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The Maryland Free State Freemason fall issue saluting our Most Worshipful Grand Master Stephen J. Ponzillo, III and his wife Lady Marie



FREEMASONRY is the oldest fraternal organization in the world. It is dedicated to promoting improvement in the character of its members. A Mason is taught to be a good citizen, to be of good character, to care for those less fortunate, and to give back to his community.

THE MASONIC FRATERNITY contributes over \$1 Billion each year to its philanthropic pursuits. Over \$750 Million of that in the United States alone. The Crippled Children's and Burns Hospitals sponsored by Shrine Masons are world famous for their ability to help those most in need.

FREEMASONRY traces its roots to the Middle Ages. It is from associations of stone masons, who built the magnificent cathedrals, castles, and monasteries of Europe that the fraternity started. Eventually, these groups began to accept members who were not actual working masons. At that time they adopted the term "accepted" Masons, and Freemasonry was born.





GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

This issue of the *Free State Freemason* is our Fall issue and we are looking forward to the excitement and tradition of *Harvest Home Day*, the *Oktoberfest*, the October 13th Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degree Conferral, lodge anniversaries, degree conferrals and our *Annual Communication* which culminates our 225th Birthday Celebration. We do hope that as many of you as can will support these events.

The *Annual Communication* will be marked by important decisions on Constitutional Amendments. We will utilize a new electronic voting system which will speed up and assure even greater transparency in our decision making.

At the *Annual Communication* we will conclude the evening with the Installation of officers. I know that Brother Gerald E. Piepiora will serve you with dedication as the 72nd man to occupy the Grand East of this Grand Lodge. I pledge to him my loyal support and best wishes.

I wish to thank all of you for the privilege offered me in serving as your Grand Master. I can assure you that I have enjoyed this opportunity and hope that the time and efforts expended will prove to have moved the Grand Lodge to an even better future.

In April of 1968 I became a Master Mason. For seven years prior to that I was in the *Order of DeMolay*. For over 44 and a half years I have been afforded the opportunity to work with dedicated brothers in the noble cause of serving others and contributing to making each of us a "little better" as we worked in the Masonic Quarries.

None of us can predict the future with certainty but it is my belief that Maryland Freemasonry has only a bright future.

My eternal gratitude to all who have encouraged, supported, provided good counsel and brotherly advice to me these past several years.

To be Most Worshipful Grand Master is a challenge, an opportunity to effect change, help others, a time consuming splendid burden. I have enjoyed it, will miss it, yet look forward to the future and service to our new leaders. God Bless our Grand Lodge, my supportive family and each of us in promoting and living the Brotherhood.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III
Grand Master

2012 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AGENDA

The agenda for the Grand Lodge of Maryland's Annual Communication has been established. The weekend will start with the Grand Master's Banquet on Friday, November 16th in the Grand Lodge Ballroom. The event begins with a reception starting at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Appropriate dress for the evening is formal. Tickets are \$50 per person.

On Saturday, November 17th, the Annual Communication will commence at 10:00am. The Grand Lodge will be called off at noon for refreshment. The Men's Luncheon will then take place in the Grand Lodge Ballroom. Tickets are required to attend the luncheon at a cost of \$17 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. The Annual Communication will then reconvene at 1:00pm. All lodge officers and past masters are requested to be attired in tuxedos, aprons and jewels of office. Other Master Masons in attendance are asked to wear dark business suits.

There are three Proposed Amendments to the Constitution to be voted on at the Annual Communication.

THE FIRST PROPOSED AMENDMENT will establish Entered Apprentices as dues-paying members of their Lodge with certain limitations, such as: 1) they will have the right to vote only when the Lodge is open in the first degree; 2) they cannot be elected or appointed to a Lodge office; 3) they can only sit in Lodge when it is open in the first degree. Entered Apprentices who do not progress beyond the first degree can continue to be members of the Lodge as Entered Apprentices as long as they continue to pay their dues. Similar rights and limitations will apply to Fellowcrafts.

THE SECOND PROPOSED AMENDMENT proposes to enact a three dollar annual assessment for each member to support the Maryland Child Identification Program (MDCHIP). This would begin on January 1, 2014 and last ten years or until the Grand Lodge of Maryland decides to discontinue the program, whichever comes first. The funds from this assessment would be dedicated exclusively to the use, maintenance and support of MDCHIP.

THE THIRD PROPOSED AMENDMENT would delete the sentence from the Constitution which currently reads as follows, "A Grand Secretary who has served ten (10) consecutive elective terms as Grand Secretary, and a Grand Treasurer who has served ten (10) consecutive elective terms as Grand Treasurer shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment to his respective office for one year after his last term in that office."

Following the Annual Communication, a Dinner will be held in the Grand Lodge Ballroom at 5:30pm. Dinner is open to all. Again, tickets are required. The cost is \$25 per person.

The weekend will culminate with the Open Installation of RWDGM Jerry Piepiora and his Grand Line. The installation is open to all, and will begin at 7:00pm.

Tickets for the Banquet, Luncheon and Dinner are available at the Grand Lodge Office. The last day to make reservations is November 2, 2012. Cash checks and all major credit cards are accepted. ♣



A Chance to Win

REAL MASONIC TREASURE



THE STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM is holding a unique fundraiser by raffling off a very rare complete set of *Harvest Home Day Cornhusking Coins*. Dating to the very first cornhusking which took place in 1928, the set includes one of every version of the coins minted to commemorate the day. Raffle tickets are available from the Grand Lodge Office for a donation of \$20.⁰⁰ each. Only 500 tickets are available. The drawing will take place when all tickets are sold.



ENTERED APPRENTICES—LIMITED MEMBERSHIP “WHY THE RACE TO BECOME A MASTER MASON?”

Over the past 226 years, Maryland has chosen a number of different methods in which to require proficiency in passing from one degree to the next. At the present time, we require

a candidate to memorize a number of answers to preselected questions before advancing. Is there a better way to judge whether a candidate is properly prepared? Unfortunately, that's the subject of another article.

We do know, however, that there are as many different opinions on advancement as we have members. Many wish it to be more of an extended process, allowing the candidate to study in detail some of the more esoteric topics. Others see the catechism process as simply a stepping-stone to other Masonic activities.

Overwhelmingly, though, the catechism process we now have is THE desired method by the membership.

Is there a way to allow a longer time for advancement and also keep the expedited process (other requesting dispensations)?

Our present Constitution requires EAs and FCs to advance within one year from their preceding degree or be dropped from the rolls of their Lodge. Further, they do not become official members until receiving the MM degree. If we follow our Constitution to the letter, no EA or FC could participate in a public event or receive a Memorial Service. Although temporarily eliminated by a recent Grand Master's edict, it is only temporary.

Is it time to make an adjustment in the requirements of becoming a “member”?

If we allow an Entered Apprentice to become a member with limited rights, the above issues are resolved. There would be no

penalty for failure to advance. The “candidate” would advance per an agreed schedule with his instructors. As a member, he is recognized as such by the Lodge and the Grand Lodge. However, the restrictions in becoming an officer, joining appendent bodies, and participating in Lodge business (other than in an EA Lodge) remain in effect.

There are no other effects to the Lodges. NOTE: Even the Grand Lodge assessments will be delayed to new EA members. As an added bonus, the Grand Lodge office will stop calling the WM's constantly for candidate updates.

I hope each member reads carefully the proposed amendment (located elsewhere in this newsletter). A number of our sister jurisdiction have already made this change which has resulted in the refocusing on candidate desires and easier record keeping.

-Gerald E. Piepiora, RW Deputy Grand Master



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Planning for airfare, pre or post cruise hotel packages and transfers are underway and will be available soon. We are also planning on a **pre-cruise get-together** in the fall to answer all of your last minute questions.



DGM Piepiora & Lady Deneise



SGIG Mills & Lady Brenda

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02/24 At Sea		
02/25 At Sea		
02/26 St. Thomas	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
02/27 St. Maarten	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
02/28 Antigua	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
03/01 St. Lucia	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
03/02 Barbados	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
03/03 Grenada	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
03/04 At Sea		
03/05 Aruba	8:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
03/06 Curacao	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
03/07 At Sea		
03/08 At Sea		
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A JOURNEY OF REDISCOVERY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION

By: Edward Heimiller, Curator

As the Grand Lodge celebrates its 225th anniversary (1787-2012) and recounts its rich history, remember the Library and Museum serves as the main repository for the items which witnessed that passing of time. Established sometime in the 1830's by members seeing the need to preserve the memory of the heroes of the American Revolution, the Grand Lodge of Maryland expanded the collecting parameters and accumulated a vast array of material that encompasses Blue Lodge, Grand Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shriners, Eastern Star and other Masonic affiliated organizations. In 1892 with the founding of the Maryland Masonic Veterans Association, the collection for the first time came to be referred to as the Museum. From 1892 until 1945 the Maryland Masonic Veterans Association oversaw the daily operation of the Museum. They then decided to transfer the collections to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, who employed a curator to catalog the collection. In 2006 the Library and Museum were separated from the Grand Lodge of Maryland as a nonprofit tax deductible charity. Named after Past Grand Master Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. (1926-2000), in recognition of his support in maintaining the collection after the move to the New Masonic Temple next to the Maryland Masonic Homes at Bonnie Blink, the Library and Museum now flourishes at its new location in Freemason's Hall, built in 1994 adjacent to the Grand Lodge in Cockeysville.

In 2009 with the reinstatement of the position of curator, the process of undertaking a complete inventory of the museum's holdings was started. As part of this process items are currently being entered into a searchable computer database containing information on each item, including a full description, date, provenance, historical notes, and photographs of each item. Hard files are also being maintained. As a result of inventorying and updating the catalog many items have been rediscovered in the collection, such as Thomas Jefferson's paper knife given to the museum in 1959 by the widower of Jefferson's great granddaughter, Sarah Randolph Hammerslough (1871-1959). It is also now known that the museum's collection of Masonic regalia dating back to the 1770's is not only one of the largest in North America, but also one of the

most comprehensive as well with almost every state in the Union represented in addition to more distant jurisdictions, such as Panama and India. While inventorying the collection a number of important books and documents have also surfaced in the Library and Museum's holdings, now housed in the Archive.

The Archive serves as the repository for rare books, manuscripts, prints, and photographic material in the collection. Often requiring special care, these items are overseen by the Museum under the supervision of the curator. Unlike the Library, which is open to the general public, the Archive has restricted access. However, items housed in the Archive are available upon request, evaluated on an individual basis. Items from the Archive play a critical part in the museum's displays, both as a research source in documenting items in the collection and by being on display themselves. Items that are currently on view from the archive include correspondence from famous Marylanders such as Governor William Paca (1740-1799) and Francis Scott Key (1779-1843). Presidential memorabilia, a favorite of recent visitors, includes the letter from President Harry S. Truman (1884-1972) that accompanied the stone carved with an *operative* mason's mark removed from the White House during renovations in 1950 and presented to the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1952. As a result of the re-cataloging, this past year two handwritten notes to Secretary of State William H. Seward (1801-1872) from President Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) from 1861 were rediscovered among the papers stored in the Archive. Given to the museum in 1912 by William H. Speed of Landmark Lodge, No. 127, these items are among many treasures packed away decades ago now being sorted through.

The most valuable books in the collection are also stored in the Archive. Comparable to documents in the National Archives and Smithsonian Museums, these books because of their rarity, age, and condition are seldom handled. They include copies of the first publication by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the 1797 *Ahiman Rezon* by George Keating (?-1842), including the person-

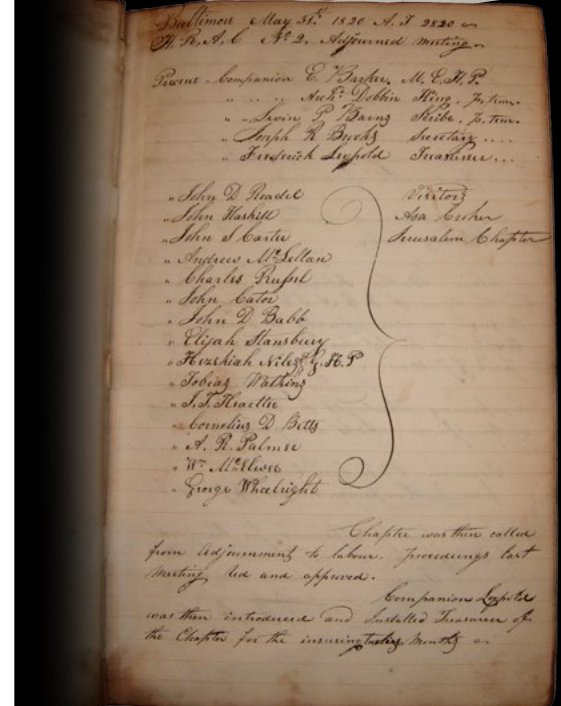


alized copy owned by Peregrine Lethrbury (dates unknown), the second Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland elected in 1791. The oldest book in the collection, a copy of the Biblia Sacra published in 1482 in Venice by Franciscus Renner, de Heilbronn with commentaries on the scriptures by the eminent French theologian, Nicolaus de Lyra (c.1270-1349) with other additions, purchased on a tour of Europe by Past Grand Master Anthony Kimmel (1798-1871) between 1850 and 1852, is stored in the Archive (this Bible is considerably older than the oldest Bible in the Supreme Council Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction, USA) at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., the 1572 *Nouum Testamentum*).

Also under the auspices of the Archive are lodge ledgers, account books, minutes, as well as Master Mason certificates. Many of these early certificates are particularly noteworthy. While many of the earliest certificates are completely handwritten and decorated with drawings of Masonic symbols others have beautifully engraved depiction of Masonic iconography.

It is too early to comprehend the full extent of material held in the collection. Currently many of the recent rediscovered items are on view for visitors to enjoy. Progress will continue as time and funds permit. As the cataloging of the collection comes ever closer to being completed the potential of this rich source comes closer to being realized.

Since 2006 the library and museum has relied solely on the generosity of private contributions to cover operation expenses. In order to establish an endowment *The Stephen J. Ponzillo Jr. Memorial Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland* is part of the Grand Lodge of Maryland's gifting campaign and is now listed on the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign and may be found on their website, www.cfcnc.org, under charities. The Museum is currently open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 to 4 by appointment and may be contacted at museum@glmd.org. Special arrangements may be made for group tours for other times.





THE GRAND MASTER'S APPEAL TO BENEFIT THE STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

In this, the 225th Anniversary Year of the founding of **The Grand Lodge of Maryland**, we can all look back with pride on the history of our Fraternity. That pride was evidenced by the wonderful turnout for our series of celebratory events which took place over the past few months. Maryland Masons who attended the Gala 225th Anniversary Banquet or the Semi-Annual Communication are now proudly wearing the special medal commissioned to recognize this important milestone.

Due to this tremendous response, I am announcing that **all Maryland Masons** will now have the opportunity to own and wear a special commemorative medal crafted for the Grand Lodge of Maryland's historic 225th Anniversary.

The medal is our gift to you for your tax-deductible gift of \$35 to **The Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum**. Your gift of \$50 or more entitles you to the medal personalized with your name on an engraved plate.

Our Library and Museum is charged with the important task of conserving and displaying our vast collection of Masonic literature and artifacts. The collection requires archival storage and protection in order to ensure our legacy as Maryland Masons is preserved for posterity.

All proceeds of this appeal will go directly to **The Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum** so they can continue to carry out their vital mission. Won't you consider making a tax-deductible donation to this cause today?

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

MARYLAND DEMOLAY

By Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., Executive Secretary

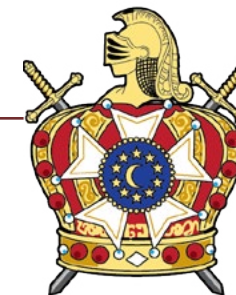
Happy Fall from Maryland DeMolay! We again bring you exciting news coming from our Jurisdiction. We begin with our Annual conclave held at Salisbury University on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th. This year was themed after the Olympics which were going on in London. All those who were registered were placed into teams and competed in a Septathlon of games that only our crackerjack Conclave Committee could put together! Our Executive Officer, Dad William C. Eppig was thrown into the mix as one of the targets in the water balloon shot put and the guys loved it! After the Annual Softball game between the Chevaliers and DeMolays and the Chevaliers being victorious, the following day brought the Installation of Officers and Banquet. Bro. Joseph Speck was installed State Master Councilor, Bro. Sepp Duncan-Panzer and Bro. Matthew Linder were installed as State Officers. Grand Master Ponzillo along with Deputy Grand Master Piepiora were in attendance along with most of our Masonic Family leaders. We are always humbled by the outpouring of support from our Masonic leaders taking time to travel to Salisbury to be with us each year.

News from our new Chapters is very encouraging. *Bowie Chapter* is continuing to involve their newest members and striving to continue to bring in more members. We thank those advisors who are working diligently to expand this Chapter. *Savage Chapter* has been busy! We have been pleasantly surprised to see how active these Brothers have been. Just one of their more notable activities was assisting Solomon's Lodge by painting the front

of the lodge building after it had been struck by graffiti!

Some of the most exciting news thus far has come from the Dundalk area! *Dundalk Chapter* held its first Installation in many years. Grand Master Ponzillo was asked to install the officers of this new Chapter because he is a Past Master Councilor and Past State Master Councilor from Dundalk. Grand Master pulled together an Installing Team consisting of all Senior DeMolays from Dundalk. After the officers were installed and during his remarks, Grand Master Ponzillo presented Dundalk with their original Charter which had been saved several years ago when someone mistakenly threw out much of Maryland DeMolay's history. The Chapter returned the favor by calling Grand Master Ponzillo, his mom, wife and granddaughter to the altar. Once all were in place, the Chapter informed Grand Master that they had decided to change the name of the chapter to the *Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Chapter* in honor of Grand Master's father and the commitment that the Ponzillo family has shown to Maryland DeMolay and *Dundalk Chapter* in particular. It was a special moment for Grand Master and his family.

We look forward to bringing you more news of good deeds and continued Masonic assistance. If you have a son, know a neighbor, nephew or young man between the ages of 12 and 21, be sure to consider giving them the option of having DeMolay in their lives and beginning the journey that all of you are now engaged. Until next time, For God, For Country, For DeMolay! ♣



SCOTTISH RITE

By Ill. Marlin L. Mills Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland



Greetings to all. I hope this issue finds everybody well and off to a great start for fall. There has been a tremendous amount of activity around Maryland this past summer. I think more Lodges worked though the summer than I can ever remember. What a great sign for Maryland Masonry. There are new men in Lodges, in the lines and in the collateral bodies. The Scottish Rite supports all Lodges in their efforts and if a speaker is ever needed for a Lodge, we would be more than happy to provide one as needed.

This fall the Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies have joined in a historic joint reunion. It is possible to join one or both

organizations, see great work and meet new men from across both bodies. It's not too late to consider becoming a part of one or both great Masonic organizations. I would also like to invite everyone and their families to join the Scottish Rite Annual Christmas Program, "*The Sweet Magic of Christmas*" on December 16 at 2:00pm. There will be a special program for children who are always welcome at the Scottish Rite. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Inclosing,

May I wish everyone a holiday season and all the blessing of good health and happiness always. ♣



MARYLAND MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS

In each issue of the *Free State Freemason* we recognize our Brethren who achieved service award status during the previous quarter. Sincere congratulations to these Brothers who reached 50, 60 and 70 years of service between May 1st and August 31st, 2012!



70 YEAR MEMBERS

Edward Attman	25
Calvin Eastwood	181
Leonard Getterman	89
Lawrence McGlade	215
Clarence Rappold, Jr.	166
James Taylor	179
Ira Todd, Jr.	147



60 YEAR MEMBERS

Richard Berge	93
William Bosley, Jr.	219
Ralph Bowers	123
Lloyd Bowling, Sr.	150
Wilton Brewington	198
Ralph Buser	131
Ralph Cage, Sr.	166
Frank Clark	150
Stanley Curtis	179
Ernest Cutler	89
Henry Diener, Jr.	116
John Douthirt, III	102
William Dulling	219
Joseph Ely	208
Harley Fickus	51

Harold Garner	195
Milton Gelb	195
Keene Gooding	88
Charles Harle, Jr.	183
Clifford Herrman	130
James Hobbs	70
Vernon Keilholtz	205
Charles Kelly	66
James Moore	202
Robert Musch	184
Francesco Musorrafiti	89
Benjamin Oliver	217
George Pahl	182
John Phillips	106
Harold Pilcher	89
Daniel Powell, Sr.	222
Leonard Schuman	25
William Seabreeze	181
Joseph Tydings, III	123
John Watkins	116
Jerome Zimmerman	25



50 YEAR MEMBERS

Chester Affron	227
John Bartles, Sr.	84
William Beard	183
Donald Broad	188

George Burleson	222	Oscar McMullen	130
Norman Busch	25	John Miller	188
Joseph Carter, III	183	Allen Muir	106
Warren Chamberlin	106	Charles Murphy	182
Frank Clark, Jr.	116	Richard Pairo	209
Clayton Collins, Jr.	153	John Proakis	184
Edward Curley, Jr.	188	Theodore Provenza	219
Maurice Dashiell	182	Richard Rinehart	58
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Paul Elliott	179	Dale Slayton	213
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Henry Guy	147	William Tarant	89
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Robert Heavner	131	David Thomas	230
Kenneth Hessenauer	183	Frank Thomas	230
Jack Holliday	131	Arthur Torf	89
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Saul Ingber	195	Russell Waldis	172
George Johnson	115	John Warfield	213
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Robert Lee	170	Jack Woodward	222
Martin Marvel	116	William Yale	53

MARYLAND MASONIC HOMES–WISH LIST

By Paula L. O'Neill, N.H.A., Executive Director

We have had a great response from members for donations to our 'wish list' and we thank you. Please consider a monetary donation so we may continue to provide superior care and services to Masons and their families. We need individual and Lodge support to upgrade equipment and enhance the community.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Paula O'Neill at 410-527-1111, extension 3240

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Maryland Masonic Homes relies on the Lodges to accurately inform their membership and support the efforts of Bonnie Blink. The Lodges listed below sponsor the greatest number of our Residents. We thank you for your support!

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Also we extend a hearty *thank you* to the following Lodges for inviting us to personally meet with their members and share information about the benefits available at Bonnie Blink.

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MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND

The *Masonic Charities of Maryland (MCM)* was established in 1985 by PGM C. David Haacke, to provide funding for programs that support, recognize and assist the youth of Maryland. Three signature initiatives; the *Maryland Student Assistance Program (MSAP)*, the *Scholarship Award Program*, and the *MD Child Identification Program (MD CHIP)* are ongoing efforts that directly connect Maryland Masons to our younger generation of Maryland residents. Each of these programs demonstrates the commitment of Masonry to building successful and healthy adults. Through the benevolence of Bro. William F. and Caroline Hilgenberg, through a foundation established in their name, the seed money for *Masonic Charities* was secured and has been the funding source that continues to generate the financial needs of *MCM programs*.

MCM STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In the mid-1980's, the use of alcohol and other drugs by teenagers had become a national tragedy, compromising the academic success and personal safety in high school youth. To address this threat, Masonic Charities funded the first *Student Assistance Program* training in 1986. This program brought together teams of school-based professionals—teachers, counselors, administrators, nurses, and others—to train them to identify these at-risk students and conduct interventions with the students' parents to raise their awareness of the problem in their children and offer free assessments by health care professionals to either confirm or rule out the existence of a dependency in these children. Those found to be so affected by substance use were then recommended for treatment by a certified substance use center, to restore the student to academic productivity.

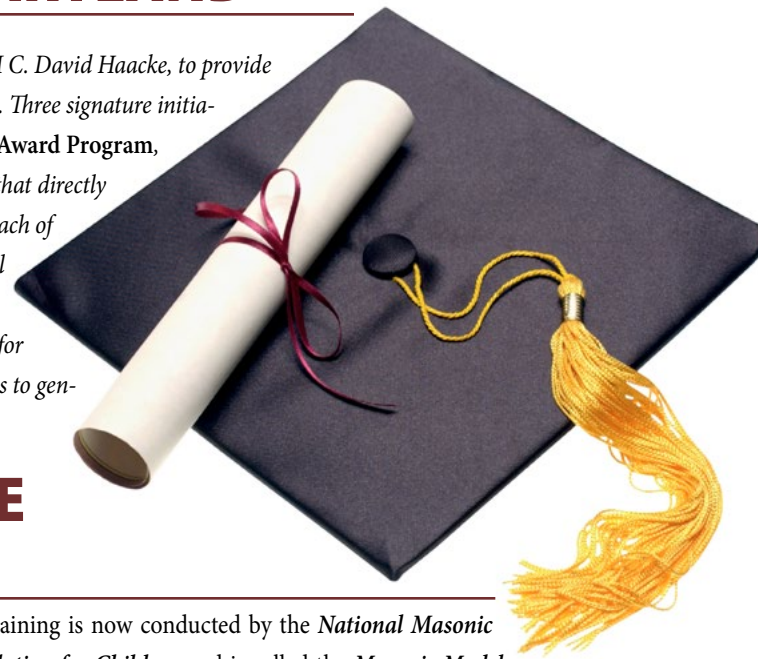
Since the inception of the *Student Assistance Program (MSAP)*, more than 35,000 students were so identified and helped. Every high school in Maryland eventually developed a Student Assistance team, dedicated to this effort. Since then, as the substance use among youth migrated to even younger children, middle schools joined the *Maryland Student Assistance Program*. More than 8,000 school personnel have now been trained in this invaluable intervention strategy. Now, teams include school resource officers, psychologists, secretaries, and many other job categories at schools.

For more than 20 years, the training focused on alcohol and other drugs and was conducted by trainers from the *Maryland Student Assistance Program Professionals Association*, a state-wide organization of MSAP members. With the emergence of other factors affecting today's youth, such as depression, bullying, violence, suicide, and other societal threats, the original MSAP training model needed to expand to include these issues.

The training is now conducted by the *National Masonic Foundation for Children* and is called the *Masonic Model Student Assistance Program*. Two 2-day trainings are now conducted each year, regionally throughout Maryland. This year, Masonic Charities has provided more than \$37,000 to fund this valuable enterprise.



Recent trainings have been held in Montgomery County (October, 2010), Cecil County (April, 2011), Talbot County (October, 2011), and Washington County (April, 2012). On August 8th and 9th, 2012, sixty-five education and health care professionals in Harford County were added to the ranks of Student Assistance providers. Today's training focuses on the developmental assets of students referred to the Student Assistance team and the range of school levels has now expanded to include elementary school students as well. ♣



MCM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

With the funding secured at the outset of MCM, students in Maryland public high schools have been the recipients of annual scholarships of \$1,000 each. Since 1986, more than \$950,000 has been awarded to these outstanding scholars. Each year, more than 500 applications are received from Lodges, from which pool; forty-eight winners are selected by the MCM Scholarship Committee. Since 2008, these students have been recognized and honored at a banquet in June at the Grand Lodge. One of these remarkable young scholars has also received an additional \$5,000 scholarship, named in honor of C. David Haacke.

This June, two of the trustees of the William F. and Caroline Hilgenberg Foundation, who continue to contribute to MCM each year, were recognized: Bro. Mahlon Hesse, who was a contemporary and co-trustee with PGM Haacke, and his nephew,

Bro. Hurst Hesse. Also recognized at the banquet was Bro. Richard Naegele, whose energetic and dedicated efforts as the MCM Scholarship Chairman contribute enormously to the success of this ongoing program each year.

This coming year, MCM will be modifying the scholarship award process to encourage more Lodges to become more involved in this program. After all, the hard work demonstrated by Lodges in disseminating scholarship materials to schools in November, collecting them in the spring, and selecting their winners from those applicants needs to be affirmed by a closer and more inclusive effort to reward Lodges for all they do. In November, all Lodges will be apprised of the new procedures to accommodate these changes. ♣



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