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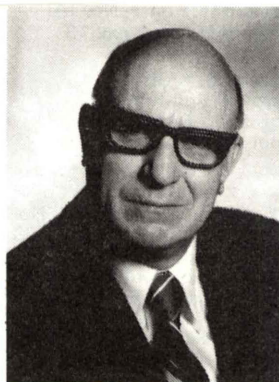
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A Message To Each Maryland Master Mason



Dear Brother Mason:
Since the May Semi-Annual Communication, I have made some 89 visitations or appearances upon invitation on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. These have been enjoyable experiences at which I was accorded every kindness and courtesy that could possibly be expected.

These visits were extremely valuable in affording me an opportunity to gain views and insights on our present and future concerns.

Masonry is faced with the problems of a new era, one quite different from that experienced by our forefathers. We are concerned about the decline in members, about a decrease in attendance at meetings, about the constantly rising costs of maintaining our Lodges, our Temples and our Charities.

Yet, I am convinced that Masonry will meet the challenge of changing times, just as it has done in the past. Strange as it may seem, in periods of national stress Masonry records its largest gains in number of members. Perhaps that grows out of an inherent desire of men to bond more closely together when danger threatens them. Conversely, such interest seems to wane in periods of peace, comfort and relative security.

There is no doubt in my mind that our Institution will persevere and that it will exert an influence for the betterment of mankind that will pale by comparison anything that has gone before.

To this end we must dedicate ourselves. And, as we go forth into a new Masonic year, I pray that Almighty God may strengthen each of us in wisdom and determination to promote the glorious cause of our time-tested fraternity of Free Masons.

Sincerely and fraternally,
William M. Koenig
Grand Master

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

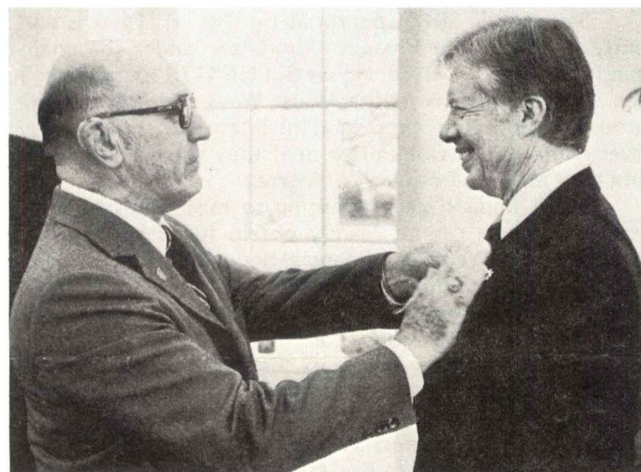
- Apr.
19 Grand Line (GL) visits Potomac No. 5, D.C., Maryland Night, 7:30 P.M.
28 GL visits Doric No. 124, Perry Hall, Fraternal visit.
- May
2 GM (Grand Master) visits order of Rainbow, Hunt Valley, Grand Assembly.
8 GL visits Union No. 60, Balto., MM^o.
9 GM visits Job's Daughters Annual Session, Ocean City.
12 GM visits Grand Council R.&S.M. Annual Assembly, Balto.
13 GM visits Grand Chapter R.A.M., Balto.
14 GM visits Grand Commandery, K.T., Balto.
14 DGM with GL visit Roelma No. 206, Sharptown, Fraternal visit.
15 GL visits Chillum Castle No. 186, Chillum, Mortgage Burning.
18 Grand Lodge Religious Service, Bonnie Blink, 3:00 P.M.
19 Grand Lodge of MD Semi-Annual Communication, Balto., 7:30 P.M.
20 GL visits Mt. Ararat No. 44, Bel Air, MM^o.
21 GM speaks at Columbia No. 58 PM Nite.
22 GL visits Mountain No. 99, Frostburg, MM^o.
26 GM visits Silver Spring No. 215, Silver Spring.
- Jun.
2 GM visits Bethel No. 47, IOJD, Installation.
3 GL visits Cornerstone No. 224, Takoma Park, Fraternal visit.
18 GM visits Seat Pleasant No. 218, District Heights. GM of DC speaks.
29 Cheverly U.M. Church, Cheverly. P.G.M. Stetler's final service.
- Jul.
22 GM speaks. National Camping Travelers, Frederick.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRAND MASTER!

At its recent sessions in Washington, D.C., our Grand Master, Bro. William M. Koenig was elected Chairman of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. The Conference consists of 64 Jurisdictions in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, representing 4½ million Masons. Visitors were present from South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. More than 700 persons including Senators, Congressmen, Governors and the Postmaster General were present at the banquet at the Shoreham Hotel.

Our Grand Master was the first Marylander ever chosen to chair the Conference and will open the next meeting in February, 1981 at Orlando, Florida. PGM William B. Stansbury, Jr., is Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference.

Bros. Koenig, Stansbury and four other officers were invited to meet with President Carter in the Oval Office of the White House during their stay in Washington.



Grand Master Koenig adorns the President's lapel with a black-eyed susan, Maryland's State Flower.

THE "130th" BAYSIDE NO. 232, A.F. & A.M.

The brothers of Shady Side, Maryland and vicinity now have a place in the community where they can meet on the third Tuesday of each month to teach, learn and practice Masonry consistent with the terms of the constitution and dedication of Bayside Lodge No. 232 administered by the Grand Line on November 27, 1979.

Witnessing the ceremony were 98 Master Masons from 28 Maryland Lodges, two D.C. Lodges and one from Ohio and Virginia.

The first line of installed and invested officers included: Norman W. Broyles as WM; John W. Ward as SW; Howard M. Reedy as JW; T. Leroy Greer as Secretary; Vincent G. Walkendifer as Treas.; Reuben W. Begeman, SD; Homer L. Sudduth, JD; Emmitt J. Kitchen, SS; John E. Smith, Jr., JS; and Paul E. Coates, Tyler.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

By now, Lodge members have been briefed on the regional workshops held at five locations during January and February, 1980. Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens and Secretaries had an opportunity on a "one-on-one" basis to hear the Grand Master's goals and objectives packaged under the theme "You and Your Lodge are Masonry".

Bro. Joe Bryan, III, No. 111 was the ramrod for these sessions which included talks by Armen Loosarian, No. 215, on plans underway by the new Committee on Masonic Education; Seymour Lipshitz, No. 224, techniques for communicating with members, the media and the community; Arthur Gosnell, No. 179, who described material available from the new Committee on Masonic Information and Research. These talks were followed by discussion groups for Worshipful Masters which Joe Bryan moderated; for Senior Wardens under the leadership of RWDGM Bernie Rothman; Secretaries consulted with RWGS Stan Uppercue, Grand Inspectors and Deputy Grand Lecturers held their discussions with Bill Clark Pres. of State Area, or Jerry Fields, Pres. of Balto. City & County Area. A general discussion period followed.

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The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, U.S.A. through its Committee on Public Relations, Seymour H. Lipshitz, Chairman, John M. Chambers, Howard E. Nalley, Charles W. Purcell, Robert G. Seibert, Harold G. Taylor and Robert E. Wisch. Technical Advisor: Bro. Henry G. Kuhn, Jr., No. 179.

It serves as a medium of keeping the Craft informed of pertinent activities of Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges. It also serves as a vehicle for encouraging and guiding subordinate Lodges to share with the press, community, family and friends those events, activities and personalities which exemplify the purposes and objectives of Masonry.

News items, suggestions, questions are welcome. Mail to:

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Regional Workshops (Continued)

In fine, we should see vigorous Youth programs; improved and active community relations; greater emphasis on Masonic education for the brothers and for Lodge management; improved programing, attendance and membership.

TAX EXEMPT CONTRIBUTIONS TO MASONIC LODGES

There are two bills currently in Congressional Committee which allow tax exempt contributions to Masonic Lodges and other fraternal organizations who qualify under tax category 501C10.

Senate Bill S616 sponsored by Sen. R. Dole is currently in the Senate Finance Committee under the chairmanship of Sen. H. Byrd. House Bill HR4175 sponsored by Rep. John Durean is in the House Ways and Means Committee. Without our expression of interest these bills may never come out of Committee or if they should come to a vote they may die from lack of interest.

Some Lodges are attempting to raise funds to build Temples. Others cannot readily obtain funds to maintain their buildings. We need a financial boost by letting us compete for tax deductible contributions and thus providing a fiscally sound fraternity which will enable us to enhance the appearance of our community, promote better relationships with our neighbors, help our youth and provide a base for the betterment of mankind.

Send a letter to your Congressmen in support of this legislation. This is a short year and time is of the essence. (Thanks to WM Jim Rowley, Pentalpha No. 194).

1979 GRAND LODGE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDING 193rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION November 19, 1979

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

• Grand Line

MW Grand Master
William M. Koenig, No. 210
RW Deputy Grand Master
Bernard E. Rothman, No. 224
RW Senior Grand Warden
L. Bernard Worrell, No. 123
RW Junior Grand Warden
Norman W. Gaither, No. 191
RW Grand Secretary
Stanley R. Uppercue, No. 109
RW Grand Treasurer
Meredith S. Young, No. 163
W. Grand Chaplain
George W. Pferdeort, No. 70
W. Grand Marshal
Richard A. Ortt, Sr., No. 124
W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gary R. Fuhrman, No. 143

W. Junior Grand Deacon
William A. Watts, No. 213
W. Senior Grand Steward
Wm. C. Herchenrother, No. 84
W. Junior Grand Steward
David M. Brown, No. 108
W. Grand Standard Bearer
John M. Smith, Jr., No. 88
W. Grand Sword Bearer
Kenneth A. Robertson, No. 131
W. Grand Pursuivant
John D. Leroy, Jr., No. 223
W. Grand Director of Ceremonies
Herbert W. Findeisen, Jr., No. 182
W. Grand Tyler
Charles L. Hayes, No. 97
W. Grand Lecturer
Moses Appel, No. 25

Grand Organist
Edward C. O'Dell, No. 210

IN MEMORIAM: Among the 1,083 Brothers who have laid aside their working tools over the past 12 months were:

- Bro. Reginald Abercrombie, No. 109, RWPSGW & Mbr./Chmn. of Comte on Examination in the Law.
- Bro. Henry T. Converse, No. 188, RWPSGW.
- Bro. J. Irvin Martin, No. 157, RWPJGW.
- Bro. Elias W. Nuttle, No. 128 RWGnand Treas. & Mbr. Bd. of Mgrs.
- Bro. Charles F. Stein, Jr., Chmn., Comte on Masonic History.

BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM: Great job by Bro. Edgar G. Dodd, No. 146, Chmn. of Blood Donor Comte. and assistants Harry Mumma and Milton VanNewkirk as well as donors Wm. Stuart Hommerbocker, Jr., No. 182 and James C. Busick, No. 184 (Five Gallons); Howard Collison, No. 152 (Seven Gallons); Michael Miller, No. 204 (Eight Gallons); and Herman Needel, No. 34 (Ten Gallons).

HOSPITAL VISITATION PROGRAM: Renewed efforts on program reported in October issue of Masonic Service Association publication. As result of Meeting of M.S.A. field Agent, Bro. Joseph Judd with Grand Master, program is being revitalized. Program involves assisting VA Hospital patients at Sunday morning Chapel

services. Perry Point VA Hospital supported by brothers of Mt. Ararat No. 44, Union No. 48, Harmony No. 53, Susquehanna No. 130, Stephenson No. 135 and Aberdeen No. 187. Baltimore VA Medical Center support being spearheaded by Bro. Edward Fontz, No. 101. Will include brothers of Howard No. 101, Patapsco No. 183, Jephthah No. 222 and Mt. Nebo No. 229. "What a group! What a great job they do!" exclaims Bro. Judd.

GRAND LODGE HISTORY: Twenty-five year history (1950-1975) now available including synopsis of the bicentennial year. Send remittance to The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Maryland, Masonic Temple, 225 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, Attention: Mrs. Jane Phillips. Single copy, \$25.00; 2 to 5 copies, \$23.00 for each; 6 or more copies, \$21.00 for each. Note: 1978 Proceedings available at \$10.00 a copy.

RITUAL: Good ritualistic work is a beauty to behold! This is realized only through rehearsals and the diligent efforts of officers supported by the Corps of Deputy Grand Lecturers under the leadership of our Grand Lecturer, Moses Appel assisted by his Deputy G.L. at-Large, Edward B. Kraft. The Grand Lodge Summer Schools of Instruction held in Baltimore and on the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland during July and August were again extremely popular and informative this year. Consider that 165 brothers received perfect or regular attendance certificates. Award were given in recognition of the following brothers for exceptional attendance records of perfect/regular attendance:

- 45 years
G. Herbert Muhr, No. 110
- 20 years
Earle L. Peddicord, No. 89
Kenneth C. Carr, No. 213
- 10 years
Henry Funk, Jr., No. 222
Charles L. Hayes, No. 97
Latimer M. Jones, No. 176
Ensio Lahdelma, No. 222
- 25 years
Francis B. Byers, No. 213
- 15 years
Edward W. Fontz, No. 101
Richard H. Uren, No. 13
- Edward B. Kraft, No. 189
Leroy E. Smith, No. 186
Harold G. Taylor, No. 188
Louis L. Werner, No. 108

In addition, thirteen 5 year awards were given. During opening ceremonies of the School, our Grand Master presented the Collar and Apron of a Deputy Grand Lecturer to G. Herbert Muhr, No. 110, Earle L. Peddicord, Sr., No. 89 and Louis L. Werner, No. 108 for their continuing efforts on Grand Lodge ritual operations. Bro. Morton Karpa, No. 108, the man with the mobile mike was also singled out for his ability to be where the action is. The school will sadly miss but never forget our perennial candidate Benjamin S. Hall, No. 213 who alternated with Bro. Louis Ege on ritual exemplifications. Other highlights included exemplification of the MM degree by our faithful Past Masters at one of the Summer sessions; delighted and honored by visit of English Brothers D. A. Wright, The St. Anthony's Lodge No. 4423, who is Past Provincial Grand Registrar, Northumberland; and J. R. Morton, Heabrym Lodge No. 7201, who is Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, Durham ... please visit us again.

AMENDMENTS TO GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION:

- ADOPTED — Revision of Grand Lodge Constitution. Effective now.
- NOT ADOPTED — Changing day and time of Annual and Semi-Annual Communication of Grand Lodge from third Monday to third Tuesday, with provision for a second day's session at the Annual Communication.

EDICT: Edict read to the effect "That the granting of Life Memberships by Subordinate Lodges is permissible, upon adoption of a revision of the Lodge By-Laws, to be approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on By-Laws, incorporating the following provisions. ..." (Note: This Edict in its entirety has been forwarded to all Subordinate Lodges.

YOUTH, MANHOOD AND AGE: "Youth Day", celebrated on June 23, 1979, at Bonnie Blink, site of our Masonic Homes, was a delightful occasion for both young and old. Attended by 284 members of De-Molays, Jobs' Daughters, Rainbow Girls and adult advisors, this was first of what may be an annual event. Lively games ... refreshments ... laughter ... cheering ... sounds of youth ... brought smiles and pleasure to the Guests of the Homes.

Here was represented our most critical concerns — Youth & Age; Hope for the Future ... reverence and care for the Past. Support to both are vital.

For the Youth, every Lodge should develop a program. Where one is not already in practice, to work with a youth organization or the young people at large in the community, to assist them without dictating to them, and to lead them in the lessons of becoming Brothers and Sisters to all persons.

For the Aged, support for the Endowment Fund and activities at Bonnie Blink. Take Chillum Castle Lodge No. 186 with a membership of 361, they have in nine months added 29 new Life memberships of \$100 each and 11 pledges; \$225 was given in memorial contributions for a total of \$4,225 ... can you beat that? Other support ... sponsoring religious services, entertainment, projects like Plymouth Lodge No. 41 ... Valentine Day presents for Guests.

Great job done by Mrs. Wilma L. Stone, Homes Administrator and Asst., Bro. James A. Hotchkiss, Jr.; Rev. Current, Chaplain; attending physician, Dr. Walter E. Karfgin; and other staff & maintenance people. Note new Activities Director — Cindy Pyle.

Photos taken at Bonnie Blink during "Youth Day" are on the last page.

CORN HUSKING AND HARVEST HOME DAY: They came from everywhere, all 6,447, to see what Harvey Hopkins assisted by Howard Collison, Wilbur Penley and 31 other members of the committee, had wrought. Fantastic eats ... weather ... many distinguished guests ... PGMs Moyer & Jacobs of D.C., S.G.I.G. Donaldson ... Pot. Dr. Jack Charlton of Boumi Temple ... Willie Phillips, G.H.P., R.A.C., John Smith, Supreme Tall Cedar ... Sen. Mathias. Prizes went to following winner and follow-up lodges — For members present: Glen Burnie 213, Patapsco 183; Longest distance traveled: Oakland 192, Hiram 103; Largest percentage of members present: Charity 134, Monocacy 203. The next issue of The Freestate Freemason will include pictures taken during this event.

LODGE NOTES 1979

ALLEGANY COUNTY

• MOUNTAIN No. 99 (WM Allen D. Shirk). New Masonic Temple dedicated on Oct. 13, 79 by Grand Line ... located on Old Midlothian Road, Frostburg. Speakers included GM William M. Koenig; RWDGM Bernard E. Rothman; PM & former Senator J. Glenn Beall; and WM Shirk. Follwed by house warming with neighborhood families in attendance. All costs of building Temple paid by 100% contributions. Same evening Annual Ladies Nite held commemorating 125th anniversary. GM & Grand Line with ladies

present. Divine worship services next morning at Frostburg United Methodist Church . . . RWDGC John Bailey Jones in charge of service.

● **EAST GATE No. 216** (WM Paul G. Shircliff). Great doings in according George H. Knotts with an honorary membership in recognizing his service of 15 years as Deputy Grand Lecturer to the lodge. The article and picture appearing in "The Cumberland News" was super. George also served as Grand Inspector for two years.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

● **ANNAPOLIS No. 89** (WM Bennie G. Owens). Community, family, youth . . . programs slanted in all directions. Excellent coverage by local press (Evening Capital) featuring — pictures of officers; presentation of second installment of lodge's \$2,500 pledge to Carl J. Schindelar for Anne Arundel General Hospital Expansion Fund; story & picture of presentation by Bro. Edward G. Gentner of a section of stone removed from the U.S. Capitol Building. Stone released by Capitol Architect, George M. White to Bro. Gentner who sawed section from original stone. It was Bro. George Washington's request that any stones removed from the building be given to Masonic Lodges or colleges requesting them. Same program included slide presentation by Bro. Bill Stover on Masonic Bicentennial program at Civic Center in 1976. Other interesting programs with talks on "Masonry and the Irish"; "European Masonry and Aprons" given by Bro. George Willman. Visit made to Annapolis Chapter, OES; "Family Night" with OES, Jobies, DeMolays present. Scottish Rite Night featuring as speaker Bro. John W. Donaldson, S.G.I.G. of Maryland; Bro. George Stevens, G.H.P. of Grand Chapter, R.A.C. of Virginia was guest speaker at another occasion. To all of this, add a bang-up Past Masters' Night with our MWGM, William M. Koenig, and the Grand Line with honors to Bro. D. Ross Vansant, Jr., dean of PMs with 62 years of service — all recorded in a newspaper article. No small wonder when Bennie Owens says that "Masonry is truly on the move in Annapolis". Interesting article forwarded by Jim Jackson, Secty., about research conducted by Charlotte Fletcher, St. John's College librarian revealing that college name represented high regard of Maryland legislators for work of George Washington, naming the college for the Feast of (St. John) the Evangelist, the day that legislation was enacted. Great picture of newly elected WM, Thomas J. Mortimer who retired from the Naval institute. In all, a full and satisfying year for Bennie.

● **GLEN BURNIE No. 213** (WM Daniel G. Rehmer). Would you believe this lodge held six communications in May and June! It's not all work though — they have shared Religious Services with Odenton No. 209 at Bonnie Blink . . . enjoyed a trip to Pitman, N.J.; presented a Carl Claudy play, "A Rose on the Altar" . . . Joined with members and their families for Religious Services. Not very often Grand Lodge awards "Certificate of Merit" — Danny J. Riggin, J. W. and George Tyzack, Jr. received theirs at Semi-Annual Communication in recognition of CPR technique in reviving Tyler William Loudenslager during Jobie program for Masons and wives in March. Plans being made to train others . . . Grand Master presented 50 Year Emblem to Bro. Milton C. Brundige, Jr. during Grand Line visit. Bro. Frank C. Gunderloy will receive his from California lodge near his home in Thousand Oaks. Terrific turn-out of members, families, youth, collateral bodies at open house . . . 150 strong . . . togetherness . . . at least 50 ladies . . . found out what Masonry is all about at Education & Fellowship Nite. P.S. Lodge needs 1928 Bonnie Blink Penny to complete collection . . . contact Lee Payne at 301-789-4163 if you'd care to donate one. Tall Cedars degree team conferred MM Degree as did PMs on another occasion. Held Ladies Night, Old Timers Night, Saturday Special Dinner, Christmas Party. Looks like there was something for every one. Not least of activity is community involvement demonstrated by picture taken during tour of North Arundel Hospital when \$3,000 was presented to Alfred J. Bryan, Jr., Hospital Executive Director.



Shown Left to Right: W.C. Stallings; Harold W. Riecke; Dan Rehmer (WM); Alfred J. Bryan; Ben Hall, and Ken Carr. Bros. Riecke and Hall have since passed away.

● **BAYSIDE No. 232** (WM Norman W. Broyles). The big day finally arrived for our newest Maryland lodge. Truly a memorable event marked with a distinguished gathering of well wishers to witness the rare ceremony of constitution and dedication by the Grand Master and Grand Line. Mt. Hermon Lodge presented a set of Altar Jewels; Abe Ziegler presented a check for \$33 to the Grand Master for the Bonnie Blink Christmas Fund; M. Berkley Fussell presented a 24" gage to the GM and walnut gavels to the officers of the lodge. PM Fussell a member of Centennial No. 174 was presented a certificate of honorary membership for his service to Bayside Lodge while under dispensation. Speakers included guests Ernie Mallette, Emil Walke, RWDGM Rothman and Bill Broyles, the WM's brother, S.W. of Mt. Vernon No. 219, Alexandria, Va. GM William M. Koenig noted in closing remarks that this was the first such occasion since Oxon Hill No. 230 was constituted in 1968. Lots of luck Bayside!

BALTIMORE CITY. Come on down! Organize carpools! Availability of convenient parking facilities, excellent lighting, security and upgrading of area in vicinity of Temple providers opportunity to enjoy your Lodge and Grand Lodge Temple.

● **UNION No. 60** (WM James T. Hill, Jr.) Friends and relatives shared in the pleasure of seeing Bro. Edward J. Wohnra, D.D.S. receive his 60 year service emblem from his son-in-law, G.I. John J. Drsata and PGM John R. Fogle. Members of Corinthian No. 93 of which Bro. Wohnra is an honorary member were also present including Bro. Leo Scharfe their oldest living P.M. (1923). He and Bro. Wohnra have known each other for over 70 years and had been instructed at Polytechnic Institute by PGM Warren S. Seipp. In all a delightful and memorable evening.

● **KING DAVID's No. 68** (WM Stanley M. Loewner). Bro. Harold E. House, Secy., reports on Bro. Ferdinand Pross, Jr. who received his 60 year service emblem from G.I. Arnold Jacobs accompanied by Stanley A. Dolle and John E. Blizzard, P.M.'s Bro. Pross, a vigorous 86 lives at the National Lutheran Home at 18th & Douglas Sts., in Northeast Washington. He serves on the Homes Building Committee and keeps Masonry a cherished association among his Masonic friends.

● **ADHERENCE No. 88** (WM Paul M. Twele). Bro. Bill Price, P.M. reported on what must have been a memorable installation for the brethren when the MWGM William M. Koenig was present for the proceedings.

● **CENTRE No. 108** (WM Herbert J. Rubenstein). One of highlights reported was visit by Grand Line of Maryland and Delaware (except for GM) when Square Shield Club of Delaware consisting of Police and Fire personnel in dress uniform exemplified MMO.

● **PYTHAGORAS No. 123** (WM Robert P. Wolff). Presentation of a 60 year service emblem by Grand Master William M. Koenig was a truly heart-warming occasion. The presentation was made to Bro. John D. Harthausen in the presence of his family. G.I. Roy H. Hansen presented to Bro. Harthausen a copy of the newspaper issued on the date he was raised, September 25, 1919. Lodge Secretary Bernie Worrell presented a specially inscribed coffee cup. Bro. Jim Heeter took the picture shown here. WM Wolff had only one regret — that Bros. Arthur F. Sorg and Stanley E. Morris who were raised with Bro. Harthausen were unable to be present to receive their 60 year emblems.



Shown in the picture are Left to Right Bottom Bro. Harthausen and wife, Augusta, Rear, Bob Terry, son-in-law; Ellen, daughter; RWDGM Rothman, GM Koenig; G. I. Hansen; and daughter Dorothy Riley.

● **MT. VERNON No. 151** (WM Louis H. Brecht, III). Appreciate clipping sent by Charlie Koester, Secty., on items appearing in the Parkville Reporter on the Harvest Home Day at Bonnie Blink. Hope to see many more items on Masonic events held at your lodge too.

● **GERMANIA No. 160** (WM Carl S. Wagenfehrer). PM Frederick Lehmeyer sat in East in 1929, is Treasurer Emeritus and has had a hand in raising every candidate during the past 50 years. One of Germania's greatly revered brothers!

● **JOHN H. B. LATROBE No. 165** (WM John L. Shriver). Had a banner year in honoring brothers for Masonic service. Service emblems for 60 years were due to Henry I. Bittorf, Joseph E. Chaffman, J. Morris Betz, August J. Nuessle and George Seaton. For 50 years service were Thomas E. Benson, George B. Woessner, Jessie T. Shipley and Admiral D. Montley. Something about the Lodge that's promoting longevity! A bus trip to St. Cecile's Lodge (Actors' Guild) at New York is on the Trestleboard in the Spring of 1980. Anyone interested? Write Thomas C. Snyder, 1321 Providence Rd., Towson, MD 21204 or call 301-296-3880.

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

● **CENTENNIAL No. 174** (WM Carl W. Todd). Lodge proud of Sheila M. Bryan, Bethel No. 145 IOJD . . . National Solo Drum Champion (snare and tenor) . . . first girl ever . . . youngest ever (14 years old) . . . congrats to Dad, S.W. Christopher Bryan.

● **MT. HERMON No. 179** (WM Arthur O. McMillan). Interesting programs, recognitions and Youth activities highlighted year . . . Reunion Nite for members with 5-10-15-20 years service honored in presence of GM Koenig and Grand Line. Annual Old Timers Nite saw 31 new 25 year members . . . talk by PGM of D.C. Morris F. Hewitt. PM Nite with talk by Robert C. Coe, PM John Blair Lodge, VA. Millard T. Charlton, Alfred R. Keir, Sr. & Wm. D. Bormuth received 50 year service emblems during year by GI Jack Borenstein assisted by WM. Bro. Fred & Dorothy Cogswell elected Wor. Patron & Wor. Matron of Ruth Chapter 7, OES. Harry S. Shipp elected to Board of Trustees of Grand Lodge. Terrific support to Bethel 4 IOJD . . . charity projects, dinners etc. George Fleming Moore DeMolay Chapter being boosted . . . Car Wash, etc.

● **CHILLUM CASTLE** No. 186 (W.M. James E. Jenkins). One of year's highlights is celebration of 89th Birthday with Grand Master & Grand Line present . . . GM Shryock granted dispensation in 1890 to organize lodge in "Eureka" as area then known . . . first meeting in Eureka Grange Hall. Chalk one up for No. 186 . . . Chmn. Ed Brueckmann of Comte on Masonic Homes Endowment advised that 186 leads all other Lodges in "One Hundred Club"! MM Degree conferred by PMs of Pr. Geo. Forest 139, TCL, in costume . . . Dinner by Bethel 43 who celebrated 25th Anniversary. Annual Joint Religious Services with West Gate 220 and York 225 . . . PGM Stetler served as Minister. Wardens of District 9 conferred MM Degree on Bro. Wm. L. Singer, Jr. of 186. Held Colts' Nite with Mike Beck in the East. Wound up year with great Annual Christmas Party.

● **BIRMINGHAM** No. 188 (WM Frederick H. Detmers). Several highlights . . . Bro. Guy M. Roby presented 50 year service emblem by GI William Clark in presence of friends and relatives along with members of 188, OES 26, Jobies and DeMolay . . . over 100 witnessed presentation. Held "Flag Day" and "Rededication as American" Program with OES 26, Jobies and DeMolay present . . . guest speaker was Arthur Gosnell with short talk on Masonic relations with Flag Day & Americans . . . 95 present to thoroughly enjoy program. Proud of Jack Borenstein appointment as G.I.

● **WEST GATE** No. 220 (WM Clayton C. Werner). Great little lodge exemplifying Maryland fellowship on entering or leaving Maryland for D.C. Featured four Pot Luck Suppers with wives prior to meetings . . . special programs for wives on Flower Arrangement (Elvin Sutphin) and Cake Decorating (Mrs. Robin Hickman). Entertained York Lodge No. 225 with Arthur Gosnell as speaker. Family Nite . . . guests included Bethel No. 10, IOJD, Prince Georges Forest Cedarettes . . . 25 year members honored. Proud of PM Willie Phillips installed as G.H.P. of R.A.C. of MD . . . also appointed earlier as G.I. Past Masters' Nite was gala occasion . . . GM and Grand Line present . . . also PGM Stetler . . . honored also was Dick Williams who served as Tyler for West Gate and other bodies total of 107 times . . . really appreciated fishing gear presented to him. All had opportunity to admire West Gate's Altar and other equipment . . . workmanship and material unbelievable. Wound up year with Christmas Party. Collected over \$200 for Christmas Fund for Bonnie Blink guests.

● **YORK** No. 225 (WM Randolph H. Duff). Programs included honors to Tyler John H. Gough with song, music & refreshment . . . promoted Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance . . . Burt Leffingwell honored for 25 years as Secretary. Panel discussion held on Masonic subjects . . . Bill Clark, John David and Tom Heinze fielded questions. PM Jack Workman honored on departure from area . . . revered instructor in all degrees. Recipients of 50 year service emblem during year were Richmond T. Zock and Woodford D. Patton who mentioned how Masonry influenced his life from time he lived in a Masonic orphanage as a school boy until now. G.I. Ray M. Thompson did the honors. PGM Roy Stetler guest speaker recounting his career in Masonry . . . interesting & informative.

● **CAMP SPRINGS** No. 227 (WM George R. Callahan, Jr.). Flourishing youth program . . . superb support to Bethel No. 41, IOJD and DeMolay Chapter and vice versa. Close tie-in with other bodies . . . Pr. Geo. Forest No. 139, TCL . . . York Rite Bodies, OES. Visited by Supreme Tall Cedar of N.A., Bro. John M. Smith, Jr. Congrats to Rudy Fonseca, Worthy Patron local OES. Held Table Lodge handled by Francis Stauffer, Pres. of Andrews Chapter, National Sojourners . . . guests included WMs Al Dreschsler, No. 231, LaVon Lynn, Potomac No. 5, D.C., Jason Snyder, Alex. Wash. Lodge No. 22, VA. Held Charter Member & Awards Nite, Annual Picnic, Joint Religious Services with Oxon Hill No. 231, Colts' Nite, Visits to Prince Frederick No. 142, Oxon Hill No. 231, and Seat Pleasant No. 218. Congrats to Art Grimes elected Grant TC of So. MD Forest No. 159. Keep an eye out for Camp Spring Players putting on Masonic plays.

● **OXON HILL** No. 231 (WM Albert H. Drechsler). Flea Market planned at new Lodge site for May 17th, 1980 . . . Vendor space \$10 . . . food concessions by Lodge members . . . call Harry Allison for space (301-292-5656). Southern MD Stuffed Ham & Oyster Dinner . . . Canterbury School, Accokeek, MD . . . October 25th, 1980 . . . Call Al Drechsler for tickets (301-567-3239).

SOMERSET COUNTY

● **MANOKIN** No. 106 (WM Earl G. Warwick, Jr.). Terrific press clipping from MARYLANDER AND HERALD sent in by Harvey Hopkins with Lodge officers' picture and short article on the essentials of Masonry.

TALBOT COUNTY

● **GRANITE** No. 177 (WM E. Hope Harrison). Particularly fine occasion of visit by GM Koenig and Grand Line who conferred MM Degree on Donald F. Etherton. Chefs were delighted with frequent and multiple servings of oyster stew, oysters on half shell and crab soup.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

● **FRIENDSHIP** No. 84 (WM Donald R. Johnston). Model of planning, programing and execution! Features included Annual PM Meeting & Dinner; Grand Lodge Visitation during which Lodge put on FC Degree . . . earned approbation of Grand Master . . . who also presented 50 year service emblem to PM A. K. McGraw in presence of 16 PMs at Altar with WM and GI Tom W. Roane . . . 150 years of Masonic service among Bros. McGraw, Hixon & Porterfield . . . WMs of Salem, Hagerstown & Bowers Lodges also present. Great Easter Program with performances by Bethel No. 26, IOJD and DeMolays . . . Masonic choir conducted by Bill Fritz. Summer activities- Strawberry Nite, Annual Picnic, Presentation by GI Tom Roane of 60 year service emblem to Carl R. Fritz and 50 year emblems to Charles V. Routzan and Francis H. Cost; raising of seven brothers

after country style breakfast on a Saturday morning. Held Friendship Nite, Ladies invited . . . Entertainment & Banquet. Then there was Grand Lodge Visitation jointly hosted by No. 84 and Hagerstown No. 217 . . . banquet . . . then EA Degree. Wives & widows attended St. John's Nite with dinner then religious services. Year wound up with Annual Christmas Gathering . . . carols . . . awards.

● **MEDAIRY** No. 140 (WM Clyde F. Ebersole). With presentations of service emblems by GI James P. Showers to George B. Downey, age 95 with 60 years service, and John F. Unger for 50 years service, brought recollections of Bro. Harry G. Kaplan who prior to his passing had coached in the catechism all the seven 60 year veterans and 28 of the 30 fifty year members. These coaching sessions took place in the tailor shop in the rear of Harry's clothing store. Bro. Unger recalls Bro. Harry sewing away and uncannily, almost correcting mistakes before they were made. Harry's two sons are both PMs, Melvin I. Kaplan is now serving as Secretary. Other events during the year included an Annual Ladies Nite with entertainment and banquet for wives & widows; and its annual Strawberry festival attended by many Master Masons from County Lodges and neighboring jurisdictions.

WICOMICO COUNTY

● **WICOMICO** No. 91 (WM Larry D. Whitten). Clyde C. Hill reports on an unusual and pleasant event with the visit by GM William M. Koenig and the Grand Line. After dinner served by the Eastern Starr, MM Degree was conferred by Grand Line on twin brothers, Sampson G. and Carl E. Vincent, just 21 years of age and former Master Councilors in local DeMolay Chapter.

● **ROELMA** No. 206 (WM Ralph H. Cordrey). Highlight of year was Annual Charter Nite, 72nd Anniversary . . . Grand Line came by boat for Charter ceremony . . . Lodge name derives from first two letters of names of three prominent families . . . Robinson, Elvey and Marine. Meal served was same as on initial charter night — Fried fish, baked ham, potato salad, turnip greens, stewed tomatoes, corn bread, pie and coffee . . . 150 masons served by OES. PGMs Fogle and Middleton were present as was PGM Paul E. Ellis of Delaware and RWJGW Roy T. David, Judge of Court of Common Pleas. MW Bro. Ellis spoke to audience representing Masonry from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland, on his Masonic adventures in England and Scotland . . . Bro. John Phillips was Program Chairman. Other programs during year featured Chicken & Dumpling dinners by OES . . . one included families and friends. Worship services held at Bro. & Rev. Edward Glidden's church and service with OES. This is third time Bro. Cordrey has served as WM.

● **TYRIAN** No. 205 (WM LeRoy M. Miller). All out effort to increase attendance . . . one meeting 25%, average 12.4%. Programs included Ladies Nite . . . Strawberry Nite . . . Annual Family Picnic . . . Very impressive and moving MM Degree with Bro. Harry Hahn raising his Son, Harry, Jr. PM Degree & banquet.

HARFORD COUNTY

● **MT. ARARAT** No. 44 (WM Larry E. Rouzer). Did you know that when originally chartered, Mt. Ararat Lodge was a "Moon Lodge"? Meetings were held the Thursday on or preceeding the full moon. Great youth activities . . . Son of Don Knode installed as Master Councilor, Harford Chapter of DeMolay. Bethel 35, IOJD keep busy with paper drives, etc.

● **STEPHENSON** No. 135 (WM Robert V. Edwards). One hundred and two brothers (largest attendance in 30 years) attended event when GM Koenig and Grand Line conferred MM Degree on Hudson J. Clendaniel. Grand Line was last invited 132 years ago. Congratulations to Chester P. Holloway & Dewey W. Schermerhorn who received 50 year service emblems. Lodge lacks 1930 and 1937 Corn Husking pennies . . . would anyone care to donate/negotiate? Write or call Carl A. Stearn, 1028 Prospect Mill Rd., Bel Air, MD 21014, phone 301-838-6182. Thanks for items, Carl.

● Did you know that out of the 64 boys and girls from the 1947 graduating class, three became Worshipful Masters? These were David B. Price and Robert L. Wood of SUSQUEHANNA No. 130 and Charles E. Zeigler of ABERDEEN No. 187 (P.S. None of these were girls).

HOWARD COUNTY

● **PATMOS** No. 70 (WM S. Brent Morris). Programs during year were real Masonic treats . . . started with Arthur L. Gosnell's talk on "Exposures of Masonic Memorial. Strawberry Nite with Christian H. Reichenbecker receiving 50 year service emblem; & talk by David S. Nagle, PM Zeredatha Lodge No. 451, York, PA on "Completely Unrelated Trivia Explained" — amusing and unusual aspects of Freemasonry. Visitation made to sister lodge, Patmos No. 348, Hanover, PA. Hosted daughter lodge, Palestine No. 189 — speaker was MWPGM of D.C. Marvin E. Fowler on "Allied Bodies of Freemasonry . . . Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, etc. MWPGM J. Thomas Middleton received Bro. Fowler for our MWGM. Hosted Robert White and Equality Lodges of Martinsburg, W. Va. and Washington, Waverly and Germania Lodges of Baltimore at a "Grand Reunion & Pic Nic". This last reunion was hosted by W. Va. lodges in 1879, one hundred years ago. Grand Officers of York Rite of Maryland visited to discuss history and legends of the Rite. Held first Table Lodge in Maryland — MWGM attended. PM Nite featured "Dinner Theatre" — food by OES, then play "A Rose Upon The Altar" by Scottish Rite Players under direction of William Wheeler. Sponsored "Howard County Masons Night", a first, including Howard & Solomons Lodges. Speaker was Stewart M. L. Pollard, Exec. Secy. of Masonic Service Assn. speaking on anecdotes under heading of "Tied to Masonic Apron Strings".

● **SOLOMON'S** No. 121 (WM Daniel F. Somma). Not soon to be forgotten is night when PMs conferred MM Degree on Nimrod Davis, Jr. Must have been high power performance — lights blew and most of degree was done in candlelight. Special feature of evening

was presentation of Honorary Membership Certificate to LeRoy E. Smith, RWSGW and DGL. Present at ceremony was RWDGM Bernard E. Rothman.

KENT COUNTY

● CHESTER No. 115 (WM J. Galen Potts). Played impressive part in community affairs by laying cornerstone at dedication of new firehouse at invitation of Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company. Held PM Nite . . . PMs raised Bro. Carlton G. Edwards. Ceremony of Dedication very dramatic . . . presented by PMs Pratt Vansant and Hope Raleigh and Bro. Jack Kieffer . . . organized by S.W. Jesse Cunningham. Lodges should check this program out. WM and GI Ebe Pope presented 70 year service emblem to Clinton C. Jones at Seaford, DE. MWPGM James H. Hutchins of Delaware who organized Delaware Lodge of Research, spoke on Colonial Masonry. Great! Slipping into 1980, Delaware Square & Shield Degree team consisting of Delaware State and Local Police and Firemen exemplified MM Degree.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

● PENTALPHA No. 194 (WM Robert D. McCutcheon II). Keeping the basics strong. Supporting the youth . . . Joined with Montgomery No. 195 in conducting religious services at Bonnie Blink . . . honoring the leaders at Past Masters' Nite.

● MONTGOMERY No. 195 (WM Charles A. Black). Valiant effort to promote attendance and family spirit! Events included movies, speakers including WJGD James M. Burns, of DC . . . program by Montgomery Forest No. 134, TCL . . . programs by Youth — Bethel No. 33, IOJD & Bethel No. 56 Drill Team performance . . . Ladies Nite . . . Past Masters' Nite. Joined Pentalpha No. 194 for religious services at Bonnie Blink.

● KENSINGTON No. 198 (WM William K. Parsons). Active youth program with three IOJB Bethels and a DeMolay Chapter. Dinners and dances cementing family participation. PM Nite featuring their proficiency in conferring MM Degrees. Talk by PGM Edward R. Saunders on "Landmarks of Freemasonry". PGM Saunders also instrumental in outstanding program attended by the Grand Line, PGMs and Bro. John W. Donaldson, S.G.I.G. of Maryland, AASR who presented large portrait oil painting of the legendary PGM Thomas J. Shryock. GM Koenig, PGM Saunders and other distinguished brethren added color and substance to this most unusual Mason. Fifty year service emblems were presented to Bro. Leroy M. Allison who was also presented with a birthday cake by PGM Saunders. As a courtesy to Hagerstown No. 217, GI Seymour H. Lipshitz also presented a 50 year emblem to Roland M. Gaver at his home. The WM and several brothers were present at the time.

● BETHESDA No. 204 (WM Ralph J. Peterson). Fellowship and warmth promoted through dinner preceeding meetings . . . short talks on Cathedral Architecture; Flag Day talk by knowledgeable Bro. Cyril H. York . . . PM Nite with PMs conferring MM Degree on Harry M. Lewis followed by film on picnic 20 years ago. Appreciation for generosity of Charles A. Bloodgood, Jr., who presented Lodge with Bogen 500-watt amplifier on departure to California. Bro. Charles, Sr. living in Florida. Had great experience locating Spanish speaking Brother in D.C. to examine and welcome PM of Nicaragua Lodge . . . The Universality of Masonry at work! Received word that Dr. & Bro. Joseph A. Baird received rank and decoration of 33°. Congratulations!

● SILVER SPRING No. 215 (WM Robert M. Thomson). Highlights of year summed up by WM — Grand Lodge Line visitation; PM Nite attended by 21 PMs . . . a sight to behold! 50 year service emblems presented to Frank Gunther and Marion Fox by GI R. Lawrence Stephens in presence of wives . . . a truly warm experience! Quota of blood made thanks to Robert A. Bergmann who somehow managed donations of 33 pints in one day! Also, several dinner meetings, well-informed speakers such as PGM Kenyon of D.C., at PM Nite; Arthur Gosnell and Steward Pollard (Ex Secty. of MSA) at Masonic Info. Nite; William A. Brown; Librarian-Historian of George Washington Memorial. Sponsored bus to Harvest Home Day — good turnout. WM son Mark served concurrently as Master Councilor, DeMolay Chapter.

● CORNERSTONE No. 224 (WM Blair Lewis). Variety of programs using members as speakers; recognition events; family participation. Speakers' subjects included: George Washington (Burt Boroff); "How to Obtain a Patent" (Allen Curtis); "Masonic Education" (Marty Burstein). Mr. Dino Burgioni from C.I.A. spoke on "Evolution of Aerial Photography Intelligence" to members, wives and guests including PGM Roy Stetler and PGC Gene Richardson & wives. Grand Lecturer Carl LeVine of D.C. talked about differences between MD & D.C. ritual. Terrific Anniversary Nite . . . GM Koenig and G.L. . . . 25 year pins presented . . . barbershop quartet . . . then . . . topped off with strawberries and ice cream. Dave Levin honored as Mason of The Year Award for tremendous work on Sick Committee . . . Ms Celia R. Sirkin, Univ. of MD, danced Arabic, African, Israeli and Romanian dances . . . followed by refreshments for members & wives. PM Nite put on by two Bros., Doug Wolf & Vince Shyblowski, former Master Councilors in DeMolay Chapter . . . Flower Talk by SD Ed Klein's son, Scott, Master Councilor . . . everything beautifully done. Treasurer Jeff Hoffman honored for 25 years' service as Treasurer . . . delightful evening for all especially wife, Frankie, Son & Daughter . . . pride expressed by family, including absent Son, and other lodge members very touching . . . never to be forgotten. Lodge particularly proud of Masonic achievements of PM & Dr. Bernard E. Rothman, RWDGM, Seymour H. Lipshitz, G.I., Dave Brooks, WM, Hope Lodge No. 20, D.C. Excellent write up by local "Suburban Record" on reappointment of Doc Rothman as President of Board of Examiners in Optometry for the State of Maryland. Cheers for PM Sam Deckelbaum honored with Certificate of Appreciation for work in organizing Blood Donors Program in Queen Anne's County. Having reached three score plus thirteen years, PM Bill Goodman was Bar Mitzvah boy in ceremony

officiated by 30-35 year old Rabbi . . . attending were PMs Harry Warsaw, Nate Kellner, Bros. Sid Friedman & Abe Bahn . . . former GI John Hughes was also present.

● WHEATON No. 228 (WM John V. Jenkins). Over 105 MMs enjoyed a night under the Stars on Sugarloaf Mountain when the GM and Grand Line conferred the MM Degree on Donald J. Bush. This is the third annual meeting at the site . . . same feeling of kinship for our Ancient Brethren who held their meetings on high hills or low values. Other events included Dr. Leszek Ochota, PM of La Fayette Lodge No. 19, D.C. who spoke on C.P.R. & First Aid. Enjoyed Ladies Nite . . . Evening of entertainment by Almas Temple Chanters. Held Memorial Service at Lodge Hall for PM Doyle A. Dever in presence of family and friends. Messages by WM are mini-Gems.

● SINCERITY No. 181 (WM Wm. Howard Wojcik). Larry Dodson told of a real legend in his own time — George J. Ranft, who has been Secretary of Sincerity Lodge for some 56-57 years. How about that!

● BALTIMORE No. 210 (WM Warren M. Benser). Rare and inspiring to have MWGM William M. Koenig raise Bro. & Dr. William M. Koenig, Jr., to sublime degree of MM in his own Lodge. GM presented 50 year service emblem to LeRoy T. Gritzan who served as Secretary for 33 years.

BALTIMORE COUNTY

● SHARON No. 182 (WM Warren W. DeColigny). Luminaries abound in this lodge — witness Bro. Charles W. Purcell induction into The Old Timers' Baseball Assn. of Md. Hall of Fame; served as appointed Steward over the years and now when needed. Received his 60 year service emblem as did Henry R. Dorney courtesy of G.L. of Fla.; John M. Miedwig courtesy of G.L. of N.J.; Otto N. Forest courtesy of St. Joseph Lodge No. 45, South Bend, Ind. Bros. Arthur C. Foote and Elijah W. Hoover were presented 50 year emblems. Herb W. Findeisen, Jr. was selected as a Project Recognition honoree for work with youth of Balto. Co.; presented with plaque and citizen citation by the County Executive. Blood Donor Recognition held for 16 brothers who gave 22 pints in 1978. Regretted seeing Bro. Pedro D. Dimaya, P.M. of Cebu Lodge 128, Philippines, leaving after one year stay. Terrific evening honoring W. Stuart Hommerbocker — present were GM Koenig, RWDGM Rothman, GS Uppercue, PGMs Fogle and Stetler and GI Carrick & wives. Sharon Lodge now meeting at Ionic Temple in Reisterstown. Have for sale 128 Lodge chairs, theatre-type, color blue; 7' x 24" x 34" sections of four seats, excellent condition — \$1,800.00 for lot or best offer. Call 301-833-6757. Late entry — Bro. William L. Emich received 60 year service emblem courtesy G.L. of Ohio.

● PATAPSCO No. 183 (WM Thomas L. Price). G.I. Jim Martin was good enough to tell us about loss of two remarkable brothers: Ben Hyde who at 105 was oldest Mason in Maryland. His 100th birthday was marked by letter of achievement from then GM J. Thomas Middleton. The second brother lost was Richard C. Hensen who served as Chaplain and Blood Donor Chairman for some 12 years. Also was Lay Assistant to The Pastor of his church and was studying theology to become a Lay Minister.

● PALESTINE No. 189 (WM Philip A. Ballard, Jr.). Another classic of planning, programing, organization, involvement, youth, charity, fun, food and all the ingredients for a highly successful year. This happy & prosperous year marked with visits to and from Manasseh Lodge No. 182, Manassas, Va. something of tradition over past 14 years. Annual Tri-Jurisdictional Picnic held with Manasseh and Potomac No. 5 (D.C.) Lodges — 300 present — Maryland group over 100 including 11 G.L. officers lead by RWDGM Rothman. Also big on Bonnie Blink, sponsoring entertainment and religious services; lodge contributed 16 times to 100 Club, members 62 times. GI Oliver L. Bell presented 60 year service emblem to Fred C. Joh, 50 year emblems to Harvey L. Betts, Julian J. Bauman, George F. Turner and John F. Sinn (courtesy to Hagerstown No. 217). GM and Grand Line attended installation and also participated in raising 1500th member. Held Colts' Nite, Ladies Nite, Strawberry Nite, PM & Memorial Service Nite, Visited Pitman Lodge in N.J. and Patmos No. 70. Enjoyed speakers like RWGS Stan Uppercue. Terrific youth activities — Bethel 17, IOJD has been active 47 years (Note: Janet Kraft did not serve as Guardian for all of this period). Catonsville Palestine Chapter of DeMolay active for 30 years — Ron Shaver, Advisor, received Legion of Honor, highest award — joins Gordon B. Littlepage in this elite group. Honors given to Fred Jessop, Blood Donor; special award to Maurice L. Irvin, Arthur Whedbee, Emmet J. Kenealy and William Adams representing 90 years faithful service as instructors; Albert J. Tuel for 16 years service as Tyler; Attendance awards at GL Summer School of Instruction to 6 brothers topped by 10 year award to Ed Kraft. Honors to Ed Brueckmann, 6th member to be elected to 33°. Interested in joining the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club? Write Ed Brueckman at 111 Oakdale Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228. You might also ask him about the "One Hundred Club" — He's chairman of the G.L. Committee on Masonic Homes Endowment.

CAROLINE COUNTY

● TEMPLE No. 128 (Francis A. (Sonny) Callahan, Jr.). A super year for Sonny! Three 60 year service emblems presented by GI Perry H. Smith to Truman Richard, Wilbert Merriken and Robert W. Downes. Gilbert Rue received his in a Florida Lodge when son, Jack Rue was present. Father raised son at Easton. Leslie Lutz presented document taken from cornerstone of old Caroline High School. Names of officers included who participated in cornerstone-laying ceremony in 1925 when WM Benjamin F. Johnston presided, Thanked Caroline County Commissioners for thinking of us . . . document preserved now in plastic . . . on view. Fantastic "Father and Son" banquet served by OES Chapter 62 with many distinguished guests including PGM Middleton, RWDGM Rothman and other Grand Lodge Officers. R. Norton Leverage was Toast-

master introducing guest speaker, Ron Fernandes of Balto. Colts who gave inspiring success story that got to sons and fathers too. Following, PM Stephen J. Ponzillo III presented program on DeMolay. Steve Ponzillo is son of RWJGW of same name. Attending also and observing with great interest was Matthew Ward Taylor age 6 months, son of J. W. Charles R. Taylor. Beautiful coverage of the event in local press. Bro. Benjamin Coppage Willis given special recognition for 53 years service to Masonry around the country in many Masonic organizations including G.L. of Illinois as R.W.G. Orator and 33rd AASR. Now living in Chicago, former principal in MD high schools, Superintendent of schools in MD, Buffalo, NY and Chicago. Other lodge programs . . . PM Nite . . . Family picnic . . . and must not forget presentation of 50 year service emblem to Russel H. Wright. Local paper had fine write up on achievements and associations of our late RWGT Elias Nuttle.

● **FREEDOM No. 112** (WM William T. Hare). Found this Gem in Trestle Board — "Take a good look at yourself. You're somebody's impression of Freemasonry". WM sums up year nicely — "I had a great installation and dinner. PM's Nite & Ladies nite both great success. Had a good turnout for Strawberry & Ice Cream and for By-Law signing Nite. Had a good trip to Pittman Club and to Naval Lodge. Had Tucker Lodge No. 42 from Tucker, Ga. who put on MM degree Ga. style. Three brothers presented 50 year service emblem. Raised my Son (William F. Hare). . ." Also Family Nite . . . Cooky the Clown . . . for entire family, young and old.

● **LEBANON No. 175** (WM Robert M. Roach). Sounds like a banner 100 Anniversary Year, with a Masonic Wives' Nite (a first) attended by MWGM and wife, Charlotte, short program . . . bouquets of Hershey's kisses . . . gifts to instructors wives. GI Paul Lloyd presented Austin McBride 50 year service emblem at Mechanicsburg Lodge, Mechanicsburg, PA. Father-Son Dinner held . . . magic show for boys . . . then "Light Talk" by Door-To-Virtue DeMolay Chapter. Joined Door-to-Virtue Lodge for Annual Church Service at Bonnie Blink . . . Rev. Bro. Richard Kroll conducted service, Joe Chalker provided music with assistance of Pawnee Raimon. Wonderful celebration of 100th anniversary. Attended by MWGM Koenig, RWDGM Rothman, RWGS Uppercue and their wives together with over 200 brothers and friends. MWGM delivered keynote address. Picnicked with Lebanon Chapter, OES at Dodorus State Park.

CECIL COUNTY

● **UNION No. 48** (WM James T. Maxwell). Interesting events this year . . . here's a sampling: Committee of Degree Counselors set up to improve ritual quality. Visitation by GM and Grand Line . . . banquet. Ladies Nite . . . Strawberry Nite . . . Arthur Gosnell guest speaker on special evening featuring spaghetti dinner.

● **CECIL No. 125** (WM Lewis A. Collins, Jr.). Proud of Jr. Deacon, Wm. C. Manlove, elected to four year term as Cecil County Commissioner representing 1st, 2nd and 3rd election Districts. Gala occasion celebrated on first visit by Grand Line since Lodge was chartered on May 14, 1866. Two brothers were raised . . . witnessed by 110 . . . 24% of 73 members of Cecil Lodge were there as was GM Wm. Little & Grand Line of Delaware.

CHARLES COUNTY

● **ST. COLUMBA No. 150** (WM John L. Elder). Here's one WM who has something special to show for his year — an 8 lb. 14

oz. son. Great going. During his year he's had Arthur Gosnell as speaker, Harry Beck filling in the gaps, Wm. Mahaffey and wife looking after the landscaping. Note of regret with departure to Fla. of Raymond Cyrus who served as GI for 23 years. GI Harry S. Allison presented 50 year service emblem to McLane Cruikshank & William T. Croft. Participated in All District Nite at Prince Frederick No. 142 with Sr. Wardens conferring MM Degree under aegis of DGLs Thomas B. Anderson and Jackie Conn.

CARROLL COUNTY

● **DOOR-TO-VIRTUE No. 46** (WM Charles J. Simpson, Jr.). Enjoying welcome place in the community. Some interesting highlights . . . Sr Steward David Alt, Sr. conferred MM Degree on Son, David, Jr. Joined with Lebanon No. 175 to conduct joint religious service at Bonnie Blink . . . Had dinner honoring PMs . . . Strawberries & Ice Cream Nite, presentation of 25 year service pins. GI Richard A. Pilling presented 50 year service emblems to Raymond T. Shipley, Paul L. Study, Carroll I. Young, John C. Elseroad and Berton W. Blizzard. Interesting locale for first Fall meeting through George Harris "Low Vale" site outdoors. Ladies nite went off well. Family & friends invited to annual church visitation. MM candidate William O. Fox raised by new officers of Carroll County Lodges under supervision of DGL Harry Rohrbach. Cheers to Carl Wisner elected to Board of Managers by Grand Lodge.

DORCHESTER COUNTY

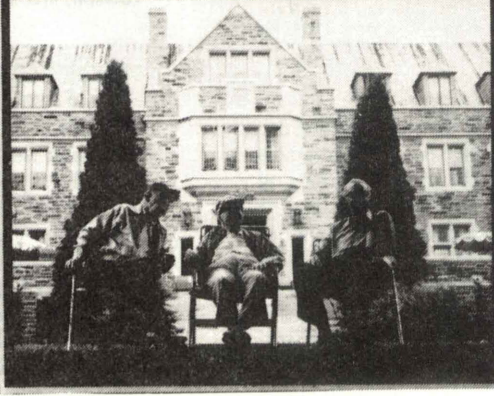
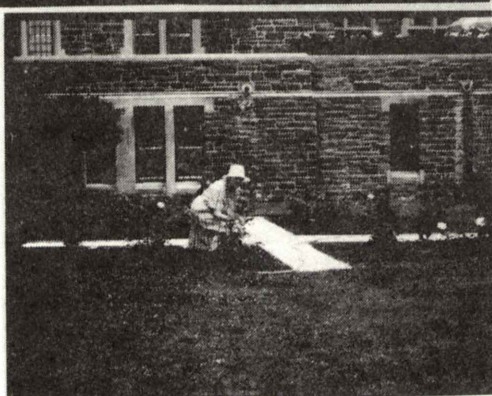
● **CAMBRIDGE No. 66** (WM David W. Tolley). Honored during early part of year was William L. Merrick, Jr., RWPSGW who received plaque for dedicated service as Secretary for 18 years . . . only missed 4 meeting during first 25 years. Has served as DGL over past 17 years. Honored also was Dr. Wallace Smith who was presented 50 year service emblem by GI Ebe Pope . . . picture appeared in local paper during PM John Thomas year with others . . . Smith Rue, Ronald Rue, Dr. Russell Smith and Edward Smith.

FREDERICK COUNTY

● **LYNCH No. 163** (WM Raymond S. Boniface). Just to catch up on recipients of service emblems . . . 60 year to Wilbur H. Kolb; 50 year to Kirk D. Cramer, Claude F. Culler and LeRoy L. Sowell whose picture with GI Murray F. Fox appeared in THE POST. Special awards given to PMs serving more than one year as WM . . . Raymond J. Dyer, James L. Tritapoe, William F. Holmes, Robert S. Delauder who all served two years; and Ralph C. Sigler who served three. Had great turnout for George Washington Birthday Dinner and Ladies Nite . . . 125 attended in 22 inch snowfall . . . speaker Rev. Francis E. Reinberger. Also had great Strawberry Nite with ladies. Now have new Blue Lodge organ played by Bro. Schroeder.

● **BRUNSWICK No. 191** (WM Charles A. Kenney). Beautiful gesture recorded in Bolling Springs News . . . Bro. Levin W. Lowe and wife presenting 150 year old Bible, one of four in existence, to Bolling Springs Methodist Church in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Peele during Founders Day and Homecoming celebration.

Photos taken at Bonnie Blink during "Youth Day".



Clockwise From Upper Left:

● Harvey Hopkins who made general arrangements; PGM Charles Cover, DeMolay Exec. Ofcr. for MD; Dawn Myers, Rainbow Girls; GM Wm. M. Koenig; Pat Smith, Job's Daughters; Kevin Rice, DeMolay; Wilbur Penley, Advisor.

● PGM Fogle who found a way to support weak legs.

● Wilma Stone, Masonic Homes Administrator.

● Guests George Arscott, Doric 124; Herbert Borum, Landmark 127; and Alexander McIlmail, Mystic Circle 109.

● Guest Ida Covington with her special charge — The Rose Garden.