



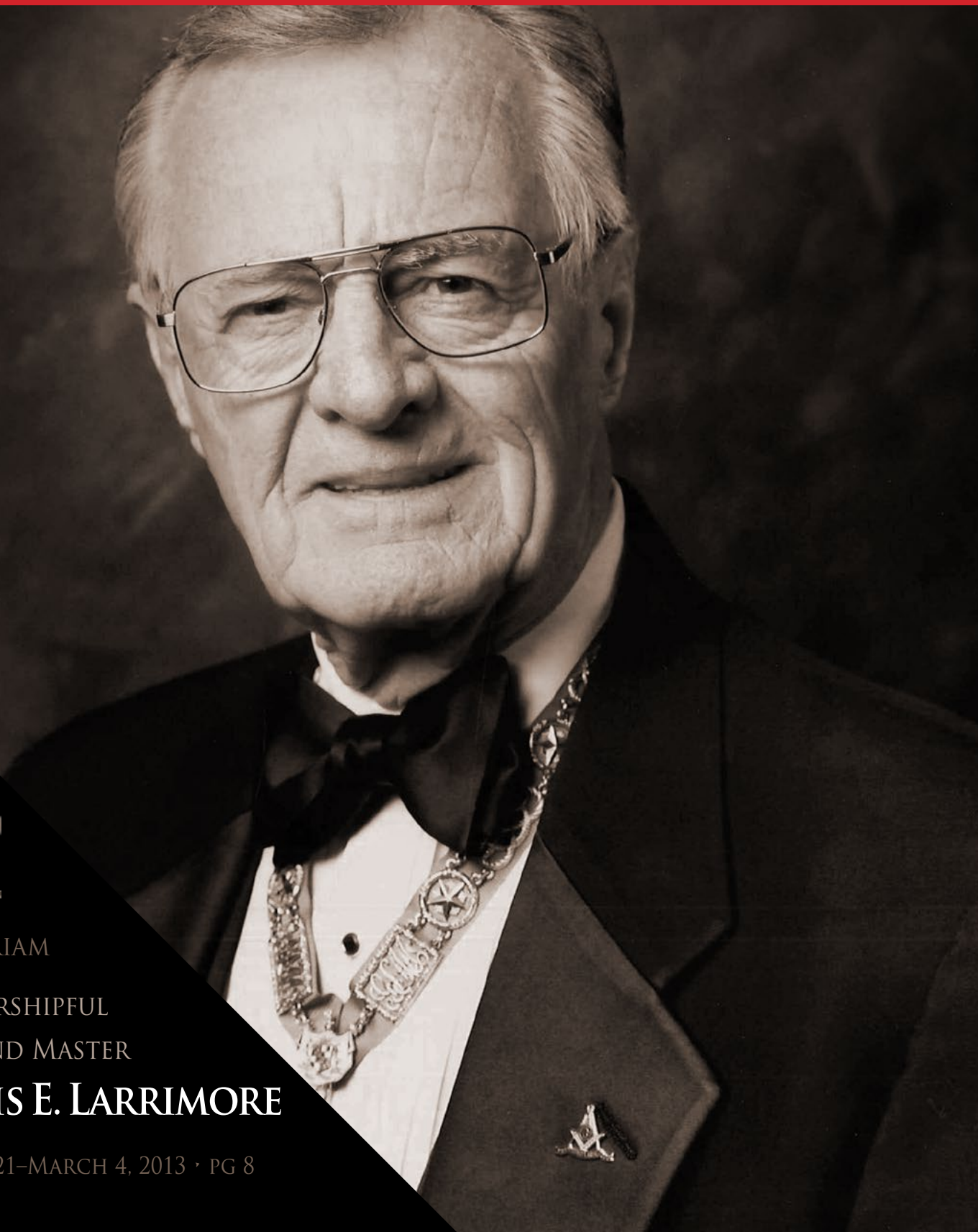
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# GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

## TAKE A STEP BACK

Brethren, we are now completing the first half of our 2013 "Masonic year" and without a doubt, have all been busier within our Masonic Family activities than we have been for a long time.

As we head into the season of ritual schools, social events, family travels, etc., I hope each of us can take some time to step back from our efforts and really enjoy what we have accomplished.

Certainly, as part of our recent Masonic renewal of which we are all a part, there are always some "two steps forward, and one step backwards" scenarios, but that's a subject for another article.

It is so easy to be engulfed in our individual challenges and efforts that we sometimes forget to enjoy what we are working so hard to build. Smelling the flowers of all we practice is something we shouldn't ignore. It helps to re-establish our priorities. We have accomplished much in a relatively short time. Certainly the membership is growing. I am spending more time signing dispensations for everything from requests for special meetings, granting amnesty to brothers who want to become involved again, opening Lodge meetings earlier so groups of candidates can progress through the degrees, to all kinds of special events—Table Lodges, Festive Boards, Low Vale degrees, etc. It is a rare morning/afternoon when there isn't a brother or group of brothers in my office with ideas for new programs and plans to help make their organizations stronger and more successful.

In all of that, what is most exciting is the number of new brothers who want to contribute and are introducing some wonderful ideas. And by new, I don't mean just newly raised men, but also by those who have been part of our Craft for a

number of years and are again enjoying anew all that Freemasonry provides.

As one example, consider what our young men in DeMolay are doing. A number of Chapters have recently been created and/or reactivated. Under the Leadership of the Executive Officer Dad Eppig and Executive Officer Dad Carl Michel, we have seen a resurgence in the membership of many of our existing Chapters and as well those new ones at Solomon's Lodge No.121 (Savage Chapter), Patapsco Lodge No.183 (Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Chapter), Collington Lodge No.231 (Collington-Bowie Chapter), and at the Grand Lodge (George Flemming Moore Chapter).

The same enthusiasm is being demonstrated by the Job's Daughters. Presently there are two prior Bethels under reorganization. We all hope to see them active later this year.

The Rainbow Girls are currently evaluating new Assemblies, including one at the Grand Lodge. (Any Lodge interested in establishing a new youth group?)

During the recent **Open House**, even the lodges that didn't have the greatest turnout of visitors were able to spend time with other brothers and, in many cases, with brothers, ladies, and our youth from the various bodies.

So, my brethren, as summer nears, please take the time to visit, support, and above all, enjoy all that Maryland Masonry has to offer. I'm sure you will see the Grand Line and me at one or more of the many seasonal events. Say "hi" and let me know your thoughts and ideas.

In closing, a final thought in remembrance of MWPGM Francis E. Larrimore. I think the cover of this issue is particularly poignant in that it seems like only yesterday when we were conversing about one day classes, the financial stability of the Grand Lodge, working with Prince Hall Grand Lodge and removing the issue of race in our Lodges. To me, he was truly a visionary and I will miss him. We wish the best for his Lady Cam and pray her health will improve.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Gerald E. Piepiora  
Grand Master

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The annual Grand Lodge Summer School of Instruction will be held during the months of July and August at various locations around the state. All Master Masons are welcome to attend. I strongly urge each Worshipful Master to encourage the officers and ritualist of his lodge to attend and participate in as many of these schools as possible. This year, sessions covering "Special Topics" have been included in the schedule in the West-

ern Maryland and Eastern Shore Regions.

Dues cards must be presented at the door to gain admission. There is no charge to attend. Those who attend at least four sessions will be presented with a certificate acknowledging their achievement. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you this summer.

Fraternally, Paul H. Fishell, Grand Lecturer

### ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>-7pm  
Grand Lodge • Cockeyville  
Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>-7pm  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
Upper Marlboro  
Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>-7pm  
Wicomico Lodge No. 91  
Salisbury  
Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>-7pm  
Columbia Lodge No. 58  
Frederick

### FELLOW-CRAFT DEGREE

Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>-7pm  
Grand Lodge • Cockeyville  
Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>-7pm  
Temple Lodge No. 128  
Denton

### MASTER MASON DEGREE

Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>-7:30pm  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
Upper Marlboro  
Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>-7pm  
Medairy Lodge No. 140  
Williamsport  
Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>-7pm  
Centreville Lodge No. 180  
Centreville  
Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>-7pm  
Potomac Lodge No. 100  
Cumberland  
Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>-7pm  
Grand Lodge • Cockeyville  
Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>-7:30pm  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
Upper Marlboro

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Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>-7:30pm  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
Upper Marlboro  
Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-7pm  
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**MWPGM Francis Larrimore:**  
Patricia Ponzillo  
Hans and Leah Wilhelmsen

## MESSAGE FROM THE RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

### Have You Noticed?

Recently I had the pleasure to attend the Scottish Rite Ring Ceremony here in Baltimore. There were one hundred and fifty men in this class. I am told that this is the largest class in more than ten years. As I watched each man walk up to receive his ring from his wife, children, girlfriend, father, brother or close friend, I noticed that the class consisted of men representing all age groups. Yet they all have one thing in common. They are new to the Scottish Rite...and they are excited!

Here at the Grand Lodge we monitor membership because it is the lifeblood of our fraternity. I have noticed that we are experiencing a steady and increased flow of

petitions from lodges all around the state. Some of this is directly

attributed to the advertising campaign

and perhaps the **Open House**. All

of this activity is attributed to

your efforts.

Now  
the

challenge we have is what to do with all of these new men? What do they really expect from us? What are they looking to find in Masonry?

You know, Masonry is like reading a book. Sometimes we buy a book for the cover but once we get into it, we lose interest; because maybe it really isn't what we expected or maybe the writer just wasn't that good. The same thing can happen within our fraternity and to our membership. It can affect both our new and older members. So we must continue to strive to make our lodge a great place to be. And we must challenge our new members by helping them capture the values of being a Mason and teaching them how to integrate these values into their daily lives. In other words, "Walk the Talk". We want our brothers to get involved and stay involved in Masonry at some level; whether in Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, The Shrine, Tall Cedars, Eastern Star or with our youth groups. We really do have a place for everyone. Let's make certain the light is shining so that we can all find our way.

### What are we doing right now to help you?

The 2025 Committee has been working very hard to develop a "Mentoring Program" to address the needs of our membership. Studies tell us that many men join looking for friendship and fellowship. They are also looking for a means in which they can give back; a way in which they can make a difference. We can provide all of this through one or several of our organizations. We just need to make sure to keep their interest so that they do not put the book down unfinished.

Part of our goal with the "Mentoring Program" is to direct our effort towards Masonic education. Receiving degrees and standing catechism proficiency does not complete the educational aspects of masonry. It is just a starting point, much like finishing high school or college. We all know that graduation or commencement is just the beginning.

Everywhere in masonry we hear references to "light" as we promote the idea of searching for knowledge. Knowledge can be attained in several ways but it is always through an educational process. Education is really a life-



time pursuit. When you think about the fact that we are all going to spend our entire lives with ourselves, it makes sense that we should try to become better educated and/or informed. Leo Tolstoy said about knowledge that "the key to success in life is using the good thoughts of wise people". The "Mentoring Program" is a vehicle which can be used to teach and to develop our membership from as early as Entered Apprentice to Worshipful Master and beyond. It can assist us as we strive to help men become masons. We expect to roll out the "Mentoring Program" in November.

### Do you know a brother who...?

Perhaps like me, you have called a brother for his professional assistance for such things as plumbing, technology or maybe finance. Or maybe you would have liked to call a brother if you knew one who could have helped you.

Recently it has been suggested that it would be helpful if we actually had on record the types of business service and skills our brothers could provide each other. After

all, are we not supposed to promote each other's welfare? However, remember that the purpose of masonry is not to be a business network or to get special deals from each other. As masons, we work with each other on the level and with confidence that we can expect the right things to occur.

So we have approached each lodge asking for the input from all of our members to determine if such a listing would be desirable. This list would only be available to Maryland masons. The listing would include the brother's name, his company and/or service and a contact method. If we were to move forward with this directory, participation would be strictly voluntary. No cost would be incurred by our members to be added to the directory or to gain access to it.

Brethren, please share your ideas with me on both of these matters. You are the reason we are here and your feelings are the most important.

-Kenneth Stuart Wyvill, Jr., RW Deputy Grand Master

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## Francis Edward Larrimore, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Francis “Fran” Larrimore will be long remembered by all whose life he touched. His warm greeting and firm handshake were a constant. His love of his family, his country, the United States Marine Corps and Freemasonry never wavered.

Born on April 25, 1921, Bro. Larrimore was raised in Linthicum, Maryland. In 1942, in the midst of World War II, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 21. His military career was distinguished by his participation as a member of the 5th Marine Division during the heroic landing and action against the Japanese on Iwo Jima as well as the occupation of Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1949 with the rank of sergeant. Sergeant Larrimore joined the United States Marine Corps Reserves in 1950, and served throughout the Korean Crisis before being honorably discharged once more in 1961. Throughout his post-military life, he remained an active member of the 5th Division Association, the Marine Corps League Baltimore Detachment and the Marine Corps Association.

After leaving the military, Bro. Larrimore went on to a successful business career as an executive with Carpet All, Inc., Larrimore Associates, Inc. and Lancer Enterprises, Inc.

His Masonic life began in 1985 when he petitioned Sincerity Lodge No. 181. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on November 7, 1985; his Fellowcraft Degree on April 17, 1986; and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 2, 1986. In short order, he became a lodge officer and was first elected as Worshipful Master of Sincerity Lodge No. 181 in 1990. He again served in that position in 1994 and again in 2009.

The culmination of Bro. Larrimore’s Masonic career came with his election as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland in 1999 and 2000. His term in office was highlighted by his determined effort to ensure the growth and financial stability of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. He instituted Maryland’s very first one-day class in which 328 men were initiated, passed and raised as Master Masons on one day. His leadership led to the implementation of the Portals Program for the Masonic education of new members, a program still in use today. He also led the effort for the creation of St. Alban Universal Lodge No. 231 and granted their charter.

Bro. Larrimore was deeply involved in Masonic activity within the concordant bodies both before and after his years as Grand Master. Within the Scottish Rite he received the

KCCH in 1999 and was awarded the 33° in 2009. In the York Rite, he was a member of Concordia Chapter and Council No. 1, York Council No. 23 and Maryland Commandery No. 1. He belonged to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Baltimore Forest and served as Past Preceptor of the Royal Court. As a member of Boumi Shrine he was active in A.A.O.N.M.S., the Ceremonial Team, the International Shrine Yacht Club and the Knights of Mecca. He was also a member of Yedz Grotto, the Past Masters Association of Baltimore, the Masonic Veterans Association, Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1 and the National Sojourners – Fort George G. Meade Chapter No. 4. He was Past Sovereign of St. Cyrian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

In addition to his years as Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Larrimore served the Grand Lodge of Maryland as Worshipful Junior Grand Steward in 1992 and as Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master in 1997-98. He was a Grand Inspector from 1993 until 1999. He was also elected to the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees in 1993 and served until 2002, including being named Chairman of the Executive Committee. In honor of his many years of dedicated service to Maryland Freemasonry, he was awarded the Thomas J. Shryock Medal for Distinguished Service.

Bro. Larrimore is survived by his loving wife Camelia, his son Larry Larrimore and his daughters Debra Malinowski and Joyce Hawes. He was also a devoted grandfather of five grandchildren; Christy, Bree, Erin, Jessica and Eli as well as five great-grandchildren. As a patriotic American, a war hero, a Freemason, a husband, a father and a friend; Bro. Francis Larrimore will be sorely missed and fondly remembered for eternity. ♦



## MARYLAND MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS

In each issue of the *Free State Freemason* we recognize our Brethren who achieved service award status during the previous quarter. Sincere congratulations to these Brothers who reached 50, 60 and 70 years of service between January 1st and March 31st, 2013.



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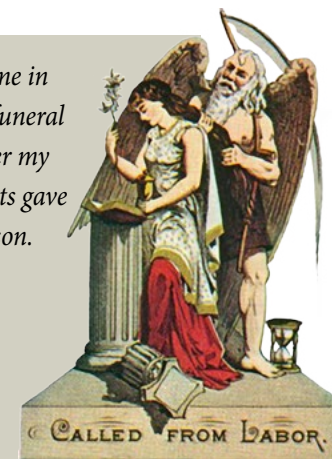
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To all who gave so freely of their time in participating in the viewing and funeral services of MWPGM Larrimore, I offer my sincere thanks. Your outstanding efforts gave proper tribute to a great man and Mason. Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Herbert Y. Holcomb, III  
Grand Secretary



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## MAKING THE RIGHT MOVE

by Stacey Sedesse

Making a move into a Retirement Community is one of life's biggest decisions. All at once you are faced with questions such as – is this right for me? Will I have a hard time meeting other people? Will there be things to do? Who will show me around? At Bonnie Blink, from

the moment a new resident arrives, they become part of the community and part of the family. Eugene and Loretta Reynolds recently decided to make this move, and this is what they had to say.

**"In our wildest dreams** for the future, did we ever believe that we would have the good fortune to live independently in retirement at Bonnie Blink! When the opportunity arose to tour the facility, we were impressed with everything at once—the affordable entrance fee and process, the décor, the cleanliness, the location, and the perfect apartment was available to us. The amenities are definitely a plus and all-inclusive with multiple levels of living and care, the chapel and non-denominational services, the dining options, the café with delicious light fare prepared with a smile, daily activities, post office, maintenance, security—and **we found personal friendliness everywhere**



**from day one.** We have been here for several months now and feel comfortable, blessed and at home."

It's not your old Bonnie Blink

## CHANGING PERCEPTIONS

by Stacey Sedesse



I'd like to thank all of the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries who invited me into their Lodges to speak with their members about Bonnie Blink and what we offer. Already in 2013, I have several Lodges on my agenda to visit; I have presented at all of the regional conferences and have enjoyed presenting to Laurel Wreath and Freedom Lodges. Also, I was treated to a fantastic Valentine's Day event with Stephenson Lodge.

These presentations are important to both Masons and Maryland Masonic Homes. As I meet with mem-

bers, I am finding that few of them understand the benefits of Bonnie Blink. Many still think that they have to turn over all of their money and assets to move in. Several believe that the Homes is like the infirmary that was built in the 1930's.

It has been my pleasure to dispel these myths and explain that Maryland Masonic Homes today, is nothing like they envision it to be. We are an active Retirement Community with Independent Living Apartments, Assisted Living and Healthcare Options. The best part—you do not have to turn over all of your money and assets to gain entry. Residents pay privately but also have the benefit for those who qualify, to apply for a financial assistance program.

If you would like more information about today's Maryland Masonic Homes, please call **Stacey Sedesse** at 410-527-1111 ext. 3268.



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MCSA

Yes, it's true... after weeks, days and hours of planning we are finally ready to enter the next phase of MMH's Renovation Program.

The Corinthian Building which includes Health Care, Station I and II and Terrace Assisted Living are scheduled for a cosmetic 'face-lift' early to mid April. The projects of this phase are:

- Nurse Call System
- Shower Rooms
- Resident Rooms
- Elevator Lobby
- Dining Room
- Removal of Nurses Station & creation of Team Office
- Master Care Whirlpool Tubs
- Living Room creation
- Corridors
- Pantry

Our Renovation Program is focused on the physical environment but it also gives us an opportunity to change our culture to a person centered care environment. This type of care is the new standard in long-term care and retirement living. A shift from the traditional medical model, this is a culture of greater responsiveness to resident's wishes, interests, desire, purpose, control and choice.

Excitement resonates throughout the community as residents and staff prepare to move forward on Bonnie Blink's modernization journey.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, MMH hosted a retreat for the Masonic Communities and Services Association (MCSA) Board members. Fourteen CEO's participated in strategic planning sessions that focused on growing the Association in the areas of: committee growth, best practices and creation of a management consulting subsidiary. This group will offer consulting services to member communities for various operational needs. It will also offer alternative management services to those Homes having emergent financial, managerial, and operational requirements.



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

We showed these out-of-towners, Baltimore hospitality with a delicious seafood dinner at the Rusty Scupper restaurant. I was quite pleased to show off Maryland Masonic Homes.

Please consider giving a monetary donation toward an item on the Homes wish list. All donations are welcome! Your generosity allows us to continue to provide high quality equipment and services to your Brothers and Sisters!

Qty.	Description of Need	Cost Per Item
10	Ceramics Class (for purchase of ceramic items/firing of items)	\$100. <sup>00</sup>
5	Gardening Hand Tools	\$ 10. <sup>00</sup> -\$25. <sup>00</sup>
2	Aromatherapy Diffuser with Oil	\$120. <sup>00</sup>
5	Specialized Eating Utensil Sets	\$100. <sup>00</sup>
2	Batteries for Hoyer Lift	\$120. <sup>00</sup>
6	Three-in-one Commode Seat	\$150. <sup>00</sup>
2	Ear Thermometer	\$195. <sup>00</sup>
2	CD Players	\$200.00
15	Maintenance Free Outdoor Furniture (tables/chairs/benches)	\$300-\$600
8	Anti-lock Brakes for Wheelchairs	\$300.00
1	Digital Camera	\$300.00
8	Extra-wide, Deep Wheelchairs	\$500.00
2	High-Back Wheelchair	\$850.00
1	Low Air Loss Alternating Pressure Mattress	\$1,500.00
3	Linked Senior - a life enrichment tool (full portal digital entertainment system)	\$3,700.00
1	Touch to Play Interactive Computer System	\$4,395.00
1	Whisper Glider	\$5,395.00
1	Automated Wheelchair Accessible Eye Exam Chair	\$5,550.00



Notes from The Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum

## DR. WILLIAM H. CRIM A PASSION FOR COLLECTING

By: Edward Heimiller, Curator

One of the pioneer collectors of American Art and Americana was Baltimore physician and Master Mason William H. Crim (1845-1902). Born near Lovettsville in Loudon County, Virginia on January 8, 1845 his talents and tastes would bring him to the forefront of Baltimore society. After completing a collegiate course at Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania, William Crim began the study of medicine in a private office in Lovettsville, Virginia. Latter he matriculated at the University of Maryland, completing his training in 1870 with a year's residency at University Hospital. In March of 1873 after moving to Maryland he petitioned and was raised in Oriental Lodge, No. 158 shortly after they were founded (Oriental Lodge, No. 158 Chartered June 27, 1871).

From all accounts, it may be inferred that, Dr. Crim was a remarkably energetic individual. In addition to practicing medicine in Baltimore as a surgeon and physician, he conducted private classes in medical instruction. He was also active in the Fifth Regiment Infantry of the Maryland National Guard, serving as Captain and Assistant Surgeon from 1872 to 1880, and subsequently as Major and Surgeon in 1881. Dr. Crim participated in all the regiment's campaigns until age disqualified him from service just prior to the Spanish-American War.

As a collector his tastes were eclectic and objects, particularly furniture, were often embellished. Historical associations and patriotic sentiment appear to have determined the course of his collecting with the majority of his collection having historical ties. Among the items crammed into his Baltimore residence at

No. 413 West Fayette Street were furnishings that had belonged to Robert Gilmore (1774-1848) and the Princess Mathilde (1820-1904), Daughter of the King of Westphalia, Jérôme Bonaparte (1784-1860), the husband of Baltimore native Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte (1785-1879). One of the more imposing items was a life-size marble group depicting the 'Three Graces' by the Italian sculptor Antonio Canova (1757-1822) previously owned by General George Washington Whistler (1800-1849), father of the artist James Abbott McNeill Whistler (1834-1903). His obituary published on November 16, 1902 in the New York Times noted that "Dr. Crim's home is a museum of rare antiques. The spacious old-fashioned house in West Fayette Street is filled with paintings and curios. An extension table in the quaint dining room was used by President Lincoln during his first term in the White House. Two spoon urns belonged to Charles Carroll of Carrollton. A double sofa, a card table, and hall chairs by Chippendale, that once graced the library of Chief Justice Taney, ... a secretary presented by the French Minister to President Buchanan, and a bookcase with diamond cut glass doors, an heirloom in the family of Commodore Buchanan of the Confederate Navy, are part of the collection. In one of the bedchambers is the famous Lafayette bed, a massive four-poster, which stood in the room occupied by Lafayette at the old Fountain Inn during his visit to Baltimore [in 1825]. Another four-poster is of the famous Jefferson design. The walls of one curio room are lined with weapons of the last 200 years. A pistol, two pikes, and a rifle that were used by John Brown and his party at Harper's Ferry occupy a prominent place."

His southern sympathies in the then 'Late War' are evident in his participation in the dedication of a statue of General Robert E. Lee (1807-1870) by French sculptor Antonin Mercié (1845-1916) in Richmond in May 1890, for which he personally designed the fasces-shaped floral arrangement. He also obtained for his collection a number of notable Confederate relics, including the percussion cap revolver manufactured by Leech and Rigdon carried through the War by Confederate Col. Harry Gilmore (1838-1883) of Maryland.

After his sudden death on November 15, 1902 from heart disease at the age of 58 his widow, Mrs. Ella G. Crim (?-1903) formerly Mrs. Hazleton of Philadelphia, placed his collection on the auction block. In Baltimore for ten days, April 22 to May 4 the public flocked to the Fourth Regiment Armory to bid or merely gape at the liquidation sale of Dr. Crim's collection. Consisting of a total of 2,941 lots and realizing the sizable sum of \$70,000, the auction was immediately followed by a second

sale of miscellaneous items sold in his residence consisting of architectural salvage and his rare book collection which included a set of Audubon's *Birds of America*. The press reported the proceedings daily, noting how "local society folk collectors and dealers" contended "good naturedly against out-of-town curio



hunters." The highest price at the auction, however, was \$8,000 paid by a New York dealer, acting on behalf of the Gould family, for eight armchairs optimistically attributed Thomas Chippendale (1718-1779), which had formerly been in the possession of Francis Scott Key (1779-1843).

Among the many objects in his collection were a number of items decorated with Masonic symbols. While many of these items were sold in the 1903 sale, including lot 1615 "Rare Old Liverpool 'Masonic' Pitcher, an Exceptionally Fine Piece," Dr. Crim also bestowed some items to friends while others were privately sold after his passing by his widow to members of the fraternity. Grand Master John M. Carter (1843-1915) once owned a piece of antique 'Cut Work' lace depicting a quantity of Masonic Symbols from Dr. Crim's collection while Alfred E. Mealy appears to have obtained an early Chinese export punch bowl decorated with Masonic symbols. This bowl was subsequently presented to the museum in 1910 and is currently on display in the museum gallery.

Though Dr. Crim's collection represents the result of a patriotic zeal that coveted historical associations, his collection represents one of the earliest of its kind to be formed in the United States. While his collection was largely dispersed after his death it has left a lasting impact on the scholarship in the field of the American arts with items from his collection now residing in other institutions including the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Maryland Historical Society.

# George Washington Was Never Without Martha's Heart



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For display purposes only.



*Safely tucked away* in the Grand Lodge of Maryland's museum is a true treasure—a special pin that Martha Washington gave to her husband as a token of her affection. The family tradition is that George wore this pin on the inside of his jacket for nearly 30 years while serving his beloved country. Gifted to the museum in 1897 by a direct descendant of Martha Washington, it is there displayed as a striking memorial to Brother Washington.

Now YOU can own a unique piece of history!

For the first time ever, the museum has issued an official reproduction—the “Martha’s Heart” pin. Crafted in the United States by master goldsmiths, and hand-enameled, these pins faithfully duplicate the priceless original. Offered in solid 14 karat gold or in sterling silver layered in 14 karat gold, the pin would become a valuable addition to your patriotic collection or as a meaningful symbol of your love and devotion.

Approved by the curators of Mount Vernon for sale in their gift shop, the pin is being offered directly to Freemasons and their families at a substantial savings from the regular retail price.

\$98<sup>50</sup> Plus S&H  
Sterling silver layered with 14k gold with hand enameled

\$498<sup>50</sup> Plus S&H  
Solid 14k gold with hand enameled

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. A shipping and handling charge of \$8.95 will apply. All proceeds from the sale of the Martha’s Heart Pin will benefit the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland, Inc.

## HOW TO ORDER

Contact the Grand Lodge of Maryland to order:

410.527.0600

Order your own Martha’s Heart Pin Today! [www.MarthasHeartPin.com](http://www.MarthasHeartPin.com)



Approx. Size

## MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND UPDATE

### Student Assistance Program Training

On February 25 & 26, forty-seven educators, health care professionals, and other community resource personnel from Prince George’s County participated in a Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP) training at the Prince George’s County Staff Development Training Center in Oxon Hill, MD. Led by trainers Larry Newman (a California Mason) and John Bearoff, the trainees learned the enhanced intervention program and prepared to return to their schools to provide

assistance to students whose success in school is jeopardized by falling grades, poor attendance, or bad behavior. Funding for Student Assistance has been a priority for Masonic Charities of Maryland (MCM) since 1987. Prince George’s County is the sixth Maryland jurisdiction to be trained since the revised MMSAP training went into effect in 2010.



### MSAPPA Conference

In its continuing support for the Maryland Student Assistance Program, MCM funded the 2013 Maryland Student Assistance Program Professionals Association (MSAPPA) Conference at the Grand Lodge on Thursday, February 28. More than 250 educators, treatment and health care professionals, social workers, and other community youth-oriented professionals traveled from across Maryland to spend this day in workshops designed to enhance their knowledge and refine strategies to help our at-risk youth. The keynote speaker, Dr. Katherine S. Newman, Professor of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University, addressed the causation, incidents, and shooter profiles of youth involved in school shootings across the country. Using research

data, Dr. Newman mesmerized the audience with facts and protective strategies helpful to prevent such occurrences.

Following this address, the attendees divided into smaller groups to hear other presenters on topics such as Female Aggression, Street Drug Updates, School Dropouts, Gang Culture, and Generational Differences.

Deputy Grand Master Ken Wyvill made brief remarks, citing the correlation of Masonry to American education and mentioned several key Masons in Maryland history. He recognized the directors of MCM who attended to show their support for the Conference and for the work that these dedicated professionals perform every day with our youth.





# ALI GHAN SHRINERS

by Charles W. "Buck" Taylor, Jr., Ill. Potentate, Ali Ghan Shriners 2013

Hello to all my Brother Maryland Masons. I bring you greetings from the Oasis of Ali Ghan Shriners in the Desert of Cumberland where the weather is great and we have no traffic problems! My name is Charles W. "Buck" Taylor, Jr. and I am Potentate of Ali Ghan Shriners. I am sure that some of you have never been to this part of Maryland so I am taking this opportunity to invite each and every one of you to come to Western Maryland, visit our Shrine Center and look at what we, at Ali Ghan, call the most beautiful Shrine Center in Maryland! Check out our beautiful facilities and visit our Railroad Unit and our Shrine Train which is the only operating Shrine train in the United States. We are a very active Shrine Center and we have an excellent Shrine Transportation program for the kids in the Tri-State area. We also have a Camper Unit which has spaces for campers and RV's next to our Shrine Picnic Grounds. I have a hard working and dedicated Divan working with me this year and I know with their leadership we at Ali Ghan will have a very good 2013.

First Lady Rosey and I have had a very interesting, enjoyable and fun-filled year since we were installed by Past Imperial Potentate Raoul Frevel on January 12, 2013, and we look forward to the remainder of the year and are anticipating more of the continued support

# RAINBOW GIRLS

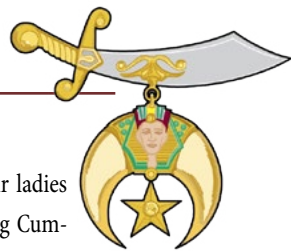
The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls held a Food Drive in the month of February to gather food and items to be donated to the Crisfield, MD area. The service project was a statewide event and included assemblies throughout Maryland. Donations were solicited during the month at various venues from supermarkets to day care centers. Many Masonic Lodges and Order of the Eastern Star Chapters contributed with both money and food. On March 10th some members of the International Order of The Rainbow for Girls travelled to Crisfield and attended the Church Service at Immanuel United Methodist Church after which they presented Rev. Gilson with over forty cases of food and a check to aid in their food pantry mission.

The Crisfield area was hard hit by Hurricane Sandy in October of 2012 and residents are still trying to recover. According to Rev. Gilson, many residents are still struggling with housing and cleanup efforts. The Rev. Gilson has had a food pantry set-up at the church to aid the residents of the area. Although many months have passed, nearly 155 families still depend on the food pantry to supply food and basic health care items. As a result, the food pantry's supplies have grown alarmingly low. The pantry was forced to close early on one occasion due to the unavailability of resources. Anyone interested in helping

we have had from our nobles, their ladies and the entire tri-state surrounding Cumberland.

If I may, I will give a pitch for the Ali Ghan Potentate's Cruise from September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 2, 2013. It leaves from Baltimore and goes to Bermuda. Even though the deadline for initial deposits has passed I am sure if anyone is interested you can still get on board. Just contact our Recorder's Office at 301-722-5970. Our Ali Ghan Shrine Spring Ceremonial will be held on May 11, 2013 at Ali Ghan Shrine Center. We have a Circus under the Big Top on May 31, 2013 at our own Shrine Picnic Grounds and in Hagerstown at the Wilson Ruritan Grounds at the Huyett Crossroads. Also First Lady Rosey and the Ladies of the Divan are sponsoring the music sensation Ricky Howsare on June 9, 2013 at our Shrine Picnic Grounds.

The remaining months of 2013 will all be filled with exciting and fun filled activities and events and I look forward to listing and inviting each of you to those events in the next issue. Just remember, we at Ali Ghan Shriners are always "Keeping an Eye on Our Future as We Learn from Our Past".



the residents of Crisfield may contact the office at Immanuel United Methodist Church (410-968-1389).

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is just one of the Masonic Youth Organizations and is for girls from 11 to 20 years of age. Information about Rainbow or any of the Masonic Youth Organizations can be found on the Maryland Masonic Website, www.md-masons.org. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders and the Masonic Youth Organizations help prepare our youth to meet the challenges of the future. Encourage the young men and women in your life to seek out information on these wonderful organizations; it may be one of the richest experiences of their lives.



# MARYLAND DEMOLAY

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



Everyone in Maryland DeMolay is buzzing about the most recent Masonic Open House held across Maryland. Many of our Chapters spread out across their respective county to be at Lodges that don't usually have a Masonic Youth presence for this event. We were welcomed with open arms by the members of the various lodges. Throughout the day, our members were able to talk with the Lodge members and prospective petitioners for DeMolay. We are pleased to say that petitions came in and our numbers are growing. It appears that some 17 young men petitioned our Chapters across the state. George Flemming Moore Chapter, the Chapter just started in Cockeysville at the Grand Lodge received petitions as did Cumberland Chapter!

We would like to make our heartfelt appreciation known to the Grand Master and all the Masons of Maryland for including

the Masonic Youth in this outstanding event! Our young men realize the importance of the time spent with our sponsors in strengthening our fraternal bonds. It is true that not all Open House venues produced petitions BUT the time spent with our Masonic family is priceless! How better to understand each other and become friends than to spend quality time together, just like in your own family!

We look toward the summer with great anticipation of the events out State Master Councilor has planned and look forward to telling you about these events as they unfold. If you would like to be part of these events, please contact us at mdsmc89@gmail.com to be connected to a Chapter near you or to receive emails about these upcoming events. For God, For Country, For DeMolay!

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## Centennial Lodge No. 174

Centennial Lodge in Upper Marlboro held a "Colts Night" to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on Brother Danny Muchow. Senior Deacon William Myers assumed the East for the entire degree. Junior Deacon Brent Peterson moved to the West and Junior Steward Rick Wilburn worked the South during the first section and then moved to Senior Deacon for the Middle Chamber. He also gave the Charge. Bro. Rick has been in Masonry for less than a year! Senior Steward Matt Dyer moved to Junior Deacon, MM David Wilburn was Senior Steward, and MM John Bowler was Junior Steward. The ritual work was nearly



flawless and everyone celebrated a wonderful evening. Talk is underway to follow up with a Master Mason "Colts Night."

## A Great Night of Brotherhood at Manokin Lodge No. 106

Over one hundred Maryland Freemasons turned out for a wonderful evening of brotherhood at Manokin Lodge No. 106 on March 25, 2013. Most Worshipful Grand Master Gerald E. Piepiora and his Grand Line made the journey from Cockeysville to Princess Anne in order to confer the Master Mason degree on two worthy brothers. The refreshment hall and lodge room were filled to near capacity as many brothers from several nearby lodges were in attendance in an excellent display of Masonic unity and fellowship.



## Ionic Lodge No 145 to Hold 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Ionic Lodge No. 145 in Reisterstown will hold its 1st Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 24, 2013. The event will take place at Oakmont Green Golf Course in Hampstead, MD with a 7:30am shotgun start. Registration is going on now at a cost of \$80 per golfer. The cost includes coffee and donuts beforehand, 18 holes of golf with cart, a luncheon afterwards featuring barbecued pulled pork and chicken as well as a chance at several door prizes. A limited number of hole sponsorships remain for those who wish to promote their company at the event. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Ionic Lodge Charities Fund. The deadline for tournament entries is May 31, 2013 – and it is open to Masons and non-Masons. For more information, or to register, contact Bro. Lee Ballenger at 410-404-1683 or by email at montcar1@verizon.net. Put a foursome together, and let's find out which lodge has the best golfers!



The Free State Freemason will gladly print articles and photos of your lodge's happenings and events as space permits. Photos must be in a digital format and forwarded as an email attachment or mailed on a CD-ROM. Please do not embed the photo within an email or Word document as this renders the photo file too small for print purposes. Send all submissions to Tom Foster, Director of Communications at tfoster@glmd.org.

## Three Generations of Masons at Sharon Lodge No. 182

On March 20, 2013 Mr. Ted Gamerman was initiated into Ancient Craft Masonry at Sharon Lodge #182 A. F. & A. M. in Reisterstown. There were over 35 brethren in attendance during the conferral of the Entered Apprentice degree including his son, Bro. Daryl M. Gamerman (who served as Worshipful Master, pro tem) and his grandson, Bro. David L. Gamerman (Senior Steward, pro tem).



## Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 Holds Community Service Day

Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 in Bel Air stepped into the local spotlight by hosting their first annual Community Service Day on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The brothers and their families spent the day at the Humane Society of Harford County helping out. Food and music was also provided. In honor of the event, the Humane Society offered pet adoptions at a reduced price of \$44 to correspond with the lodge number. The day proved to be a great success and garnered positive media coverage and community awareness about Freemasonry and Mt. Ararat Lodge.



## Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Names Stephenson Lodge's Mason of the Year

When the Brothers of Stephenson Lodge found out that one of their Past Masters, David Kraus, was diagnosed with cancer, they wanted to honor him. Knowing that the treatments were probably going to put him out of commission for a while, a quick committee was formed and the result was a surprise event for Brother Kraus. The committee contacted Dave's wife and procured a large number of photographs of Dave over the years, and a ten-minute video presentation was created to start the event. Brother Dave was informed that even though he was under the weather from his first set of treatments, he had to come to Lodge for a planned event to honor one of the Lodge's Brothers. Little did Brother Kraus realize that he was the honored Brother. The Lodge held a dinner before the event, and after a short business meeting, Lodge was closed. Everyone, including all of Brother Kraus' family, were there as the video began and introduced him as Stephenson Lodge's Mason of the Year. Many of the Brothers had parts in the ceremony which presented Brother Kraus with a framed certificate and an embroidered shirt. Many Masonic memories were retold, and in the end, Brother Kraus thanked the Lodge for their efforts and exclaimed he was surprised. It just goes to show you that Masons can keep a secret.



# RÉSUMÉS for Brothers Running for Elected Offices in 2013



**GERALD E. PIEPIORA**  
For the Office of  
Most Worshipful Grand Master



**KENNETH S. WYVILL, JR.**  
For Re-election to the Office of  
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master



**HERBERT Y. HOLCOMB, III**  
For Re-election to the Office of  
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

RUNNING FOR  
RE-ELECTION

**DAN B. LANE**  
For the Office of Right Worshipful  
Senior Grand Warden



**Masonic History:** Raised in Kensington-Bethesda Lodge No. 195 in 1991. Worshipful Master, Silver Spring Lodge No. 215, 2009, 2012 and 2013, also served as Treasurer.

**Masonic Leadership:** Grand Inspector 2009-10. W. Junior Grand Steward 2008. District 5 Coordinator for MDCHIP Program. Silver Spring Temple and Library Assoc., served as President.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite 32° 2008, Knights of St. Andrew. Shriners International 2006, Legion of Honor. Free State Shield and Square Club 2009. National Sojourners 2009.

**Professional:** Columbia Union College. L'Academie de Cuisine, Culinary Program 2005. Campbell University, AA Degree 1997. Certified Food Service Manager. Personal: Trained Emergency Medical Technician.

**RICHARD P. NAEGELE**  
For the Office of Right Worshipful  
Senior Grand Warden



**Masonic History:** Raised in Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 229 in 1978. Worshipful Master in 1988 and 1990. Member of Jephthah Lodge No. 222. Plural Member of Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 235.

**Masonic Leadership:** Current Grand Inspector. W. Grand Marshall 2011-12. W. Grand Standard Bearer 1995. Current member Board of Directors of MCM,

serving as chairman of the scholarship program. Chairman of Grand Lodge Committee on Youth. Recipient of the Warren Siepp Medal for Distinguished Service.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite - Valley of Baltimore 32°, KCCH in 2001. York Rite-Druid Chapter, Past High Priest, current Right Excellent Grand King in Grand Line Recipient of Grand chapter Bronze Medal for Distinguished Service in 2004; Hiram Council, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Grand Council 2009-10; Crusade Commandery, Commander on numerous occasions, Right Eminent Grand Commander 1999, current Inspector General, Past Excellent Chief of Templenoe Council, Past Chief of Euclid Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal Arch Mariners, Maryland College, York Rite Sovereign College-Gold Honor Award and Purple Cross. OES-Past Patron and current officer of Gleaner Chapter. DeMolay-Past Grand Commander of the Court of Chevaliers, Maryland DeMolay Executive Team, current Dad Trainer, current member of Maryland DeMolay Foundation Board. Tall Cedars-Baltimore Forest. Societas Rosicruciana. Masonic Veterans Association.

**Professional:** Elementary school teacher for 10 years, served on strategic planning committee for 20 years, administered Title 1 Budget and Countywide summer program.

**Personal:** Graduate of Loch Raven High School and UMBC. MA in Special Education/Learning Disabilities from Loyola College.

**FREDERICK LASER, JR.**  
For the Office of Right Worshipful  
Junior Grand Warden



**Masonic History:** Raised in Charity Lodge #134 in 1988. Worshipful Master 2000 awarded Grand Master's Award of Distinction, also 2007 and 2008. Secretary: 1989-1993 and 2011 - present. Lodge Scholarship Committee.

**Masonic Leadership:** W. Grand Sword Bearer 2012. MCM Board of Directors 2011-present. Co-chairman Maryland Masonic Blood Donor Program 2011-2012; Chairman Masonic Blood Donor Program 2013.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite - Valley of Baltimore 32° 1990, KCCH, 2012, Scottish Rite Cheer Club luncheon crew, Degree Team Property Room Assistant. York Rite - Tuscan Chapter, Hiram Council, Maryland Commandery. OES - Parkton Chapter #42 Warder and Sentinel. Tall Cedars York Forest #30. Boumi Temple-Aslaks President 2011, Radio Club, Steel Pan Band, Knights of Mecca Degree Team. Masonic Veterans Association.

**Professional:** Secondary Mathematics Teacher in Baltimore County 30 years, retired. Rehired as a consultant including tele-teaching, home teaching and GED program in Baltimore county Detention Center. Part-owner of IslandWindjammers.com.

**Personal:** Married to Judi since 1972, two sons Adam, a member of Charity Lodge #134 and Jarrod, four grandchildren. Member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Charter member and Assistant Scoutmaster Troop #92, 1992- present. Committee member of Troop #468, 1985-92. Serve as Ambassador of Goodwill Teaching in Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

**LESLIE "LES" G. METCALF, JR.**  
For the Office of Right Worshipful  
Junior Grand Warden



**Masonic History:** Raised in Sincerity Lodge No. 181 in 1999. Worshipful Master 2008. Joined Waverly Lodge No. 152 in 2002. Worshipful Master 2006 and 2010, Secretary 2007-09.

**Masonic Leadership:** W. Grand Standard Bearer 2008.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite 32° 2001, KCCH 2005, Commander of the Council of Kadosh 2007. York Rite-Joined in 2003, York Rite College #58 2008. Boumi Shrine 2007, Knights of Mecca. Tall Cedars-Annapolis Forest No. 126 2008, Currently serving as Grand Tall.

**Professional:** Served in USMC and USMC reserves from 1980-1991, Honorably Discharged. Owner of Metcalf Plumbing Service.

**Personal:** Married nearly 27 years. Three daughters, two were members of Job's daughters.

**RANDALL L. WATSON**  
For the Office of Right Worshipful  
Junior Grand Warden



**Masonic History:** Raised in Nanticoke Lodge No. 172 in 1979. Member of Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge No. 224. Worshipful Master in 1986 and 1990.

**Masonic Leadership:** Current Grand Inspector and Vice

President of the Board of Grand Inspectors for Baltimore-South Region. W. Senior Grand Deacon 2011. MCM Board of Directors since 2009. Chairman of Grand Lodge Committee on Dispensations and Charters since 2011.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite-Valley of Baltimore 32°, Council of Kadosh officer. York Rite-Druid Chapter, Past High Priest, current Right Excellent Grand Scribe in Grand Line, Recipient of Grand High Priest's Award, General Grand Chapter's Ritual Award and Bronze Medal for Distinguished Service; Hiram Council, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, current Grand Line officer, Acting R.I. Grand Treasurer, Recipient of Ish Sodi Award; Crusade Commandery officer, Excellent Chief of Templenoe Council, Past Chief of Euclid Council, Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers, Past Sovereign Master of Tidewater Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, Neap Tide Lodge, Royal Arch Mariners, Maryland college, York Rite Sovereign College Gold Honor Award recipient. OES-Past Patron and current officer of Gleaner Chapter. DeMolay-Past Master Councilor, Past Grand Commander of the Court of Chevaliers, Past Dean of the Preceptory of the Legion of Honor, Maryland Executive Team and Ritual Director, Board member of Maryland DeMolay Foundation, Deputy Member of International Supreme Council. Member of Maryland College, Societas Rosicruciana, Tall Cedars-Baltimore Forest and Royal Order of Scotland.

**Professional:** Career with Maryland Division of Corrections beginning as a Correctional Officer and progressing upward to Assistant Commissioner and now to Director of Programs and Services. Has served as Interim Warden of the Mary-

land Correctional Institution in Jessup and Interim Commissioner of Pre-Trial Detention and Services.

**Personal:** A graduate of Colonel Richardson High School and Washington College in Chestertown. Master's Degree in Business Administration from Mount Saint Mary's College.

**T. SCOTT CUSHING**  
For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand  
Treasurer



**Masonic History:** Raised in Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 in 1981. Worshipful Master in 2012. Treasurer in 2013.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite-KCCH. Captain Boumi Highlanders, Treasurer Boumi Big Rigs.

**Professional:** Principal and Certified Public Accountant with Frank Hajek and Associates, P.A. for the last 10 years following a long career in finance and accounting.

**Personal:** Treasurer of Emmorton Recreation Council for 13 years. Former Chairman of the Board of Directors for Canton Railroad. Served on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Transportation Authority. Served on the Judicial Nominating Committee for Harford County.

**WILLIAM E. GYR**  
For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand  
Treasurer



**Masonic History:** Raised in Tuscan Lodge No. 202 in 1962. Worshipful Master in 2000. Plural Member of Ionic Lodge No. 145 and Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 234 serving as Treasurer. Honorary Past Master of Lebanon Lodge No. 175.

**Masonic Leadership:** RW Grand Treasurer 2007-present. Past Grand Inspector and Past Vice President of the Board of Grand Inspectors for Central Region. W. Grand Pursuivant 2005-06. Vision 2025 Committee, Chairman of Finance Subcommittee. Regional Coordinator of MD-CHIP Child ID Program. Recipient of the Warren Siepp Medal for Distinguished Service.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite-Valley of Baltimore 32°. York Rite-Druid Chapter, Hiram Council, Monumental Commandery. OES-Past Worthy Patron of Gleaner Chapter No. 49. DeMolay Legion of Honor. Job's Daughters Past Associate Guardian. Past President of Baltimore Past Masters Association. Currently serve as Treasurer for two collateral bodies.

**Professional:** Retired after a long career in business accounting and financial management as Controller and Accounting supervisor.

**Personal:** Born and educated in Baltimore. Married to Carolyn for 50 years, two children, two grandchildren. Received Bachelor's degree in Business Management from University of Baltimore and Certificate in Accounting from Johns Hopkins University.

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