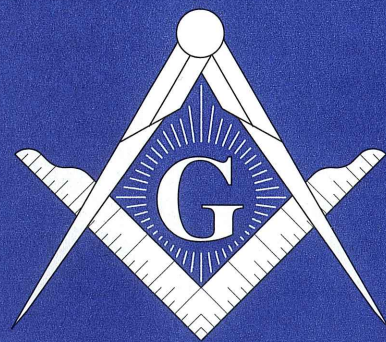


# Free State Freemason



**Fall 2004**

*From the Grand Master—*

## MASONRY FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Brethren:

This is the hardest message that I have ever written. I have put it off for weeks. How do I say thank you to all those Brothers and their ladies that have helped me during my two years as Deputy and two years as Grand Master? This job, and it really is an enjoyable job, cannot be done alone. Many have contributed their valuable time and effort to assist me and the Grand Lodge of Maryland. To each of the above I wish to say thank you, and to those Brothers who elected me to serve as your Grand Master, from the bottom of my heart I say THANK YOU!!!

To you my Brethren of the 2003 and 2004 Grand Lines, who have followed me over the many miles of this State **thank you**. We have met many faithful Masons and their wives along the way, and we were always received with open arms. The dinners and refreshments that were prepared for us were delicious; my waistline sure shows the effects. We traveled from western Maryland to the eastern shore and everywhere in between. One very special day was August 25, 2004 when Dee and I traveled to have lunch with the Brothers and ladies of Oakland Lodge No. 192. It was a long trip but the brotherly love displayed that day will remain in our hearts forever.

The members of the two Grand Lines did outstanding work while they were installing the line officers at various Lodges. We were privileged to be in attendance, and especially to share the evening with the officers and their families. My Brethren, the many Open Installations we attended did much to change my mind. My original thought was an Installation of Officers was intended for a tyled Lodge. After we had participated in several Open Installations, and I saw the pride of the officers' wives and the joy of a small grandson presenting his grandfather a Master's gavel, my mind has changed. This event is of such great importance to the family that we must share the joy and excitement.

My Brethren, nothing about Masonry is secret except our modes of recognition, and I sometimes wonder about them. When it comes time to install your new Lodge Officers, listen to your heart. It is a moment that will never come again, and your family deserves to be there (Continued on page 3)



**John A. Young, Jr. Ronald G. Belanger**

### **2004 Grand Lodge Officers**

**M.W. Grand Master - John A. Young, Jr.**

**R.W. Deputy Grand Master - Ronald G. Belanger**

**R.W. Sr. Grand Warden - George E. Hunt**

**R.W. Jr. Grand Warden - Thomas M. Velvin, Jr.**

**R.W. Grand Secretary - Jack R. Frazier**

**R.W. Grand Treasurer - W. Raymond Bosley**

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**W. Jr. Grand Deacon - Robert B. Malwitz**

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**W. Jr. Grand Steward - Robert C. Shinnick**

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## Lodge Courtesy

In this section of the FSFM, there will be a short topic regarding Lodge courtesy in each of the upcoming issues. It is hoped you will enjoy them, learn from them, and put them to use.

*From Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletins Volume II* - Conventions are the rules which society makes for itself, without the force of law, by which its members live together with the least friction. It is not a sin to eat with one's knife or to keep one's hat on in the house. But these are not "good form" or good manners. Masonry has developed its own conventions, by which its members act in lodge and the anteroom. Not to proceed according to their dictates is not a Masonic offense; it is merely a lack of Masonic manners.

As you passed through the Third Degree you received instructions in the Ritual. You were carefully taught those essential things which a man must know in order to be a Mason. But unless you belong to a most unusual lodge, or had a most wise brother for a mentor, it is doubtful if you were told much about the little niceties of lodge conduct. You are supposed to attend your lodge and learn by observation.

Not all brethren are observing, however. It is not uncommon to see some brother, old enough in Masonry to know better, crossing the lodge room between the Altar and the East. He might have observed that his brethren did not do it; but it is more difficult to note the absence of an act than to take cognizance of something done.

Brethren **do not** pass between the Altar and the East in lodge. It is a convention; there is no penalty for its infraction. It is a courtesy offered the Master. It is rooted in the theory that, as the Great Lights are essential to the regularity of the meeting, and as these are the particular care of the Master, and as their place is upon the Altar, the Master should never be interrupted in his plain view of them, even for an instant.

During the refreshment the Master relinquishes the gavel to the Junior Warden in the South, which thus becomes, for the time being, constructively the East. All that has been said about the respect due the Master in the East above, now applies to the Junior Warden in the South. Therefore, Brethren **do not** cross between the altar and the Junior Warden during this period of time. Another topic will be discussed next month.

## Article Submission

The procedures below should be followed for articles and pictures that are submitted for inclusion in the FSFM:

Original pictures or pictures from a digital camera on disk are fine - use the highest resolution available in the camera. Low resolution looks fine on a computer monitor, but not in print.

Ink jet prints or newspaper pictures **will not reproduce satisfactorily.**

Pictures should have submitting individual's name on back.

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

Articles must be typewritten, or preferable sent to the editor by email.

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

John R. Biggs, Editor





(continued from page 1) to share your honor and joy. Being installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master during a Grand Lodge Open Installation of Officers meant even more to me because I was able to share that moment with my family and friends.

To the members of the Board of Managers and Board of Trustees: **thank you.** Your hard work is recognized and your efforts keep this Grand Lodge functioning. Each Board has its own special responsibility, and they have both performed admirably.

The Board of Managers oversees the Grand Lodge property and its financial dealings, budget and investments. The members have the overwhelming task of budget control plus an ongoing oversight of the Dr. John Coats Endowment Fund. The Grand Lodge budget these past two years has been under constant review. Everyone fully understands the importance of making the maximum use of our funds and the acceptance of this concept extends from the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge office staff. Brother William Raymond Bosley, our Grand Treasurer, is constantly reviewing the monthly invoices for purchase needs and then the assurance that we have obtained the best price.

The members of the Budget Committee oversee our expenditures and present recommendations to assure we maintain the budgetary limits.

The Board of Trustees has responsibility for the Maryland Masonic Homes Endowment Fund and an operating budget of more than six million dollars.

The care of the Bonnie Blink residents is the primary concern of this Board, and fulfillment of their

charge has to be accomplished with the available funds.

Our dedicated staff, nurses and Doctors under the leadership of our Administrator Brother Stephen H. Pazulski, performs an outstanding service for the residents, and no request is shunted aside without proper investigation.

You can be rightly proud of your Masonic Home. I have received many letters and cards from families of the residents noting the excellent care we provide to their loved ones.

One of the many duties of the Board of Trustees is to review applications from Brothers and their widows seeking admission to the Homes. My Brethren, Bonnie Blink was established as a haven for those distressed Brothers and their widows who seek admission. The Board of Trustees accepts their responsibility, reviews each application for need, and then makes their judgment as to its merits.

The members of Grand Lodge can be proud of both Boards. I say: **thank you** for making my job so much easier.

To the ladies of the Grand Lodge office, I say Thank you. They often feel unappreciated. They have many varied and difficult tasks. They perform them all well. Their numbers may have diminished by three where there used to be seven, but their presence, cheerfulness and effort has not changed.

We have tried to modernize the office procedures, and to an extent we have accomplished it, but there will always be a need for a human voice at the end of the telephone line. I, as a past Lodge Secretary, understand the positive feeling you receive when you need a certain bit of information and the

answer is as near as your telephone, especially when you live in western Maryland, or on the eastern shore.

We have begun using our own office expertise to prepare some of the paperwork required for the Annual and Semi-Annual Communications. It had previously been consigned to vendors. While it may seem like a small venture now, every task we can do in-house today better prepares us for the future when we envision self-reliance as a standard operation.

Nothing in life is without consequence, and the office of Grand Master is not exempted. I am sorry that this past year has been one where I have been placed in the unpleasant position of taking punitive action against several members of this Grand Lodge. As Grand Master, one needs to consult with others prior to removing a member or even issuing a reprimand, but the final decision comes down to the Grand Master.

It was my decision to expel one Brother after his conviction of a felony; suspend another for unmasonic conduct that threatened the unity of masonry; and reprimand a third Brother for his choice of financial action. Everyone may not agree with my decisions and they have that right, but I acted in what I felt was the very best interest of the fraternity.

Now, to all those Brothers who had the confidence to elect me your Deputy and finally Grand Master, **thank you.** It has been an extreme pleasure to serve you and I can only hope most of you are satisfied with my job performance.

My Brothers, it is a very high honor to serve you as Grand Master and one that I shall cherish forever. My (Continued on page 4)





(continued from page 3) plan when I assumed this office was to accomplish several projects. My first goal was to re-establish the bond Maryland Masons have always had with the Office of Grand Master. For reasons that we know all too well, that trust in the past has been strained. I can only hope my willingness to open the product of this office has been an indication that we trust you. We want you to know what your Grand Lodge is doing and in turn hopefully you will trust the office of Grand Master. Secondly, I wanted to leave this office knowing that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge of Maryland is solvent for years to come. I truly believe the Land-Lease Project, approved by Grand Lodge in May, is the vehicle for that solvency. As I compose this message the Project is in the hands of our Committee and its legal team. I have been assured this is the normal progress in the development of a long-term land-lease. If we can properly protect the income from this project, we can set aside the monies to increase the Dr. John Coates Endowment Fund; provide funding for the necessary repairs to the two buildings; and fund the Grand Lodge office operation without future burdens on the membership.

Your support of the proposed amendment in November, relating to the fund apportionment, is paramount. We must protect the income received from the developer. This is your Grand Lodge, my Brothers, and you need to control its finances.

Finally, I cannot end my message without expressing my heartfelt **thank you** to my wife, Dee. Grand Master is a trying position that requires time away from home

and an understanding wife that offers her full support makes it so much easier. We, she and I, have been privileged to travel to other jurisdictions and represent this Grand Lodge. Dee has been an excellent ambassador for Maryland Masonry. She has made many friends along the way. You can be proud of her accomplishments, such as overseeing the comfort of our out-of-state guests at the Annual Communications. I am sure the other Grand Masters and their ladies leave Maryland with fond memories, and we are still within our budget.

Thank you for all these memories that will last a lifetime. I am proud to have served you.

*John A. Young, Jr.  
M.W. Grand Master*

On November 15, 2004 your Grand Lodge will make a decision on an amendment to the constitution, changing the date of our Annual and Semi-Annual Communications. I have tried over the past twenty two months to listen to you, the members of Grand Lodge, and have submitted this amendment change based on some of your concerns.

With the economy requiring most families to have both spouses working it seems unfair for the Grand Lodge to ask a Brother to give up a day's work to attend a communication. In fact for some of our Brethren, with the Annual and Semi-Annual presently being held on a Monday, it could mean that a Brother from the far Eastern or Western portions of our jurisdiction might end up losing two days' work to attend Grand Lodge.

With this in mind I have proposed a change to the constitution that will move our Annual and Semi-Annual communications to

the Saturday prior to the third Monday. I'm hoping this will not only meet with your approval but will increase the attendance at those specific Grand Lodge Communications. There are two other amendment changes that will accompany this change and they are to deal with specific language to facilitate the change of the meeting dates. While technically they are three different amendments, they can actually be considered a "package deal." If you chose not to change the date, the two accompanying amendments can be disregarded. I trust you will give this amendment serious consideration.

As promised at the Semi-Annual this past May, I will be submitting for your approval in May of 2005 an amendment that will deal with the proceeds of the "Land Lease Agreement." This amendment will be read in Grand Lodge in November, but I thought I should cover its contents now. Essentially the amendment states quite clearly the proceeds will be allotted as follows: 50% of the income will go to the "John Coates Memorial Fund." 25% will be allotted to the Capital Improvement Fund for such things as repairs to our facility; and the remaining 25% will be allotted to the general operations fund of Grand Lodge. Grand Master Young and I are determined to protect these funds and if passed, any change in the aforementioned percentages will take the approval of you, the members of Grand Lodge. It is paramount that we maintain the trust you have bestowed upon us and by taking this action it is my sincere hope that we are moving in that direction. Please, Brethren, come out and take part in your Grand Lodge. Vote your conscience. It (Continued on page 5)





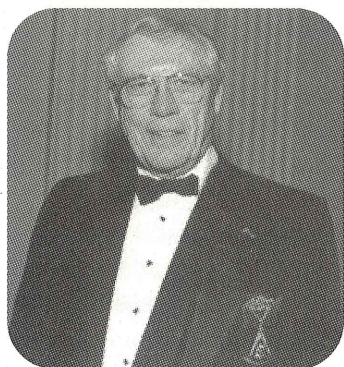
(continued from page 4) is far more important to me that we have maximum participation in the process than to pass legislation with minimal interest.

Ronald G. Belanger  
R.W. Deputy Grand Master

## Board of Managers Resume

Those members that are interested in election to the Board of Managers have included their resumes here for your consideration:

**Edward B. Kraft** is a candidate for the Board of Managers.



### Professional Background:

38 years of service with NCR Corporation retired Field Technical Engineer, Shop Foreman and Group Leader for Baltimore District Repair Shop.

### Education:

Dallas Township High School.  
Muhlenberg College.  
U.S. Air Force NCO Academy.

### Masonic Background:

Blue Lodge Service:  
Worshipful Master of Palestine Lodge No. 189 - 1972.  
Secretary of Palestine Lodge - 1996 to present.

### Grand Lodge Service:

Grand Lecturer 1986 to 2004.  
R.W. Junior Grand Warden - 1992.  
Worshipful Jr. Grand Steward 1974.  
Deputy Grand Lecturer at Large 1975 to 1986.  
Grand Inspector 1974 to 1978  
Grand Representative of the

Grand Lodge of New Jersey 2001 to present.

Chairman of Grand Master's One-Day Classes.

Chairman of Grand Lodge Hospitality Committee 1986 to present.

### Shrine Service:

Member -1995.

Knights of Mecca 1995 to present.

Ambassador - 2002.

Shepherds - 1996 to present.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Service:

Member 1959.

Royal Rangers Drill Team - 1959 to 1971.

### Scottish Rite Service:

Member since 1961.

Received 33rd Degree - 2001.

Knight Commander Court of Honor - 1997.

Chairman Maryland Diplomat Program 1995 to present.

Junior Warden in the Lodge of Perfection Line of Officers.

Chairman, Degree prompters - 2002 to present.

### Other Masonic Affiliations:

Past Masters Association of Baltimore - 1971 to present.

Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland - 1980 to present.

John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787 - 1985 to present.

Charter Member Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1.

### Honorary Memberships:

Ionic Lodge No. 145.

Oriental Lodge No. 158.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 123.

Freestate Shield and Square Club.

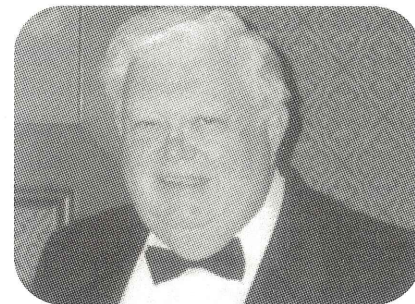
*There is no royal road to anything. One thing at a time, all things in succession. That which grows fast, withers as rapidly. That which grows slowly, endures.*

-Josiah Gilbert Holland

*"Failure is an event, never a person."*

William D. Brown

**Charles (Charlie) I. S. Hahn** is a candidate for the Grand Lodge Board of Managers.



### Professional Background:

Prior to my retirement, I worked 38 years with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), which is a component of the Department of Defense. I served as an auditor, supervisory auditor, and during the last twenty-two years as a branch (field audit office) manager. As a branch manager I had responsibility for long-range planning, and the day-to-day operation of the offices, some of which employed over 50 people. The individual offices had responsibility for auditing in excess of 300 contractors with annual sales to the U. S. Government in excess of \$4 billion.

Since my retirement from the U.S. Government in 1998, I have established a consultant relationship with many companies who have contracts with the government. I assist them in resolving complex government contract issues with various audit agencies including DCAA.

In addition, for the past 15 years, in conjunction with a partner, I have operated a full-service tax and accounting practice as a Certified Public Accountant.

### Education/Certifications:

B.S. (In Accounting), Kansas State College; MBA, Frostburg Sate University; Certified Public Accountant, (Continued on page 6)





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Adjunct Professor, Montgomery College, Montgomery County, Maryland

Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Member, Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants (MDCPA)

Committee Chair, Government Contractors Committee, MDCPA

Personal Background:

My wife, Marcia, and I have been married for 27 years. We have four children and three grandchildren.

## **Masonic History:**

### **Blue Lodge:**

Raised in Pentalpha Lodge, 1989

Worshipful Master, 1995, 2000

Currently Senior Warden

Served three years as Secretary

Eleven years VP, Temple & Library

### **Grand Lodge:**

Grand Inspector, 1996-1999

Board of Managers, 1997-2003

Member, Committee on Long Term Land Leasing Project (Current)

### **Other Related Bodies:**

Scottish Rite

Shrine - Boumi Temple

Shrine - Almas Temple

OES - Pentalpha Chapter

Past Patron 1996, 2000

Treasurer - five years

OES, Grand Chapter of Maryland

Finance Chairman, 2003-current

**Charles J. Morgan, Jr.** is a candidate for the Board of Managers

Note: No picture submitted.

### **Employment History:**

Chairman of the Maryland State Board of Practical Plumbing since 1993

Chairman Complaint Committee of the Maryland State Board of Practical Plumbing from 1987 to 1993

Administrator of Journey and Master Plumber Test from 1976 to

1987 President of the Morgan Plumbing Company from 1962 to 1994 Plumber for Charles J. Morgan and Sons from 1947 to 1962o

### **Summary of Experience:**

Proven track record in business and government relations. Strong presentation and leadership skills. Talented and determined individual who accomplishes results.

### **Personal Background:**

Married Corrine in 1955; we have a son Charles and a daughter Sandy. During my wife's life she was very supportive of my Masonic endeavors. My son is Past Master of Oriental Lodge 158 and my daughter was Honored Queen of Job's Daughters Bethel 17.

### **Masonic History:**

1955 - Raised in Oriental Lodge No. 155

1978 - Installed Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 158.

Served as Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 158 again in 1980 and 2004.

1982 to 2003 served as Secretary of Oriental Lodge No. 158

### **Masonic Affiliations:**

Scottish Rite

York Rite

Boumi Temple Shrine

Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Knights of Mecca Masonic

Veterans Association

Past Master's Association

Baltimore

Highlands Square Club

## **Board of Trustees Resume**

Those members that are interested in election to the Board of Trustees have included the following resumes for your consideration:

**Robert B. Maliwitz** is a candidate for the Board of Trustees

Note: No picture submitted.

**Objective:** To provide effective and efficient leadership of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

### **Qualifications:**

As a senior intelligence officer for the U.S. Customs Service I researched, developed and managed Intelligence programs. These included budget, operational and policy-driven programs Involving interaction with many different agencies and levels of management.

While in the U.S. Army In Vietnam I managed an operational budget of 300 million dollars.

### **Education:**

1970-1972 Bachelor of Law, LaSalle Ext. Univ.

1995-1996 Master of Science, Management, National-Louis Univ. (Evanston, IL)

### **Employment:**

1971-1999 U.S. Customs Service I was a senior intelligence analyst working on programs receiving, processing and developing operational intelligence. I prepared policy papers and worked on inter-agency task forces.

1968-1971 Senior sales clerk Teledyne Post Company

I was in charge of preparing company contract proposals and seeing them completed for schools and businesses In the central U.S. sales area.

1965-1968 U.S. Army

I was a budget clerk working in budget management and audit. I managed several budgets in Vietnam including a 300 million dollar operational and maintenance budget. I was a payroll auditor while at Fort Rucker, Al. This Involved In-depth auditing of all payroll records of military personnel assigned to the facility.

### **Masonic Background:**

Birmingham Lodge No. 188 - Past Master, (Continued on page 7)



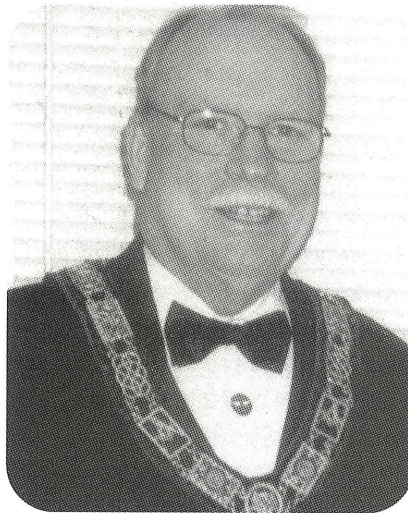


(continued from page 6) Secretary Zeredathatha Royal Arch Chapter No. 35; Past High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Past Grand High Priest Laurel Council of Royal and Select Masters No. 22; Past Thrice Illustrious Master, King David Council of Royal and Select Masters No. 14. Past Thrice illustrious Master Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland. Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work, St. Elmo Commandery No. 12. Past Commander, Columbia Commandery No. 2, (DC). Past Commander, Grand Commandery of DC. Past Grand Commander, Francis Scott Key Priory KYCH, Scottish Rite (Life Member), El Paso, TX. El Paso RAC No. 157 (Life Member) El Paso, TX. El Paso Council No. 98 (Life Member), El Paso, TX. El Paso Commandery No. 18 (Life Member), El Paso, TX. INRI Commandery No. 4, D.C. Dr. John Coates Lodge INRI Tabernacle HRAKTP, D.C. Kallipollis Grotto (Past Monarch) Texas Lodge of Research Maryland Lodge of Research Past President Scottish Rite Research Society (Life Member) Philaethes Society Maryland York Rite College - Past Governor, Deputy Grand Governor, Order of the Purple Cross Freestate Council AMD, Past Sovereign Master Royal Order of Scotland (Life Member) Andrews Chapter No 446 National Sojourners - Past President Gen Chas H. Danforth Chapter Heroes of 76 Past Commander Maryland

Rosicrucian College - Secretary.

**Henry C. McDonald, Jr.** is a candidate for the Board of Trustees.

## Education:



B.S. Degree in Commerce, University of Virginia, 1961; MBA in Finance, George Washington University, 1969.

## Personal Background:

My wife, Marjorie and I have been married 37 years and have one daughter and two grandsons. I have four other children living in Virginia and California. Chris, my youngest son, died in 2000. We are members of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church.

I have served on active duty in the military for six years.

## Masonic History:

### Blue Lodge:

I was Raised in Concordia Lodge No.13 on November 12, 1997. Installed as Worshipful Master on January 9, 2001, I served for three consecutive terms during which time Concordia Lodge received the Grand Master's Award with Distinction each year. I currently chair the Catechism Committee and have chaired or served on numerous others including Bylaws and Finance.

I am a plural member of

Washington Lodge No. 3 and currently serve as the Senior Warden.

## Grand Lodge:

I was appointed to serve in the 2004 Grand Line as the W.G. Sword Bearer and appointed as the Grand Inspector for Oriental Lodge No. 158 in 2002.

I am a member of the Past Master's Association, an instructor in the Masonic Law School and a working member of the Harvest Home Day committee.

## Scottish Rite:

I am currently a member of the Degree Casting Committee, co-Degree Master 18 , a Diplomat for the Valley of Baltimore and a member of the Fraternal Relations Committee. This fall, I plan to participate in the 18° , 29° and 30°.

In 2003, I received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor. Appointed to the Lodge of Perfection in 2001, I currently serve as the Orator. Since joining in 1998, I also have participated in the 11°, 14° and 32° and have served on the Degree Communicating team and as a class mentor.

## Boumi Shrine:

I am a member of the Ambassadors, Highlanders and the Knights of Mecca, serving on the Board of Directors. In addition, I am a member of the Boumi Ceremonial cast. I became a Noble in 1998.

Other Masonic Organizations: National Sojourners, 2002, Royal Order of Scotland, 2003.

## Other Activities:

In November 2003, I was elected president of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore, Inc. and currently serve in that capacity. The SASB, founded in 1806, sponsors and

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(continued from page 7) supports Scottish traditions and heritage events through out the region. I served as the president of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore Foundation, Inc., 2002 - 2003. Both the Society and Foundation have a long and illustrious history in the Greater Baltimore area, contributing to the welfare of the community at large and its residents of Scottish decent in particular. In 1994, I was appointed Maryland Commissioner for Clan Donald USA, serving for nine years. Clan Donald USA is the largest Scottish clan organization in the US.

## **Employment History:**

My professional background has focused on two areas: real estate and investment banking. Since 1989, I have been an active Realtor with Prudential Carruthers Realtors. I specialize in the acquisition and sale of investment properties but have a general practice. In addition, I have professional experience in real estate financing, development and property management.

From 1973 - 1989, I was president of a Baltimore-based investment banking and financial consulting firm. In addition to my duties as CEO, I was involved in providing client services in real estate finance and development, working with owners/executives, attorneys and accountants in the acquisition and marketing of properties. Previously, I was a regional manager for a NYSE member firm where I had begun my career as an account executive.

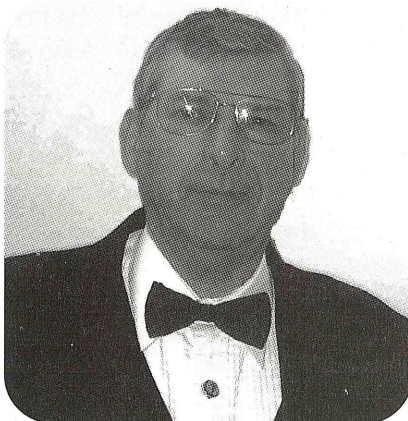
## **Statement:**

In his notable book, *Age Wave*, Bantam Books, 1990, author Ken

Dychtwald discusses "in the decades since 1900, we have added 28 years to the average life expectancy in this country." He further cites the growth of the over-65 group in America and the presence of..."a nation within a nation." Our Maryland Masonic Homes stands in the direct line of fire of this phenomenon, which is one of the most important trends of our time in real estate development.

If elected to the Board of trustees, I believe I bring a diverse background of financial and managerial expertise to contribute to the operation of Bonnie Blink during this challenging period. I would look forward to being a part of its continued success as a competitive alternative in residential retirement living.

**Thomas M. Velvin, Jr.** is a candidate for the Board of Trustees:



What does this nominee have to contribute to the management of the Maryland Masonic Homes:

Extensive experience in the procurement, deployment and management of desktop and larger computer systems, local area networks and other information systems infrastructure.

Extensive experience in the management and training of per-

sonnel.

Six years experience on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee.

Twenty-six years as an active member of Camp Springs Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

## **Blue Lodge Membership:**

Camp Springs No. 227 - W.M. 1985

## **Positions of leadership:**

Past Master, Camp Springs Lodge No. 227

Worshipful Junior Grand Steward - 1987

Past Master of Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge - served for four consecutive years.

Past President of Camp Springs Temple Holding Corp - served for fifteen consecutive years.

Past Grand Inspector - served as President for six consecutive years. Was also first president of the combined Board.

Appointed to Board of Trustees to fill remainder of a term in 1997.

Elected to two consecutive three-year terms on Board of Trustees - 1998 to 2003.

Served as Chair of Personnel Committee on Board of Trustees for six years.

Served on Executive Committee of Board of Trustees for six years.

## **Present:**

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden - 2003/2004.

Deputy Grand Lecturer, District 8 beginning 2003.

Director of Work, AASR Baltimore Valley - 1998 to present.

Coroneted Inspector General Honorary in AASR 10/2001.

Senior Warden, AASR Lodge of Perfection - 2004.

Webmaster, Maryland Masonic Family since inception.

Co-Chairman for Imperial Shrine 2005 web site since inception.

## **Non-Masonic Related Experience:**

Treasurer, (Continued on page 9)





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Episcopal Church of the Nativity since 1978.

## **Business Resume:**

### **Education:**

Eastern Oregon College, Business Administration

Over 7700 hours Electronics and Computer Hardware/Software Training

### **Positions:**

1999 - Present: Information Systems Manager and Information Technology Consultant

1993-1999 - Program Manager - FAA Resource Tracking Program, Mathtech, Inc., CIOSP, and COM-MITS

1990-1993 - Training Coordinator-/Senior Technical Instructor, Mathtech, Inc.

1981-1990 - Senior Technical Instructor/Logistics Support Analyst, Control Data Corporation

1975-1981 - Section Leader, Training Planning Support Section, Control Data Corporation

1969-1975 - Technical Instructor, Control Data Institute, Control Data Corporation

1961-1969 - Data Systems Technician, U.S. Navy

### **Experience:**

Bro. Velvin has more than forty years of experience in the design, development and implementation of technical and computer training courses, project management planning and Information Technology deployment and management. His primary responsibility at Mathtech includes providing Information Systems hardware-software management for Mathtech and consulting services to Mathtech's clients. He also provides marketing support for the Government Management Systems Department and is the Mathtech Information Systems Manager and web page administrator.

Bro. Velvin served as Program Manager for the FAA's Resource Tracking Program (RTP). RTP is an engineering and project management workbench for construction projects used by the FAA regions, and has over 2000 users.

Bro. Velvin joined Control Data Corporation in 1969 as a technical instructor for Control Data Institute. At Control Data, Bro. Velvin trained personnel for the Standard Navy Airborne Computer which included conducting User and Maintenance Training courses for the Navy and prime contractor personnel. He was assigned Logistic Element Manager responsibility for the Integrated Logistics Support Management Team, and provided on-site hardware maintenance and software assistance for Boeing Vertol for the V-22 Osprey project on an on-call basis.

For the U.S. Navy, Bro. Velvin served as Petty Officer in Charge, senior instructor, maintenance supervisor, section supervisor and maintenance technician.

## **License Plates**

**Masonic license plates** are available to Maryland Masons, with vehicles registered in Maryland, as well as their wives, widows, and sons, and daughters living at home.

You do not have to wait for renewal of registration. Call Ray Vogle at 410 527-0600 to find out how it works and how easy it is to put them on your vehicle. Ray is available during the week.

**Be proud of your fraternity and display these plates on your car this year.**

## **Ten Master Masons**

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine; One listened to a rumor, and then there were nine.

Nine Master Masons, faithful and never late; One didn't like the "Master", and then there were eight.

Eight, Master Masons, on their way to heaven; One joined too many clubs, and then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks; One grew discouraged, then there were six. Six Master Masons, all very much alive; One lost his interest, then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more; Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be; One didn't like the program, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you? One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Master Masons, with so much to be done;

One said "What's the use", then there was one.

One Master Mason, found a brother true! Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

Two Master Masons, didn't find work a bore; Each brought another, then there were four.

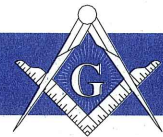
Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's bright fate; By showing each other kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodge's bright sheen; Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligation true; Were pleased with their number which soon went to thirty-two.

(This article was found in the Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society newsletter, and submitted by: Brother Charle White, of Aberdeen Lodge 187. It was written by *Brother Dennis P. Moriarty*)





## Trip To Tennessee

R.W. Bro. Ronald Belanger, Deputy Grand Master, received an invitation to bring a Degree Team to Centerville, Tennessee to take part in a Multi-State Degree conferral to be held in a rock quarry.

The invite came from his good friends M.W. Bro. Ron Coates P.G.M. of Tennessee and M.W. Bro. Ron Coppedge G.M. of Oklahoma. The **Shield & Square Club Degree Team** was invited to travel with him to confer the Degree.

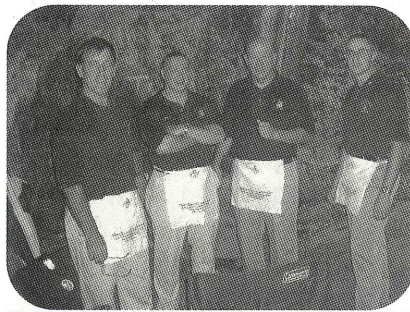
**Glen Burnie Lodge No. 213** offered two of their candidates; the brothers readily agreed, and the group left Grand Lodge at 5:30 a.m. Friday, heading south.

Arriving in Centerville, they headed for the Community Center where they enjoyed a Fish Fry hosted by the Tennessee Brothers. One of the Tennessee Brothers, clad in bib overalls, and sporting a waist length beard, and resembling a 6'3" Jack Elam, was seen taking several of our Brothers to the trunk of his car for a taste of something from a large gallon jug, who (names withheld to protect the guilty) made some peculiar faces following the tasting of the strange looking brew.

The following day was spent in Lodge, where the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on Brothers Richard L. Whitehead & Joseph L. Bonner of Glen Burnie No. 213. These two Brothers really enjoyed the trip, and the fellowship.

The "Country Boys" clad in bib-overalls, then occupied the chairs to confer the M.M. Degree on their candidate.

South Carolina was unable to bring a candidate with them and elected not to exemplify the E.A. Degree; they were in attendance.

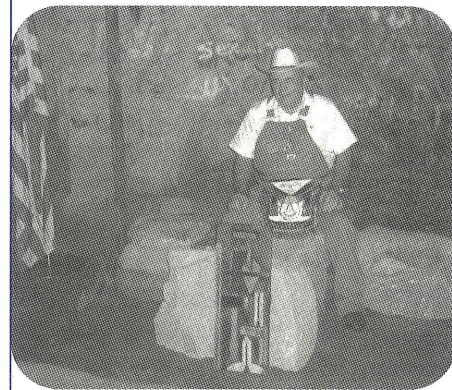


*From the left, Bros. Gary Pierce, P.M Cecil No. 125; David Kane, P.M Friendship No. 84; Bruce Tanner, W.M., & P.M. and Jerry Immler, S. S., both of Door To Virtue Lodge No. 46.*

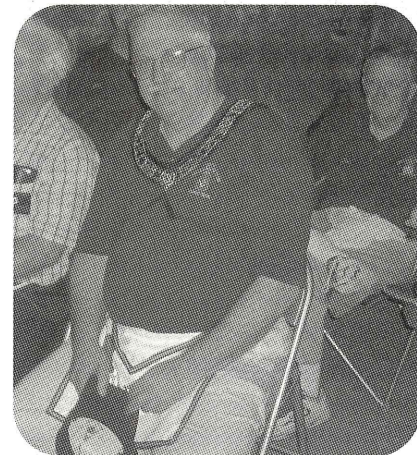
*Also attending were Bros. Tom Hess, Ionic No. 45; Jack Biggs, P.M. Charity No. 134 and John Shriver, P.M J.H B. Latrobe No. 165.*

R. W. Bro. Belanger and the FSSSC would like to thank Worshipful Master James Bohn, III and the members of Glen Burnie Lodge No. 213 for providing the candidates for this conferral, as well as the candidates who elected to make the trip. Suffice it to say, they had a memorable time, and an experience to remember for a long time, and the only Md. Masons to be passed in the quarry.

A most enjoyable time was held by all, and everyone was invited back for next year's event.



**"The East"**



*R.W. Bro. Ronald Belanger, Deputy Grand Master, after a long day in Lodge.*

*R.W. Bro. Belanger opened a Fellowcraft Lodge, made his opening remarks, and turned the East over to Bro. Biggs and the FSSSC to confer the Degree.*



**Rock Quarry Entrance**





## "Cy" Young (1867-1955)

He was known as the Grand Old Man of Baseball was the 1st pitcher in the Hall of Fame (1937). He's the only pitcher to win 500 games (511) including 3 no-hit shutouts & a perfect game. The highly-sought-after Cy Young Award is named in his honor. Bro. Young was an active Mason for 51 years in Mystic Tie Lodge No.194, in Uhrichsville, Ohio.

## Masonic Chair Plaques & The Tree of Life

**Chair plaques** are for chairs located in the Grand Lodge Room on the second floor of Grand Lodge. You may have your own name on a plaque, or have it in memory of, or to honor a person, club, or group.

**The Tree of Life** is located in the main lobby of the Grand Lodge Building. You can sponsor a leaf on the tree, or have it in memory of, or in honor of a person, club, or group.

The Chair Plaques, and the Tree of Life leaves, cost only \$200.00 each. This provides you with up to four lines on either with twenty one characters per line. What a wonderful way to remember someone.

Call **Ray Vogel** at the Grand Lodge at **410 527-0600** to make arrangements for yours. Call now!

## Freemasons throw open the doors

New Zealand Freemasons are opening the doors of their lodge rooms during September in an unprecedented move to dispel once and for all the incorrect public perception of secrecy that surrounds the organization. There are

just over 300 Masonic Lodges spread throughout New Zealand catering for some 13,500 members, and that makes Freemasonry the largest organization of its type in New Zealand.

The Grand Master of New Zealand Freemasons, Central Otago high country farmer Laurie Inder says all too often the good that Freemasonry brings to society and the very high importance and value of the moral and ethic teachings it brings to its members, are overwhelmed by a specter of secrecy and conspiracy.

"Freemasonry is a very old organization that can trace its roots back more than 500 years, and it has been a powerful influence in advancing many important fundamental human issues such as personal and religious freedoms, care for the sick and disadvantaged and the promotion of high moral standards, while carefully avoiding any involvement in politics or religion," he says.

"While the fundamental philosophies of the organization remain unchanged, they are as relevant and as important today as they have ever been. But our organization has evolved and continues to move with the times, and that is why it retains its relevancy in the 21st century, as it will into the centuries ahead."

Bro. Inder says this continuing relevancy is behind the renewed interest in membership, particularly amongst thinking business and professional men.

As well as opening their doors to the public during September, Lodges throughout the country will be initiating a variety of community activities and events intended to demonstrate that Masonic lodges are a close and important part of their local communities, and to

help bring Lodges and local communities closer together

Bro. Inder says the open door policy is a tangible demonstration of openness and frankness that clearly demonstrates that Freemasonry has no major secrets or hidden agendas.

"Visitors to our Lodge rooms during September will be able to find out virtually anything they want to know about the organization," he says. "But, we won't be talking about the details of our ceremonies: Freemasons prefer to keep these private because to publicize them would lessen the impact of the powerful lessons they contain for new members." However, that wish for privacy doesn't extend to the installation of the new Grand Master of the order in Auckland in November, a ceremony that will be open to the families and friends of members.

While New Zealand Freemasonry is a male-only organization, there are a number of Lodges which cater for both sexes, and others which are women only.

The depth and strength of Freemasonry in New Zealand is perhaps best demonstrated by its strong balance sheet. The Freemason's charity arm, the Fund of Benevolence, has almost \$19 million in funds invested, and the Grand Lodge deposit scheme operated through the National Bank of New Zealand, has \$259 million in funds held on behalf of Lodge members and their families. In addition, Freemasonry in New Zealand has charitable assets throughout the country, including homes for the aged and medical trusts, valued at around \$150 million. Charity is a major element of Freemasonry, and the organization's national assistance program

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(continued from page 11) distributes between \$2 million and \$3 million annually to worthy causes. These grants are made solely from the contributions of members, and are given on the basis of the needs of the recipient, with no requirement for any Masonic connections. As well, individual Freemasons' lodges pay out around \$1 million a year to help people in their local communities with a range of needs from housing, food and clothing, to education, health and daily living needs.

*Thirty-five is when you finally get your head together and your body starts falling apart. - Caryn Leschen*

## WHAT IS THE MSA?

The Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitation Program is just one part of the overall MSA mission. Here in Maryland we cover the Baltimore Veterans Medical Center; Perry Point; Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; and the Martinsburg, West Virginia Medical Center. We have two ongoing vacancies and need help, one in Baltimore Medical Center downtown on Green Street, and the other in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

With the support of MSA headquarters, Richard E. Fletcher, PGM, Executive Secretary, and MSA staff, there is full support in getting the job done.

The MSA of North America is made up of six Past Grand Masters, five of whom represent regional areas and a Chairman-at-large. They also have an Executive Committee. The major business of the Association is reviewed and approved at their Annual Meeting. They lend their support to natural disasters around the world. They also provide some personal items such as

toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, and other small items, and a yearly calendar. Not only is this a great effort for Masons who are veterans but it is a rewarding program to support all our Veterans.

**HELP WANTED.** If you're interested, please contact Keith Vivian at kmv1@acninc.net. or by phone at 301-934-4775

Representatives are needed for Baltimore Veterans Medical Center and Martinsburg Medical Center.

*Keith M. Vivian  
MSA Coordinator  
State of Maryland  
Hospital Visitation Program*

## Lodge Web Sites

If your Lodge has a web site with a link from the Grand Lodge web page, please verify that the link is working. We have several links there that are inoperative. If your site address has changed, or if you no longer have a web site, or if you have a web site that doesn't have a link to it from the Grand Lodge web page and would like one, please let the editor or one of the web masters know.

## Attire and Conduct at a Masonic Memorial Service

*Carl W. Todd  
Deputy Grand Lecturer  
District 17*

There is only one opportunity to perform a Masonic Memorial Service with dignity and compassion. There is no second chance. As early as possible during his term, each Worshipful Master should instruct the officers and members of his Lodge regarding appropriate dress for a Masonic Memorial Service. Appropriate dress is preferably dark suit and tie with white shirts. A brother in a

loud sport coat, maroon blazer or tropical summer suit stands out like a sore thumb when all the other brethren are in dark clothing or tuxedos. Remember my brethren, you are not dressing to be "yourself," you are dressing to show your respect and esteem for the departed brother and his family. The officers will wear their officer's aprons, jewels and white gloves. The remaining Masonic brothers will wear plain white aprons and white gloves. The Worshipful Master will wear his top hat and carry his gavel. Personally, I have always requested the officers to wear their tuxedos to a Memorial Service. This is one of the few times we appear in public as Freemasons and shouldn't we look our best. It seems ridiculous to me for us to don tuxedos for tiled Lodge meetings but appear in public so-so. I was once told that the reason we officers, in Maryland, wear tuxedos at Stated Communications is that if you look sharp, you feel sharp and if you feel sharp, you are usually sharp.

It is extremely important that the brethren be quiet as they prepare for the Masonic Memorial Service at the Funeral Home. Often the room in which the officers and members prepare for the Masonic Memorial Service is near or just down the hall from the room where the deceased brother is being viewed. In such cases, our actions are heard, and sometimes seen, by the deceased brother's grieving family and friends. The Memorial Service Ritual says that we are there to express our respect and esteem for our Brother who has passed beyond our mortal sight and to share with those near and dear to him our belief in the immortality of the soul. Unfortunately, some funeral (Continued on page 13)





(continued from page 12) directors are saying, "Such is not the case!" and have been appalled at some Mason's loud and boisterous conduct while preparing for the Masonic Memorial Service. It is not a time for a lot of glad handing, backslapping and enthusiastic greetings to each other. Even worse, sometimes jokes are told with the ensuing laughter. There is a time and place for everything but at the funeral home, only one type of conduct is acceptable - a quiet and reverent attitude at all times. Loud talk and laughter at the funeral home is not acceptable and it is certainly not good Masonic conduct. If this type of behavior takes place in the preparation room before or after the Masonic Memorial Service, it doesn't matter how well the Service may have been performed. The inappropriate and discourteous noise coming from our preparation room will be remembered by the family and not the beautiful Service.

It is the Worshipful Master's responsibility to see that this does not happen. He must get the attention of everyone and remind them of who they are and what they represent. If the Worshipful Master fails to exercise his duty, it is the responsibility of any brother present to "whisper good counsel in the ear" of an offending brother. This subject should be reviewed in Lodge every so often. We must remember that at the Funeral Home there is a grieving family, possibly other grieving families, and they should see the Craft come and perform its Masonic Memorial Service for their departed loved one with dignity and compassion.

*Fortune does not change men; it unmasks them. -Suzanne Necker*



Above left, Roy Hodgson, W.M. & P.M.; John Reitter, P.M.; Bob Shinnick, W. G. Steward, and M.W. Grand Master John A. Young, Jr.

On Friday evening, the 23rd of September, the Grand Master, and members of the Grand Line assembled in Corinthian Lodge No. 93 to join with the officers of the Lodge in honoring Bro. Bob Shinnick for his dedication to the principles of the fraternity. Bob was appointed Grand Pursivant this year, and upon the death of Keith Brown, he took over as Jr. Grand Steward.

Bob has been one of the more dedicated members of the Grand Line, making nearly every event they traveled to.

## Grand Lodge Luncheon

Brethren, please note that this year's Grand Lodge Luncheon will be held on November 15th at 12 noon in the Banquet Hall of the Grand Lodge.

The cost of this year's luncheon is \$12.00 per person, and a reservation THROUGH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF YOUR LODGE IS A MUST!

All elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, including Grand Inspectors and Deputy Grand Lecturers and all past elected Grand Lodge Officers will make their prepaid reservations through the Worshipful Master of their Lodge. There will be no tickets sold at the door. This is because we have the meal catered and have to pay in advance for each

meal ordered. Reservation forms will be mailed to the above named no later than September 10th. Your help in following this procedure will be greatly appreciated.

Since 1982, the luncheon has raised over \$22,000 for Bonnie Blink equipment. The last two years, and again this year, we will take donations for the Chapel organ fund.

This year's guest speaker will be Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins, Superintendent of Maryland State Police.

The Committee thanks you for support in our endeavor to streamline this luncheon. *Keith Vivian*  
Chairman, Grand Lodge  
Luncheon Committee

*Fault-finding without suggestions for improvement is a waste of time.*  
Ralph C. Smedley





## Freemasons Helping Our Soldiers

"Operation Phone Home!" is a program designed with the goal of providing prepaid international phone calling cards to as many military men and women serving overseas as can be reached. This program will be an ongoing effort for as long as we have service personnel serving overseas, particularly in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans.

The MSA (Masonic Services Association), on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity, has entered into an agreement with the USO to participate in this program. The card will include the logo of the USO, the participating phone company (AT&T) and the American Flag.

On the left side of the card will appear the Square and Compasses and the words: "Compliments of America's Freemasons."

Anyone interested in participating in this most worthy effort can send donations to:

Masonic Services Association  
8120 Fenton Street,  
Silver Spring, MD 209010-4785

## Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.

Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. is proud to announce its scholarship program for 2004-2005. A total of forty-eight \$1000.00 scholarships will be given out this year to high school scholars. Each public High School is assigned to a Maryland Masonic Lodge that in turn gives applications to the school and explains the program to the principal. These grants may be used for any normal school expense, such as tuition, room, board, books, or school supplies. The only limita-

tion on the post-secondary schools is that it must be an accredited institution, such as a university, college, trade school, or nursing school. It is the intention that this program help encourage our youth to prepare as future leaders for society.

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

1. Public service and extra-curricular activities.
2. Student's resume.
3. Scholastic achievement.
4. High school recommendation.
5. Need for financial assistance.

Each school accepts applications from its students and returns them to the sponsoring Lodge. The Lodge reviews the applications and forwards the top three to the Masonic Charities of Md. for final selection. The recipients are presented their check at the school awards ceremony or one arranged by the Lodge. For more information on this program, contact Richard P. Naegele, 410-668-2370 or Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, 410-667-0077.

All Freestate Freemasons can be extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Masonic Charities of Maryland, which works hard to help Masonry make a big difference in our community and state.

The annual audit report of MCM is available from and direct donations, special contributions of cash, insurance or securities should be made to:

Masonic Charities of Maryland  
Mr. Louis F. Friedman,  
Secretary  
409 Washington Avenue, Suite  
900

Towson, Maryland 21204

Your generous support of this program in helping our young people become future leaders within

our society is greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

*Vern Mules, Board of Directors*

## George Washington Masonic Memorial

Have you ever driven around the inner loop of the Beltway of Washington, D.C., crossed over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and seen a telescoping building off to your right reaching skyward? Have ever driven the outer loop and heading toward the bridge and noticed this same building off to your left? Do you know what it is? Have you ever thought of stopping to find out? It is a most impressive structure, of which you as a Maryland Mason are part owner.

This building is the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and dedicated to our first President of the United States, Brother George Washington. The building holds many Masonic items used by and owned by him. The fourth floor library is dedicated to him with many of his personal belongings, books and memorabilia. A place to study, learn and gather information on him as well as Masonic history and facts about our great fraternity. The building holds many displays and rooms dedicated to our many Masonic Bodies, York and Scottish Rites, Shrine, Tall Cedars, Grotto, Knights Templars, Youth and Ladies Organizations, all for your viewing pleasure and in one great location.

If you have never visited this Masonic Structure, it is time to think about taking the time and effort to see it with members of your lodge, family and friends. Tours are available as well as self guided. You will learn there, and enjoy this *(Continued on page 15)*





(continued from page 14) impressive place.

The views from the observation deck overlooking the Potomac River and our Nation's Capital City are very impressive. Take the time to make the visit, particularly on a bright sunny day. You won't be disappointed.

*Glen Clary*

**Note of interest:** It looks as if Hollywood is going to use Freemasonry as subject matter in its next movie to be released November 24th. It is titled "National Treasure." Here is the movie trailer; pay close attention when Nicholas Cage is reading the Declaration of Independence. Looks as though it will be a good movie, depending on how freemasonry is portrayed.

## Timely Articles

Articles that cover an event occurring during a particular quarter must be sent to the editor in time to be included in the preceding quarter's issue. It takes the editor about two weeks to construct the issue, then another week at the print shop, and possibly another week at the mailhouse. Then we are at the mercy of the post office.

To be more plain, if you have an event occurring in July - it should be submitted for inclusion in the Spring issue - due to the above schedule, the best one can hope for is that summer events occurring in mid August will be served by the Summer issue.

## Knights of Mecca

The Knights of Mecca will host their annual **Master and Wardens Night** on October 30. All Masters and Wardens are invited to attend this special event, which will be held in the Boumi Shrine that evening at 7:30 p.m..

The Knights of Mecca is a unique organization in Boumi Temple in the respect that to be a member you must also be a Past Master. Presently there are 300 members in the group, approximately half of which participate in our various programs.

We meet in the **fifth** week of the month at various locations according to the program being presented. This normally gives us six or seven meeting nights during the calendar year and does not interfere with any Blue Lodge meeting, because, as Past Masters, we know how important these meetings are to Worshipful Masters.

There are two programs we present upon request at various Blue Lodges and at the Scottish Rite and Boumi Temple, both of which are presented in costume of the era when the story occurred. The first is the Master Mason Degree that we all are quite familiar with in our capacity as Past Masters and the second is the Ceremonial Degree which is performed in costume twice a year - once at Boumi Temple and once at Scottish Rite.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Knights of Mecca or part of the aforementioned programs, or you have any questions, please call Herb Findeisen, Secretary of the Knights of Mecca at 410-876-6629.

## An Ode to Annie's Husband

In the early days with Maryland News you were never allowed to choose, when Champ didn't seem to be there, who was always asked to collect the fare"

### Annie's Husband

On Sunday morning bright and early when most of us felt extremely squirrely,

Who drove in every seasons climes and dropped off the New York Times?

### Annie's Husband

After nineteen seventy six it was Annapolis 89 that he did pick. Let all the saints feel grateful praise. Who was it that I was pleased to raise?

### Annie's Husband

After he finally got into the grove to Saint Mary's Co. he did move. Since he had achieved sufficient coin who with T.J. Shryock did join?

### Annie's Husband.

All of the work he finally learned; even Bob King wasn't concerned. And who was it with real great pride over T.J. Shryock did preside?

### Annie's Husband

Who joined the Eastern Star, with a great desire to go real far? When Annie wouldn't let him be late, who with the ladies was real great?

### Annie's Husband

Who was appointed a Grand Inspector And was a very great perfector? Who wrote poetry and spoke real clear and never seemed to have a fear?

### Annie's Husband

Who do you think seemed real fit and was asked in the 2002 Line to sit, Was it the Poet Laureate that we all teased; while with his verse we all were pleased?

### Annie's Husband

Who wrote an ODE to the rocking chair, that demonstrated with love and care? Who then would always tell the truth, even in his ODE to Ruth?

### Annie's Husband

This poor attempt at writing verse Isn't intended to be terse. Who is always rated Fine by his Brothers in the Line?

### Annie's Husband.

*Bennie Owens, P.G.M.*

*If a man wants to be of the greatest possible value to his fellow-creatures, let him begin the long, solitary task of perfecting himself. -Robertson Davies*



# Maryland Masonic Calendar



## Schedule of Events

### NOVEMBER

8 - Masonic Veteran's Meeting -  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 7:30 pm.

14 - Grand Lodge Church Service  
in Bonnie Blink Chapel - 10:00  
a.m.

14 - Grand Master's Banquet -  
7:00 p.m.

15 - State Area Luncheon - 12  
noon - reservations must be  
made through the Worshipful  
Master of your Lodge.

15 - The Annual Communication  
of the Grand Lodge of Maryland,  
A.F. & A.M. convenes at 2:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.  
for a cost of \$17.00. Grand  
Lodge reconvenes at 7 p.m.

16 - A No-Host Dinner will be  
held at 6:00 p.m. for a cost of  
\$16.00. This will be followed by  
the Installation of Grand Line  
Officers at 7:30 p.m.

23 - Grand Master's visit to Camp  
Springs Lodge No. 227

### DECEMBER

5 - Mayor's Parade - 1 p.m. in  
Hamden. The Grand Master  
invites YOU to participate with  
him in placing our Masonic frater-  
nity in the view of the public.  
Lodge Officers should wear tuxe-  
does, aprons and jewels.

17 - Grand Lodge Christmas  
Party.

24 - Candle Light Service 7:00 p.m.  
in the Bonnie Blink Chapel.

### FEBRUARY 2005

**Regional Meetings begin - 8:30  
a.m.**

5 - Regional Meeting in Grand  
Lodge.

12 - Regional Meeting in Mt.  
Arrarat Lodge No. 44 in Bel Air,  
Maryland.

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

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you can - they need your help.

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