge. The biggest change for Linda was the move from Charles Street to Freemason's Hall in 1996.

The Office Manager for the Grand Lodge staff is Beth Kennedy who has worked for Maryland Masonry for twelve years. She graduated from high school and planned

on several months of relaxation before finding a job and entering the "real world." As things developed the "real world" found her, and she was working for the Grand Lodge a week after graduation. A friend who worked at Grand Lodge told Beth about the job, and she started in the computer room. Her job now, besides clerical support, is "to make sure everyone is happy." She says this part of her work is made easy because everyone on the staff helps each other. Beth agrees with Linda Zollars that the move to Cockeysville was the biggest change she's seen.

There's more than paper and membership changes to keep track of "on the hill," and Ray Vogel looks after the nuts and bolts of the operation. He's the Maintenance Coordinator and has been working with the staff for six years. If it needs cleaning or repairing, then let Ray worry about it. Ray also coordinates the Grand Lodge license plate program and promotes the Grand Lodge at every opportunity. Ray's an active mason and will be the Supreme Tall Cedar of North America in 2001.

The Benson family is prominent in Maryland Masonry, with Nancy Benson serving 5 years as General Secretary on the staff, her Husband Frank S. will be Colonel of Units at Boumi Temple next year, and her son Jeffrey Lee is Sr. Warden of Annapolis Lodge this year. Nancy retired from Giant Food as Head Cashier when Charlotte Daugherty, her Eastern Star sister, suggested she





apply for an opening on the staff. Nancy handles the reservations and details of the Annual and Semi-Annual Communications, the Grand Master's Ball, the Crab Feast, and Grand Lodge committee reports. Along with Linda Hagan, Nancy handles dispensations, demits, and other Grand Lodge actions.

Hilda Jungclaus is the Management Accountant for the Grand Lodge and Bonnie Blink. She answered a newspaper ad three years ago and brought her sixteen years of accounting experience to the Grand Lodge's books. Hilda is responsible for the monthly financial statements which helps the Grand Officers and Grand Lodge Boards track our financial condi-

tion. She does her work with the MAS90 accounting software, a professional standard in the industry.

The newest member of the Grand Lodge staff is General Secretary Linda Hagan who moved over to the Grand Lodge side of "the hill" two years ago after five years as Secretary in the Nursing Department. Linda answered a newspaper ad and was so impressed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland that she accepted a job without asking what the salary was! Linda is responsible for preparing dispensations and for transcribing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge communications. She showed much insight to the unique activities of the Grand Lodge of Maryland when she said, "It has no

comparison to other businesses."

These seven ladies and one gentleman provide the essential support that keeps the business end of Masonry functioning smoothly in Maryland. When you call the Grand Lodge with a problem or drop by to chat, the chances are you'll deal with one of these professionals. At the end of the day they don't measure their achievements by counting widgets manufactured. Their success is determined by the number of Masons they have helped. Whether the problems are large or small, trivial or critical, they're each important to our staff.

Thanks to each of them for their great work in supporting the Grand Lodge of Maryland!

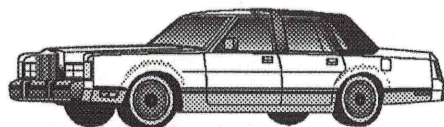


## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*From the Grand Lodge of  
Maryland, A.F. & A.M.*



*The Grand Lodge of Maryland will celebrate its 112th birthday by giving you a chance to win  
this beautiful brand new 2000 Lincoln Town Car.*



*That's right! On April 15, 2000 the Grand Lodge of Maryland will celebrate its 112th birthday with a bull and oyster roast held on the grounds of Bonnie Blink. The culmination of this celebration will be the drawing for a beautiful 2000 Lincoln Town Car. This "Birthday Bash" will run from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm at which time a drawing will be held to determine the owner of a new Lincoln Town Car. The cost of the Bull & Oyster Roast will be \$25 per person. The cost for a chance on that new Lincoln Town Car will be \$50 a ticket. So make your plans early to come out and celebrate, and maybe you'll be driving home in that new 2000 Lincoln Town Car!*





# Maryland Masonic Calendar



## November 1999

- 2 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom
- 6 10:00 am, Grand Master's Regional Meeting, G.L. Building, (*business suit*)
- 9 10:30, Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge, Corinthian Hall, G.L.
- 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom
- 14 10:00 am, Religious Services, Bonnie Blink Chapel (*informal dark clothes*)
- 6:30 pm, Grand Master's Reception and Banquet, G.L. Ballroom (*tuxedo for men, formal attire for ladies*)
- 15 2:00 pm, Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, A.F.&A.M.

- 23 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom
- 30 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom
- 4:00-8:00 pm, Holiday decorating party at Bonnie Blink, please call 410-527-1111 if coming.

## December 1999

- 7 10:30, Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge, Corinthian Hall, G.L.
- 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom
- 14 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom
- 21 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom
- 28 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom

## January 2000

- 1 Happy New Millennium!
- 4 10:30, Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge, Corinthian Hall, G.L.
- 12:00 noon, Hi Twelve Guild luncheon club, G.L. Ballroom

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