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Fall 2000



THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT,  
FREE, AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF MARYLAND

On April 1, 2000, the newest Master Masons in Maryland, members of our latest one-day class, posed outside the Multi Purpose Building in Cockeysville. The one-day class is a management tool to help Lodges process new members.





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## Thinking About Your Vote

**N**ovember is the time we exercise our privilege of voting. After the 7th we will have decided on a new President, and after the 20th we will have a new Grand Master of Maryland and perhaps some changes to our constitution. I will leave the issues of political endorsement to the pundits, but I do have some thoughts on our upcoming Masonic elections.

**BE AN INFORMED VOTER!** Read the biographies and statements of the candidates starting on p. 4 of this issue. This is only the second time that Maryland Masons have been given this information before an election, and it should help you in this important decision. The critical issue before us, especially for the election of Deputy Grand Master, is who can best *lead* the Grand Lodge of Maryland. We have published a wealth of information about the candidates to help you—professional, personal, and fraternal. Look well to your ballot and vote for the good of Masonry.

In addition to the election of Grand Officers, there are three amendments proposed to the Constitution. I shared with you last month my strong feeling that we should restore some authority to our Worshipful Masters and let them decide when to sustain an objection to a visiting brother.

The second amendment would allow Lodges to initiate men who are 18 years old. Not all 18 year olds are ready for Masonry, but then not all 35 year olds are either. However, I believe that any 18 year old who petitioned for membership would have strong motives such as family or DeMolay connections. Experience in other jurisdictions has shown that these young men usually drop out of activity when they leave for college or trade school, but—and this is the important point—they pick up their Lodge activities when they finish their schooling. We will probably not pick up a large number of new 18 year old members, and our investigating committees must remain diligent, but there's no reason to deny membership to anyone this interested. I'm in favor of this amendment.

The third amendment would allow Maryland Masons to belong to any number of Lodges in the state. Now we are limited to two, and it hasn't been that long that ago that we could only join one Lodge in the state. It's not hard to imagine a situation where a man joins his father's Lodge, moves, affiliates with a nearby second Lodge and becomes Past Master. Then later after another move, with a third Lodge nearby, he's in a quandary. If he wants to become active in and affiliate with the nearest Lodge to his new home, he must decide whether to drop his membership in his father's Lodge or in the Lodge of which is is Past Master. There are already enough obstacles in the way of Lodge participation. We do not need to create bureaucratic barriers, because we need as many active Masons as we can get. I'm also in favor of this amendment; a man should be able to join as many Maryland Lodges as he wants.

*S. Brent Morris, Editor*





## Candidates for Grand Lodge Offices

As of October 1 the following brethren have declared themselves to be candidates for the indicated Grand Lodge Offices:

### M.: Wor.: Grand Master

- Bennie G. Owens, *unopposed*

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

- Murray K. Lilley
- Stephen J. Ponzillo, III
- John A. (Jack) Young, Jr.

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

- John W. Hall

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

- Morris L. Bohlayer
- Stephen H. Winer
- Thomas Winebrenner

### R.: Wor.: Grand Treasurer

- Theodosio V. (Ted) Gandini, *unopposed*

### R.: Wor.: Grand Secretary

- Jack R. Frazier
- Vernon H. Huebschman

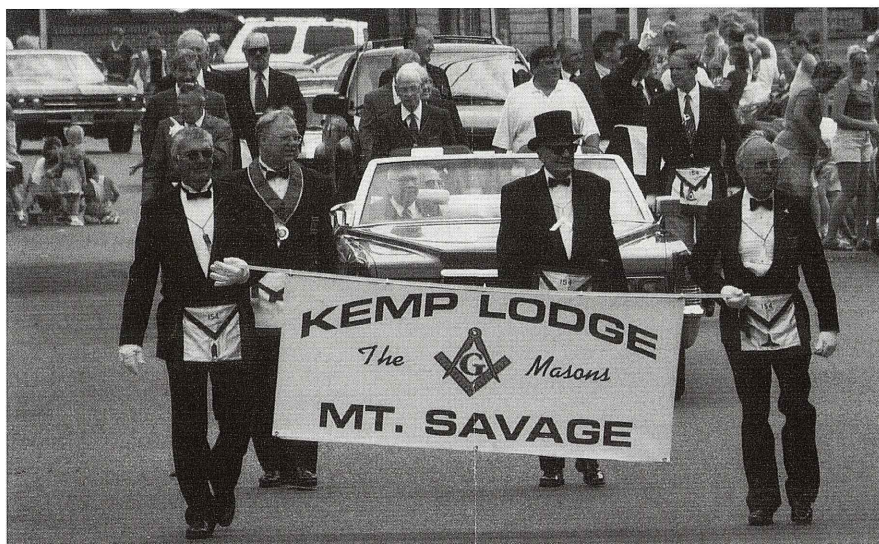
Biographies and statements of declared candidates can be found on pp. 4-10; other brethren may be nominated at the annual communication on November 20, 2000.

This is the second time this information has been published, and we're still striving for perfection. Please let the Grand Master know how this can be improved.



## Square Bears for Calvert County

Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 is shown here presenting Square Bears to Jim Bonner of the Solomons Rescue Squad. The bears will be distributed to all of the Calvert County rescue squads, and they will give them to children who need a "friend" when the rescue squad arrives. Pictured left-right are Bill Kugel, P.M., E.J. Todd, W.M., Jim Bonner, Steve Gambrill, J.W., and Donald Hall, Secretary. For more information on Square Bears, contact Glen Clary, 2532 Cheval Dr., Davidsonville, MD 21035 or by e-mail [gbcac@ccconline.net](mailto:gbcac@ccconline.net).



## Kemp Lodge Steps off Proudly

Kemp Lodge No. 154 had 20 members march in the first Mount Savage Labor Day Parade. Shown here carrying the banner are John Whitehead, J.W., Donald Fishel, S.W. followed by Jay Cochrane, G.I., and Vincent Thompson, W.M.



# Statements of Grand Lodge Candidates



MORRIS L. BOHLAYER is a candidate for R.: W.: Jr. Grand Warden.

Brother Bohlayer is a Past Master, Charity Lodge No. 134. He and his wife, Sharon, have two boys; Keith and Kevin.

I received my Master Mason degree in October 1985 and served as Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge

in 1993.

I worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad from 1959 through 1969. I was the Communication Signalman and also installed equipment in the locomotives.

I worked for the Baltimore County Fire Department from 1969 to 1994 when I retired. During my retirement I have been driving one of the County's school buses.

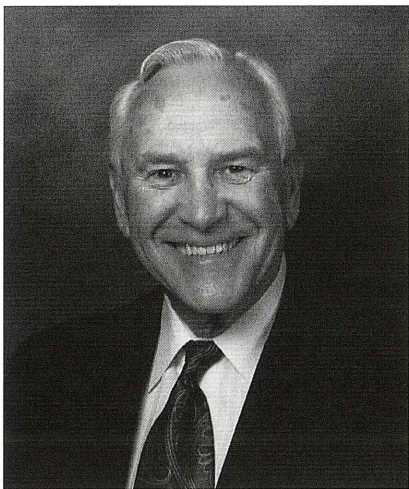
I served in the Grand Line as the Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer in 1999. I am a member of the following: •The Baltimore County Past Master's Association; •The Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge; •The Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1; •Parkton Chapter, O.E.S., No. 42; •Scottish Rite, Valley of Baltimore; •Tall Cedars, No. 45; •Boumi Temple;

•Western Maryland Shrine Club; •Knights of Mecca; •Firefighters Club; •Appointed Grand Inspector, 1997; •Baltimore County Fire Fighters Local No. 1311; •Baltimore County Retired Fire Officers & Firefighters Association; •Life member of Luthersville Volunteer Fire Company and Maryland Line Volunteer Fire Company; •American Truck Historical Society

Other interests and clubs: •Two Cylinder Club; •Two Cylinder Club of Maryland; •Maryland Steam Historical Society; •Early American Steam Society; •Mason Dixon Steam Society

I have enjoyed my tenure as a Master Mason and particularly the

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JACK R. FRAZIER, R.: W.: Grand Secretary, is a candidate for reelection.

## EDUCATION

B.S. 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 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.

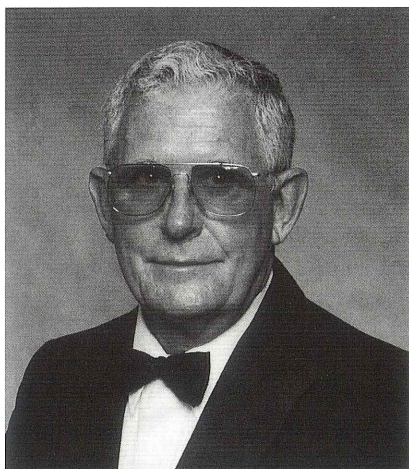
## MASONIC BACKGROUND

Past Master of Silver Spring Lodge No. 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.

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JOHN W. HALL is a candidate for R.: W.: Sr. Grand Warden.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1995 Retired from the Naval Air Test Center (NAWC) Patuxent River, Md., as a mechanical engineering technician. I currently own and operate a charter fishing boat, the PLAY 'N

HOOKY, out of Solomons Island.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member of Solomons United Methodist Church; •appointed treasurer 1977 to present; •member of administrative council, building committee and Board of Trustees

Member of American Legion Post No. 274, 32 years; •Blood Donor, over 14 gallons to date; •Volunteer, SMILE Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

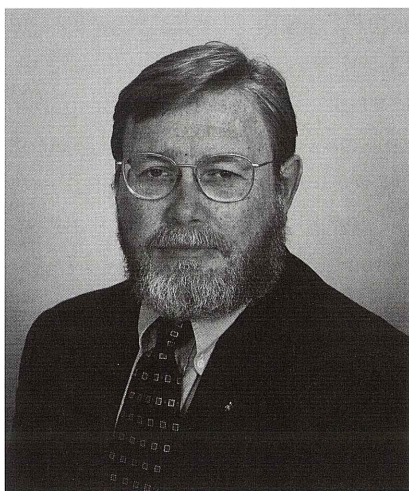
1972 Initiated April 26th, passed May 10th, raised May 25th; •1972 Catechism instructor from May 1972 to present; •1972 Member of Scottish Rite Valley of Southern Md. and Valley Of Baltimore; •1972 Member of Boumi Temple, served

as Shepherd; •1973 Appointed to Lodge line by John C. Naquin; •1978 & 1994 Worshipful Master, Prince Frederick Lodge 142; •1983 Appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer by M.W. G.M. Harvey Hopkins; •1986 President of Southern Md. Past Masters' Association; •1997 Appointed to Committee on investigation of Applications for Admissions into Masonic Homes; •1998 Appointed Wor. Jr. Grand Deacon by M.W.G.M. John C. Naquin; •1999 Appointed to Millennium Committee

## FAMILY BACKGROUND

I was born in Washington, D.C. and moved to Silver Spring when I was 12 years old. In 1965 I moved to Solomons. I am blessed with a loving

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VERNON H. HUEBSCHMAN is a candidate for R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

## EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Bachelor of Science; •Loyola College, Master of Business Administration.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

F.M. Stevenson Co. Inc. President; Gettysburg Country Club, Club Manager; GOW International Inc., Executive Administrator; Anne Arundel Co. Public Schools, Project Manager.

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

Warren Lodge No. 51, PM '87 & '88, Secretary 1988-present; •Maryland Masonic Charities, Board of Directors, 6 years, President; •Grand Lodge of Maryland, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1999; •Board of Managers, Grand Lodge of Maryland; •Druid RAC No. 28, PHP '98 & '99; Secretary 6 years to present; •Hiram Council No. 5, R&SM, DIM; •Maryland Commandery No. 1, K.T., S.W.; •Tidewater Council No. 334, Allied

Masonic Degrees; •Maryland York Rite College, No. 58; •Scottish Rite, Baltimore; •Trinity Chapter No. 99, OES, P.P., Past Treasurer.

## POSITION STATEMENT

I believe the opportunity exists within the office of the Grand Secretary to accomplish the following goals:

•To maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the existing staff of the Grand Lodge Office to deliver prompt service to subordinate Lodges, to keep proper records of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and to assure that all operational costs are minimized by zealous management in concert with the direction of the Board of Managers.

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MURRAY K. LILLEY is a candidate for R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master.

## POSITION STATEMENT

There comes a time in a man's life when he decides to either "put down his tools" or continue to serve for the betterment of his fellow man. My wife and I have been married for

35 years and for us it has always been our choice to do for others; our family, our friends and, yes, Masonry. The support she has given to me in our personal life, our business life and our fraternal activities are a major reason for our success in these fields of endeavor.

As a candidate for the Office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master one must consider how they plan to serve in the best interest of all of the Masons of Maryland. The ability to bring leadership skills, business acumen and a sound understanding of Masonry is the goal of my candidacy. The 28 years of my service within the fraternity has permitted me to serve on various committees and different projects that were undertaken to prepare me

for this opportunity to serve as your Deputy Grand Master. The things that I have learned and the experiences I have had in dealing with people of varying ideas will permit me to return to the craft sound leadership, a goal oriented path, and a strong desire to work with my brethren. We can expand our membership, invoke more opportunities, and together we can take our great fraternity into the new millennium. I have listed the path taken within the fraternity that was chosen to prepare me for this step and trust that it meets with the approval of the Brethren in November.

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

Past Master Amicable Lodge No. 25,  
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STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, III is a candidate for R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master.

My name is Steve Ponzillo, and I am a candidate for the office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. Raised by my father in Liberty Lodge, No. 219, I became a Freemason in April of 1968 at the age of

twenty-one. I grew up in Dundalk, Maryland, graduating from Dundalk High School in 1965. While resident in Dundalk, I had the good fortune of becoming a member of Dundalk Chapter, Order of DeMolay and twice served as the Master Councilor. I later served Maryland and D.C. as the State Master Councilor of DeMolay. As an adult advisor, I was able to "give back" some of the benefits DeMolay gave to me by serving as Chapter Advisor.

Upon graduation from the then Towson State College, I entered the employ of the Board of Education of Baltimore County serving as a high school Social Studies teacher, an assistant principal, and a principal. For the past sixteen years, I have served as principal at three Balti-

more County Middle Schools and one of the Alternative High Schools. Over my thirty-two years in public education, I have earned a Masters degree and have accumulated over ninety additional credits matriculating at Towson University, University of Maryland at College Park and Baltimore County, Loyola College, and Morgan State College. I have served as the President of two administrative/supervisory organizations and have been honored by the State PTA, the Children's Cancer Foundation, the Maryland Music Educators, and the Jaycees.

In 1973, I followed my father as the Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge and would serve the Grand Lodge as a Grand Inspector for eight

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THOMAS J. WINEBRENNER is a candidate for R.: W.: Jr. Grand Warden.

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

1969–Raised a Master Mason in Millington Lodge No. 166.

1970–Appointed active member of the line of officers

1973–75–Served as Wor. Master

1973–Became a member of the Past Masters Association

1973–Elected an honorary member of Howard Lodge No. 101

1986–Elected an honorary member of Pythagoras Lodge No. 123

1998–Affiliated with Pythagoras Lodge No. 123

1989–Became a charter member of Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1

1995–96–Co-chairman of the G.L. Law School

1994–Elected a member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland

1997–Appointed Grand Sword Bearer by MWGM John C. Naquin

1975–Became a member of Baltimore Forest No. 45, TCL

1970–Became a member of the Scottish Rite, and now work in the 11°, 21°, and 32°

1987–Appointed as the Property Room Master for the Scottish Rite

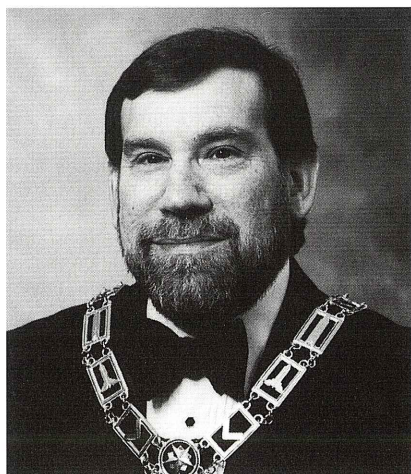
1989–Appointed Assistant Expert, Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

1989–Invested with the rank and decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor

1994–Served as Wise Master of Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

1995–Coronated Inspector General Honorary, 33°

1999–Became a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society



STEPHEN HENRY WINER is a candidate for R.: W.: Jr. Grand Warden.

Born: December 12, 1945, Baltimore, Maryland.

*Amicable Lodge No. 25, Baltimore:* Raised: November 19, 1981; •Entered Line of Officers January 1982; •Installed Worshipful Master

January 16, 1986; •Re-entered line of Officers as a Past Master 1992; •Installed for a second term as Worshipful Master January 2, 1997, 200th Anniversary of Lodge.; •Director of Ritual Work; •Honorary Past Master, Cassia Lodge No. 45.

*Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Baltimore:* Received 32°, April 1982; •Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) October 1999; •Degree Conferral Committee; •Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix line of officers; •Participant in Maundy Thursday Ceremony and Feast of Tishri, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000; •Member of the Diplomats of the Scottish Rite.

*Grand Lodge of Maryland:* Secretary, Monday Night School of In-

struction, 1992–94; •Deputy Grand Lecturer, 1994, and Member of Committee on Ritualistic Work; •Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon, 1996–97, under M.W.G.M. John C. Naquin; •Jr. Warden, Past Masters' Association of Baltimore City and County; •Summer School of Instruction, 14-year perfect attendance certificate; •Member, Grand Lodge Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

*Boumi Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.:* Noble, 1982–present; •Member of the Knights of Mecca (P.M. Association of Boumi Temple), 1987–present; •Director of Ritualistic Work, Knights of Mecca, 1995–98.

*Yedz Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.:* Prophet, 1982–present.

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JOHN A. (JACK) YOUNG, Jr. is a candidate for R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master.

## PERSONAL & EDUCATION

Born April 9, 1928 in Greeley, Colorado; •Raised and educated in Baltimore City except last two years of

High School; •1948–Graduated from Manteca Union High School Manteca, California; •Student Body President in High School Senior Year; •Married to Marie G. Caro in 1950 (marriage ended in divorce); •I have two married daughters, Barbara A. Corliss and Patricia L. Mattheiss, with a total of 4 grandsons and 1 granddaughter; •Now married to Dolores (Dee) Young

## MILITARY SERVICE

Served in US Merchant Marine as seaman during war years 1944–45; •Served in the US Army Signal Corps during Korean War, 1950–52, assigned to US Army Headquarters Europe, 17th Signal Battalion; •honorable discharge with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

## MASONIC BACKGROUND

Raised in Ionic Lodge No. 145 Reisterstown, Md. June 1970; •Worshipful Master 1976; •Lodge Secretary 1981–present; •Secretary Ionic Lodge Building Co. (management of Lodge property) 1984–present; •Lodge Ritualist Chairman/Co-Chairman 1981–present

Honorary Past Master of Union No. 60 & Sharon No. 182; •Charter member of Daylight Lodge No. 1 and presently Lodge Marshall; •1991–92, Member of Board of Grand Inspectors Baltimore City and County; •1993–96, President of Board of Grand Inspectors Baltimore City and County; •1994–96, Member Board of Trustees Maryland Masonic Homes; •1998, Right

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opportunity I have had to serve the Grand Lodge. I hope to be able to continue serving the Grand Lodge.

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AWARDS RECEIVED: The Grand Lodge of Maryland's Warren S. 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; •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.

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wife, Alice, who is ever supportive and encouraging of my masonic endeavors. We have one daughter, Tempie, who lives in Portsmouth, Va. and four grandsons who do their best to keep me thinking "young."

## HUEBSCHMAN from p. 5

•To develop a corps of volunteers to assist with special projects, and expand the range of services provided by the Grand Lodge office without creating an additional burden upon our membership, taking advantage of the skills and energy of our senior members.

•To expand the rental operation of the Multi-Purpose Building, thus reducing the cost to the Craft for its operation, and increase our expo-

sure in the community.

•To operate in concert with the staff of Maryland Masonic Homes, Inc. to preserve and maintain the property and buildings at Bonnie Blink.

•To create an ongoing training of Lodge Secretaries, improving communications with Grand Lodge and between Lodges, and making it easier to find and train candidates for this important Lodge office, through regular meetings to air problems and to identify solutions.

•To press forward with the development of information technology within the Grand Lodge office, using the considerable skills of our membership, to enhance communication among our membership, to support Lodge activities, and to



## Candidates' Statements Continued



provide a forum for common problems.

- To work under the direction of the Grand Master to identify those Lodges whose existence is threatened and to develop a plan of action for rebuilding a healthy and vital Lodge environment, using the talents of our Grand Lodge staff, Grand Inspectors and Deputy Grand Lecturers.

- To work harmoniously with the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers for the best possible effect for the Craft.

**LILLEY** *from p. 6*

1980; •Past Master De Enndraght Lodge No. 1764 under The Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium; •Past Secretary, Grand Lodge School of Instruction; •Past Member Grand Lodge Committee on Reinstatements; •Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon, 1991–92; •Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, 1993–94; •Member of the Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee; •Co-Chairman of the Grand Lodge Building Committee; •1st Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Iceland; •Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Belgium; •Awarded the Warren S. Seipp Medal for Outstanding Service to Masonry in Maryland, 1993; •Charter Member of The John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787; •Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Baltimore; •Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, 1993; •Directorie Ecosais de Belgique, Fourth Grade of the Rectified Scottish Rite with the Scottish Master of Saint Andrew and Perfect

Master of Saint Andrew, 1999; •St. John's Royal Arch Chapter No. 19; •Concordia Council No. 1, Royal & Select Masters; •Crusade Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; •Member Boumi Temple, AAONMS; •Member Legion of Honor; •Member Knights of Mecca; •Ambassador of Boumi Temple; •Member, Yedz Grotto, MOVPER; •Secretary, Yedz Grotto; •President International Grotto Secretaries Association for North America and Canada, 1999–2000; •Legion of Honor Honorary, International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay; •Past President, Golden Eagle Square & Compass Club; •Treasurer, Golden Eagle Square & Compass Club

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years, the Worshipful Grand Pursuivant in 1982 and the Worshipful Grand Marshal in 1995 and 1996. I have served on the Board of Managers since 1995 and currently chair the Scholarship Selection Committee of Masonic Charities. It has been my particular pleasure to assist in the reestablishment of the Grand Lodge's Library and Museum. For these efforts, in 1999, I received the Warren S. Seipp Medal for meritorious service. I have been active in the York and Scottish Rites. I have served as the presiding officer of each York Rite Body as well as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maryland and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. It is my honor to be a Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honor with two quadrants. In the Scottish Rite, my activities on the

degree teams and on the Brockman Speech Language Fellowship Committee have been particularly enjoyable. In 1995, the Scottish Rite honored me as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, and this October I was notified that in 2001 at Charleston, I have been elected to receive the 33°.

I am privileged to belong to the Red Cross of Constantine, the Grotto, the Tall Cedars, and the Shrine, as well as many other Masonic organizations.

I have been married for 26 years to a wonderful lady, and we have two daughters. I enjoy music (I play the drums), historical reading, and historical research. On nights and weekends over three years, my wife, father-in-law, father and eventually the whole extended family, built the home in which we currently live.

Freemasonry means a great deal to me. I have had the privilege to be a Freemason for more than thirty-two years and have been active with Grand Lodge for over twenty-one years. Should I be elected Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, I would loyally work as a teammate of the M.W. Grand Master as he strives to promote harmony and move the Grand Lodge forward as it confronts the challenges of membership, renewal, officer training, and program development. I have had the privilege of serving in leadership positions in many Masonic and non-Masonic organizations and would bring that experience to the office of Deputy Grand Master in service to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.





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*Golden Eagle Square and Compass Club, Baltimore:* Eagleite, 1982–present

*Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1:* Charter member, 1989–present

*Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787:* Charter member, 1986–present

*Winter Harbor Lodge No. 192, Winter Harbor, Maine:* Dual member, 1987–present

*Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 229, Perry Hall:* Guest speaker at annual Table Lodge, 1996, “Unusual Words and Interesting Phrases in our Masonic Ritual Work”

*Washington Lodge No. 3:* Rededication Ceremony, Participated as the Returning Brother in this play with a cast of 5.

As Junior Grand Warden I will bring to the office a deep love of our ritual work and an understanding of my role as an elected officer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

**YOUNG** from p. 8

Worshipful Senior Grand Warden under M.W.G.M. John C. Naquin.

Member of Carroll RAM No. 31; •Carroll Council No. 7; •Carroll Commandery No. 17 Knights Templar, Westminster, Md. since 1977

Member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore; •Vice-President Fall Class of 1994; •Maryland Council of Kadosh, in 2000 served as 1st Lieutenant Commander; •Senior Warden in new 4° conferral team; •Master of Ceremonies in 18° conferral team; •Junior Warden in 20° conferral team; Prior in 32° conferral team; •Member Carroll Scottish

Rite Club.

Member Knights of Mecca, Boumi Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; •Member Board of Directors Knights of Mecca, 2 terms; •Member Western Maryland Shrine Club

Member Maryland York Rite College No. 58

Member Masonic Veteran Association of Maryland; •Member of Past Masters, Association of Baltimore City

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1948—Hired as Overhead Helper, Baltimore Gas & Electric Company. Progressed to Lineman, Senior Lineman, Electric Troublemaker, Service Operator, Instructor, Trouble Foreman, Safety Supervisor and retired in 1991 as General Supervisor with 43 years service. Supervised planning, operations and restoration of electric service and high voltage substation operations and maintenance. Responsible for budget control and approximately 100 men/women personnel and their equipment

## MASONIC SERVICE

1991–present, a Volunteer at Maryland Masonic Homes; •9 gallon blood donor Masonic Blood bank

## MY PERCEPTION

I have a strong personal desire to continue to be an advocate for the integrity of Grand Lodge. Integrity is vital to assure the full support and confidence of the subordinate lodges in the the relationship of words and actions of our Grand Lodge. This belief is the foundation

for the continuation and growth of this gentle craft. We need to once again enjoy and practice those Tenets we were taught as Entered Apprentices—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Brethren, this Fraternity is ours. Let us all work together and be proud to be called Masons!!

## Prayer Breakfast to Honor Veterans on November 10

On Friday, November 10, 2000, at 7:30 AM the Grand Lodge of Maryland will hold a Prayer Breakfast honoring the veterans who have served our great nation. November 10th is the birthday of the United States Marine Corp and the 11th is Veterans Day.

From the very founding of our nation, Master Masons have served with honor and distinction in every war and conflict. Many brothers made the supreme sacrifice to help insure the freedoms we enjoy. This breakfast will honor all the men and women who have served our country.

Please make reservations for this event by calling the Grand Lodge office, 410-527-0600. Reservations for tables of ten can be made.

Seating will begin at 7:00 AM with a continental breakfast served at 7:30. There is no set fee for the breakfast, but a free will offering will be received.

For further information, please call Bro. Leslie G. Metcalf, Worshipful Grand Chaplain, at 410-527-1111 or 410-788-6832.





## Columbia Lodge Service Award

Columbia Lodge No. 58, Frederick, recognizes one their members each year with the Frank Rothenhoefer Outstanding Service Award. This annual award honors a member who has provided outstanding service during the past year and furthered the precepts or goals of Masonry in their lodge. The award for the year 2000 was recently presented to Bro. Dennis A. Brekhus by Robert Kotchenreuther, W.M. (See photo above by Bro. Dick Kreh.)

In addition to Bro. Brekhus' service to Columbia Lodge, the Commissioners of the Masonic Service Association of North America, with the advice and consent of the Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, appointed Bro. Brekhus to serve as official Representative at the Martinsburg, W.V. Medical Center. This appointment was made based on Bro. Brekhus' interest in hospitalized veterans, continuing devotion to his country and to the Masonic Fraternity.

Lodges in Maryland should look to the example of Columbia Lodge and establish their own awards to recognize outstanding service by dedicated members

## Masonic Charities' Scholarships for 2000-2001

Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. has announced its sixth Educational Grant Program with letters sent to Maryland Lodges. There will be two \$1,000 scholarships for each of the 23 counties in Maryland and Baltimore City. Photographs of some of last year's winners are shown on page 12 of this issue.

These grants may be used for any normal school expense, such as tuition, room, board, books, or school supplies. The only limitation on the post-secondary school is that it must be an accredited institution, such as a university, college, trade school, or nursing school.

The criteria for selection, in order of importance, are:

1. Public service and extra-curricular activities.
2. Student's own résumé.
3. Scholastic achievement.
4. Recommendation from the high school.
5. Need for financial assistance.

It is the intention that this program helps encourage our youth to prepare as future leaders for society. Students who receive a grant this year may apply for a grant in each succeeding year they are in school.

Each Maryland High School has been asked to submit three applications, which will be reviewed by MCM. For more information on this program contact either Bro. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, 410-666-0077, or Bro. Richard P. Naegele, 410-668-2370.

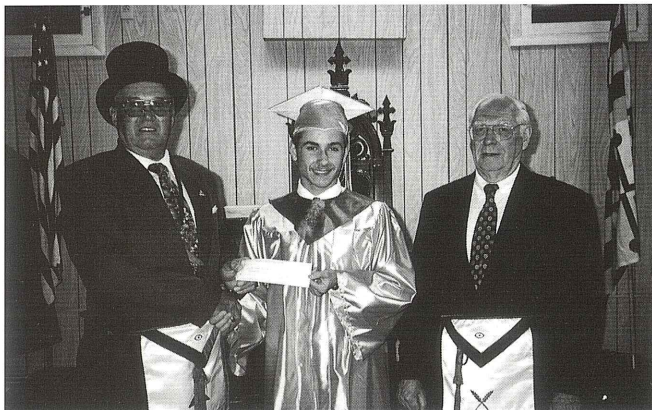


## Cornerstone Commemorative Coin

Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 229 struck a special coin to commemorate their cornerstone laying on May 20, 2000, and some coins are still available. One set was struck in silver (.999 coin silver), numbered from 1 through 500, and encased in plastic. The cost is \$26. The other coins are antiqued bronze, 1.375 in. in diameter, and cost \$7. Mail orders to Bro. Louis Rehberger, P.M., Secretary, 2904 Second Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234 or call 410-665-6731. Please make checks payable to "9420 Holding Corporation."



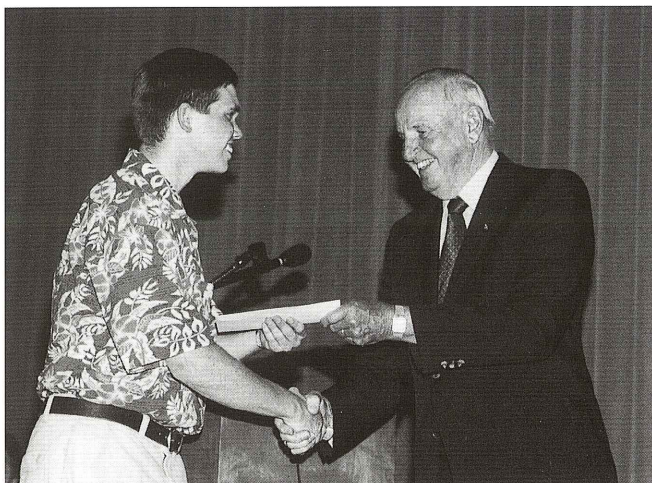
## Maryland Masonic Charities' Scholarships



Allegany Lodge No. 157 presents check to Mr. Ryan McKenzie of Westmar High School. Mr. McKenzie is flanked by John Ayers, W.M. and Reginald Kyle, Secretary.



Neil Kwatinetz, W.M. of Laurel Wreath Lodge No. 149, is shown with Ms. Monique Headley and Ms. Michelle Kim Townsend, two of the three students given scholarships from the Lodge's Wallace Long Philanthropy Fund.



Mr. Brian D. Cohee receives his Scholarship check from Daniel C. Powell, Sr., P.M. of Nanticoke Lodge No. 172. Mr. Cohee will continue his studies at Towson University.



W.M. John Ayers presents a check to Ms. Sarah Dawn Gattens, now at Frostburg State U. With her is her father, Donald F. Gattens, W.M. of Georges Creek Lodge No. 161.



A double header for Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142! Shown from left to right are John W. Hall, P.M., Chairman of the lodge scholarship committee, Ms. Rebecca Cheryl Green, Ms. Brandy Michelle Green, and E.J. Todd, W.M.



A scholarship check is presented to Ms. Sandi Renee Carney by Chuck Pittinger, W.M. of Temple Lodge No. 120. Photography by Bro. Harry L. Burnett of Denton.





## The Lodge Room Over Simpkins' Store

The Plainest Lodge room in the  
land was over Simpkins' store,  
Where Friendship Lodge had met  
each month for fifty years or  
more.

When o'er the earth the moon, full  
orbed, had cast her brightest  
beams,

The brethren came from miles  
around on horseback and in  
teams,

And O! what hearty grasp of hand,  
what welcome met them there,

As mingling with the waiting groups  
they slowly mount the stair

Exchanging fragmentary news or  
prophecies of crop,

Until they reach the Tyler's room  
and current topics drop,

To turn their thoughts to nobler  
themes they cherish and adore,

And which were heard in meeting  
night up over Simpkins' store.

To city eyes, a cheerless room, long  
usage had defaced,

The tell-tale lines of lath and beam  
on wall and ceiling traced.

The light from oil-fed lamps was  
dim and yellow in its hue,

The carpet once could pattern boast,  
though now 'twas lost to view.

The altar and the pedestals that  
marked the stations three,

The gate-post pillars topped with  
balls, the rude-carved Letter G,

Were village joiner's clumsy work,  
with many things beside,

Where beauty's lines were all  
effaced and ornament denied.

There could be left no lingering  
doubt, if doubt there was before,  
The plainest lodge room in the  
land was over Simpkins' store.

While musing thus on outward form  
the meeting time drew near,  
And we had glimpse of inner life  
through watchful eye and ear.

When Lodge convened at gavel's  
sound with officers in place,  
We looked for strange, conglomer-  
ate work, but could no errors  
trace.

The more we saw, the more we  
heard, the greater our amaze,  
To find those country Brethren  
there so skilled in Masons' ways.

But greater marvels were to come  
before the night was through,  
Where unity was not mere name,  
but fell on heart like dew.

Where tenets had the mind imbued,  
and truth's rich fruitage bore,  
In plainest lodge room in the land,  
up over Simpkins' store.

To hear the record of their acts was  
music to the ear

We sing of deeds unwritten which  
on angel's scroll appear.

A widow's case—four helpless  
ones—lodge funds were run-  
ning low.

A dozen brethren sprang to feet  
and offers were not slow.

Food, raiment, things of needful  
sort, while one gave load of  
wood,

Another shoes for little ones, for  
each gave what he could.

They spake the last: "I haven't  
things like those to give—but  
then,

Some ready money may help  
out"—and he laid down a ten.  
Were brother cast on darkest  
square upon life's checkered  
floor,  
A beacon light to reach the white  
—was over Simpkins' store.

Like scoffer who remained to pray,  
impressed by sight and sound,  
The faded carpet 'neath our feet  
was now like holy ground.

The walls that had such dingy look  
were turned celestial blue,  
The ceiling changed to canopy  
where stars were shining  
through.

Bright tongues of flame from altar  
leaped, the G was vivid blaze,  
All common things seemed glori-  
fied by heaven's reflected rays.  
O! wondrous transformation  
wrought through ministry of  
love—

Behold the *Lodge Room Beauti-  
ful!*—fair type of that above,  
The vision fades the lesson lives;  
and taught as ne'er before,  
In plainest lodge room in the land,  
up over Simpkins' store.

—November 19, 1898  
Lawrence N. Greenleaf

*Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf was Grand Master of Colorado in 1880 and Deputy of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J. for Colorado 1878-1917. An interior and exterior painting of Friendship Lodge over Simpkins' Store was commissioned by the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J. and is available as an art print. For information call 202-232-3579.*





## 550+ Years of Masonic Service!

The Masons pictured on this page have been the backbone of Masonry in Maryland since 1950. Their quiet, steady support has made our fraternity what it is today. It is humbling to think of the years of support they have



Over two centuries of service are represented by these smiling faces! Columbia Lodge No. 58 presented 50-year membership pins to Bros. Max Propst, George W. Delaplaine, Jr., and Alan M. Miller, standing left to right. Bro. Charles Main, seated, received his 50-year pin earlier.



Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 recognized four of its members for their service to the Craft, each having fifty years of service to the fraternity. Shown left to right are Bros. Railey Harrison, Robert Kind, Gorman Buckler, and Enbez Bizzel.

given to their Brothers. Their Lodges took time to plan special events to honor these distinguished brethren, and it's clear the planning paid off.

Since being Raised Master Masons these Brothers have seen the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Viet Nam conflict. The Berlin Wall went up and came down, our space program started, and men walked on the moon. Through it all Freemasonry has remained a point of stability in a rapidly changing world, and these Brothers have remained faithful. Our thanks go out to them!



Oakland Lodge No. 192 recognized 100 years of service when two 50-year service pins were presented. Shown with the honorees are Don Forrester, W.M., Bros. Robert D. Bittle and Carl P. Rebele, recipients, and Bennie G. Owens, D.G.M.



Bro. William E. Rausch is honored at Solomons Nursing Center (The Hermitage) by the members of Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 for 50 years of Masonic membership. As part of the celebration, the Lodge served cake and ice cream to all. Pictured from left to right are William L. Kugel, P.M., Bro. Rausch, H. Edward Potts, G.I., Donald Q. Hall, Secretary, Harold G. Taylor, S.W., and E.J. Todd, W.M.





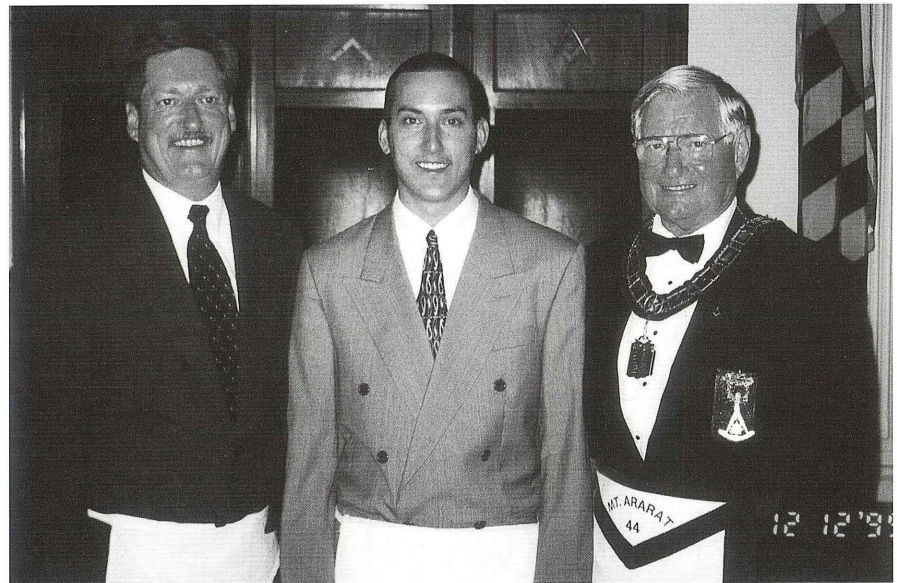
## The Little Lodge of Long Ago

The Little Lodge of long ago—  
It wasn't very much for show:  
Men met above the village store,  
And cotton more than satin wore,  
And sometimes stumbled on a word,  
But no one cared, or no one heard.  
Then tin reflectors threw the light  
Of kerosene across the night  
And down the highway served to call  
The faithful to Masonic Hall.  
It wasn't very much, I know,  
The little Lodge of long ago.

But, men who meet in finer halls,  
Forgive me if mind recalls  
With love, not laughter, doors of pine,  
and smoky lamps that dimly shine,  
Regalia tarnished, garments frayed,  
Or cheaply bought or simply made,  
And floor uncarpeted, and men  
Whose grammar falters now & then—  
For Craft, or Creed, or God Himself,  
Is not a book upon a shelf:  
They have a splendor that will touch  
A Lodge that isn't very much.

It wasn't very much—and yet  
This made it great: there Masons met—  
And, if a handful or a host,  
That always matters, matters most.  
The beauty of the meeting hour  
Is not a thing or robe or flow'r,  
However beautiful they seem:  
The greatest beauty is the gleam  
Of sympathy in honest eyes.  
A Lodge is not a thing of size,  
It is a thing of Brotherhood,  
And that alone can make it good.

*Douglas Malloch*



A special meeting was held September 14, 1999, at Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 in Bel Air to raise two new Master Masons. It proved to be something of a "Family Night." Bros. William Whitaker and Benjamin Allen Carr were given the obligation by Bro. Carr's grandfather, Bro. Wilbur F. Carr, P.M. Bro. Ernest Whitaker, P.M. assumed the East and raised his son, and Bro. W. Jack Carr then helped raise his son. Pictured above, from left to right, are Bros. W. Jack Carr, Benjamin Allen Carr, and Wilbur F. Carr, P.M.



The Williams men, pictured here, are all now members of Perseverance Lodge No. 208 in Indian Head. On the back row are Bros. Joseph L. Williams, the father, and Jerold Williams. On the front row are Bros. Joseph Troy Williams, his father, Joseph L. Williams, Jr., who were initiated in February 2000, and Bro. Jamie Williams. Congratulations on maintaining a fine family tradition.



# Maryland Masonic Calendar



## OCTOBER 2000

- 20 Halloween Dance, Youth Organizations, 7:00 PM, MMH Barn
- 22 York Rite Reunion, Ali Ghan Temple, Cumberland, 2:30 PM
- 28 Scottish Rite Reunion, Baltimore, Coffee & pastries, 6:30 AM, Degrees start at 7:30 AM
  - Dinner (reservations required), 6:30 PM
  - Boumi Shrine Ceremonial, Scottish Rite Temple, 7:30 PM

High Twelve Guild Luncheon,  
Tuesdays, G.L., 12:00 NOON, \$10

## NOVEMBER 2000

- 10 Prayer Breakfast honoring veterans, 7:30 AM, G.L.,  
Reservations: 410-527-1111
- 19 G.L. Religious Services, Bonnie Blink, dark clothes, 10:00 AM
  - Grand Master's Ball, 6:30 PM, G.L. \$32 per person. Reservations: 410-527-0600
- 20 State Area Luncheon, G.L. Banquet Hall, 11:30 AM
  - G.L. Annual Communication, G.L., 2:00 PM

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Tuesdays, G.L., 12:00 NOON, \$10

## DECEMBER 2000

- 31 Gala New Year's Eve Celebration in G.L. Ballroom, 7:00 PM to 1:00 AM. •Hors d'Oeuvres, •Open Bar, •Dinner, •Dance music by "Rich and the Roadrunners," •Champagne Toast, •Continental Breakfast. (See p. 9, Summer issue, for more details). \$95 per person.  
Reservations: Mrs. Beth Kennedy, 410-527-0600.

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