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## A MESSAGE TO EACH MARYLAND MASTER MASON



Dear Brother Mason:

September will hear the sound of the gavel echoing through our jurisdiction to signal the resumption of labor. September will also see the resumption of fellowship with the exchange of Summer reminiscences, and plans for Masonic activities for the rest of the year.

October will feature two stellar events on the Grand Lodge trestleboard which should be noted on the calendar of each Master Mason and each Lodge.

First is the Cornerstone Laying and 50th Anniversary at Bonnie Blink on October 10th. The second

is the Annual Harvest Home Day on October 17th, also at Bonnie Blink. I would urge each Master Mason to attend at least one of these events which are rich dividends derived from being a member of a Maryland Lodge.

November will find the Grand Lodge in Annual Communication with representatives of Subordinate Lodges in attendance participating in our efforts to keep Masonry strong and to achieve our projects and goals.

After the New Year, we will hold regional meetings with the top management of Subordinate Lodges; then, we hope our plans will materialize for another visit with our brothers residing in Florida.

Details on all the foregoing events have been or will be furnished on a timely basis.

In like manner, we are certain that planning and programing of current and future events are also claiming the attention of Worshipful Masters and Senior Wardens assisted by other Lodge leaders.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon whether it be on October 10th, October 17th, in Florida or during a visit to your Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bernard E. Rothman  
Grand Master

## BONNIE BLINK'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 10, 1981

Fifty years ago, on October 10, 1931 at 2 P.M., Brother George W. Livingston, Acting Most Worshipful Grand Master, presided over the Cornerstone laying of the main building at Bonnie Blink. The Right Worshipful Grand Marshal at that time was Brother John H. Hessey, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master.

The trowel and gavel used was the same employed by Brother George Washington when as Acting Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, laid the cornerstone of the National Capitol at Washington, D.C. in 1793.

On October 10, 1981 at 2 P.M., Brother Bernard E. Rothman, Most Worshipful Grand Master, will preside at a special communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new Health Care Facility at Bonnie Blink. The same precious trowel and gavel used 50 years ago will again be brought into service for this occasion through the courtesy of Potomac Lodge No. 5, D.C., custodian of the gavel, and Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, VA, which cares for the trowel.

Family and friends are cordially invited to share in the festivities and to enjoy a pleasant and memorable Saturday afternoon to celebrate Bonnie Blink's Golden Anniversary of care to those in their golden years. They will also witness a procession of Masonic leaders and active supporters including the Grand Line officers in morning clothes; Past Grand Masters in appropriate dress, jewels and aprons; Grand Inspectors, Deputy Grand Lecturers, Subordinate Lodge officers and Past Masters in dark suits, jewels and aprons. Representatives of the Scottish and York Rite Bodies, Shrine Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Grotto, Youth and other related organizations will also be recognized. White aprons will be available for the Craft.

Maryland Masons may stand proud at Bonnie Blink and its newest facility, a monument to their continuing efforts to provide the best possible loving care to those who are unable to care for themselves.\*

## HARVEST HOME DAY - BONNIE BLINK OCTOBER 17, 1981

Sizzling sausages, steaming pancakes and syrup, beef sandwiches, pie, hot coffee and other goodies will again dazzle the appetites of more than 7500 Masons expected to assemble at Bonnie Blink on Saturday, October 17th.

Music, contests and good fellowship will replace the labor of harvesting the corn crop to feed the dairy herd many years ago.

Thirteen committees and a staff of 33 under the leadership of Brother Wilbur Penley, assisted by Brothers Howard Collison and John M. Smith, Jr., will make this annual event

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## CONGRATULATIONS

● Brother George T. Steele, a member of Odenton Lodge No. 209, was installed as National President of National Sojourners, Inc. on 19 June 1981 according to Nelson O. Newcombe, National Secretary. National Sojourners is composed of Master Masons who are commissioned or warrant officers (past or present) of the Uniformed Services of the United States, with chapters throughout the United States, Germany, Korea, Okinawa and Panama.

Brother Steele is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Chesapeake Consistory since 1958 and a member of the York Rite Bodies since 1966. He now resides in Millersville, Maryland with his wife, Claire.

● Richard T. Budd, Jr., of Ft. Cumberland Lodge No. 211, was elected as President of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association during its convention from September 10-12 at Virginia Beach.

## 45th ANNUAL CONCLAVE MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF DEMOLAY CHAPTERS

DeMolay: "Where The Action Is" was amply demonstrated at Salisbury State College on August 14-16. Arranged by the Conclave '81 Committee headed by Jack Willis and Chuck Smith, the conclave was made possible with the help of the DeMolays who sold over \$2,000 worth of ads and boosters, which helped pay for the expenses.

The session was opened by State Master Councilor Philip A. Shortt. Numerous activities were available including swimming, a talent show and the Sweetheart competition.

Chris Bateman, Birmingham Chapter, the newly-elected State Master Councilor was installed together with Mike Berends, State Senior Councilor and Ken Kiessling, State Junior Councilor on September 14 at the Grand Lodge Temple in Baltimore. He will be administering 27 scheduled activities over the next 12 months.

Paula Cinero succeeds Jean Mattocks as State Sweetheart.

Bro. Charles H. "Dad" Cover, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, is the Executive Officer in Maryland.

## "IN THEY HOLY NAME, WE PRAY"

One of the very first things we learn upon being received into Masonry is that before any great or important undertaking, we are taught to pray to God for His strength and aid. This is done not only for our own personal benefit in facing up to it, but also for the purpose of reminding ourselves that without God's strength and aid the undertaking could fail. From that moment on, as we proceed through the three degrees on our way to becoming Master Masons, we are continually made aware of our relationship to God and the importance of private and corporate praying. Not only do we offer up prayers to Deity mentally, but prayers are also spoken orally on behalf of all members at the opening and closing of the Lodge meeting.

Thus, prayer has been woven deeply into the fabric of Freemasonry and is that sacred moment when each Mason communes with his God as he knows, loves and understands Him. Such moments of prayer are important and should never be thought of as a mere conforming to ritual or tradition with little relevance to anything else that may follow after the person praying has spoken the word "Amen." And so it behooves every Chaplain of a Lodge and every Worshipful Master, or whoever offers the prayers, to bring to that moment the proper dignity and solemnity befitting the occasion. In turn, it behooves every Mason present to thoughtfully and prayerfully make the Chaplain's prayer his prayer, or silently speak one of his own.

Since Freemasonry receives into its Lodges Masons found to be worthy regardless of religious convictions, save the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, prayers given in Lodges or in other Masonic gatherings apart from the Lodge, should be addressed to the Supreme Being only. Such phrases as "Almighty God," "Our Heavenly Father," "Supreme Architect of the Universe," "Gracious God our Father," "Eternal God," "Our Father in Heaven," and "Almighty and Everlasting God" are appropriate ways to address the Deity.

Upon closing the Lodge or some other Masonic gathering with prayer, such phrases as "In Thy Holy and Precious Name we pray," "We ask all these blessings in Thy Holy Name," "With grateful hearts we make this our prayer," "We pray all this in the name of Him whose love is eternal" can be used, followed by the simple word "Amen." And, certainly it is always appropriate, when a concluding thought has been expressed, to simply speak the word "Amen," without using any of the kinds of phrases just suggested.

The reason why we ought to use only the name of the one Supreme Being is that Masonry includes men of all religious persuasions, and at any given gathering of Masons we run the chance of not having all men of the same persuasion present. Thus, to use any other name for Deity is an affront to anyone present whose faith may be rooted in another religious belief. When we welcome brothers into our Lodges of various religious convictions, let's not make it awkward for them during those sacred moments of prayer, by using names other than those used when referring to Almighty God, to which they do not pay homage. Worshipful Masters and Lodge Chaplains, take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Roy H. Stetler, Jr., D.D.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master

(Note: Most Worshipful Bro. Stetler served as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland from November 1976 to November 1978. He also served as R. W. Grand Chaplain from 1961-74. Holds membership in the Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, Eastern Star and Order of DeMolay. Until his recent retirement, Bro. Stetler was pastor of the Cheverly United Methodist Church, Cheverly, Maryland since 1945.)



## FOURTH ANNUAL "AUGUST SCENE"

"Patriotism and Masonry," the theme of this meeting was highlighted by an essay contest for the youth organizations. Sponsored by the Grand Bodies of York Rite Freemasonry in Maryland, the meeting offers an opportunity for masons to learn more about the fraternity and listen to some excellent Masonic speakers.

Michael A. Lohsl, Orator of the R.C. Carleton Chapter, Order of DeMolay at Bowie, won the essay contest on his explanation of how the Seven Cardinal Virtues of DeMolay serve as a firm foundation for a patriot. Argiros Kaitis, Junior Master Councilor of the Dundalk DeMolay Chapter offered a moving compelling essay on "Patriotism and DeMolay."

Some of the notable Masonic leaders and speakers attending this highly successful event held at Annapolis on August 1st are shown on the accompanying photo.



First row, left to right, Bernard E. Rothman, MWGM of MD; Carroll Fogg, MWGM of N.H.; Thomas Dougherty, MWPGM of NJ, Banquet Speaker; Edward R. Saunders, MWPGM of MD and REGC, GC of MD; and Bennie G. Owens, Chairman, August Scene Committee. Second row, left to right, Russell Brewer, MC for Daytime Program; Donald M. Jett, 33°, representing the SGIG, AASR; Joseph C. Bryan, III, Keynote Speaker; William Brown, Curator, George Washington Masonic National Memorial; Russell azelaar, RIDGM, GC of MD; Luther J. Bell, MIGHP, GC of MD; and Ward Taylor, M.C. of Banquet.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Many received attendance certificates and all received passing grades at the Grand Lodge Summer School of Instruction conducted by Bro. Moses Appel, our W. Grand Lecturer, from July 7 to August 25.

Cornerstone Lodge No. 224, of which the MWGM is a member, opened the school on July 7 with W.M. Bernard Moorin in the East.

On August 4, Master Masons of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association meeting in Baltimore, were received and treated to a masterful performance by Past Masters exemplifying the MM Degree. Serving in the East were Ed Kirkley, No. 188; Frank Feldman, No. 45; George Resnick, No. 108; and Jack Edmundson, No. 215 and Ed Kraft, No. 189 gave the Lecture. In the West were Jim Martin, No. 219 and James Sadler, No. 222. In the South were J. Thomas Middleton, No. 165, MWPGM and Earle Peddicord, No. 89. MWPGM Roy H. Stetler served as Chaplain.

On the final night in Western Maryland on August 13, the principal officers exemplifying the MM Degree were: in the East, Paul Shircliff, No. 216; A. Wayne Reed, No. 103, MWPGM; and Allen D. Shirk, No. 99 (Lecture). In the West, Donald Johnson, No. 84 and Fred Reel, No. 217. In the South, George Knotts, No. 100 and Robert Ritter, No. 25.

On the final night on the Eastern Shore, August 20, the principal officers exemplifying the MM Degree were: in the East, Donald Baker, No. 128; Loyd Warren, No. 153; William E. Williams (Lecture). In the West, Charles R. Taylor, No. 128; B. Hope Harrison, No. 177. In the South, Robert Kirk, No. 128 and Frances W. Callahan, No. 128.

On the final night in Baltimore on August 25, the principal officers exemplifying the MM Degree were: in the East, Howard Smith, No. 213; Herbert Y. Holcomb, III, No. 158

and John Naquin, No. 227 (Lecture). In the West, John Clayton, No. 184 and Ralph Owens, No. 189. In the South, Robert Ritter, No. 25 and Patrick A. Curtis, No. 227. Certificates for perfect attendance were issued to 167 brothers. Regular attendance certificates were issued to 25 brothers. In addition, Bro. Charles H. Cover, No. 13, MWPGM received a 40 year certificate; Bro. John E. Edmundson, No. 215, a 20 year certificate; 10 year certificates were issued to John S. Revelle, No. 108; Henry Litke, No. 109 and Harvey T. Hopkins, No. 132, RWDGM; and 13 brothers were issued 5 year certificates.

## LODGE NOTES 1981 CONTINUED

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

● **PENTALPHA NO. 194** (WM Michael C. Shelton). Early on, service emblems presented to PM Walter F. Reinhart by GI Jack R. Frazier (50 years) and 60 year emblem to Bro. Elmer E. Emmerich as courtesy to Waverly No. 152. In May received 19 visitors from Asbury Village, Gaithersburg. PGM Poyner and other brothers represent 1,000 years of service, averaging 53 years per brother. PM Hank Setzer sent off to Florida in grand style - a man for all seasons. Main passages to Gaithersburg will have Pentalpha Lodge added to "Welcome to Gaithersburg" display.

● **MONTGOMERY NO. 195** (WM John L. Kough, Sr.). Pot Luck Suppers being featured - bringing family into picture. Following, usually speaker like PGM Tom Dougherty of NJ... Bethel 33 championship drill team... Movie. John D. Macik, Sports Medicine Coordinator, Players Assn., NFL will speak Sep. 28 after family pot luck dinner.

● **KENSINGTON NO. 198** (WM Carl H. Oswald). Family and youth are lodge pets. Pot Luck Supper was followed by talk on "Wills"... got a lot of attention. Great surprise in May when Bro. Norman R. Rogers received 50 year service emblem from GI Seymour H. Lipshitz. Wife and friends from other masonic groups in attendance... fellowship and refreshments followed. Son of PM Vitarelli elected to receive degrees... age 21.

● **BETHESDA NO. 204** (WM Coolidge F. Seale). Turkey, Ham & Bean, Spaghetti, Chicken... that's the list of entrees for the first Wednesday of each month so far. PM Mike Miller is the Chef. Pleasant duty by GI Jack Frazier in presenting 30 year pin to Secretary Alan Swoff as courtesy of Tuscan No. 704 in NY. Super 75th Anniversary attended by Grand Line... Roast beef dinner... original play by Bro. George Bull and PM Spidle, titled "Bethesda Lodge - The Formative Years"... anniversary medals presented with Lodge history... then Barbershop Quartet... everybody involved.

● **SILVER SPRING NO. 215** (WM Harry Miller, Jr.). Programs well-planned and interesting... George O. Peters talked on coin collection... Cherrydale Lodge No. 42 of VA conferred FC degree on their candidate... Flory Diehl, Order of the Green Duck, talked on "Special Happenings in Masonry"... PM Robert R. Eckell, WM of Justice-Columbia Lodge in DC talked on the Kentucky Rifle... PM Peter Clelland, Seat Pleasant No. 218 spoke on the building of the National Cathedral. Sgt. McGrogan, Montgomery Co. police, demonstrates K-9 obedience on Sep. 28. Camp Springs players render "The Greatest of These" on Oct. 26. Ladies Nite on Oct. 24. Call Bob Bergman, 926-4685. Prompt action by PM Jack Frazier, trained CPR Instructor, resulted in recovery of man having heart attack.

● **CORNERSTONE NO. 224** (WM Bernard Moorin). Comfort and goodfellowship among the brothers, visitors and family. DGM Elmer Stein of DC told about the "Washington Cabal"... in March PGM Thomas R. Dougherty spoke on the MSA and Hospital Visitation Program sprinkled with humor... April saw the Camp Spring Lodge players perform Carl Claudy's "The Greatest of These." The Lodge family saw Lou Warshaw receive the "Mason of the Year Award" followed by entertainment and refreshments. In June, the Grand Line helped celebrate Strawberry Festival with entertainment and copious quantities of ice cream served to over 120 guests.

● **WHEATON NO. 228** (WM Paul W. Johnson). "Wills & Estates" was subject presented to brothers, wives and friends... "Rusty Nail" Degree presented in May. Planning for Silver Anniversary underway. Wheaton will again sponsor "Mountain Top Lodge" at Sugar Loaf at 7:30 P.M., Sept. 11th. Great show!

### PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

● **LAUREL WREATH NO. 149** (WM Ritchie W. Seigel). PM W. Everett Marton presented with 50 Year Service Emblem. Wedding bells for S.W. Boyd D. Garrett and bride, Melissa.



● **CENTENNIAL LODGE NO. 174** (WM Herbert L. Buckland, Jr.). Lighting the way - PM Chris O. Bryan, Sr. showing the way to Chris O. Bryan, Jr. Blood program good - 31 of 38 potential donors gave blood.

● **MT. HERMAN NO. 179** (WM Laurence H. Hinds). Oct. features PM Nite and Ladies Nite. Bros. John H. Allers and Frank Hillier Spencer received 60 year service emblems; Claude W. Cabbage received on for 50 years. Plans in progress to celebrate 100th Anniversary in November 1982.

● **BIRMINGHAM NO. 188** (WM Paul H. Lung, Sr.). "...from generation to generation." WM installed as WM by son, PM Paul, Jr.

● **SEAT PLEASANT NO. 218** (WM Richard T. Price, Sr.). Family bus trip to Norfolk; support to Jerry Bowles Chapter, Order of DeMolay, rummage sale as fund raiser.

● **WEST GATE NO. 220** (WM George A. Carrick, Sr.). Joint religious services at Bonnie Blink with Chillum Castle No. 186 and York No. 225 on Sept. 27. WM installed by son, George, Jr., P.M. Dick Williams, perennial Tyler honored by York Rite at banquet before move to Florida. George L. A. Dressel presented with G.L. Certificate of Appreciation by GI Seymour Lipshitz for 43 years service as Secty. (3 years) and Treasurer (39 years).

● **YORK LODGE NO. 225** (WM Morgan T. Turner). Grand Line conferred MM Degree on Bro. Casey, PGM Stetler's son-in-law. Previously had successful PM and Ladies Nites. Enjoyed talk by PM J. Hollis, No. 218 on 34 years in prison system (not as inmate).

● **CAMP SPRINGS LODGE NO. 227** (WM Robert E. Pugh, Sr.). Second half of year as busy as first half... Sept. features rededication ceremony, and Colts' Night; October, Warden's Night and Youth Night; November, International Night and Salute to the Ministry with PGM Stetler as speaker. Pre-lodge dinners at first meeting of month. Work in progress: 12. Picnic with OES Sept. 20 and Church visitation on Sept. 27. Presenting play Oct. 5 at Anacostia Lodge, D.C. and on Oct. 26 at Silver Spring No. 215.

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a blessing to the palate, the spirit and the 160 guests at our Masonic Homes.

Parking directions will be provided by guides. Shuttle busses will operate between the parking areas and the center of activities.\*

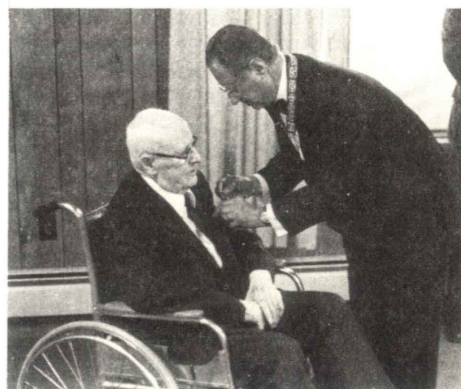
*\*NOTE: Parking for the above two events is limited to the Executive Plaza of the McCormick Industrial Park. Absolutely no parking on the grounds of Bonnie Blink.*

## PEOPLE

● PGM J. Thomas Middleton recuperating nicely from recent hernia procedure.

● PM Joseph H. Kircher, Concordia No. 13, will raise grandson, Richard L. Schulte of Mt. Nebo No. 229 in Concordia Lodge on October 2. Bro. Kircher gained two great grandsons and two great granddaughters in the last two years.

● **OAKLAND LODGE NO. 192** (WM Donald W. Sincell). Reverence and care for aged symbolized in photo printed by "The Republican," Garrett County showing Bro. John Robert Thrasher, 94, receiving 70 year service emblem from GM Bernard E. Rothman. Took place at Ladies Night attended by over 100 persons.



## 1981 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### October

- 2 GL visits Hagerstown No. 217, Hagerstown, Open Air MM Degree at Elks Park.
- 3 GL visits Ohr No. 131, Cumberland. MM Degree.
- 6 DGM visits Mt. Hermon No. 179, Hyattsville.
- 6-8 GM attends communication of G.L. of Delaware.
- 9 GM attends Palestine No. 189 Ladies Night.
- 10 GL lays cornerstone of new Health Care Facility, Bonnie Blink.
- 12 GL visits Friendship No. 84, Hagerstown. Fraternal visit.
- 12-13 DGM attends communication of G.L. of W.Va.
- 16 GL Religious Services, Beth Torah, Hyattsville, 8:30 P.M.
- 17 Harvest Home Day, Bonnie Blink.
- 19 GL visits Tuscan No. 202, Towson. MM Degree.
- 20 GL visits Patmos No. 70, Ellicott City. Table Lodge.
- 21 GM attends Sov. Grd Comdr Ball, A.A.S.R. Sou. Juris.
- 21 DGM attends Arcana No. 110, Baltimore. Table Lodge.
- 22 GL visits Door-to-Virtue No. 46, Westminster. Fraternal Visit.
- 24 GM attends Pickering No. 146, Baltimore. Ladies Night.
- 28 GL visits St. John's No. 34, Baltimore. Fraternal Visit.
- 29 DGM attends Centennial No. 174 all District Night.
- 30 GM visits Sharon No. 182, Reisterstown. Ladies Night.

### November

- 15 GL Religious Service, Bonnie Blink, 3 P.M.
- 16 GL Annual Communication, 2 P.M.

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