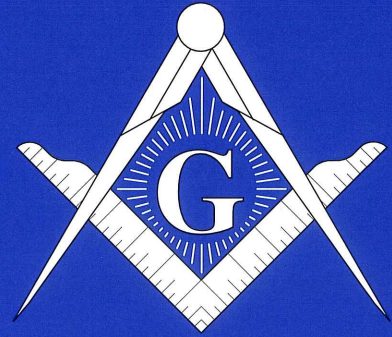


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Spring 2001

From the Grand Master—

MASONRY FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Brethren:

The first quarter of the year has passed. The regional meetings are over. We hope that we have emphasized the goals that have been set for our Grand Lodge. Now is the time to get busy with the job at hand. We thank all of our brethren for their commitment to the programs of Grand Lodge. By the time that you read this our accelerated class will have been completed and we will be encouraging lodges to fully implement their own programs.

At the regional meetings we emphasized the need for a better program of education. The Masonic Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Carl Todd, Deputy Grand Lecturer and Past Master of Centennial Lodge No. 174 has undertaken the task of preparing a Maryland Leadership course. We hope that this will be ready by the end of August and that courses can begin to train leaders for Freemasonry in Maryland. If we can train our Deacons and Wardens, we hope that the tenure of Masonic meetings in Maryland will be much better received. Results will not be evident during my term as Grand Master, but with this start and a commitment from future Grand Officers, we cannot but help to improve our gentle craft. The better educated that our officers and members are, the greater impact we as a fraternity can have on the future of Freemasonry in Maryland.

We would like to thank all who have contributed to the Letter of Appeal that was submitted to the craft last October. The results have been fantastic. More than \$45,000.00 is being (continued. Page 3)

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Editorial

The need for Freemasonry and Freemasons to be seen in our communities and to improve the public relations of our fraternity has never been more important. To accomplish this important function the fraternity relies primarily on the Lodges to carry the lead.

How many of you are aware of the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations? This committee is ready to assist you in this important endeavor.

If you do not already have one, consider appointing a committee in your Lodge or explore the possibility of several Lodges banding together to form an area committee that will address public relations in your respective area.

Forward planning is essential in business. Any marketing manager will tell you that good planning is as important as the product being sold. If we market ourselves in every way possible, the public will become aware of our good deeds.

We all have the opportunity for positive thinking, rather than the negative comments that can often arise in conversations. If we do not publicize our positive side, no one else will.

Brain storm! This technique is utilized by most large companies in today's search for improvement. Many great ideas came from weak ideas that were improved upon by group discussion.

While traditionally we may not have a strong voice, with some 20,000 of us we have an opportunity to be heard and seen throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

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

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Should you send an article for inclusion, every attempt will be made to print it in an upcoming issue.

John R. Biggs, Editor



(Grand Master from Page 1) distributed to Maryland Masonic Homes and Masonic Charities of Maryland. All donors of \$250.00 or more have been sent individual letters of thanks. To those of you who contributed smaller amounts, we owe you the greatest thanks. For our Masonic Charities of Maryland to be able to take advantage of some very large contributions, it is necessary to have a number of small donations. The answer to this appeal will more than satisfy this need to maintain the TAX DEDUCTIBLE status for this great charity. Thank you one and all, please continue to support these two great philanthropic endeavors.

It is the hope of The Grand Master to be invited to share Freemasonry with as many brothers as possible. Only if we are invited to your lodge may we accomplish this. Please give us the opportunity to share that brotherly love and fellowship with as many masons as is possible.

Please avail yourselves with all of the Grand Lodge promotions that we have planned. Bull and Oyster Roast, Grand Lodge, Family Day Picnic, 4th of July, Seafood and Pig Roast at Tuckahoe Steam Park on Eastern Shore, Harvest Home Day, October Fest, and Grand Lodge Annual Meeting.

We look forward to great success in all our endeavors. The best to each of you as we strive to enrich our communities with Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Bennie G. Owens
M.W. Grand Master

Pledge Drive

Brethren, on June 10th during the hours from 7 PM through 11 PM, the Grand Lodge of Maryland AF&AM has been invited to participate in the Pledge Drive for Channel 67, Maryland Public Broadcasting. This event will be held in Owings Mills, at their studio. We will answer their telephones and record incoming pledges throughout the course of the evening.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to let me know if you can help us that evening.

This activity will offer wide spread televised coverage for the Masonic Fraternity. We all benefit from a chance to be in the public eye in a setting such as this. Call me at 410 527-0600 and sign up now. If I am not in when you call, please leave your name and phone number with Linda or Beth. Then inform your family and friends that you will be on TV!

Thanks in advance for your usual great cooperation and

participation.

Fraternally,
John Young
R.W. Deputy Grand Master

Pancake Breakfast

Bro. Terry Beal, PM, Kemp Lodge No 154 in Mt. Savage, MD prepares a fresh batch of Pancakes for their first-ever Pancake Breakfast. The



Breakfast was held on Sunday, the 18 of February in their Lodge. Worshipful Master Charles Schelble invites you to visit anytime you are close.





Grand Chaplain's Corner

Being the Worshipful Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Maryland has been a very rewarding and enlightening experience. As I have traveled throughout Maryland with the Grand Master and Grand Line Officers, I have had the good fortune to meet hundreds of Master Masons, and in some situations, their wives as well. I have been greatly impressed by the quality of the men and women whom I have met.

The sincerity, honesty and integrity of the Master Masons I have met have caused me to think in depth about what it means to be a Master Mason. Our common belief in a Deity is a reminder to us that there is a higher power outside ourselves which has created the universe and sustains life. Many of the Master Masons whom I have met are active church members who play prominent roles in the life of their local churches. Our mutual respect for one another's religious beliefs exceeds that of many other individuals.

During the past year and a half, I have paid particular attention to the attitudes and behavior of men who wear the symbols of our fraternity. With few exceptions these Master Masons have conducted themselves with dignity and have shown respect for others. I have also learned that

wherever we go people watch what we do and listen to what we say. We must be very careful about our actions and words when we wear the emblems of our fraternity.

I sincerely believe that we, as Master Masons, can have a profound effect upon our neighbors and communities if we live up to the tenets of our fraternity. Our actions, words and the way we conduct our daily lives will create interest in our fraternity and will cause others to want to become Master Masons.

Just a little side note: A few weeks ago I borrowed my son's pickup truck to pick up twenty bags of top soil and twenty bags of mulch. I was wearing a baseball cap with a Masonic emblem on it. As I started the truck, a young man approached me and said, "Let me load your truck sir." When he had finished, I thanked him. He extended his hand to shake mine and said "my pleasure, Brother Hiram." He got in his car and drove off. I could not help but notice the Masonic emblem on his license plate.

Brothers, remember the world is watching us. Let us become living examples of our Masonic code of brotherhood under the fatherhood of God.

Dr. Leslie G. Metcalf,
Worshipful Grand Chaplain.

In Memoriam

This year our Grand Lodge and Freemasonry in general lost a true hero. Brother John C. Naquin, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master laid down his working tools for the last time and resides now in the Celestial Lodge above. He will be sorely missed by all he touched.

In October 1970, John was initiated in Freemasonry in Camp Springs Lodge #227. Shortly thereafter the US Navy transferred him to Portsmouth, England. While there, arrangements were made between the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Maryland for Prudence Lodge no. 7138 to confer John's Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees.

John was very active in Freemasonry. He became Worshipful Master of #227 in 1982. In addition to Blue Lodge activities, he held membership in Andrews Chapter No. 446 National Sojourners, Inc. (Past President); Charles H. Danforth Camp, Heroes of "76 (Past Commander); Chesapeake Chapter Allied Masonic Degrees; St. Cyprian's Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Baltimore Forest No. 45 Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Scottish Rite, Southern MD and Baltimore Bodies; Boumi Shrine Temple (Knights of Mecca and



Ambassadors); Royal Order of Scotland; Kallipolis Grotto; York Rite Bodies (York Chapter, Council and Commandery).

Throughout his active years in Freemasonry, John was a staunch supporter of all the Masonic youth organizations, attending as many of their functions as possible and earning their respect and love.

For his hard work and dedication to Masonry, John was recognized with many honors. His stellar performance in Masonic ritual led to an appointment as Deputy Grand Lecturer in 1984, holding this position until he was elected Deputy Grand Master in November 1994. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1989 to 2000. He served in several positions in the Grand Line of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, including: Grand Standard Bearer, 1984; R.W. Senior Grand Warden, 1989; R.W. Deputy Grand Master, 1995 and 1996; and was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master to serve in 1997 and 1998. In November 2000 during Annual Communication, he was presented the highest award that can be conferred by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Thomas J. Shyrock Medal for Outstanding Masonic Service.

In May and June of 1998, John traveled with members of his Grand Line and other

Maryland Masons to the United Kingdom, spending three memorable days in Portsmouth, England with brethren from Prudence Lodge and other Portsmouth area Lodges and touring Portsmouth and surrounding areas. John had many fond memories of this trip where he once again sat in Prudence Lodge and enjoyed the fellowship and brotherly love so typical among our English brethren. They traveled to London, Scotland and Ireland as well.

In November of 1998, John granted dispensation for the formation of the Free State Shield and Square Club. He and his 1998 Grand Line attended the very first conferral by this group in the James W. Bowers Lodge no. 173 in Hancock, Maryland where he was made the first honorary member of the Shield & Square Club Degree Team. He participated in the majority of their conferrals.

He was a faithful devotee of Freemasonry, its ritual and of the tenants of its profession, an outstanding Mason and a good friend.

Bro. Bernard Rothman, PGM and SGIG is dedicating the fall Scottish Rite Class to Bros. John Naquin, PGM and Stephen J. Ponzillo, PGM. A fine and fitting tribute for these dedicated Brothers.

Wreath Ceremony

In March 18th, 2001, Bro. Benny G. Owens, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland and several Grand Line Officers participated in a wreath laying ceremony in Mt. Vernon, Virginia to honor the memory of Brother George Washington.

With Grand Master Owens from left to right are: Bro. Jules Tepper, R.W.S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of D.C.,



Bro. James Cole, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Bro. Raymond Vogel, Supreme Tall Cedar and Grand Master Bennie G. Owens.

Ritual Competition

Ritual Competition, for those Lodges entered, will begin in late May to early June. Competition will be in the Fellowcraft Degree. The winner will be announced during the Summer School of Instruction and presented their award.

Competition for next year will be in the Master Mason Degree. There is plenty of time to hone your skills.



Special Rocking Chair

The following poem was read to M. W. Grand Master Bennie G. Owens at the installation of Officers in Prince Frederick Lodge #142 on January 17, 2001.

Prince Frederick had a Low
Vale, on 21 September,
Now tis my duty to tell this
tale, We know you will
remember.

In the Northeast Corner
there sat three rockers, for
Larrimore, Naquin and Clark,
and all you had was old
folding chairs, upon which
you could park.

I was called into Lodge by
Grand Master that warm
evening in September,

I said, if we ever Low Vale
again, you'd be eligible, after
November, to occupy a rock-
ing chair, while
sitting in our Lodge,

now we feel it is our duty,
an obligation we can't dodge.

So in the East, you'll find a
seat, now that you've been
elected, so enjoy this day and
rock away, in this chair that
we've selected.

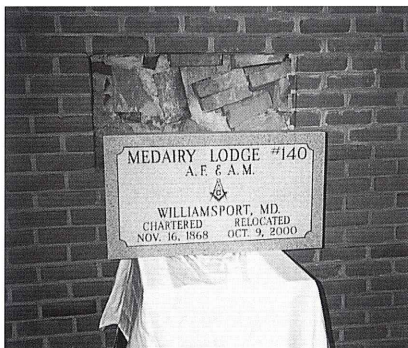
H. Edward Potts, G.I.

Grand Master Owens has
now been given his own spe-
cial rocking chair for future
Lodges of Low Vale here.



Corner Stone Ceremony

On January 23, 2001 Bro.
Bennie G. Owens, Most
Worshipful Grand Master of
Masons in Maryland, assisted
by Grand Line officers,



presided over the Corner-
Stone laying Ceremony for the
new Temple of
Medairy Lodge # 140.

The new Temple is located at
#2 Milestone Terrace in
Williamsport, Md. They meet
on the second and Fourth
Mondays. Bro. Morris E. Lay,
Worshipful Master, invites
you to drop in anytime to share
in the Western Md hospitality.

Summer School

Summer is not far off now and
soon we shall be busy with
vacation, travel and all the
many fun things that this sea-
son brings. And amidst all that
fun, please Let's not forget one

of the summer events that
allow us to continue to enjoy
the fellowship of our fraternity
even while most lodges are
dark.

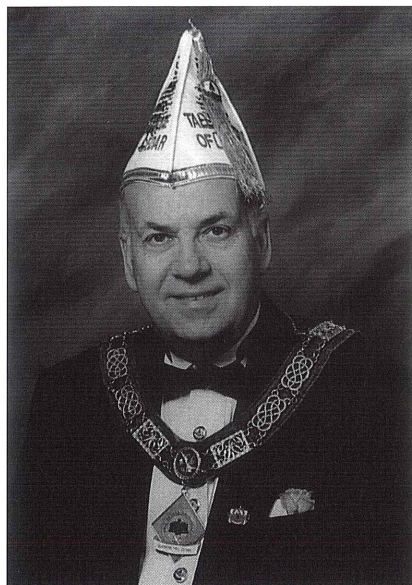
School of Instruction
begins in Grand Lodge on the
9th of July this year and con-
tinues in Cockeysville each
Tuesday there after through
the 28th of August. As usual
the school will begin with the
Fellow Craft Degree, followed
by the EA Degree, the MM
Degree, etc. July 31 will be our
"Special Event" night. The
final two weeks will be the
exemplification of the Master
Mason Degree. Come out,
show off your work and enjoy
the fellowship. The schedule
for the State Area Schools of
Instruction is as follows:
Centennial # 221

July 19	EA Degree
July 26	FC Degree
August 2	MM Degree
August 9	Workshop
Friendship # 84	
July 19	EA Degree
Centennial # 221	
July 19th	EA Degree
Columbia # 58	
July 26	FC Degree
Cambridge # 66	
August 2	FC Degree
James W. Bowers # 173	
August 16	MM Degree
Temple # 128	
August 23	MM Degree

Regular attendees will note
the addition of new stops on
the tour. Thanks to their
Worshipful Masters.



Bro. Ray Vogel



Supreme Tall Cedar

Past Supreme Tall Cedar Jacob R. Corwell installed Brother Raymond J. Vogel as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. The Keynote Speaker for the evening was R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Md, Bro. Jack Frazier.

Brother Vogel was raised a Master Mason in November 1965, and joined Baltimore Forest No. 45 in December of 1965. Ray's father, grandfather, uncle, wife, mother and mother-in-law have all been active in the history of Baltimore Forest and the Cedarettes of Baltimore.

Ray is married to Brenda and has two children, Andrea and John. Brother Ray is retired from Sears Roebuck & Company where he worked as a manager for thirty years in various stores and is now

employed by the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Maryland. Brother Ray and his family are members of Fallston United Methodist Church. Brother Ray was a Past Master Counselor of Baltimore Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1959, Drum Major of Baltimore Junior Drum Corps 1961-1965, served as a member of the Stewards of Baltimore Forest 1965-1982, served as Chief Steward 1982-1987, is a Life Member of the Tall Cedar Foundation since 1985, served as Vice President of Baltimore No. 45 Assn. from 1987-1992, and President 1993-1995. Ray served as Grand Tall Cedar of Baltimore Forest in 1989 and also President of the Officers & Past Officers Association of District No. 14 from 94 to 95

Ray served as Chairman on many other committees of Baltimore Forest and has organized many affairs for his Forest. He is very proud to be a Master Mason and a Tall Cedar and promotes both of these organizations in his travels.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 18,000 members in 102 chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada.

Since 1952, the Tall Cedars have had the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy

Association and have contributed over \$14 million to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon Challenge For Children Campaign

Masonic Square Bears

Bro. Robert M. Penny advises that Coates Lodge # 102 of Easton visited the Memorial Hospital in Easton, Maryland in December, just prior to Christmas and gave Masonic Square Bears to the children in the Pediatrics Unit. This gift meant quite a bit to the children in the unit who were too sick to be able to be home with their families during the Holiday Season.



Third Generation

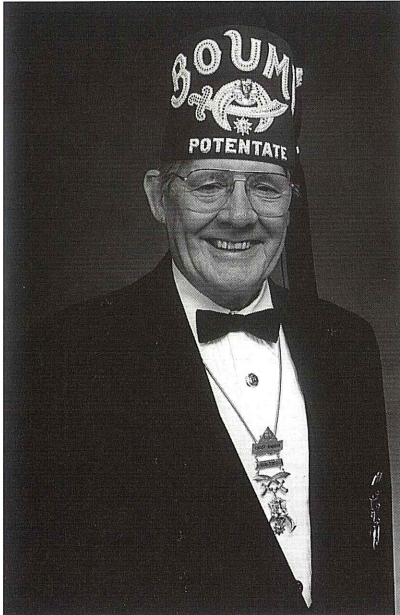
On Monday evening, April 2, members and guest of James W. Bowers Lodge # 173 in Hancock, Maryland, witnessed a piece of history when a third generation family member was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It is believed that the Fischer family marks the first time in Lodge history to have this rare occasion take place.

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The Degree work was conferred by the Tall Cedars Degree Team of Hagerstown.

Albert C. Winterling



Illustrious Potentate Boumi Temple

The Illustrious Potentate and Divan of Boumi Temple extend greetings and best wishes for a successful and prosperous year in 2001.

Congratulations to Most Worshipful Grand Master Bennie G. Owens upon his election as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. Our sincere best wishes to him and the Grand Lodge for a successful term of office.

This year's festivities began on Saturday, February 3rd when the Potentate's Inaugural Dinner and Dance was held at Boumi Temple. Entertainment for this most

elegant and spectacular party was provided by the fabulous sounds of radio and television personality Carolyn Black-Sotir.

On Saturday, February 24th, the Temple honored the Clubs and Committees on Clubs Night, a tribute for their outstanding work throughout the year.

The annual Bull and Oyster Roast was held on Sunday, March 18th at the Tall Cedars Hall and the ladies were cordially invited to enjoy this special treat.

As the Spring Season approaches, Boumi Temple's Annual Circus Night will be held at the Mosque on Saturday, April 7th. This is a Las Vegas Style party and entertainment will be provided by The Monaldi Brothers.

Also, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party was held at the Mosque on April 14th. This is an excellent time for "Pop-Pops" and "Mom-Moms" to escort the children to the party. Illustrious Potentate Al and First Lady Marlene invite you to join them on a fabulous cruise to the Scandinavian capitals on May 9th - May 24th. The enchanting Cruise Ship Norwegian Dream is designed to take you to some very special places.

Please mark your calendars NOW for another delightful vacation trip to the Panama Canal coming up on October

30th November 9th. More detailed information will be forthcoming in a later report.

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

"SOARING INTO THE NEW
C E N T U R Y "

Grand Lodge Visit

During the morning of June 21st Bro. G. Kent Elkins, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina and a group of South Carolina Brethren and their ladies will be visiting the Baltimore area. Bro. Elkins will be given a tour of our Grand Lodge, the Museum and the Library and if time permits, the Masonic Homes at Bonnie Blink.

Please drop by Grand Lodge that morning and enjoy lunch with our visiting South Carolina brethren.



Bonnie Blink News

By Joe Edmonds

Well it's that time again and I am looking forward to sharing "feelings of the Homes" with YOU! The Castle on the Hill is cozy and warm. The birds gather about the feeder and the deer and the squirrels go about their daily food searching. We enjoy the ever changing scenery, the more than beautiful sunrises and sunsets and life is pleasant and peaceful. The predicted huge snowstorm missed us, but we knew our grounds crew were ready, with the salt spreader in place and the snow plow ready to go.

Now we really look forward to spring; already some early spring bulbs are poking their heads through the snow (what little we had) then there are the primrose, where several are blooming with delicate little yellow flowers in full bloom. Then there is the bird feeder, donated by Brother Mather, well attended these days - cute little snow birds, 6 beautiful cardinals, 4 blue jays and once in awhile a crow or two sneak in and of course a multitude of sparrows - oh I forgot the squirrels, chipmunks, and the deer. The deer seem to like the plants in front of the chapel, they dig them up and snip off the tops and leave them lay about the lawn. Now on to other "Happenings"

First on my list must be The Sparrows Point Square Club. Our wood shop had turned six Stone Masons Gavel from some very fine walnut wood, donated by one of their members. We were grateful for the wood and expected no more, however one of their members arrived at the shop and I thought he had come for a visit (I enjoy visits from the Brethren). After a few pleasantries he handed me a check! Well, I must admit I was flabbergasted and very pleased and grateful - and speechless. We sure can use this very generous donation. Thank you Bill, Charlie, Bob, Al and all my Brothers.

Now it occurs to me, we have many people to thank for their many gifts and services to the Residents of Bonnie Blink.

I will use this space to list a few and to thank ALL for their gifts and time. Recently we received a donation of hand tools and a power grinder from Brother "Buddy" Mather. Then there is Brother "Whitey" Franck for having our tools sharpened. It sure makes the job smoother and faster. Many thanks to Sister Marcia Betz, P.M. for the very fine power tools donated in memory of her son. The plaque on each machine reads: "In Memory of Donald W. Betz, Lebanon Lodge # 346 AF & AM, Eagan, Mn."

Many thanks go to Brother

Paul Phelps for teaching our residents the art of using the computers.

Brother Phelps answered the call in this newsletter for an instructor and he has proven to be a good one. Following in his foot steps came Brother Hilliard (digger) O'Day with a new color printer. I will continue to thank all those Lodges, Brothers, their wives and Members of the O.E.S. for conducting the weekly Bingo game. The residents always look forward to Friday evenings. This can be a tough assignment - the residents can be a tough bunch when it comes to Bingo! You better get the call right. Three games to a set, repeat the letter and number twice, make sure you say "clear your card" after the third game and avoid saying "don't clear your card now" (many of our residents wear hearing aids and only hear "Clear your cards") OOPS -too late, someone has cleared their card!! Yes we do love Bingo and your very generous participation has been a God send to the residents. Many thanks to the Jobs Daughters and the various Bethels for adapting the residents as "Adoptive Grand-parents" and conducting the Sunday church service - beautiful job!

Up coming events include Easter Sunrise Service, Grand Lodge (continued. page 10)



Religious Service, Grand Lodge Bull and Oyster Roast, Family Day, Fireworks display from Oregon Ridge, Grand Masters Ball, Dr. John Coats Crab Feast, and Harvest Home Day. In the interim there have been many outings and visitations for which we are all very thankful.

So let's see what is happening in the rest of the "Homes." Next comes "Family Day" June 16', this means gathering and pricing numerous item for the "White Elephant Table" The chairperson - Daisy Gue is laboring, organizing and tagging items for the table. Please take note and be there for fun, food, and fellowship.

Now you know: Harvest Home Day is September 15 - even if this is only April, there is a lot that goes into this day that doesn't meet the eye and at this writing we do not have a chairperson for this committee but we will survive. I am signing off however we have word from another important sector of our great fraternity so lets see what is happening there.

Order of the Eastern Star News from Bonnie Blink:

Prior to March 15, 2001 all O.E.S. Chapters in Maryland install elected and appointed officers for the year 2001 - 2002. During the March meeting of Trinity Chapter #99 the following elected officers were

installed:
 Worthy Matron:
 Dorothy Conklin
 Worthy Patron:
 Oliver Bell
 Associate. Matron:
 Daisy Gue*
 Associate. Patron
 Joseph Edmonds*
 Secretary:
 Harriet Cole
 Treasurer:
 Lenora Bell
 Conductress:
 Eleanor Miller*
 Associate. Cond.
 Alyse Ashwell

* Bonnie Blink Residents

The following residents were appointed by the Worthy Matron to serve for the 2001/2002 year:

Star Point Ruth:
 Ethel Edmonds*
 Warder:
 Dorothy Holman*
 Prompter:
 Ehrma Butterfield*

An invitation is extended to all members of the Eastern Star to visit Trinity #99. We meet at 7:45pm on the first Thursday of each month in Fraternity Hall, here on The Hill. As of January 1 there were 41 residents at Bonnie Blink who are members of various O.E.S. Chapters.

At Trinity meetings you will find 15 to 20 residents in attendance, including our Grand Secretary Emeritus Sister Phyllis Letsch. These members

play an integral part in the day-to-day operation of the Homes. Just look around, you will find them operating the gift shop, beautifying areas indoor and out with flowers, turning out ceramics, serving as officers and on committees of the Resident's Council, keeping the Library in good order, helping with Chapel, and overseeing the Green House and Wood Shop. Come Family Day, the Worthy Matron, Secretary and other officers and members come forward and lend helping hands at the White Elephant Table, and operate a Bake Table in support of their charities.

Reminder! The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Its members are comprised of men who are Master Masons and women with specific Masonic relationships. This includes great granddaughters, widows, etc. to mention a few.

We encourage you and your eligible family members to become a member of an Eastern Star Chapter and help strengthen the Masonic Families. Members consider it a privilege to be included under the umbrella of Freemasonry and we are proud to have helped make possible contributions to



benefit people around the world through numerous projects by contributing to charitable and benevolent organizations such as Heart, Cancer, Arthritis, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Make a Wish and ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) to name just a few. To join us, just ask any Star member for a petition. Thanks Daisy, for your fine input.

Job's Daughters

Job's Daughters is an organization for young women. They can help young ladies learn important skills for life, such as leadership, organization, teamwork and self reliance. They work to help our communities.

They honor a rich tradition and heritage that has been a part of Job's Daughters since 1920. If you know of someone that would benefit from membership, please contact them through the following points of contact and meeting places.

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Diana Dodd, GS 301 779-5590
Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 179
5106 43 Ave., Hyattsville
20781

Bethel No. 16 - Glen Burnie
Mary Lake, GS 410 766-1217
Glen Burnie Lodge No. 213
11 Crain Highway, PO Box
513, Glen Burnie 21060

Bethel No. 24 - Indianhead
Corrine Pearson, GD 301 283-

2831 Perseverance Lodge No.
208 31 Raymond Ave., Indian
Head 20640

Bethel No. 27 Germantown
Rachael Sunderland GS 301
428-2909 Pentalpha Lodge No.
194 20516 Boland Farm Rd.,
Germantown 20876

Bethel No. 31 Westminster
Stacy Bowen, GS 410 781-6207

Door To Virtue Lodge No. 46
P.O.Box 386, 46 Monroe St.,
Westminster 21158

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3921 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44
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Thompson, GS 301 946-6121

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20850

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Ave., Towson 21204

Bethel No. 41- Camp Springs
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Camp Springs Lodge No. 227
6311 Old Branch Ave., Camp
Springs 20748

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Marlboro Lisa Hamrick, GS
410 867-1182 Centennial
Lodge No. 174 6110 Croom
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20772

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Mary Lou Walter, GS 410 734-
6323 Stephenson Lodge No.
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Darlington 21034

LEGEND:
BG = Bethel Guardian
GS = Guardian Secretary
GD = Grand Deputy
GT = Guardian Treasurer



From left to right are Bro. Dan Powell, G.I., Bro. William Ledmen, Grandson of H. Purdy, Bro. Henry Purdy, Bro. Bennie G. Owens, M.W. Grand Master, Bro. John Young, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Stanley R. Flaggs, Worshipful Master of Coates Lodge # 102.

Who is Henry H. Purdy?

Have you ever resided in a small town not fully aware of the rich history that envelopes the region? More importantly, have you ever met or been acquainted with an individual in this small town who can be considered an important piece of this history and have not been aware of this fact? To know Henry H. Purdy provides one an avenue into the past of Easton, Maryland, and where one can become familiar not only with its history but recognize a person who has played a key role in creating it.

Henry was born in Northumberland, PA, 17 January 1917. As a young man he moved to Easton in 1937, where he worked at Price's Tire

Shop, Oxford Boat Yard and then back to Price's Tire Shop until 1942. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on 23 November 1942, serving a tour of duty at Bainbridge, MD and later in the South Pacific as a Chief Petty Officer on Okinawa. In January, 1946, he received his Honorable Discharge. He returned to Easton where he opened his own Bookkeeping and Tax Service in December, 1946. He sold the business in 1971 to Ellin and Tucker, CPA's from Baltimore, but stayed active in the firm. The business was resold in 1976 to Brown and Wallace, and Henry continued his service until 31 December 1978. At that time he went back into private practice and remains active in this field as of this date.

Henry married Elmira

Collins on 4 October 1940. They had two children, a daughter, Margaret Lednum of Easton and a son, Henry, Jr., of Federalsburg. Three grandchildren and four great grandchildren have blessed him. Elmira died 13 May 1978. Henry then remarried to Anna (Griff) Patrick on 31 July 1982. She brought to the marriage 2 sons, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Henry's community service and tenure in public office represents a record of remarkable achievement, endurance and dedication.

From 1947 to 1948 he served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Talbot County Farm Bureau.

He has been a member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Easton, serving as a Lay Reader, from 1937 to the present. As Treasurer, he served from 1954 to 1983, as Senior Warden for three years, and as President Lay Readers Guild of the Diocese of Easton, Past Diocesan Auditor and Vestryman for several years.

Past Secretary/Treasurer of the Old Easton Businessmen's Association (now known as the Chamber of Commerce).

He joined the Easton Volunteer Fire Department 4 March 1940 and served as Secretary, Vice President and Trustee, becoming a Life Member in 1967. He was named Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the



State Fireman's Association in 1973, tending his resignation this year. He was awarded the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award in 1991, in recognition of fifty years of continuous faithful service by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. He is a member of the Eastern Shore, Del-Mar-Va Volunteer and Maryland's Fireman's Association Halls of Fame.

He petitioned for membership to the Coats Lodge No. 102, A.F. & A.M. and was raised 20 February 1941, and will receive his 60 year pin in February of next year. He served as Junior Steward, Senior Steward, and Secretary. He was elected Treasurer in 1984, a post in which he presently serves. Henry is also a member of the Talbot Royal Arts Chapter No. 22 and Joshua Council No. 8, R & S.M. He is a member of V.F.W. Post no. 5118, American Legion Talbot Post No. 70, Voiture Locale 1371, La Societe des Quarente Hommes et Huit Chevaus Honor Society and a past member of Easton B.P.O.E. Lodge No. 1622. He joined the Easton Rotary Club in 1954 and served as Secretary 1964 to 1968, President 1970 to 1971, a Paul Harris Fellow and is still active.

Secretary of the Board of Election Supervisors of Talbot County for 8 years and a mem-

ber for 4 years.

Henry was elected to the Easton Town Council as a councilman from the First Ward in 1954 and served in that position to 1971. He was then elected mayor and served in that position from 1971 to 1979. He then served as President of the Council to 1981, at which time he retired from the Council. From 1966 to 1967 he served two terms as President of the Maryland Municipal League, the first Councilman to be elected President and the only one to have served two terms. From 1962 to 1979 he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Municipal League. On 13 June 2000 he was inducted into the Maryland Municipal League Hall of Fame.

Beginning 1 July 1969 and to the present, he serves as Secretary/Treasurer of Spring Hill Cemetery and continues operating a bookkeeping tax service.

By Proclamation of the Mayor of Easton, the month of April 2000 was identified as Henry H. Purdy Month.

These are the highlights of Henry's service to the Town of Easton, to Maryland and the country. It is small wonder that some refer to him as "Mr. Easton". If you have never met Henry, you have missed a rare treat. If you have, you probably are not aware of all the facts

above, particularly his outstanding record of public service. At 83 plus years young, one might think that Henry would slow down, lay back, smell the flowers and watch the world go by. Not so! Henry is as active as ever, continuing to make his contribution to the numerous organizations to which he belongs as well as the community at large.

Multi-State Degree Festival

On August 4, 2001 in the Grand Lodge room in Cockeysville, Maryland, the very first ever "Multi State Degree Festival" will be hosted. This event will begin at 9:30 A.M. and break for lunch, and should conclude by 4:00 P.M.

The following Degree Teams have been invited to this function: Charlie's Angels from Mechanicville, Missouri which is just outside of St. Louis and the 10th District Degree Team from Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Degree work will commence on the 4th at 9:30 AM. If candidates are available, the Degrees will be conferred. If not, they will be exemplified.

This may be your only chance to see Degree work from these jurisdictions. Don't forget to put this date on your planner. Both teams do excellent ritual and both Grand Jurisdictions perform ritual in their own unique way. Contact Ed Kraft or Jack Biggs for info.



THE BEST EVENT IN A MASON'S LIFE

I heard three knocks
on the Temple door
and then it was opened
wide, I felt the grip of a
Mason's hand as I
slowly passed inside.

I was lowered down
on bended knees as a
prayer was said for me,
And then I was helped
to pass around for the
Brethren all to see.

And all to me was
black of night as my
leader took me round,
And my racing heart I
heard more clear than the
solemn organ's sound.

My faltering footsteps
here and there were
halted on my way,
And several questions
were put to me as I
struggled not to sway.

With my right hand
resting on the 'law'
I took my obligation,
I swore I'd be a Mason true
at my initiation.

I shall not tell more of
what I saw or what to
me was spoken,
But I saw the sign
and heard the word and
I felt the Mason's token.

I'll tell you this, that

I heard a charge
(which I later learned by heart)
and it told me all that
a man should do
as a Mason from the start.

It matters not if
you pass the Chair or reach
the highest station

The best event in a mason's
life IS HIS INITIATION.

Submitted by
Bro. Ian D. Shaw, P.M.
Johore Bahru
Lodge # 8390
Portsmouth, England

Challenge for Children Campaign

We, the Shepherds of Boumi
Temple, invite all Blue Lodges,
Scottish Rite Bodies, York Rite
Masons, Units and clubs of
Boumi Temple, and all other
Masonic Affiliated Groups, to
participate in a "Challenge For
Children Campaign in 2001.

Our Shriner's Hospitals are
always seeking to find children
with Orthopedic and/or Burn
disabilities, that could possi-
bly be helped through FREE
treatment at one of our twenty
two units throughout North
America.

We would ask that every
Blue Lodge, and other Masonic
group, sponsor at least one
child for possible treatment at
one of the Hospitals in 2001.
We know that there are chil-

dren out there who could use
our help; it's just a matter of
finding them. Wouldn't that
be a great achievement for our
Masonic bodies this year?
Please ask for a hospital appli-
cation from any Shepherd and
get it to a parent or guardian of
such a child. We also have
posters and flyers for you to
distribute to other organiza-
tions such as schools,
Churches and other civic
groups that could possibly
know of a child in need of our
services and remember to tell
them that our services are
entirely FREE AND THAT
THERE IS NO RESTRICTION
AS TO RACE, RELIGION OR
FINANCIAL ABILITY!

When you have your appli-
cation, contact a Shriner and
have them process it through
the Shepherds or Hospitals.
You could also bring the child
to one of our Mini-Clinics that
are held at several locations
throughout the state this year.
The first one is being held at
the 5th Regiment Armory in
Baltimore on Saturday, May
19th from 9:00 AM through
12:00 noon.

Contact the Boumi Temple at
410 391-6400 for a list of addition
al clinics held through out the
year.

We hope you will join us in
this challenge and look for-
ward to assisting you to help
us meet this goal.



From left to right are Mrs. Patricia Ponzillo, Grand Master Owens, Stephen J. Ponzillo, III and his wife.

Library Dedication

The following proclamation was made by Bro. John C. Naquin, P.G.M.:

"In as much as our beloved Past Grand Master, Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., was the prime mover in the establishment of the beautiful Masonic library in Freemasons Hall at Cockeysville, Maryland, and inasmuch as he has now passed to the Celestial Lodge above, it is fitting that we should dedicate this splendid facility to his memory. I would therefore suggest that the library be named " The Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library". Further, I recommend that his portrait be prominently displayed within or in close proximity to the library and that a suitable plaque, designed by the library curator and approved by the Board of Managers, be affixed

to the wall adjacent to the library space."

Pursuant to this, on Sunday, February 25th, 2001 at 7:30



P.M., Bro. Bennie G. Owens, Most Worshipful Grand Master, dedicated our Masonic library as the Stephen Joseph Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library.

Approximately 50 brethren and wives attended this ceremony.

The guest of honor was Mrs. Patricia Ponzillo, wife of P.G.M. Ponzillo.

The ceremony was formally opened by the Grand Marshal, Bro. John Lister and was conducted by Most Worshipful Grand Master Bennie G. Owens. The unveiling of the Dedictory Plaque was by Grand Master Owens and Mrs. Patricia Ponzillo.

Following remarks by Grand Master Owens and Bro. Jack R. Frazier, Grand Secretary, and the closing prayer and benediction, a tour of the Library and Museum was given by Bro. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III. The group then retired to the Gothic Room for refreshments and fellowship.

Web Site

Www.freemasonry.org/maryland is the url for the Maryland Masonic Web Site. Here you can access Web pages for the Grand Lodge of Maryland, all subordinate Lodges that maintain web sites, Scottish Rite, York Rite Bodies, the Shrine, Masonic Charities, Masonic Homes, Demolay and Rainbow.

Most public libraries have computers you can use to set up your own email account and to access the internet should you not own your own computer.

Maryland Masonic Calendar



May 2001

- 21 Religious Services, 11:00 pm,
Grand Lodge Bull Roast
from 1 PM - 5 PM
- 21 Semi-Annual
Communication of the
Grand Lodge of
Maryland. Dinner at 6:00
pm, Grand Lodge opens at
7:30 PM

June 2001

- 16 Bonnie Blink Annual
Summer Family Picnic
11:30 am - 4 PM. Bring
family and friends. A
\$5.00 donation is request-
ed to help defray costs.

July 2001

- 4 Grand Lodge Independence
Day Celebration, 6:00 P.M.
Bring your picnic basket
or enjoy the catered food.
Magnificent Fire-Works
Display at Dusk
- 21 Grand Master's Ball, 6:30
PM - 11:00 PM Black Tie
preferred.

August 2001

- 4 Multi-State Degree Day
Grand Lodge 9:30 AM -
- 25 John Coates Memorial
Lodge 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 PM,
Pig Roast and Sea Food
Festival, Tuckaho Steam
and Gas, Boumi Temple
String Band

September 2001

- 15 Harvest Home Day, G.L.

October 2001

- 27 Oktoberfest
- High Twelve Guild Luncheon
is held in the Grand Lodge
Ball Room on the second
Tuesday of each month fol-
lowing the Daylight Lodge
meeting. G.L., 12:00 noon,
Cost \$5.00.
- &
and on the second Thursday
following the Daylight
Chapter meeting 12 noon,
Cost \$5.00

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