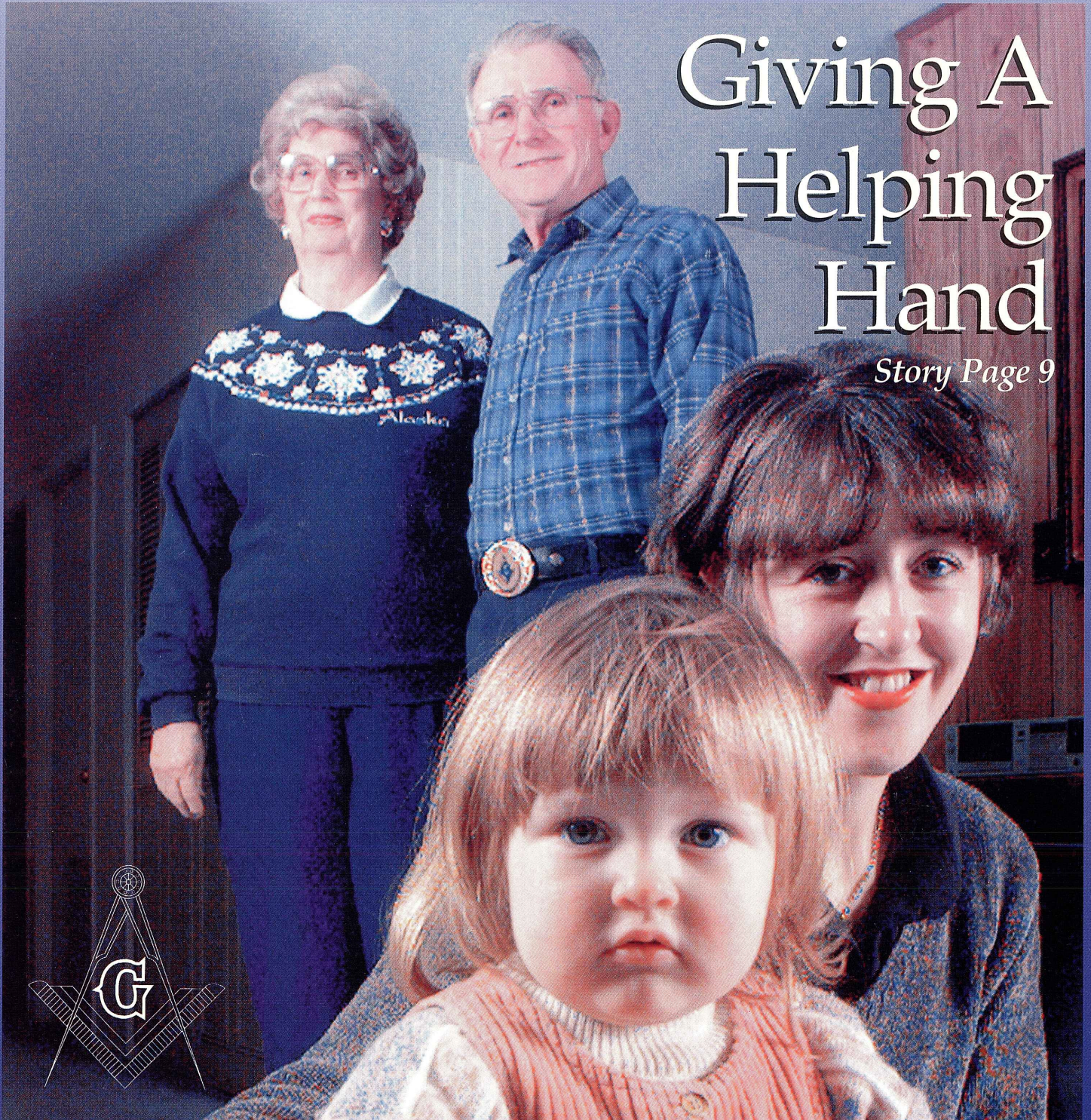


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MY BRETHREN

It is my great pleasure to bring you fraternal greetings for the first time as your Grand Master and to express my gratitude to each of you for electing me to this most honorable station. You have my solemn pledge that I will serve this Grand Lodge to the best of my ability and will endeavor, at all times, to promote and further the principles and programs of Masonry in Maryland. Together we can and will make Masonry stronger, more active in the community, and hopefully more attractive to good men. Let us each set lofty goals in this respect and strive hard to achieve them.

It may not be an easy task. For the past several years there has been a growing concern within the leadership of the various jurisdictions of the fraternity that Masonry is on the decline. Decline is probably a poor choice of words but nevertheless, it is the word of choice. Whether or not it is an operative word is up to us. If we want Masonry to be on the decline, we can certainly make it happen. If we want Masonry to flourish, we can also make that happen. If there is a problem, it is us and if there is a solution, it is also us. The fraternity can only be strengthened from within, by its members. We do not invite the profane to participate in the government of our Lodges, nor can we expect the profane to contribute to our renewal efforts. Perhaps the starting point is with you. Ask yourself why you became a Mason in the first place then ask yourself if those reasons are still valid reasons. If your answers to these questions are favorable to continued membership in the fraternity, then get back in harness and renew your efforts to support your



Blue Lodge and the coordinate bodies to which you belong.

In support of such an effort, this administration is dedicated to the Masonic family. To a closeness within the fraternity that brings all of the coordinate bodies, ladies organizations and youth organizations into the tightest of family circles yet does not stifle the initiative and individuality of any one group. We are one in thought and that is the betterment of society. We must also be one in deed. Our words and actions must always convey to others our belief in the excellent precepts of our organization. Only

when we can show to the community that it is a gratifying experience to be a member of the Masonic family can we expect others to want to be a part of this family. This is our goal; please make it yours.

I look forward to greeting you personally in your Lodge in the very near future. Until then, may you enjoy peace, health and prosperity and may your every endeavor be successful.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
John C. Naquin

Grand Master

PROFILE

Brother Naquin was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania. He attended Hopewell Township High School in Aliquippa, PA, graduating in 1947. Immediately after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served in Great Lakes, Illinois and aboard the battleship USS Mississippi (BB-41) in the Atlantic Fleet. He left the Navy in 1950 and worked as a welder, structural fitter and rigger in various mills in Illinois and Pennsylvania.

He reenlisted in the Navy in 1954 and worked as a shipfitter and deep sea diver in several shore stations and ships on the East coast, rising through the enlisted ranks to the grade of Petty Officer First Class. In 1960, he was commissioned as an Ensign through one of the Navy's enlisted to officer programs.

Brother Naquin's career as a Naval Officer included duty in the Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force, Diving and Salvage Officer for the Marianas and Bonin Islands stationed in Guam; Officer in Charge of a diving and salvage team in Vietnam working out of the Philippine Islands; Assistant Officer in Charge of the Navy Experimental Diving Unit in Washington, DC; Assistant Superintendent of Diving for the Royal Navy under the auspices of an international exchange program and finally, Director of Navy Diving Programs in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Brother Naquin retired from his assignment in 1975, having attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

After retirement from active duty, he worked in the field of diving research at the Naval Medical Research Institute; as General Manager of a diving company; as a Technical Writer for a Government Contractor; and as a Project Manager for waterfront and offshore construction.

Brother Naquin earned the degree Bachelor of Science at the University of Maryland; University College in 1977 and the degree Master of Arts at Central Michigan University in 1978. Both degrees are in Management and Supervision.

Brother Naquin currently serves as a consultant in the field of specialized mooring installations.

His military honors include the Legion of Merit, three Navy Commendation Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross awarded by the government of South Vietnam.

Brother Naquin was initiated in October 1970 in Camp Springs Lodge No. 227, Passed and raised in

1971 as a courtesy candidate in Prudence Lodge No. 7183, Portsmouth England, received the Scottish Rite degrees in April 1976 in Washington, DC and became a shiner in 1982. His Masonic affiliations are as follows:



Shown in the photo are Grand Master Naquin and his wife, the former Agnes Holp of West Aliquippa, PA whom he married in 1955. They have a daughter, a son and six grandchildren.

GRAND MASTER JOHN C. NAQUIN

MEMBERSHIPS

Camp Springs Lodge No. 227, Camp Springs, MD
 Royal Order of Scotland
 National Sojourners, Inc.
 Charles H. Danforth Camp, Heroes of '76
 Order of the Eastern Star, Unity Chapter No. 112
 Scottish Rite Bodies of Maryland
 York Rite Bodies of Maryland
 Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1, Cockeysville, MD
 Southern Maryland Past Masters Association
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 Doctor John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787,
 Baltimore, MD
 Baltimore Forest #45, Tall Cedars of Lebanon
 Masonic Veterans of Maryland
 Red Cross of Constantine
 Allied Masonic Degrees
 Kallipolis Grotto

PAST OFFICES

Worshipful Master, Camp Springs Lodge No. 227
 Worthy Patron, Unity Chapter No. 112, OES
 District Deputy, Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge

Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer,
 Grand Lodge of Maryland
 Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,
 Grand Lodge of Maryland
 Deputy Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge of Maryland
 Member, Board of Trustees,
 Maryland Masonic Homes
 President, Andrews Chapter, National Sojourners, Inc.
 Commander, Charles H. Danforth Camp,
 Heroes of '76
 Senior Warden, York Commandery No. 16
 Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maryland

PRESENT OFFICES

Most Worshipful Grand Master,
 Grand Lodge of Maryland
 Chairman, Scottish Rite Speakers Guild
 Preceptor, Chesapeake Consistory, Valley of
 Baltimore, Orient of Maryland

MASONIC HONORS

Awarded the Scottish Rite rank and decoration
 of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor,
 Oct. 1991

SPECIAL EVENTS

Regional Meetings...At six locations each Saturday
 from February 22-April 12 for Worshipful Masters,
 Wardens and Secretaries.

18th Annual Brotherhood Night...March 26 at Nur
 Temple Mosque, Newcastle, DE. Combined effort of
 Grand Lodges of PA, DE, MD, NJ, DC, NY and WV.
 Introductions and social fellowship.

Grand Lodge Annual Easter Sunrise Service...March
 30, 7:30 A.M. at Bonnie Blink.

Grand Lodge Religious Service...May 18, 3:00 P.M.
 Bonnie Blink. No jewels or aprons. Informal dark
 clothes.

Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication...May
 19, 7:30 P.M. Grand Lodge Building, Cockeysville.

Annual Family Day Picnic...June 7, 11:00 A.M. to
 4:00 P.M., Maryland Masonic Homes. Food provid-
 ed. Also games, music and entertainment. Bring
 lawn chairs. Adults donate \$5.00 to defray expens-
 es. Private autos allowed on grounds.

64th Annual Summer Lodge of Instruction...Every
 Tuesday from July 8 to August 26, Grand Lodge
 Room of Grand Lodge Temple. Lodge opens at 7:45
 P.M. Dues cards must be presented at the door.

Lodge Activities

GRANITE LODGE NO.177 A CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND.

During the first weekend of December, Granite Lodge was open to the hundreds of people visiting the area viewing historical buildings. The meeting room was open and staffed by members acting as docents, explaining the "wonders of Freemasonry."

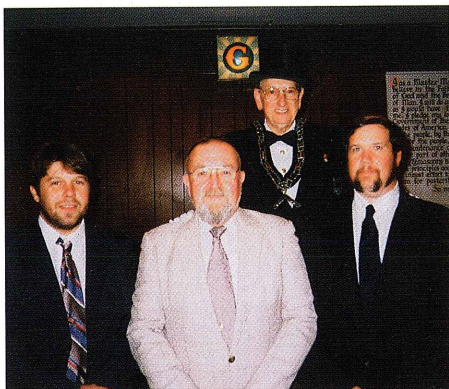


YORK LODGE NO. 225 A PAST GRAND MASTER.

Members and friends gathered on August 4 to witness the presentation of a 50 year service emblem, cap and certificate to MWPGM Roy H. Stetler, Jr. Shown in the photo above are MWGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr, MWPGM Stetler, MWPGM William M. Clark, Jr who made the presentation and who served at MWPGM Stetler's Grand Marshal; MWPGM Bernard E. Rothman, RWGS Jack R. Frazier and WM Thomas Donnaud.

A JOURNEY BEGINS AT PERSEVERANCE NO. 208

Judging from the expressions in the photo, Bros. George K. Bryan III, Albert G. Silbaugh and Ronald J. Gilroy seem mighty pleased having just been initiated on the evening of October 29 in Perseverance Lodge. Standing behind them equally pleased is WM Clarence T. Finkle.



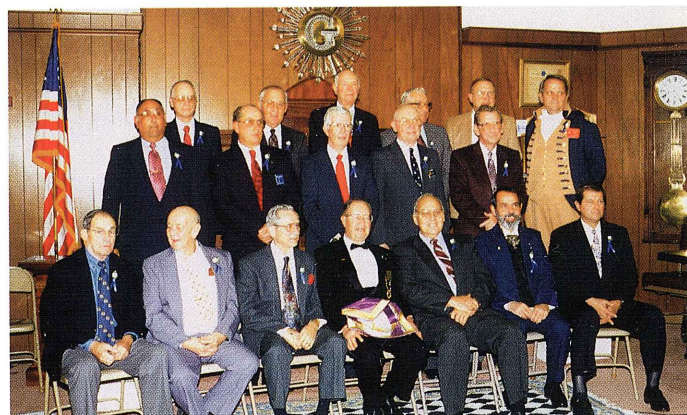
TEMPLE LODGE NO. 128 CELEBRATES ITS 130TH ANNIVERSARY.

On November 12, 120 members, their ladies and guests rekindled old friendships and met new friends.

The presiding officers, SW Richard Andrew, welcomed all and introduced the speakers for the evening including Bro. Edward A. Foreman, Jr, who spoke on York Rite Freemasonry; Nancy Morgan, Worthy Matron, who spoke on the Order of the Eastern Star followed by JD Christian Jansen who gave a brief history of the Lodge based upon a monograph he had written which was distributed to the guests. A fine dinner followed with musical accompaniment.

Guests also included Bro. Robert E. Trice, Sr, MWGM of Delaware, MWPGM Bernard E. Rothman, an honorary member of Temple Lodge, and DGL William H. Sorrell Jr.

Shown in the photo below are the Past Masters and special guests.



BONNIE BLINK DAYLIGHT LODGE NO.1 COMING EVENTS

WM Milton R. Wheatley, Jr and his newly installed and invested officers pledge to make the year as nice and rewarding as possible. Their first program on February 11 featured Bro. Jim Harding speaking on "The Great Pythagoras." On March 11, Noble Robert Schmidt of Boumi Temple spoke on "No Hands but Your Hands."

On April 15, Bro. Carl Wisner, RWPGT, will be the guest speaker.

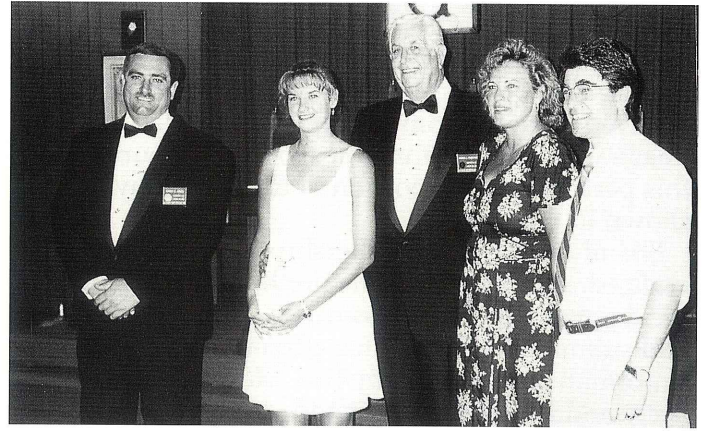
Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a light lunch.

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND.

On October 23, 1946 at Highland Lodge No. 184, presided over by WM Norman J. Yingling, the Worshipful Master of Joppa Lodge No. 132, Bro. Harvey T. Hopkins, conferred the MM Degree on Bro. Paul E. Bauersfeld.

On November 13, 1996 again at Highland Lodge, MWPGM Harvey T. Hopkins presented Bro. Bauersfeld with a 50 year service emblem, cap and certificate, assisted by WM George E. Ward, PM, and Grand Inspector Keith A. Brown.

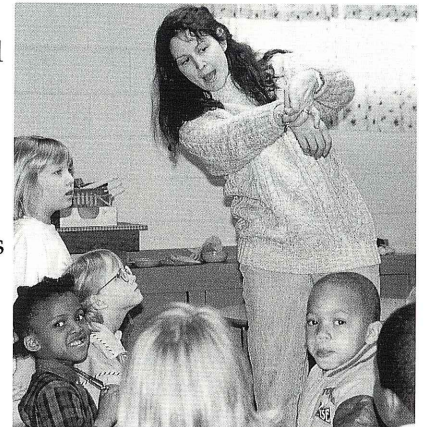
It's not too often that the Brother that raises you presents you with a service emblem 50 years later. Thanks to Bro. Paul J. Sparaco, PM & Secty. for this item.



Shown in the photo are WM Casey Jones, Chantil Renee Still, SW Joseph J. Thompson, Cheryl Ciccone (mother) and Tom Ciccone (father).

Serving the children: While renovations were in progress at the non-profit center for children, Day Care, Inc., space in the Centreville

Lodge was provided for a period of six months through the auspices of successive WMs Maurice Sanger, Casey Jones and Worthy Matrons May Johnson and Emily George of Centreville Chapter No. 69, OES. Shown in the photo are some of the children, their attention riveted to the teacher.



Laying a Cornerstone: With the approval of the Grand Master, the members of the Lodge were indeed high profile when they participated in the consecration and dedication of the new Christ Episcopal Church Parish Center at Stevensville



LEONARD ULYSSES "PETE" HIGDON - AN EXTRAORDINARY MEMBER OF ANTIETAM LODGE NO. 197

Raised in 1953, served as WM in 1962, 1963 and 1995, Bro. Higdon brought favorable recognition to Masonry through the years by his activities in the community.

On October 31, he was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame receiving the coveted "GERI" Award for "Extraordinary Humanitarian Community Service." Proudly observing were his wife, June, and their four children.

He has served twice with disaster work teams in Florida, helped under flood and tornado conditions in Virginia, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Yarrowsburg.

Bro. Higdon is responsible for maintaining a fund for the needy at Christmas, providing families with food, clothes and toys for the children, and generally acting as a willing and supportive neighbor.

Thank you for being what you are...Pete. Thanks to Bro. Gerald C. Haines, Secty, for his input and newspaper article.

CENTREVILLE LODGE NO. 180 AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

Three events during the past year demonstrated the extent of the Lodge's support of their community.

Scholarships: Chantil Renee Still was the recipient of a scholarship as part of the Grand Lodge Charities Program. This program provides 24 \$1,000 scholarships annually, one in Baltimore City and one in each County in the State. Eligibility is dependent upon being a graduating high school senior, leadership in the community and at school, scholastic achievement, school recommendations, financial need and personal resumes. Centreville Lodge had added \$300 to the grant for a total of \$1,300 awarded to Miss Still who excelled in all qualifications for the grant.

Maryland on May 19. The cornerstone laying ceremony was conducted by WM Casey E. Jones and his line of Officers. Many favorable comments were received from the community and the Masonic image was enhanced in Queen Anne's County by this performance. A portion of the ceremony is shown in the photo.

Friend to Friend: Membership gains are being realized. At one point, nine brethren were taking the degrees and three sojourners from New York had submitted petitions for affiliation. (Information furnished by Bro. Maxwell V. Frye, Jr, Secty and PM of the Centreville Lodge).



THANKSGIVING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

A total of 113 Thanksgiving baskets were made and distributed to needy families on Saturday, November 25. The number of baskets exceeded the number distributed in prior years. The baskets included turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, rolls, canned vegetables and other food items. Spearheading the effort were Pentalpha Lodge No. 194 (WM William J. Buie), financial and physical support from Cornerstone Lodge No. 224 (WM Gregory F. Moorin) and members of the Masonic Family of Montgomery County including Pentalpha Chapter 38, OES; Bethel 27, IOJD; Diamond Chapter, Order of DeMolay; and Hope Assembly No. 12, IORG. Shown in the photo are some of the workers.

PENTALPHA LODGE NO. 194 VARIETIES.

On September 12, MWGM Ponzillo and Grand Line Officers raised Bro. Jack Ely, Jr and Michael E. Peters. Observing were MWPGM's Middleton, Stetler and Clark. Shown on the photo (above right center) are WM William J. Buie, the newly-raised brothers under protective custody of MWGM Ponzillo, and DGL John Crull.

At the following meeting on September 26, SW Wayne Hall raised Brother Dick Varner and the Lodge voted favorably to sponsor the Diamond



Chapter, Order of DeMolay. At the October 24 meeting, Bro. S. Brent Morris, PhD, 33rd Degree and former Editor of the Scottish Rite Journal, spoke on "The Lost Cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol."



TIME OUT FOR THOMAS J. SHRYOCK LODGE NO. 223.

A pleasant summer break was enjoyed by the members, families and guests at an outing at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. The visit was hosted by the Commanding Officer of the facility, Capt. Elmer L. Sandridge who appears in the photo with WM Richard O. Ford and Lt Walter R. Gillette, Jr. All are members of the lodge.

COLLINGTON LODGE NO. 230 GIVES A HELPING HAND.

Megan Hunter, 19 months of age, was born with half a palm, half a thumb and nubbins where her fingers should be on her right hand.

Wendy Hunter, her mother, read about a world renowned hand surgeon, Dr. Norman Cowen who practiced at a clinic in Bowie, Maryland. She contacted him and met with him to arrange for surgery. It would be necessary for her to find accommodations for Wendy and her mother in close proximity to the clinic for three months, preferably in a friendly environment, to ease the absence of her Dad, sister, brother and neighbors back in England.

In October, Bro. Jack R. Frazier, RWGS, received an appeal for guidance on this matter from the Homes Superintendent for the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland who had been apprised of the situation by Mrs. Hunter's uncle, a member of a Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Bro. Frazier wrote to Bro. S. Jack Hill, Jr, Worshipful Master of Collington Lodge No. 230 located in Bowie, to see if fraternal assistance could be provided. In short order, Bro. Hill advised that the members of Collington Lodge and Peace Chapter No. 116, OES would be interested in providing accommodations for Megan and her mother for the duration of medical requirements. On their arrival, the two stayed with Bro. Jack and Ann Hill, then with Bro. Dick and Catherine Fisher. Other members provided financial and other support.

Five operations over a period of two years are involved at a cost of over \$83,000. Two operations have already been performed. A fund raising effort in England raised \$31,739, enough to cover travel costs and to pay for the first operation. The Lodge

has established a "Collington Lodge No. 230 Medical Fund" to be administered by the Lodge Trustees. At this time, Megan has been approved to receive support in paying medical bills.

To spread the burden, donations are now being accepted. Checks should be made payable to Collington Lodge No. 230, annotated for "Medical Assistance Fund" and mailed to Collington Lodge No. 230, AF&AM, P.O. Box 739, Bowie, MD 20718-0739.

Shown on the cover photo are Ann and Jack Hill, Megan and Wendy Hunter - courtesy of Mr. Justin Lane. The story and pictures appeared in the Prince George's Journal and the Bowie Blade News.

HONORS TO A PAST GRAND MASTER.

MWPGM Bernard E. Rothman, 33rd Degree, and SGIG in Maryland, was raised at Amicable Lodge No. 25 over 50 years ago. He later demitted to become the Charter Junior Warden of Cornerstone Lodge No. 224. Since that time, he has served in numerous Grand Lodge positions; was honored by some 12 Lodges with honorary, dual and plural memberships; and has affiliated with York Rite, Shrine and other Masonic Bodies.

On March 6, at the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple, representatives from these organizations gathered together with distinguished Scottish Rite guests including Bro. C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33rd Degree, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, to witness the presentation of a 50 year Masonic Service Emblem, Cap and Certificate to MWPGM Rothman by Bro. John C. Naquin, MWGM.

Attending also were the Ladies, families and friends.

THE RAISING AT FORT MCHENRY

A special honor was accorded on October 4 when the MM Degree was conferred on the following 15 brothers by the MWGM and Grand Line Officers at the Star Fort at Fort McHenry: (These brothers appear in the photo on the overleaf)

Name	Lodge
James William Staley	Friendship No. 84
William Henry Staley	Friendship No. 84
Douglas Herbert	Charity No. 134
W. Michael Herbert	Charity No. 134
Ricardo Paraton Reyes	Camp Springs No. 227

John Michael Rider	Pythagoras No. 123
Henry Powell Turner, Jr	Coats No. 102
Donald Baker	Door to Virtue No. 46
James E. Fajkowski	Mt. Nebo No. 229
James F. Wloczewski	Mt. Nebo No. 229
Charles Brent	Sincerity No. 181
Jared Matesky	Cornerstone No. 224
John S. Bauman	Ohr No. 131
John Fekete	Odenton No. 209
George Richard	Concordia No. 13



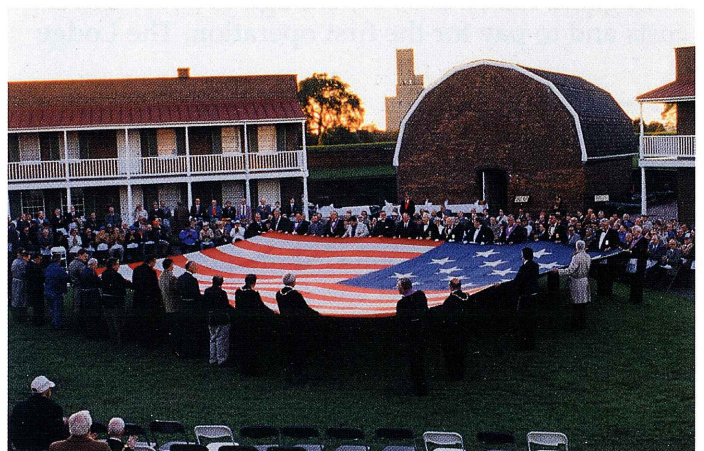
These brothers were later presented with a flag and certificate of authenticity by the Fort Management indicating it was flown over the Fort on this date.

Over 750 Masons were welcomed by MWGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, III who is shown in the photo (center right) with WM Gregory F. Moorin, Cornerstone Lodge No. 224; PM M. Thomas Chagouris, Member of the Board of Directors of the Patriots of Fort McHenry. Ceremonies included the unfolding of the 30' x 42' fifteen star flag (lower right), a drill team program by the Maryland challenge Military Youth Corps and a living history performed by the Fort McHenry guard. Ms. Kayci Cook, Superintendent at Fort McHenry and Mr. Alan R. Walden, President of the Patriots extended their welcome. Mr. Walden noted that there were "three areas of human endeavor that tie together the Masons and the Patriots of Fort McHenry: Tradition, History and Service."

The Grand Master announced the establishment of the "James McHenry Award" named after and in honor of James McHenry, who distinguished himself as a soldier, surgeon, patriot, and Mason. The award will be given annually to recognize an outstanding private citizen and an outstanding employee of the National Park Service at Fort McHenry for his/her personal commitment to and service on behalf of Fort McHenry. The 1996 recipient of the award was Bro. George Washington Della, Jr, Maryland State Senator.

Ms. Kayci Cook inducted Grand Master Ponzillo as an Honorary Colonel of the Fort McHenry Guard. The Commanding Officer of the Guard presented the Grand Master a 15 star flag flown over the Star Fort earlier in the day in this honor. Mr. Walden acknowledged Grand Lodge's contribution to the Patriots of two new 30' x 42' 15-star flags and a donation of \$11,000 toward the new Patriot Center project.

With shrinking government funds, Fort McHenry needs the help of the private sector. As stated by the Grand Master "It is about time we commit ourselves to such a community activity which would serve all citizens and shed a favorable light on



Masonry." You can help by sending your tax deductible donation payable to "Patriots of Fort McHenry" and mail it to Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

(From inputs furnished by Bro. Joseph Ayd).

BONNIE BLINK

WENDY ANN WARNER, ADMINISTRATOR, MARYLAND MASONIC HOMES

All five feet one inch of Wendy Ann Warner was welcomed aboard on November 3 and appointed Administrator of the Maryland Masonic Homes on December 2.

In addition to her other qualifications, she is from a Masonic family. Her grandfather, father and

brother were raised in Pennsylvania.

Her education includes a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and Bachelor degrees in Nursing and Psychology.

Miss Warner's experience over the past 15 years

includes being a Staff Nurse, Director of Nursing, Vice President of Clinical Services and Clinical Service Manager - a combination of technical and managerial skills. She has written guides and manuals for publication; and participated in committee and organization work.

The scope of her responsibilities are impressive: 130 employees, a potential of 230 guests, eight vehicles and an assortment of Medical Equipment.

She is impressed with the facilities, competency of the staff and the high ratings given the Homes by government regulatory agencies. Miss Warner is looking forward to maintaining a high degree of service, cooperative relationships with the Grand Master, Board of Trustees and others in making recommendations for improvements.

BIRTHDAYS

The following guests will be celebrating their birthdays on the dates indicated. Your Grand Lodge greeting cards will be welcomed and appreciated.

We extend special congratulations to FRED SEIPP who celebrated her 103rd Birthday on February 15.



MARCH

04	Catherine Siffrin	Corinthian #93
09	Richard Miller	Waverly #152
10	Charles James	Corinthian #93
11	Joseph Auman	Chester #115
13	Nora Peters	Adherence #88
17	Adele Yost	Union #60
25	William Stansbury	Highland #184
26	Leila Morey	Mt. Nebo #229
27	Evelyn Stout	Mt. Vernon #151

APRIL

04	Paul Horn	Union #60
05	Lynda Belcher	Mt. Moriah #116
07	Emeline Shelley	Annapolis #89
08	Hildegard Jones	Pythagoras #123
09	Edith Haman	Warren #51
17	Julia Sumner	Silver Spring #215
20	Pearle Saunders	Kensington #198
28	Charles Helbing	Corinthian #93

MAY

01	May Kramer	Liberty #219
04	Irene Wallace	Temple #128
13	Gertrude Brown	Oriental #158
15	Elizabeth Krause	Baltimore #210
16	Ruth Marshall	Mt. Nebo #229
18	Edith Burgess	Adherence #88
19	Naomi Smith	King David #68
20	Virginia Bopp	Waverly #152
27	Dorothy Shirey	Doric #124
31	John Martin	Mystic Circle #109

JUNE

01	Howard Rowe	Corinthian #93
03	Margaret Leuschner	King David #68
08	Marion Kells	Patapsco #183
08	John Mentzer	Pickering #146
08	Doris Page	Mt. Moriah #116
10	Marion Johnson	Liberty #219
14	Maude Richardson	Pickering #146
15	Elizabeth Wilson	Corinthian #93
16	Ella Driver	Millington #166
17	Clara Lindeman	Sincerity #215
18	Carrie Shinnick	Concordia #13
19	Luella Robison	Pythagoras #123
23	Helen Jones	Choptank #115
24	Maude Raines	Jephthah #222

HIGHLIGHTS - GRAND LODGE

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ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - GRAND LINE

MW Grand Master
JOHN C. NAQUIN, No. 227

RW Deputy Grand Master
FRANCIS E. LARRIMORE, No. 181

RW Senior Grand Warden
RALPH L. PERRY, No. 187

RW Junior Grand Warden
JOHN W. HOOKS, No. 116

RW Grand Secretary
JACK R. FRAZIER, No. 215

RW Grand Treasurer
WAYNE D. GINGRICH, No. 228

W. Grand Chaplain
DONALD F. ETHERTON, No. 177

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STEPHEN H. WINER, No. 25

W. Junior Grand Deacon
DAVID E. HUGHES, No. 150

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JAMES W. DAVIDSON, No. 44

W. Junior Grand Steward
JOSEPH E. WALL, No. 223

W. Grand Standard Bearer
SPIRIDON G. TREKLAS, No. 34

W. Grand Sword Bearer
THOMAS J. WINEBRENNER, No. 166

W. Grand Pursuivant
MARVIN E. PRINTZ, No. 140

W. Grand Director of Ceremonies
DAVID L. KANE, No. 84

W. Grand Tyler
THEODOSIO V. GANDINI, No. 116

W. Grand Lecturer
EDWARD B. KRAFT, No. 189

Grand Organist
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Glen Burnie No. 213 with 188
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Oakland No. 192, 199 miles
Wicomico No. 134, 124 miles
Charity No. 134, 34.2%
Lebanon No. 175, 20% - tied with Monocacy No. 213, 20%

NEWS FROM OTHER BODIES

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR - GRAND LODGE

The Grand Chapter of Maryland, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in annual session at the Ramada Convention Center in Hagerstown, April 27 through 30. The Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Donna M. Trott, PM, 112 extends a cordial invitation to all eligible members to join her for this Grand Session.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the occasion will be marked by a gala celebration at Martin's West from 1 until 6 pm on September 6, 1997. The event is fully booked but there is a waiting list. Any member interested in having their name placed on the list may contact Mrs. Shirley Schmidt, PM, No. 70, at

8820 Walther Blvd., Apt. 1412, Baltimore, MD 21234. Tickets, if available, are \$27.00 per person.

The O.E.S. is the largest Fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong. Only men, who are Masons, and women with specific Masonic affiliations, may be members. The Order is dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness.

Dr. Robert Morris, Poet Laureate of Masonry, founded the Order using beautiful inspirational and Biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values to portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of members of the Eastern Star.

YORK RITE

ANNUAL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

Hosted by Monumental Commandery No. 3, K.T., the Annual Christmas Observance Service and Dinner presented by the Four Baltimore Commanderies, was held on December 29. The event included a church service at Bonnie Blink Chapel followed by Dinner in the Grand Lodge Building and Observance - Toasts to the five principal bodies of Masonry and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Toasts were given by MWGM Sir Knight John C. Naquin, Sir Knight Clifton R. Friel, MEGHP of RAM; Sir Knight Luther J. Bell, MIGM, Grand Council; Sir Knight Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, REGC, KT; Ill. Bernard E. Rothman, 33rd Degree SGIG, and Sir Knight Robert L. Foreman, REPGC.

The four Baltimore Commanderies include: Maryland Commandery No. 1, Calvin W. Parker, E.C.; Monumental Commandery No. 3, Meredith E.

Snow, E.C.; Crusade Commandery No. 5, Richard P. Naegele, E.C.; and Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Carl J. Cichetti, Sr., E.C.



Shown in the photo at the head table are: MWPGM and SGIG Bernard E. and Elaine Rothman; MWGM John C. and Agnes Naquin; and REGC Stephen J. III and Marie Ponzillo. (Much obliged to Captain General Donald M. Miller for this item).

YOUTH

CERTIFIED RAINBOWS

A youthful glow radiates from the figures in the photo. Shown are Melissa Graham and Jennifer Sorensen, Past Worthy Advisors, Glen Burnie Assembly No. 10. They have been honored with Certificates of Accomplishment presented to them by MWGM John D. Naquin at a recent meeting. (Reported by Bro. Calvin W. Parker).



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MARYLAND

An interesting side bar took place in London on the last night of a trip sponsored by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland as part of the 200th anniversary of the Grand Chapter. The entire group dined at "Simpson's on the Strand," a very fine



restaurant founded by John Simpson and his younger brother around 1874. The younger brother was the first "Chef," and his portrait hung on the wall of the great staircase leading to the second or dining level. Many of the party remarked that the picture looked much like Brother Owens. It is strange, but Bro. Owens did have a great Grandmother whose name was Simpson. Look at both photos. Isn't there a family resemblance? Then again, a transition from Chef to Pharmacist is feasible.



SHRINE
BOUMI TEMPLE, A.A.O.N.M.S.
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Illustrious Potentate

The Illustrious Potentate and Divan of Boumi Temple extend greetings and best wishes for a prosperous and successful 1997. Congratulations to Most Worshipful Grand Master John C. Naquin upon his election as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. Our sincere best wishes to him for a successful term in office.

The philanthropy of the Shrine of North America is the care and treatment of the crippled or burned child, and the Shriners Hospitals are always eager to learn of any child who is in need of this treatment. If you know of such a child, please call the phone number listed below and you will be put in touch with proper Nobles who will contact the family and set up an evaluation appointment. For information concerning any of the above, please contact Boumi Temple Office at (410) 435-1600, Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. "Be All That You Can Be."

19th SOUTHERN MARYLAND MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC



The efforts of the representatives from Southern Maryland Lodges and Collateral Bodies involved in planning the picnic made the picnic the success it has been over the years. Over 250 Masonic family members and friends were in attendance some of which are shown at the festive table in the photo.

Special guests included the RWDGM, John C. Naquin, his wife, Agnes and Grand Lodge Officers. (Thanks to SW H. Edward Potts of Thomas J. Shryock Lodge No. 223 for his input).

MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

President Robert B. Malwitz encourages greater attendance at meeting to which wives, girl friends and fellow Masons are invited. It is an opportunity to reach out to a friend and introduce him to the Craft.

At the last meeting on February 21 at Seat Pleasant Lodge, PP James Harding spoke on "Pythagoras" and Don Miller read "The End of the Templars" written by our late Bro. Dr. Thomas E. Weir.

Other meeting dates for 1997 will be held on Saturday, May 31 in Annapolis, Friday, August 15 in Hagerstown and Friday, November 21 in Elkridge.

For membership or meeting information contact Bro. Donald M. Miller, 7705 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21224-2008, 410-285-5670.

TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

The Supreme Forest, are proud to announce that at their annual convention held in Wildwood, N.J. this past year, two members of Mt Ararat Lodge No. 44 were elected to Supreme Forest Offices.

Bro. Donald H. Knode, PGTC of HarCe Forest No. 142 located in Perryville, to the office of Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. Bro. Howard B. Matthews, also a PGTC of HarCe Forest was elected to the office of Supreme Director of Region No. 2.

Both men will serve the Board of Directors of the Supreme Forest. They were officially installed at the Midwinter Conference held at Lancaster, PA the weekend of January 10, 11, and 12, 1997.

THE BALDRIC CLUB

Meeting in the Sausalito Room at the Lord Baltimore Hotel at 12 Noon every Tuesday, provides an opportunity to meet some very interesting fellow Masons. You can select anything from the menu to your liking. Prices are modest. For further information, contact Clinton S. Larmore, 140 N. Kenwood Ave, Baltimore 21224-1243, 410-732-0162.

MYSTIC ORDER OF VEILED PROPHETS OF THE ENCHANTED REALM (GROTTO)

On February 10, MWGM John C. Naquin was made a prophet at sight at Kallipolis Grotto, meeting at Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218. Oswald L. Lockard, Prophet Monarch of Kallipolis Grotto welcomed some 75 members of area Grottos. The ritual work was performed by Past Grand Monarch Frederick "Fritz" Hommel.

Attending from Yedz Grotto (Baltimore) were RWDGM Francis E. Larrimore and RWGS Jack R. Frazier. Present from Fudda Nabi Grotto (Silver Spring) were Prophet Monarch Jerrold Gordon, Deputy Zone Director Max Beloff, PM and Secretary; President of the Mid Atlantic Grotto Assn Jules Tepper, PM, and WSGS of GLOF DC and PM Jack Frank. Leading the five members of Samis Grotto (Richmond, VA) was Prophet Monarch Deland J. Camus.



SCOTTISH RITE OF MARYLAND BERNARD E. ROTHMAN

The Spring Class dedicated to Ill. Edward R. Saunders, 33rd Degree, MWPGM, is now in progress. Past and forthcoming events which are open to Ladies, Family and Friends include:

- 14th Degree Ring Ceremony on March 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday, with dinner, on March 27 at 6 p.m.
- Woman's Club Bus Trip to the House of the Temple and George Washington Masonic National Memorial, April 12 at 8 a.m.
- Ladies Day on April 13 at 3 p.m.
- Feast of Tishri on October 25.
- Scottish Rite Religious Service on November 2.

We are considering having an accelerated class in the Fall concurrent with the York Rite as we did in the past with the Shrine. Our objective is to accommodate Masons who wish to discover what lies beyond the Third Degree. We find that those who have ventured, have attracted worthy friends and relatives to the Craft.

Grand Master, I thank you for being present on March 6 at the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple with the Grand Line Officers and other treasured friends, to present me with a 50 year Masonic Service Emblem, Cap and Certificate.

I am looking forward to a continued productive and mutually supporting relationship. We are committed to being on one team - one goal - a better Craft - in a better world.

RECIPIENTS OF SERVICE EMBLEMS, CARDS AND CAPS JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 1996

Names are grouped in chronological order by Lodge. Lodge numbers omitted due to limited space.

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