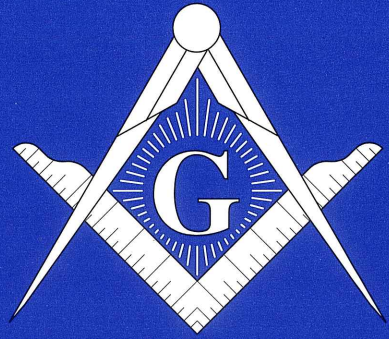


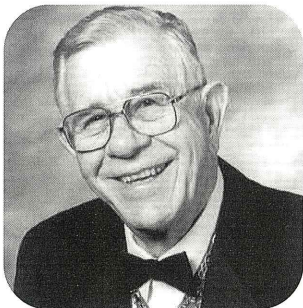
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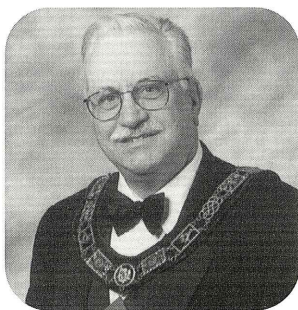
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*From the Grand Master—*

## MASONRY FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



*Bro. John A. Young, Jr.  
M.W.G.M. of  
Masons in Maryland*



*Bro. Ronald G. Belanger  
R.W.D.G.M.*

Brethren:

The following is the information I presented during the Cornerstone Ceremonies that took place at our Grand Lodge on October 18, 2003. As many of you live many miles from our Grand Lodge and were unable to be with us on that day, I wanted each of you to know what took place and the reason for it. Here is what I presented to those in attendance:

"Today is the beginning of a new chapter in the Grand Lodge of Maryland. For these past 12 years Grand Masters have struggled with the ghost of this beautiful building and the manner in which it was presented and approved at Grand Lodge. The sitting Grand Master asked permission to construct an Activities Building. We built the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Today we have corrected that misnomer by changing the Cornerstone of this building, which will henceforth be known as The Grand Lodge of Maryland.

My Brethren we must move forward with plans to make this Grand Lodge financially stable. It has been said "We can learn from our past but we must plan for the future". This Grand Master welcomes and accepts all your progressive ideas. We are seeking solid ground to launch this fraternity into the 21st century. Change can be very beneficial but we cannot lower our standards for membership or change our unique status which separates Freemasonry from civic organizations.

I sincerely hope today's events end the 12 years of distrust created by the erection of this edifice and we can express our willingness to work together for the benefit of this fraternity. There is a light at the end of this tunnel and we are on the right path.

Thank all of you for your attendance today and let us pledge on our Masonic honor to make a difference, be it only a *(continued on page 3)*

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## *E d i t o r i a l*

"Don't speak at all about Masonry"! This notion is/was and always has been a "colossal mistake." Unfortunately it is an idea that was pretty much all over the world for many years - going back to the 1940's or 50's. It sure was not the belief in the very early 1900's or in the 1800's. Too much documentation to the contrary exists in the many books written about our fraternity. It appears that somewhere along the line Freemasons, not able to point to any Grand Lodge law or rule about it, just gave their personal opinion.

This "don't speak about Masonry" has probably cost us tens of thousands of men, among whom many who would not only have swelled our ranks, but might have gone on to become the leaders we so desperately need in these trying times.

Sure, it is nonsense to think that we can't speak about Masonry. It is also nonsense to think that we must wait until someone has asked us three times for a petition, or to blackball a petitioner to "see if he wants to join badly enough to petition again."

Brethren, please don't get caught up in these myths of the past! If you are asked for a petition, and you feel the person requesting it is worthy, do your level best to see that he receives it. If you have a good friend that you would enjoy sitting in Lodge with, feel free to bring up the subject of Freemasonry and your Lodge. See that he receives a "Friend to Friend" brochure. These should be available from your Lodge secretary, and if not, he can order them from Grand Lodge. I carry one in my car all the time. If you are a Worshipful Master or line officer of your Lodge, or an active member, do your level best to educate your brethren that we can't survive if we blindly follow these outdated guidelines.

*John R. Biggs, Editor*

Please keep the Free State Freemason informed of the activities occurring in your Lodge and area.

## *Article Submission*

These points should be followed for articles for the FSM:

Original pictures or pictures from a digital camera on disk are fine

Ink jet prints or newspaper pictures will not reproduce satisfactorily

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Pictures should have accompanying documentation detailing who is in the picture and what the picture represents if not accompanied by an article.

Articles should be type written if at all possible

Articles can be submitted to the Editor by e-mail, fax, mail, or dropped off at the Grand Lodge office.





(continued from page 1) small one, to move Masonry forward into the next millennium. If we fall back into the old trap of name calling or finger pointing we aid only those who would destroy this Brotherhood.

Fraternally,

John A. Young, Jr.

Grand Master

## Grand Lodge Financial Quest

Brethren,

After a review of the projected Grand Lodge budget for 2003-2004 and the total revenue generated by the subordinate Lodge dues and assessments vs. expenses this Grand Master recognizes the facts of life. Those facts indicate a continuing decrease in membership over the years, which has resulted in a steady decline in the money available to operate this Grand Lodge. It will not be possible or desirable to return to the membership again and again for additional operational funds.

Since November, your elected Grand Lodge Officers have been entertaining income-producing proposals from a variety of land developers. Four reputable area developers came to Grand Lodge, at our request, to present their projects utilizing our available land resources, which we believe can help generate additional operational funds. We requested from them several different scenarios that we might select the most advantageous approach to resolve

our problem. All four developers made their proposals, at separate meetings, and these are their proposals:

Three developers offered outright purchase of approximately 45 of the remaining 250 acres of Grand Lodge property that would be suitable for development. This was reviewed and declined as unacceptable for many reasons, primarily because of lack of Grand Lodge control of present or future land development. Plus the income from the sale would provide only a one-time increase in funds. We are seeking long-term stability.

Grand Lodge needs to have the assurance the project will not degrade our campus. Outright sale of the property removes our rights. We need only look around the area and see what has happened to what was once Grand Lodge property. We are all proud of this campus. It represents Masonry to the general public.

Two developers would enter into a joint land-development venture with Grand Lodge. In this instance we (Grand Lodge) would provide the property as our portion of the proposal and they (the developers) would provide the capital investors, site expertise and construction labor. In plain words, the developer would provide the required funds and the actual construction of the condominiums. The ultimate problem with this proposal was that in approximately 15 years this would again result in the final sale of the

property. Once again we did not desire to sell the property as explained above.

One developer offered a long-term (99 year) lease between themselves and Grand Lodge. The developer would provide plans, actual site construction and after all building is completed, continued management of the apartment complex. The land-lease agreement would begin providing income to Grand Lodge after all the environmental regulations have been satisfied, the Baltimore County permit hearings completed, and the actual site construction begun. Grand Lodge income would increase based upon the predetermined contractual schedule of matching project construction. Each additional step of project construction would automatically trigger additional income until the contract specified maximum payout level was reached.

A fourth developer presented an entirely different concept to Grand Lodge. They would help us (Grand Lodge) develop the land ourselves and then offer, for bids, the prepared "pads" for final construction of either commercial rental apartments or condominiums. When we asked questions concerning the financial cost of the project they offered their financial assistance, using our property as collateral. The committee agreed the loss of control and possible cost for that proposal was excessive. We are not prepared to advance (continued on page 4)





(continued from page 3) this proposal.

No firm commitments were made, or promised, to any developer. We approached the entire concept with an in-house agreement to proceed cautiously and listen, with an open mind, to all the various proposals. Once all the presentations were considered, we met again to select the plan and developer who seemed to best fit the needs of Grand Lodge. The selected developer, Wood Partners, was requested to return to Grand Lodge and restate the final project, as envisioned, to the other elected members of the Grand Lodge. As they are fellow elected members of this Grand Lodge it was my decision to seek their review and guidance.

On Tuesday September 9, 2003, your Grand Master called a meeting of the combined Board of Managers and Board of Trustees. Mr. Dean Wilson, of Wood Partners, presented an overview of the proposed project cost, income and then answered questions. Mr. Wilson was excused and the Grand Lodge Board members met in Executive Session. After a prolonged question and answer dialog a motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept the concept of a 99 year lease of Grand Lodge property. The members further agreed that other developers may be willing to submit proposals. We will now actively seek other developers for their ideas and proposals until we have accomplished our goal. The goal is to make this

Grand Lodge solvent for the foreseeable future.

This Grand Master has now reached out to members of the craft and formed a new committee called "The Committee for Future Development." Brother Murray K. Lilley, No. 25, will serve as its first Chairman. The other committee members are Brothers Ronald A. Block #230 and Charles I.S. Hahn # 194. Brother Leonard E. Cohen, No. 25 has agreed to assist as Counsel for the committee. This committee will serve as a contact point for developers and bring their recommendations back to Grand Lodge. Their expertise in the building trades, contacts with area developers, and understanding of our goals should help accomplish their mission. Wish them well, my Brethren, their success will place this Grand Lodge on solid financial footing.

Your Grand Lodge officers will now proceed with this mandate. We will be prepared to discuss the goals, direction, reasons and solutions at the various 2004 Regional Meetings. Be there, if you have questions and hopes for the future of Grand Lodge. You, the members will always be made aware of the project status as major future developments occur. This is your Grand Lodge and we shall all work together to guarantee its solvency.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*John A. Young, Jr.*

*Grand Master*

*To persevere in one's duty and be silent, is the best answer to calumny.*

*George Washington*

## Where Does Freemasonry Stand in Maryland

Since becoming your Deputy Grand Master in November of 2002 I have spent a good bit of my time researching and investigating such things as membership, Grand Lodge budgets and ways of improving both.

One of the first tasks I took on was the actual census of our present membership and projecting where it might be in the next three or four years. I also broke down our membership by percentage according to age and offer you the following.

The actual census as of this writing (summer of '03) is 20,684 active members.

0.9% of our membership is 18 to 29 years of age.

4.39% 30 to 39 years

10.44% 40 to 49 years

16.38% 50 to 59 years

21.74% 60 to 69 years

26.75% 70 to 79 years

17.08% 80 to 89 years

2.21% 90 to 99 years

0.06% 100 to 109 years

It is not hard to see that the majority of our membership, some 81%, falls between the ages of 50 and 90 years of age. 67.84% of our membership is over the age of 60. So what does this mean? Well, if one were to use a relatively modest figure of say, 4% to 4.5% loss of membership over the next several years, by the year 2006 we would realize a membership of about 18,000 (continued on page 5)





(continued from page 4) plus or minus a few hundred members. Now some of you mathematicians out there can extrapolate the numbers and refine this even more if you wish, but for the sake of this article I think the picture is clear enough.

In 2006 a membership of 18,000 at a rate of assessment of \$12.00 a member we will realize approximately \$216,000. Even though Grand Master Young has reduced the fiscal budget for 2003 to well below one million dollars the assessment income for 2003 is projected at \$250,000 or less than a third of the actual budget. Once again using a very modest rate of inflation, (3%) the projected budget for 2006 will be approximately \$1,026,897 and that is if nothing major happens to our facility. So, how do we cover the difference?

Your Grand Lodge has four sources of income.

- Dues or assessments
- Investment income
- Rental income

Miscellaneous income or the sale of such things as hats, blue books, or any money made from fund raisers.

Dues and assessments have already been covered above. Investment Income is down because the market is down and the Board of Managers have done all in their power to protect the John Coates Memorial Fund. This includes moving the fund from Solomon Smith Barney to Bank of America and while the move has

proved to be a wise one it will be some time yet, at the present rate of growth, before we can recoup the losses we experienced in the last two years.

Rental income is probably the most important source of income we have at this time. Were it not for income derived from our Banquet Hall I dare say we would indeed be in dire straits. It is barely keeping our heads above water and should we lose that income for any reason it could be catastrophic. We must do all that we can to protect that income by guarding against anything that would or could interrupt that income flow. Should we lose the heating or A/C for any length of time the loss of income would be quite damaging to the financial health of our Grand Lodge.

There is a feeling that we are not staying within our budget. According to the preliminary tracking of Grand Lodge spending, for the fiscal year July '02 to June '03 your Grand Lodge came to 93.13% of the budgeted expenditures and we were 1% under the budgeted income. These numbers are subject to approval and confirmation by our independent auditors, but do give you a fair assessment of our performance thus far.

Our comptroller and the independent auditors are quite pleased with our ability to stay "within the box." What is being addressed now is; "What constitutes the Box?" Grand Master Young and the Board of Managers are sitting down and making the hard decisions as to what will constitute our

new budget. This includes a reduction of office staff. Rest assured that no stone will be left unturned and that everything remains on the table for consideration.

Grand Master Young has commissioned a Long Range Planning Committee whose sole purpose will be to look forward and plan for the unexpected as well as for what we know will be the inevitable. It is understood by the Board of Managers that should the Craft agree to the increase in the assessment many of the line items that have been struck from the budget "Will Not," and I repeat "Will Not" be arbitrarily added back to the budget. The income derived from the increase will be used to balance the budget we have now and to build up the much needed reserve of funds we expect will be needed in the near future for such things as a new roof or any unexpected repairs to this beautiful facility.

Grand Master Young, the Board of Managers and I feel we have a mandate from the Brethren of this Grand Lodge to be as financially responsible as we possibly can and to operate within a balanced budget. With your assistance and the guidance of the Board of Managers we remain encouraged that we can indeed attain this goal. I remain fraternally,

Ronald G. Bélanger  
R.W.D.G.M.

*If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.*





## Scottish Rite 2003 Honors

The following brethren were elected by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite to receive the 33rd Degree. The Degree was conferred in the Scottish Rite Temple in Washington, D.C. on October 7, 2003. Prior to the Degree conferral these brethren were taken to the Scottish Rite House of the Temple to sign the "Gold Book." Every 33rd Degree Mason from Albert Pike on have signed this book.

### Thirty Third Degree recipients:

Robert T. Adkins  
Dean Alban  
Teddy R. Barkley, Jr.  
John R. Biggs, Jr.  
Todd E. Carton  
David E. Dom  
William D. Dula  
John S. English  
Edgar W. Faulkner, Jr.  
David R. Ferguson  
Edward A. Foreman, Jr.  
Murray K. Lilley  
Robert F. Lunn  
Jay W. Hodges  
Douglas A. Lauf, Jr.  
Ralph D. Mason  
Wayne C. Mason  
Richard C. Miller  
Royal Pollokoff  
Charles A. Ruppertsberger  
William F. Soper, Jr.  
Nicholas Tur  
William W. Venable  
John A. Young, Jr.

They will receive their Scottish Rite "White Hat" on

January 11, 2003 during the Installation of Officers of the four bodies of the Scottish Rite.

Also being honored for their service to Freemasonry, the following brethren will receive the Scottish Rite "Red Hat" and be designated Knight Commander Court of Honor on November 23rd during the Scottish Rite Ring Ceremony:

### KCCH recipients

Clyde E. Bantz  
Ronald G. Belanger  
Charles S. Codd  
R. Vernon Dennison  
Thomas J. Dilworth, Jr.  
Eric R. Falkenhan  
Warren H. Green  
Robert N. Greene  
Howard R. Hamilton  
Brian S. Harden  
James E. Harding  
Michael P. Hoglund  
Vernon H. Huebschman  
Lonnie R. Jackson  
Charles L. Johnston, Jr.  
Allen B. Keller  
Oscar George Kelsea  
Charles L. Kreadle  
Timothy G. Mangels  
Lewis M. Marks, III  
Henry C. Mc Donald, Jr.  
Leslie G. Metcalf, Sr.  
Marlin L. Mills  
Jessie L. Moxley  
Melvin L. Noland  
Michael Sirk  
Frederick A. Spicer  
Robert E. Trice  
Samuel M. Walker  
George E. Ward  
Charles J. White, Jr.  
John D. Yockey

The installation of Officers on January 11, 2004, and the Ring Ceremony on November 23 2003 are open to all. Feel free to attend either ceremony by making a reservation at the Scottish Rite office - 410-243-3200 at least a week prior to the event.

## Empty Chair Degree

Antietam Lodge No. 197 of Keedysville, with the combined Grand Lodge jurisdictions from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, on Saturday the 20th of September, with 120 of their Brother Freemasons from 7 states, 2 countries and the District of Columbia, presented the Empty Chair Degree for only the second time east of the Mississippi River.

Standing in the shadow of the Dunker Church and historic battlefield almost 141 years to the day they were reminded that history does repeat. In 1862, the lives of the townspeople of Sharpsburg were turned upside down by the presence of 100,000 soldiers and 23,000 casualties in their backyard. This was the first time photographs of the horrors experienced daily by the soldiers reached the parlors of the typical American family. The series of over 100 photographs taken at Antietam was the greatest photographic epic ever undertaken and the success of the photos was predictable. As one looks at the haunting views of dead (continued on page 7)





(continued from page 6) soldiers, horses and the devastation of war one can only be reminded of 9/11 and the thoughts and memories that are yet too vivid in our minds. The albumen prints of 1862 are a memorial from that time and today they have been replaced by CD's and videos from that horrible day in September when America recoiled from such horror and death.

The granite soldier known as Simon in the Antietam National Cemetery has the phrase "Lest We Forget" emblazoned on the base, and he stands ever vigilant over the thousands of soldiers who rest at his feet.

In Germany near Dresden there stands a small wine kiosk called Blaues Hauesel which was built in the mid 19th century by Herr Friedrich Anton Serre a Freemason in Saxony for his friend Raden Saleh, the most renowned painter from Indonesia. This Moslem painter inscribed a motto on the front of the building which reads, "Ehre Gott und liebe die Menschen," which translates as "Honor God Almighty and Love Mankind"

This phrase from the crusades of the 12th century is as current today as it was in the time of Crusaders and was imprinted on a special letter that was sent to President Bush by the German ambassador after the attacks of 9/11. Whether 1862 or 2001 the American people have and will recover from

the horrors of war. The Masonic fraternity was there in 1862 to assist the families both north and south, and we are still here today and provide more than 2 million dollars per day in philanthropic endeavors to assist those in need.

Antietam Lodge 197 meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in their Temple located at 7 South Main Street in Keedysville.

### ***Boumi Temple*** ***A.A.O.N.M.S.***

*Ernest L. Carter,*  
*Illustrious Potentate*

The Illustrious Potentate and Divan of Boumi Shrine extend greetings and best wishes for continued success in the year 2003. As the holiday season approaches, we are pleased to announce that Boumi did well in the various competitions held at the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Convention at Virginia Beach, Virginia on September 4th to 6th. Boumi was awarded the trophy for 2nd place in over-all competition for Temples in our category. In addition, eleven other trophies were awarded to units and clubs in various competitions.

On Saturday, October 18th, a free screening clinic will be held to identify those children in your area who may benefit from the expert care provided at the Shriners Hospitals. If you know of any children under 18 who might have orthopedic prob-

lems bring them to the clinic for evaluation. The clinic will be held at the Severna Park United Methodist Church in Severn, Maryland.

All Nobles, their Ladies and friends are invited to attend Boumi's Annual Memorial and Go-To-Church Service held at Boumi Shrine on Sunday, November 9th in recognition of these who passed into the Unseen Temple in 2003.

On Saturday, November 22nd the ever-popular Turkey Trot Dance will be held at Boumi Shrine. Bring your ladies and friends, and enjoy a festive evening of fun and dancing.

Boumi Shrine will host its annual Stag Oyster Roast on Saturday, December 13th at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore. All who attend always enjoy this fabulous event.

The Boumi Clown Unit will present their Annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20th at the temple. Attendance is limited to children and grandchildren of all Nobles.

The last event of the year, of course, is the Annual New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance to be held in the main ballroom of Boumi on Wednesday, December 31st. Plan to attend this black tie event to celebrate the "ringing in" of the year 2004.

Illustrious Potentate Ernie and First Lady Peggy extend their sincere thanks gratitude and appreciation to (continued on page 8)





(continued from page 7) all for their time and effort toward making 2003 an enjoyable and successful year. This could not have been possible without your support and dedication. Well Done Nobles and Ladies!

The philanthropy of the Shrine of North America is the care and treatment of the crippled or burned child, and the Shriners Hospitals are always eager to learn of any child who is in need of this treatment. If you know of such a child, please call the phone number listed below and you will be put in touch with the proper Nobles who will contact the family and set up an evaluation appointment. For information concerning any of the above, please call the Boumi Temple Office at 410-391-6400, Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

*"Bee with Boumi in 2003"*

## DeMolay Cruise

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## St. Alban Universal Lodge No. 233

On April 26, 2003 in the midst of the trials and tribulations of the world, they came from Ontario Canada, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, 5 Masonic Jurisdictions together in true Masonic brotherly love. They reached across the boundaries grasping the hands of each other and the boundaries disappeared. They came to (continued on page 9)

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*Seated P.G.M. Larrimore, W.M. Ronald Block, D.G.M. Ronald Belanger 1st row. Robert Yingling, Benjamin Dyer, John Biggs, Jay Block 2nd Row: Charles Joseph, James Coker, Gerald Piepiora, Glen Clary Back: John Lister and Zachrie Amala.*



*St. Alban 2001 Degree team from Canada - Seated W.M. Lorne Ellison 1st Row directly behind the W.M.. Peter Keller, Glen Krueger, Edward White 2nd Row Brian Pawliw, Ronald MacEachern, Back row Robert Krueger, Charles Potts, Raymond Langston, Alex McCorquodale.*

(continued from page 8) enjoy that which we all try to attain fellowship: without the fear of the repercussions that seem to abound with the events happening in Iraq and the world.

They came to watch 10 brothers of St. Albans Lodge No. 200 of Mt. Forest, Ontario, Canada exemplify the Fellowcraft Degree, Canadian Ritual. As they watched the degree unfold, they saw the differences between their rituals as well as the simi-



*Four jurisdictions are represented in the picture, all with the name of St. Alban Seated W.M. Block, Md. 1st Row Brian Pawliw, Ronald MacEachern, Lorne Ellison, Glen Krueger, Ont, Glen Clary, Benjamin Dyer, Jay Block, Md. Charles Scheu, NY. 2nd row Charles Joseph, Md., Robert Kruger, Charles Potter, Raymond Langston, Alex McCorquodale, Ont, Robert Long, Steven Stauffer, Russell Comb, Pa. 3rd row Robert Yingling, Zachrie Amala, James Coker, Md., Peter Keller, Edward White, Ont. Joseph Fletcher Jr. Pa. Last Row John Lister, Md., Joseph*

larities. As the degree progressed and the nerves settled, the teamwork of our Canadian Brother's pride in what they were doing was very evident. They were proud of what they were doing and that transcended to the brothers who were on the sidelines. We were proud to be in the same lodge room with them. The result in all their work, and ours, is the passing of an Entered Apprentice to the Fellowcraft degree on the path of what we all experienced this day, brotherly love with no boundaries.

This day we all spread the legs of our mental compasses and increased our circle of acquaintances. We came together as a member of an individual lodge and left with a new friendship of a brother from 4 other jurisdic-

tions. The fellowship, the congratulations of all to our Canadian Brothers for their efforts was truly something to be a part of. It is truly a fraternity that knows no boundaries. The brothers of St. Alban's on both sides of the border can be very proud of the accomplishments of this day.

St. Alban Universal Lodge No. 233 was officially presented their Charter during the day by Bro. Robert Yingling, G.I.

*Glen B. Clary  
Secretary*

## Ripkin Stadium

In July, Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 sponsored an evening to watch the Iron Birds baseball game held at Ripkin Stadium in Aberdeen, Md. for Freemasons and their (continued on page 10)





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Bro. Charlie White, W.M. of Aberdeen Lodge No. 187, and the members of his Lodge, initially made arrangements for 300 tickets for interested members of the fraternity. They were originally concerned whether



Bro. John Young, M.W.G.M., and Bro. Hans Wilhelmsen, S.G.I.G., each had the pleasure of throwing out the first ball of the game. No comment on who had the best arm.

they would be able to make this commitment. By the time the game night rolled around they had requests for nearly 450 seats.

Suffice to say the Lodge plans on another evening for Masons in Iron Bird Park next summer.

The Har-Ce Tall Cedars presented the colors, and a grand time was had by all, up until the sky opened and rain put a stop to the game. Rain checks were available for those that were able to attend the game the next day.

## Scottish Rite

Those that journeyed to the Supreme Council Session in D.C. on October 7, were pleasantly surprised when greeted by Bro. Dr. Hans Wilhelmsen, 33°, wearing the brand new Scottish Rite "Purple Hat" of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

On October 6, Bro. Wilhelmsen's title had been elevated from Deputy to the Supreme Council to that of *Sovereign Grand Inspector General* of the Orient of Maryland.

Suffice to say, Bro. Wilhelmsen was very pleased to have received such an honor. And it was one that was well deserved - he has done much to improve the Charles St. Scottish Rite Temple, much to benefit the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general.

Those Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies that have been attending the Fall meetings have been treated to some excellent programs. Dr. Lerner, a Urologist, gave an excellent presentation on Prostate cancer, Bro. C. Joseph gave an informative presentation on Masons in the Civil War, and a talk will soon be given on macular degeneration and cornea problems by a specialist in that field.

Lunch is served in the S.R. Temple every Thursday at noon. Make your reservation by calling 401 243-3200. Bro. Charlie Weinbrenner is head chef.



The Hampstead Police Department selected Patrolman First Class Jeffrey Schuster to receive the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association's 2002 Exceptional Police Performance Award. Bro. Schuster received the award during the opening ceremonies of the Association's Annual Conference on September 8, 2003 at the Clarion Hotel and Resort in Ocean City.

PFC Jeffrey Schuster joined the Hampstead Police Department in August of 2000 having served for three years with the Baltimore City Police Department. Wanting a change from the big city, he looked for a smaller department where he could excel and feel like he was really making a difference in the lives of those he served.

PFC Jeffrey Schuster and his wife, Cindy, recently moved to Carroll County with their two sons, Alex and Jared, where the whole family is enjoying "small town community" living.

Bro. Jeff is a Past Master of St. Johns Lodge No. 34

*"Some men succeed by what they know; some by what they do; and a few by what they are."*

*Elbert C. Hubbard*





Corn Husking (Harvest Homes Day) in the 1930s. in the 30s Harvest Homes Day was held in November. Masons from all corners of the state, numbering in the thousands, would travel to Bonnie Blink to help harvest the crops. When crops were no longer harvested, the tradition of gathering together for breakfast and fellowship continued on, and the date was eventually shifted to October. Those of us attending the event remember many a snowy and cold day on the hill. That didn't deter anyone from coming, nor did it prevent anyone there from having a great time. In 1998, following several rainy years, the presiding Grand Master, John Naquin, decided he wanted a little warmer rain and moved the event to September, and it remains so today. This year the arrival of a massive hurricane forced the event to be moved from the normal weekend to the following Saturday. And that day was not without rain either, but many a hardy brother braved the elements and enjoyed breakfast with their brethren.

## *The Temple Committee*

With the blessings and urging of the Grand Master, the Temple Committee is up, running and rejuvenated!

The function of the committee is to help maintain the present beauty of the building. The areas of the Grand Lodge building that get the most constant wear and tear are the "Common Area and the Lodge rooms."

Each lodge was asked to appoint a representative to the committee.

The Committee has received

donations from most of the lodges. This funds the work we do.

To date we have accomplished the following:

Purchased eighteen new tables for the common area dining room.

Purchased new chairs for the Secretary and Treasurer in the Roman Room.

Purchased a new flag & staff for the Ionic Room.

Repaired a pool table and purchased new pool table covers and all new pool cues.

Added a Dart Board to the room.

Installed chair rails to protect the walls in the common area.

Painted the lower half of the walls

to add contrast and beauty.

The chair rails were purchased, cut and stained by the committee members, who have unselfishly volunteered their time & skills.

These are just some of the improvements made. We have a list of many others yet to be attempted. The lodges and members of the Temple Committee are:

*Waverly No. 152*

*Joe Edmonds*

*Adherence No. 8*

*Earl Coleman*

*Grand Lodge Tom Stewart*

*Daylight Lodge No. 1*

*Robert Shinnick*

*John H.B. Latrobe*

*Louis Buck*

*John H.B. Latrobe*

*Woodrow Barr*

*Liberty No. 219*

*Craig Wehrle*

*Liberty No. 219*

*Fred Siegrist*

*Liberty No. 219*

*Keith Warner*

*Warren No. 51*

*Pat Green*

*Warren No. 51*

*Joel Davis*

*Germania No. 160*

*Rolf Engelhardt*

*Lafayette No. 111*

*Frank Wirtz*

*St Johns No. 34*

*Al Tamres*

*St Johns No. 34*

*John Stathopoulos*

*Composite No. 212*

*Michael Faby*

*Washington No. 3*

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Charles Codd

Druid Chapter No. 28

Richard Naegele

All Masons in Maryland should be proud of the efforts and time these brother have given to accomplish their goals.

This building belongs to all of us. Even though some of the lodges don't use the building all of the time, they do have reason from time to time to be there.

It is incumbent upon all of us to contribute to what is our common cause. If your Lodge hasn't appointed a member to the committee, please do so. If you haven't donated, please do so. It is for the good of all.

*Fraternally,*

*Pat Green*

*Chairman Temple Committee*

## ***MCM Scholarship Update***

Masonic Charities of Maryland (MCM) is about to launch its annual scholarship awards cycle for the 2003-2004 academic year. Public high school graduates compete for \$1000.00 MCM scholarships by completing applications for these awards and submitting them to screening committees at local Masonic Lodges who select three candidates to send on to the final selection by the MCM Scholarship Committees.

Over time, the endowment fund has grown and the original one scholarship per county and Baltimore City award increased

to two scholarships per subdivision. Over several years, it became apparent that forty-eight awards on the basis of two awards per county became an inequity. Many of the large county systems have more than twenty high schools while several counties have two schools or, in some cases, one high school. It became apparent to the Board that students in the large subdivisions with many schools were at a disadvantage in that the number of potential applicants was larger than others. Thus for the 2003-04 school year, the Board of Directors voted that a proportional allotment of the 48 scholarships would be made with at least one scholarship per county being awarded. The criteria for award remains the same and lodge assignments are generally the same.

Worshipful Masters and lodge secretaries will shortly be receiving information concerning the scholarships.

We are pleased at the individual lodge additions made to MCM donations. Thus many lodges award \$500.00 to \$1000.00 scholarships on their own and thus the students of Maryland are even better served by the larger Masonic charitable endeavors. The Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to the lodges and our M.W.G.M. Brother John A. Young, Jr. and his team for the ongoing commitment to helping the young people of our state

become educated and contributing citizens of the "Free State."

*Vernon Mules*

*President, MCM*

## **Items for Sale at Grand Lodge**

Item 1- Nine Golf Shirts:

One (1) size large

Eight (8) size medium

Pickup Cost \$ 20.00

If you would like to purchase one, call Grand Lodge @ 410-527-0600. We can mail one at cost plus postage.

Item 2- Cornerstone that was removed from Grand Lodge Building on October 18, 2003. Inscribed

*THE GRAND LODGE of  
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED  
MASONS of MARYLAND  
ACTIVITIES BUILDING  
OCTOBER 10, 1992 AL 5992  
JOHN McWILLIAM SMITH,  
JR. GRAND MASTER  
"MAY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT of THE UNIVERSE PRE-  
SIDE OVER US NOW AND  
FOREVER"*

Pickup Cost \$ 600.00

Anyone interested call Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600

## **Recognition**

This Grand Master offers his belated sincere apologies for failure to identify those subordinate Lodges and individual Masons, who in May 2003 gave their financial support to this Grand Lodge. The following Brethren (continued on page 13)





(continued from page 12) donated their personal and Lodge funds to assist in the operation of this office. That support by these Brethren is really appreciated.

Unfortunately, this list of donors does not include all who were present and gave money. To those who gave funds and are not here recognized because I failed to collect their names in the confusion, I am sorry.

Known Subordinate Lodges and members who donated funds include:

Howard Lodge No. 101  
\$1,635.00

Waverly Lodge No. 152  
\$650.00

Oriental Lodge No. 158  
\$456.00

Oakland Lodge No. 192  
\$462.00

Page Bowen No. 142  
\$100.00

John Hall No. 142  
\$100.00

James Todhunter No. 116  
\$100.00

John Maclay No. 13  
\$100.00

Leslie Metcalf No. 166  
\$275.00

Unknown Brethren 12.00

Total \$3,906.00

To all who donated money I  
Thank You.

John A. Young, Jr.  
Grand Master

## Travelers Club

The Maryland Travelers Club is a group of Brother Masons and their families who enjoy the fellowship of camping monthly from April to October. Club activities include a pancake breakfast, tours of local attractions, shrimp or crab feasts, holiday celebrations, ice cream socials and many more.

Each year the club conducts a fund raising project, and the proceeds are donated to the charity chosen by the Junior

Past Travel Master.

Philip Short designated the Shriners Hospitals for Children as the recipient of the club's donation for this year. The Maryland Travelers received a certificate recognizing the donation.

If you own a tent, RV or motor home and would like to join us, contact Santo Conigliaro, Master of Travel 410-343-0474 or Philip Short, Junior Past Travel Master 410-374-3911 for more information.

*Santo Conigliaro*



*Bro. Jack Frazier, G.S. and Bro. John A. Young, Jr., M.W.G.M. prepare to lay the new cornerstone for the Grand Lodge of Maryland on October 18. Below left Bro. John A. Young, M.W.G.M.; Bro. R. Gary Pierce, S.G.W. and Bro. Ronald G. Belanger, R.W.D.G.M.; on the right the Grand Master and Deputy shaking hands.*







## Mayor's Parade

Brethren, the Grand Lodge of Maryland along with Shrine, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars, etc. are invited to participate in this parade. Staging will be held at Cold Spring and Falls Road on December 7, 2003 with the parade getting underway at 1 P.M.

Please do your level best to attend, support and participate with the Grand Master that we may make a large showing for the citizens that line the route.

## The Widow's Pin

In our Obligations, we promise to provide aid to Widows... and we mean to, of course.

It is a sad fact, however, that for a variety of reasons, most Brothers in Maryland probably would not recognize the existing Widows' emblem, a broken column surrounded by a wreath.

Brother Gordon D. Carroll, PM, who has chaired the Widows' Program for Mt. Ararat for several years, wanted to develop a new emblem which would be immediately recognizable as having a Masonic connection. With the encouragement of the Master, Gerald E. Piepiora, he contacted another Mt. Ararat Brother, Greg Skinner, who developed the emblem shown here. The completed image was submitted to G.M. Francis E. Larrimore in 2000 for his consideration. His approval was enthusiastic, and



When viewed, the Square and Compasses are above and to the left, in ascendancy. Although the wreath covers a part of the left leg of the Compasses and a part of the Square, it may be readily noticed that both legs are above the Square, and that the device is complete. The wreath device is shown lower and to the Square and Compasses' left, in recognition of its subsidiary nature. The colors are the traditional Blue and Gold. The devices are equal in size and stature to indicate the seriousness of the duty placed on Masons by their promise to "...contribute to the relief of all poor, distressed Brother Master Masons, their Widows and Orphans, wheresoever dispersed."

decal production was accomplished. Bro. John A. Young, Jr., M.W.G.M., has given permission to include this information in the Free State Freemason.

The decal is to be applied to the inside of a glass surface (car window or residence window or door). It will be obvious to Masons but few others the close

connection we desire to promote.

As brothers acquire these decals and present them, several things happen:

Brothers are more aware of the existence and location of those for whom we are obliged to contribute relief.

Contact which may have been delayed or lost is restored - giving the Widows an opportunity to once again be involved and valued.

The emblem in hand to be presented as a small gift or token provides an introduction for the Mason who may need a little help in "breaking the ice"

Needed funds may be raised to provide for the support of the Grand Lodge's as well as local Lodges' own Widows' Programs.

Contact Bro. Carroll direct for more information on this decal.

Gordon D. Carroll, P.M.  
Mt. Ararat Lodge No.44  
Bel Air, MD

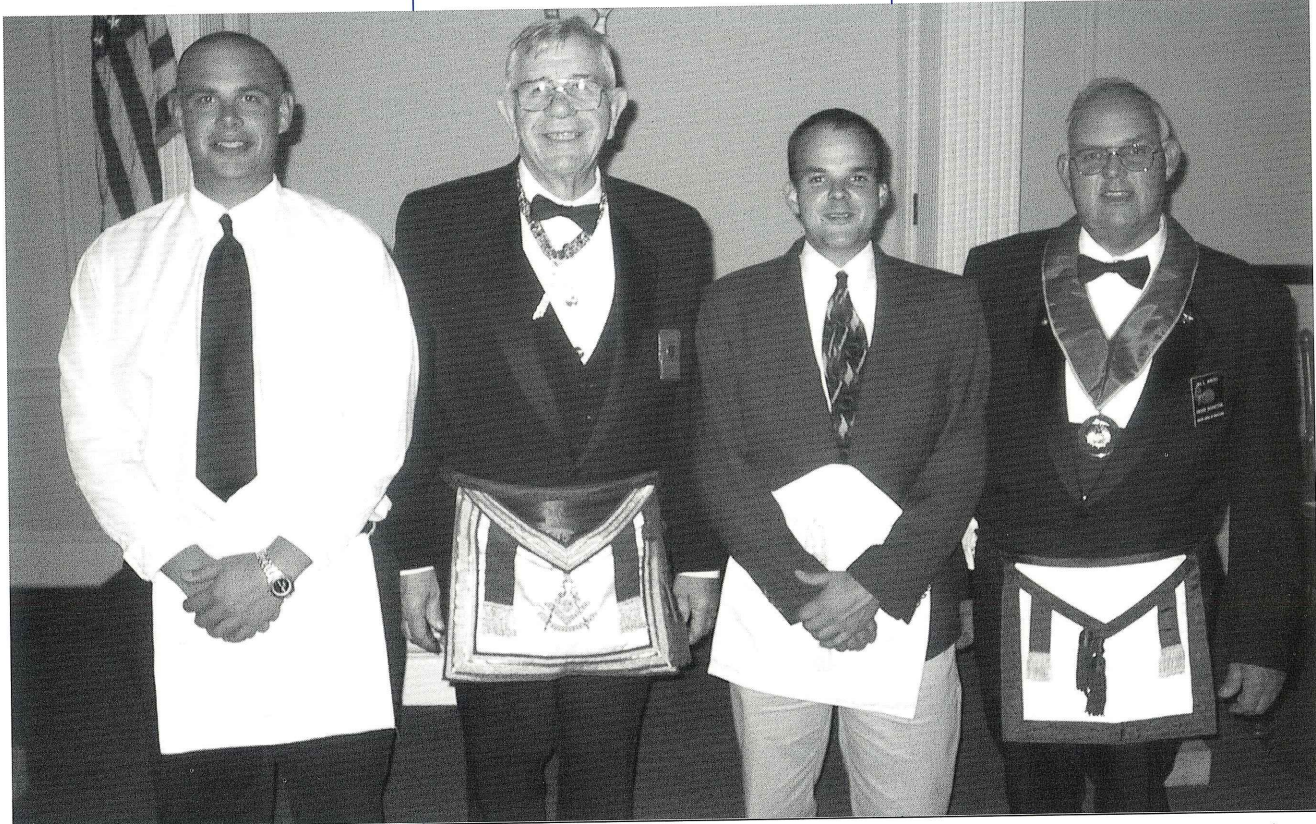
*We all have a basic need to be active, engaged in meaningful pursuits, and valued by other people. In an important sense, these things constitute the true value of work more than money or power.*

- Brad Edmunson

## Smart splinter remover

*Pour a drop of Elmers Glue over the splinter, let it dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.*





Bro. Ira L. Adkins, Sr., V.P. of the Board of Grand Inspectors, and P.M. of Evergreen Lodge No. 153, and proud and elated father, witnessed his son Lawrence Adkins, Jr., and his son's friend Mark Lewis receive their Entered Apprentice Degree in Evergreen Lodge No. 153 in Berlin.

From the right, Lawrence Adkins, Sr., G.I.; Lawrence Adkins, Jr.; M.W. Bro. John Young and Mark Lewis. The newly initiated brethren enjoyed an example of excellence in ritual as they became the newest members of our fraternity on October 20, 2003. Evergreen Lodge, taught by Bro. Edwin Jones, Deputy Grand Lecturer, has long been noted for their outstanding ritualistic ability.

## Maryland Public Television

Bro. Ronald Belanger, D.G.M., advises that we will soon make our fourth visit to assist Maryland Public Television in their pledge drive. This visit will be on Monday, December 6, 2003, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Arrival time should be no later than 3:30 P.M., at which time a buffet supper is usually served. Judging from past experience, it will be good.

We are again asking all offi-

cers to wear their tuxedo, aprons and jewels. If you are not a Blue Lodge or Grand Lodge officer, a dark suit will be fine. We want to look GREAT for the viewing audience. We have received many positive comments concerning our appearance and I know you are proud to be identified as a Master Mason. Won't you sign up to help out?

Thanks in advance for your assistance. I am very pleased we have once again been invited, and made this commitment. I believe the Television exposure

we receive from this type of venture is beneficial to the fraternity. If you can attend, please advise Grand Lodge at 410 527-0600.

*It is change, continuing change, inevitable change, that is the dominant factor in society today. No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be.*

-Isaac Asimov

***If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is definitely not for you!***



# Maryland Masonic Calendar



## Schedule of Events

### NOVEMBER

11 - Veteran's Breakfast - 7:00 A.M. at Grand Lodge.

11 - Masonic Veteran's Quarterly meeting 6:00 P.M. at Grand Lodge.

12 - Joint meeting of B.O.T. and B.O.M. in the Grand Lodge banquet room at 3:00 P.M.

15 - Scottish Rite Fall Reunion.

16 - Annual Grand Lodge Religious Service - 10:00 A.M. in the Masonic Homes Chapel.

17 - 217th Annual Communication of the Grand

Lodge of Maryland - 2:30 P.M.

18 - Open installation of the Grand Line Officers. Dinner at 6:00 P.M. \$13.00 per ticket - you must notify Beth Kennedy at 410 527-0600 by November 10, 2003. Indicate Turkey or Ham as your choice.

23 - Scottish Rite Ring Ceremony.

### December

15 - Baltimore City/County Annual Past Master's Association meeting. The Past Master's Degree will be conferred upon those qualified Senior Warden's who have completed all requirements neces-

sary to assume the East in their Lodge. Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M. Members of the Association attending should have a current dues card in their possession.

24 - Grand Lodge Annual Christmas Eve Candle Light Service - 7:00 P.M. - in the Masonic Home Chapel.

**Daylight Lodge** - meets on the second Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.

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