



The FREESTATE FREEMASON

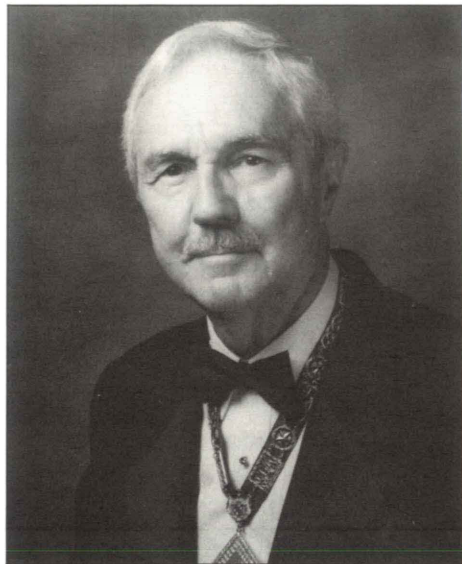


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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

BRETHREN:



May I have your attention please.

Although many of you may be aware of serious challenges facing Freemasonry today, I want to be sure that all of us realize the gravity of the situation with which we are faced.

In June of 1992, the Southern Baptist Convention voted to approve a study of Freemasonry to determine whether or not Freemasonry is compatible with Christianity and Southern Baptist doctrine. The results of the study are to be presented to the 1993 Southern Baptist Convention on June 15-17. This could result in the condemnation of Freemasonry.

The criticisms are basically the same as

those circulated over many years by religious extremists and others. These criticisms claim that Freemasonry is a religion; it is one of the allies of the Devil; it is a pagan religion; it is anti-Christian and anti-Christ; it is a practitioner of the black arts that springs from the pits of hell and the father of lies, Lucifer.

The reaction of our gentle craft has been inspiring! We are responding to our critics in publications which are loaded with facts and references which refute and defeat in detail any and all accusations: These include The February 1993 issue of The Scottish Rite Journal (S.J.), the February 1993 issue of The Northern Light (Scottish Rite N.J.), and the December 1992 issue of the Short Talk Bulletin entitled "Extremism vs. Freedom". Copies of these publications are available both from the publisher and the Masonic Service Association. Please write for a copy if you do not have one. Copies of the 1993 Scottish Rite Journal were made available to attendees at the recent Regional Meetings, courtesy of Bro. Bernard E. Rothman, S.G.I.G. in Maryland.

Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33rd degree, Sovereign Grand Commander, S.J., states that it is crucial that Masons who are Southern Baptists become messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in June. To alert concerned Brothers and show them how to become messengers, the May issue of The Scottish Rite Journal will include an article titled "Carrying the Message - How Does a Mason who is a Baptist Become a Messenger?" This article is included in this issue of The Freestate Freemason so that ac-

tion may be taken early on.

My brethren, knowledge is power. The knowledge contained in the foregoing publications and such volumes as Bro. John J. Robinson's most recent book, "A Pilgrim's Path"; "Masonic Philanthropies" and "Masons Who Helped Shape Our Nation" issued by The Supreme Council (S.J.); are rich and potent sources of the power needed to deal with the criticisms contained in the Southern Baptist Convention study as well as charged by other religious extremists and anti-Masonic groups.

What can we do? As individuals, we must become more knowledgeable about Masonry by becoming familiar with the publications described above; by taking Grand Lodge Correspondence Courses, and by attending Masonic information and education programs during Lodge meetings. To increase Masonic visibility and awareness, Lodge leadership should consider sponsoring seminars, open houses and meetings with Masons, non-Masons, parents and members of Youth organizations; and participation in the Grand Master's Community Awareness Program and other support projects and events.

Regardless of Freemasonry's detractors, we have survived for more than 275 years in our belief of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. "So mote it be!"

Sincerely and fraternally,
William M. Clark, Jr., Grand Master

SPECIAL EVENTS

• **GRAND LODGE ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES.** This 57th annual event will be held at Bonnie Blink on Sunday April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Each Master Mason, his family and friends are cordially invited to join the Grand Master and his wife, Rose on this joyous event. Grand Chaplain Donald Stottlemeyer will deliver the Easter message. Grand Organist Frank Stoner will provide special music.

• **GRAND LODGE RELIGIOUS SERVICES** will be held at Bonnie Blink on

Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m. Jewels and aprons will not be worn. Informal dark clothes will be in order. All brethren, their family and friends are encouraged to attend.

• **SEMI-ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION.** Will be held in the Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on May 17, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. New procedures and agenda include:

. Card System for Voting. A "card" system will be initiated in voting on matters requiring Grand Lodge approval. This is

designed to save time and insure that voting is done by those members of the Grand Lodge who are eligible to vote.

Each Lodge is required to register prior to the communication. Upon registration, each Lodge receives two green and two red cards. Green cards are used to vote for a proposal; red cards to vote against a proposal. The Worshipful Master and Wardens have one vote collectively; the Past Masters also have one vote collectively. When an item is placed on the floor for a voice vote, the per-

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son representing the Lodge will hold up one green card in favor of the matter on the floor. If Past Masters are voting independently, one of them will hold up a green card if they are in favor of the matter on the floor. If the Past Masters are not present the Lodge Representative can cast two votes, either for or against the matter, by displaying both cards.

. Amendments - Grand Lodge Constitution. The following proposed Amendment will be voted upon at the Semi-Annual Communication: Amend Art. X, Sec. 1, Subsection D.(2) to increase the amount paid by each Lodge for each member for the use, maintenance and support of the Maryland Masonic Homes, semi-annually, from Two Dollars (\$2.00) to Four Dollars (\$4.00).

• **COMMUNICATING WITH OUR MASONIC LEADERS.** The messages communicated in the six regional meetings were well received as evidenced by the discussions stimulated on the various subjects on the agenda. The subjects included Grand Lodge Programs and Projects such as the Audit Reporting Program; Blood Donor Program; Correspondence Course; Tour of Great Britain; Planning Objectives for Senior and Junior Wardens; Duties of Grand Inspectors; Dr. John Coats Lodge Endowment Fund; Youth Support; and the State of Grand Lodge Finances. Also, it was mentioned that the Widows' Program and the Grand Master's Awards Program (inputs are required before October 31) were still in effect. Open discussions produced many worthwhile recommendations and questions.

Some of the presenters are shown in the following photo: Bros Pugh, Hansen, GM Clark, Taylor, Albrecht, Frazier, Buchanan, and Todd. Others included Bros Naquin, Gulley and Royce Watson.



• **ANNUAL FAMILY DAY PICNIC.** On Saturday, June 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Maryland Masonic Homes. Bring family, children, friends, neighbors and lawn chairs. It is not necessary to bring food. Park-

ing in the Executive Plaza, just north of Hunt Valley. Bus transportation to and from the Homes will be provided. Games, music and entertainment.

• **ANNUAL HARVEST HOMES DAY CELEBRATION.** Saturday, October 16 at the Masonic Homes. Events begin at 6 a.m. and conclude at 10 a.m. A blood mobile unit will be available. The Grand Master fervently hopes that at least 150 pints of blood will be obtained. Parking is limited to the Executive Plaza; shuttle buses will operate between the parking area and center of activities.

• **ANNUAL CRAB FEAST HONORING GRAND MASTER CLARK.** Saturday, August 28 at 2 p.m., rain or shine, at Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Assn grounds, five miles north of Easton, MD on U.S. 50. Cost is \$15 per person; no charge for children under 12. Tickets will be available until August 20 from Edward R. Renshaw, 7862 Dover Neck Rd, Easton, MD 21601, (410-820-9210); or, Hans O. Wendt, 29799 Rabbit Hill Rd, Easton, MD 21601, (410-822-4652). Bring your own crab knife and gavel.

Proceeds from this event, sponsored by the Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787 will go into the Lodge endowment fund.

• **A NEIGHBORLY GET-TOGETHER.** The 125th Anniversary of the George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22, of the District of Columbia on February 24 featured some very distinguished neighbors. As shown in the following photo, the event was symbolized with the white gloves worn by Bro. Werner H. Morelock, Grand Master of Virginia holding up one finger, Bro. William T. Jenkins, Deputy Grand Master of the District of Columbia holding up two fingers, and Bro. William M. Clark, Jr, GM of Maryland holding up five fingers. The centerpiece of the gloved 1-2-5 triangle is Bro. Robert E. Crump, Jr, PM and Worshipful Master of the George C. Whiting Lodge.



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Take a Good Look at
YOURSELF

You're Somebody's
Impression of
MASONRY

CARRYING THE MESSAGE

HOW DOES A MASON WHO IS A BAPTIST BECOME A MESSENGER?

by

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If you are a Mason and a Baptist, your presence at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, on June 15-27 is urgently needed. The following steps outline how to become a messenger and vote. Only you can prevent an extremist faction from taking over the Convention and obtaining a vote to condemn Freemasonry as incompatible "with Christian and Southern Baptist doctrine."

1. Make hotel reservations before being elected a messenger.
2. Let your pastor know you desire to be a messenger.
3. Attend the business meetings of your local church.
4. Be present when messengers are

selected.

5. Obtain the necessary card of authorization signed by your pastor or your Church clerk.

6. Be sure to take the card to the Convention.

7. Take care to present your card at the registration desk.

8. Get your book of official ballots and instructions.

9. Register as early as Sunday, June 13, or Monday, June 14, before the formal opening of the Convention.

10. Be in your seat at the opening of the Convention on Tuesday, June 15, stay through every session, and have your ballots with you.

11. Remain in your seat since it will be difficult to know when the important vote on Masonry will come up. You could lose the opportunity to vote by being out in the halls or elsewhere at the time of the vote.

12. It is important to be present and to vote regardless of the position taken by the Home Mission Board. If the Board's recommendation is favorable to Freemasonry, anti-Masons will reject it or try to amend it to condemn the Fraternity unless Masons are there in sufficient numbers to defend our position.

Fellow Masons/Messengers, meet me in the Astrodome June 15, 1993! The fate of Freemasonry today depends on you!

GRAND LODGE CALENDAR

April

- 8 GM. Scottish Rite Temple, Balto., Maundy Thursday Ceremony.
- 11 GM, Grand Line (GL), PGMs, Easter Sunrise Services, Bonnie Blink.
- 17 GM, GL, Concordia No. 13, Bicentennial Anniversary Celebration.

May

- 1 GM, Mt. Hermon No. 179, 100th Anniversary of Temple.
- 2&3 GM & Wife, Grand Lodge of New York.
- 10 GM. Principal Speaker, Masonic Veterans' Association.
- 15 GM, GL., Stephenson No. 135, 125th Anniversary.
- 16 Grand Lodge Religious Services, 3 p.m., Bonnie Blink.
- 17 SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 GM, GL, PGMs, Dedication of Temple, Charity No. 134.
- 27 GM, GL, PGMs, Hiram-Takoma No. 10, D.C. Maryland Night.

June

- 19 Annual Family Day Picnic, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m., Bonnie Blink July
- 25 Youth Day, Wild World.

August

- 12,13,14 GM, August Scene.
- 28 Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge Crab Feast, Tuckahoe Steam Grounds, Easton.

September

- 17,18,19 Bicentennial Celebration of Cornerstone-Laying of U.S. Capitol.

October

- 16 Harvest Homes Day; Dedication of Activies building at Bonnie Blink.

November

- 14 Grand Lodge Religious Services, 10 a.m., Bonnie Blink.
- 15 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND, 2 p.m.
- 22 GM, GL., Pentalpha No. 194, 100th Anniversary. Dedication of Temple.
- 30 Dr. John Coats Day, Easton.

MASONRY VISITS SMITH ISLAND

At Crisfield you take a ferry to reach the island of Ewell Tylerton and Rhodes Point, collectively reknown as Smith Island.

Some 158 Masons, including the Grand Master and Grand Line took this journey on March 27 to attend a special communication granted to Chesapeake No. 147.

Although, Chesapeake Lodge is located at Crisfield, the event at Smith Island was to accommodate the 16 members who reside on the island in participating in an outstanding event.

Worshipful Master Arthur H. Tawes, assisted by officer's of Chesapeake, Evergreen, Wicomico and Manokin Lodges opened the Lodge after a generous lunch of local goodies served up by the ladies.

Grand Master Clark and the Grand Line then conferred the MM degree on Brother William Wesley (Buddy) Evans and Gregory Scott Russell sons of Masons in exemplary fashion. This is the first time the degree was conferred on the island.

Good fellowship prevailed throughout the day. The relaxed atmosphere identified brothers from the shore as men of great wit and humor.

At one point, Grand Master Clark was introduced as Grand Master Smith. This was later corrected by a resolution to redesignate Smith Island as "Clark Island".

Personalities present, including Post Grand Master Middleton, Harvey and Harrison. Rev. Edward M. Gladken, pastor of the three churches and resident of the island was present with his son, resently retired from the Air Force. Rev. Gladken is a member of Roelma No. 206 as was his late brother who will be remembered as a fine speaker and humorist on "Fish Fry Night" at Roelma.

Neither rain, wind nor chill will diminish the memory of brethren gathering for an exceptional Masonic event - all through the efforts of Chesapeake and other local Lodges. Yes...the Eastern Shore is alive and well.

- **BIRTHDAYS.** Send a card. Make this day special for our guests.

	Name	Lodge
April		
2	Reta Reid	Pythagoras No. 123
4	Paul Horn	Union No. 60
5	Lynda Belcher	Mt. Moriah No. 116
7	Ursula Gallaway	Concordia No. 13
7	Emeline Shelley	Annapolis No. 89
10	Bertha Bennett	Highland No. 184
15	Susan Drisgill	Sincerity No. 181
17	Julia Sumner	Silver Spring No. 215
20	Pearle Saunders	Kensington No. 198
30	Grace Bloedorn	Landmark No. 127
May		
4	Irene Wallace	Temple No. 128
13	Gertrude Brown	Oriental No. 158
13	Robert Splatt	Liberty No. 219
13	Norma Armiger	Concordia No. 13
16	Ruth Marshall	Mt. Nebo No 229
18	Edith Burgess	Adherence No. 88
19	Naomi Smith	King David No. 68
27	Dorothy Shirey	Doric No. 124
27	May Runge	Highland No. 184
28	Emma Crosby	Joppa No. 132
29	Gertrude Lewis	Pickering No. 146
29	James Sumner	Silver Spring No. 215
June		
3	Margaret Leuschner	King David No. 68
5	Addie Wooden	Union No. 60
11	John Shelley	Pickering No. 146
15	Elizabeth Wilson	Corinthian No. 93
16	Ella Driver	Millington No. 166
17	Clara Lindeman	Sincerity No. 181
19	Ruth Abbott	Doric No. 124
19	Luella Robison	Pythagoras No. 123
23	Helen Jones	Choptank No. 138
27	Virginia Howell	Palestine No. 189

• **BONNIE BLINK CHOIR.** Bonnie Blink Masonic Homes now has its own choir under the direction of the Grand Lodge Asst Organist, H. Arnold "Hap" Perkins, our Bonnie Blink Correspondent who keeps us informed on birthdays and other events.

The Choir was formed with the help of Mrs. Daisy Gue and Bro. John Engelbrecht. The initial choir group consists of Gladys Daugherty, Virginia Kentner, Luella Robison, Virginia Simmons, Evelyn Stout, John Engelbrecht, Albert Falk, Henry Luckhardt and Clarence Shelley. There is still room for a few additional singers. Anyone interested should call Bro. Engelbrecht at 789-1102. Shown at the organ is Maestro Perkins.



• **C. WALTER ENGLAND.** Beaming with pleasure, Bro. England witnessed the installation of his son-in-law, Bro. Royal M. Tysdal as Worshipful Master of Silver Spring No. 215. Bro. England is 93 and has been a member of Columbia No. 58 for 68 years.

• **WILLIAM VIRGIL HEARNE.** As reported by Worshipful Master Robert M. Penny, Bro. William Virgil Hearne was the oldest member of Coats No. 102 when he passed away on January 21. Bro. Hearne was 98 year old and had celebrated 72 years of faithful service on the day before he died.

• **CELIUS L. BROWN.** Bro. Lawrence P. Wandel, Actg Worshipful Master of Freedom No. 112 writes to note that on February 23, Bro. Celius L. Brown was presented with a 60 year Grand Lodge Service Emblem and Card before the many friends and brothers. Bro. Brown was entered on 13 Dec 32, passed on 24 Feb 33 and raised on 14 Mar 33. Appearing with Bro. Brown on the following photo is W.M. Vernon L. Schlein and Grand Inspector Delbert E. Brauning.



• **WILLIAM M. CLARK, JR., MWGM.** Is now serving a three year term on the Board of Directors of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial.

• **JACK R. FRAZIER, RWGS.** Was elected 1st Vice President at the last session of the Grand Secretaries Conference of North America. Being a progressive line, we should see our Grand Secretary as President of the Grand Secretaries Conference for 1994-1995.

HELP WANTED FOR H.E.L.P.

- Please advise the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple of Children with language disorders requiring treatment.
 - Temple also needs Speech/Language Pathologists to specialize with pre-school children to Help Eliminate Language Problems
- Please call 410-243-3200 for information.

LODGE ACTIVITIES

• **CAMP SPRINGS NO. 227 & ST. COLUMBA NO. 150.** At a joint meeting at Camp Spring Lodge, some 70 Masons gathered to hear a talk by PGM Roy H. Stetler, Jr on a most timely subject: "Masonry and Religion". Shown in the following photo taken by Bro. "Happy Snaps" Jordan, is W.M. Donald K. Sykes of No. 227, PGM Stetler who is shown with an "Honorary Membership" certificate presented by Camp Springs Lodge, and W.M. Rolland E. Wildoner, Jr of No. 150.



• **CONCORDIA NO. 13.** As reported by P.M. Harry S. Scott, Jr., Secretary of Concordia Lodge, Concordia celebrates its 200th anniversary on April 17.

On January 26, 1793 a dispensation was issued by Grand Lodge authorizing 15 brothers to work as a Lodge. Of these 15 brothers, 12 members of Baltimore Union Lodge No. 21 (Virginia) and three members from other Lodges were the petitioners requesting authority to set up a new Lodge in Baltimore. The endorsement and recommendation of Washington Lodge No. 3 was secured before the petition was submitted.

Concordia Lodge is the oldest Lodge in

continuous existence in Maryland. Chartered on April 14, 1793, it worked without interruption throughout the anti-Masonic period.

The anniversary celebration, including a dinner took place at Boumi Temple with Grand Master William M. Clark, Jr., in attendance. Presiding in the East in this special year is Worshipful Master Donald R. Williams.

• **MT. HERMON NO. 179.** As announced by Worshipful Master Michael E. Rutledge, on May 1 the 100 year old cornerstone of the Masonic Temple will be removed and its contents examined by Grand Master Clark who will then re-lay and rededicate the stone.

The cornerstone was laid by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia on May 2, 1893. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland was represented as well as members of Lodges of MD, VA and D.C. The original minutes noted that: "The gavel used by M.W. Grand Master L. Cabell Williamson of the G.L. of D.C. on this occasion, was the same gavel that was used by our Brother George Washington the Father of his Country, when the Cornerstone of the United States Capitol was laid in 1793 (100 yrs. ago). The sterling silver trowel, was one of the Secretary's silver wedding presents of 1879; it had never been used before. It was baptized in Cement."

• **PENTALPHA NO. 194 & MONTGOMERY NO. 195.** Both of these Lodges were chartered on Nov 22, 1893. Due to flood conditions, the Grand Lodge Chartering Party was forced to stop at Pentalpha Lodge in Gaithersburg first, then proceeded to

Rockville. W.M. William L. Coldiron of Pentalpha and W.M. Donald L. Frear of Montgomery are planning appropriate gala ceremonies the latter part of this year.

• **MT. VERNON LODGE MOVES.** As reported by Bro. William M. Obinger, Secretary of Mt. Vernon No. 151, Worshipful Master Louis H. Brecht III, announces that the Lodge is now meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple, 3800 N. Charles St in Baltimore. All Masonic brothers are cordially invited to attend the meetings which are held on the first and third Tuesdays each month at 7:30 p.m. Come visit our new home.

• INSTALLATION NOTES . . .

YORK NO. 225. Bro. William W. Hurley, Jr, Worshipful Master, will not soon forget his installation night. Present were Grand Master Clark, a member of the Lodge, who installed Bro. Hurley and conducted him from the Altar to the East ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE LODGE. Bro. Hurley's pleasure is evident on the following photo which includes PGM Roy H. Stetler, Jr (also a member of the Lodge), RWDGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr, WM Hurley and GM Clark.



• **OTHER INSTALLATION VIEWS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.** These are reflected in the following photos.



• **ABERDEEN NO. 187.** Installation was a joyful experience for Bro. Thomas S. Hale Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Aberdeen Lodge was the first installation attended by Grand Master Clark and the Grand Line. The inscription on the cake shown in the photo below reads: "Hale To The Worshipful Master - Congratulations Tom". Bro. Hale had a substantial part in arranging for Masonic participation in the parade celebrating the centennial anniversary of the City of Aberdeen.



• **INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS.** The following photos provide sufficient evidence that support of the youth can enhance physical appearance, physiological processes and savoir-faire. Pictures were taken at the Grand Lodge Temple by Jerry "Happy Snaps" Jordan this past December at the Supreme Visitation when Mrs. Marlene Fraker, PHQ, Supreme Guardian was honored. Shown with Grand Master Smith in the first photo is Leigha Jennings, Miss Job's Daughter of Maryland. Shown in the second photo are Jennifer Mentel of Illinois, Miss International Job's Daughter; Mrs. Peggy O'Donnell, Grand Guardian of Maryland; Mrs. Marlene Frakes, PHQ, Supreme Guardian; Grand Master Clark; Graham Davy, Associate Supreme Guardian; Patrick Curtis, A.G.G. of Maryland; and Tracy Tipler of Australia, Miss International Congeniality.



• **MARYLAND DeMOLAY.** As announced in the "Maryland DeMolay Monitor", the Spring Scottish Rite Class will be held on Saturday, May 22 at the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple. A big class is urged to show appreciation for all that the Scottish Rite do for Maryland DeMolay. State Sweetheart Jennifer England extends an invitation to DeMolays to the State Sweetheart Ball

State Master Councilor Brett Bean notes that the State Line initiated 10 candidates in December at the Class honoring Grand Master Clark and Grand Master of DeMolay, Jerry J. Samet. Nelson J. Briggs Chapter won the Grand Master's Class Trophy for bringing in the most candidates; Camp Springs Chapter came in second.

• **THE JOHN COATS MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 1787.** Worshipful Master John F. Buchanan has some ambitious plans for stimulating support of the Lodge by doing a lot of visiting and focusing attention on the need to "INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND" through increasing memberships and contributions. He also announces the officers for 1993 as follows:

W.M. John F. Buchanan, No. 208,
301 934 9175

S.W. P. Stanley Kostkowski, No. 127
J.W. Hans Wendt

Secty, Vernon H. Heuschman No. 51
Treas. Larry Theis, No. 127

Chaplain, Lunda Laird, No. 132

District Officers:

Wayne Allen No. 60, Balto Metro Area

Paul G. Shircliff, Western MD

David E. Hughes, Southern MD

Hans Wendt, Eastern Shore

Harold E. Bittner, Hagerstown Area

Advisor:

PGM B. Hope Harrison, No. 177.

• **THE THURSDAY CLUB.** Excellent speakers, timely subjects and the culinary genius of Bob & Gene are making the Thursday Club the "in" thing in the area. Arranged by Program Coordinator, Walt Harmsen, speakers have included Tom Weir; a police officer introduced by "Mickey" Frye on the topic of "Trends and Prevention in Criminality"; Gerald Webb, Executive Director of Upper Shore Aging, Inc.; and in the future: GM Clark; a speaker from Boumi Temple; a speaker on Russia and China; a Defense Lawyer and/or State's Attorney; and a Blood Bank advocate. Oh, yes, the Senior Sliders have entertained after lunch on Line and Contrant Dancing.

Ladies, family and friends are welcome. Reservations are desired. For further information, call 410-882-3085 or 410-822-9364.

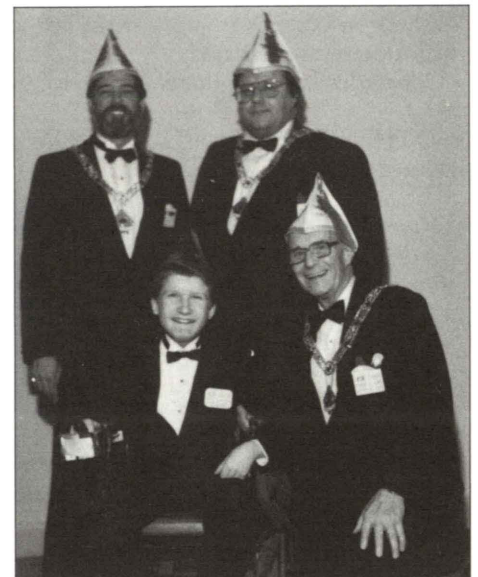
• **MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY.** "Dull" is not in the lexicon of this organization. President Tom Hale opened their last meeting in February at the Birmingham Lodge Masonic Temple. Bro. Richard Curtis, 33rd degree, Editor of the Northern Light, the publication of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite spoke on "Behind The Cover", a look at the world of Masonic publishing. His essential message for those who write (including Lodge bulletins) is "Be brief - Don't use big words - Get to the point". Present also were Dr. John Boettjer, Editor of The Scottish Rite Journal, published by the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite;

and Seymour Lipshitz, Editor of The Freestate Freemason.

At their previous meeting at Elkridge, attended by the MWGM and ladies featured Bro. and Dr. Christian E. Jensen reporting on his book "Freemasonry in Caroline County" in a fashion that produced delightful and interesting. During the evening Bro. Jensen received the "Distinguished Researcher Award" from Grand Master Clark.

The Society is flourishing in the number of individuals and Lodges who are members. Ladies are welcome at some meetings. For further information contact Secretary Donald M. Miller, 7705 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21224-2008. Future meetings are schedule for April 30 at Aberdeen; August 30 at Camp Springs and November 30 at Elkridge.

• **TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON.** Pictured below is Supreme Tall Cedar Frank E. Jobe, Senior Deputy STC George L. Lyter, and Junior Deputy STC Michael Hlatke with the 1993 Poster Child David C. Adamire. Now 15, David was diagnosed at age five with Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. He will be traveling for the Tall Cedars during 1993. The Tall Cedars have done an outstanding job in their fund raising and participation in the Jerry Lewis telethon, reflecting substantially on the charitable philanthropies of Freemasonry.



• **MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.**

Director of Hospital Visitation. The Board of Commissioners of the Masonic Service Association are pleased to announce

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OTHER MASONIC BODIES

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that the Rev. Tom Weir has been named Director of Hospital Visitation. This position was previously held by Tom Dougherty who is now retired.

A Center for Masonic Information has been established as part of the Masonic Service Association. The purpose of the Center is to operate a clearing house which processes information of interest to the Masonic community. The controversy with the Southern Baptist Convention's "study" of Freemasonry was just the incentive needed to make the Center a reality. To help fund the Center, Masonic author John Robinson is donating \$5 from the sale of each copy of his new book. To order, see ad below.

"If you're going to buy just one Masonic book this year, this is the book for you." *Dr. S. Brent Morris, 33°*
Book Review Editor, *Scottish Rite Journal*

A PILGRIM'S PATH

One Man's Road to the Masonic Temple

by John J. Robinson, Master Mason

Author of *BORN IN BLOOD*

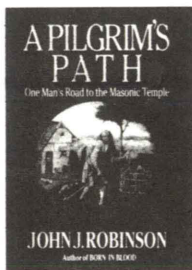
WITH FREEMASONRY facing its most vicious attack in 100 years, *A Pilgrim's Path* is a must-read book for every Freemason and his family. No conflict has brought more turmoil, anger, and confusion to Masons than the events surrounding the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis which considered allegations that Freemasonry is not compatible with Christianity. *A Pilgrim's Path* arms Freemasons with the answers to their attackers, and its message should instill in every reader an even greater pride in Freemasonry.

You Can Help Defend Freemasonry!

A Center for Masonic Information has been set up within the Masonic Service Association.

By arrangement with the author and publisher, a cash contribution of \$5.00 will be made to the Center from each purchase of *A Pilgrim's Path* between now and June 1, 1993. Total cost of \$11.95 includes postage and handling.

ORDER NOW! Send check or money order payable to



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8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785
Please send me _____ copies (\$11.95 ea.) of *A PILGRIM'S PATH*:

Name _____
Address _____

- "MY LODGE". A bit of poetry appearing in the February bulletin of Temple No. 128 (N. Cleveland Hutson, W.M.).

*"I love this lodge where I was raised,
no other means so much.*

*No other seems to me to share that
warm and friendly touch*

*"Which here abounds so freely
And binds the Mystic Tie
That holds us close together,
my brethren and I.*

*"I can't explain my feelings
when they take me by the hand,
And bid me welcome once again,
but let me say it's grand.*

*"The memories that here are mine,
great wealth could never have bought me."*

VIEWS AND CHUCKELS

- **SQUARE AND COMPASSES IN THE VATICAN.** Bro. Mark Dreisonstok, Senior Warden of Bethesda No. 204 reports an interesting experience which he thought might be of interest. His narrative follows:

"In 1990 I spent a sweltering June in Rome — an exciting and crowded time, in the midst of the 'World Cup' soccer match and an Italian railway strike. One of the highlights of a trip to the Italian capital is a tour through the Vatican City State, the smallest independent state in the world.

"The Vatican is not only a pilgrimage destination of the Catholic faithful, but a treasure chest of some of the greatest masterworks of western civilization. The fountains and columns of Bernini are a Baroque forging of the pageantry of sound and silence, of movement and monument frozen in stone. Looking above within the Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo shows us Creator and created touching in a focal point of universal truth. The Vatican Museums have on display the refined, harmonious sculptures from Greco-Roman antiquity.

"Surrounded by such inspiring artworks of the past, it is easy to miss a discovery which should fascinate a Masonic visitor to the Vatican. In the Vatican library, along the corridor, there is a map of Rome with a baby on each side. The baby on the left of the map is standing with a Square in his hand, while the one on the right is seated with a pair of Compasses in his hand! As these are the only such instruments in this section of the wall mural, an uncanny similarity to the symbolism of Freemasonry cannot go unnoticed.

"The photo shown below has something very worldly about it. The babies, for instance, have no wings, and thus cannot be called cherubs or small angels. The map seems to have more political than spiritual value.

"Yet perhaps there is more than meets the eye in this wall mural, which probably dates from the 17th or early 18th century. Often in emblems of this time, two children or cherubs are seen representing opposite tendencies within the same picture. Perhaps the baby with the Square — an instrument of design and construction — represents the work of the church in the world, what needs to be built and carried out. The baby with the Compasses might represent the world beyond, as circles and geometrical creations drawn by compasses are ideal forms not of our material world.

"If this interpretation is valid, there is a striking resemblance between the symbolism of Masonry and the Emblems contained in this wall mural in the Vatican. In

any case, the presence of the Square and Compasses in the Pope's library leads us to speculate that the Roman Catholic Church and the Masonic Order may have more in common than is generally supposed."



- **A MASONIC CHECK LIST.** As taken from the January bulletin of Granite No. 177 (W.M. Will Martini):

"- Do we keep in regular contact with and support the widows of our Brethren?

- Are we active in our support of public schools?

- Does our charity go beyond token contributions that do little more than make us feel good?

- Do we support our youth groups with our time and wisdom as well as our money?

- Do our leaders take time to plan activities and events that will involve, entertain, and educate us?

- Are we building Freemasonry's future, or are we furthering its demise by accepting the status quo?"

- **MORE THURSDAY CLUB MARGINAL NOTES.** These appear in announcements published by Walt Harmesen taken from such magazine sources such as *Country*, *Country Extra*, *Reminisce* and other sources.

• "The bigger a man's head gets, the easier it is to fill his shoes."

• "By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he is wrong."

• "The best remedy for a short temper is a long walk."

• "You're never a loser until you quit trying."

• "If you want to leave your footprints in the sands of time, wear work boots."

• "Getting back on track usually involves getting out of a rut."

• "Enthusiasm - The difference between a puddle and a geyser."

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