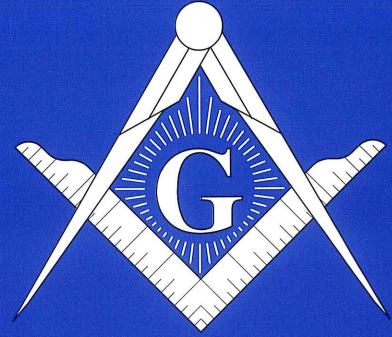


Freestate Freemason



Summer 2002

MASONRY FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

From the Grand Master—

Brethren:

The Universality of Masonry has to be on our minds, although we do not routinely discuss this as an every day consideration. In my readings, listening, and learning I would like to consider everyone who teaches the same lessons and extols the same virtues as a brother Mason. Alas, this is not always possible. There are many customs and usages of the craft that must be considered. Can these sometimes be changed? Of course; this is a necessity in some cases.

Just before our semi-annual meeting in May, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota recognized the "Grand Lodge of France" (GLF). This is a lodge that has been considered irregular since 1919 and all recognition was denied by 1954. The Lodge that is now considered to be regular in France is the "Grand Lodge Nationale France" (GLNF).

It was announced at the semi-annual meeting of our Grand Lodge that Masonic Relations with Minnesota have been suspended until their recognition of GLF has ceased. After a personal discussion with The Grand Master of Minnesota I have been assured that the situation will soon be resolved. When this is solved I will issue an Edict to resume our relationship with Minnesota. If it is not solved by the time of our Annual meeting in November, then it will be brought before our Grand Lodge for appropriate action.

As I indicated at the beginning of this communication it would be great if we could recognize all like-thinking individuals; but alas there must be some order in our confusion, or rules and regulations would be of no value.

It seems most strange that a problem that has existed in France for many years can upset the ongoing and thinking of lodges and grand lodges in the United States. I am certain that I have read at least 100 (cont. on page 3)

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Editorial

Commitment, what is it? What does it stand for?

Webster says it is a pledge or a promise to do something; dedication to a long-term course of action; engagement; involvement.

When traveling through the state visiting various lodges, this word commitment will often come up in conversations. At some lodges it is the same individuals who attend the functions of the lodge. The same men repeating in the chairs to keep the charter alive for those who have made the commitment of becoming Masons. We all have taken the obligations and pledged to answer all due signs and summonses, if within our power to do so. For some, the length of our cable tow is not as long as the breath it took to say it.

What happens if you do not keep the commitments made to your family, workplace, church, and communities? If we all decided not to keep them, they would soon disappear or fall into disarray or apart. The lodge is no different, except many are kept alive by a few who have continued to respect the commitment they made. No one is asking you to be at all functions, but to take part in some of them. Support those who are willing to go an extra mile to keep your lodge alive and well.

Lodges will not change on their own and you have to live up to the commitment you made to make it happen. We all get tired of doing the same thing over and over. We often see the same faces at lodge meetings time and time again. We need to see you, and for you to take part on the sidelines, take a chair, attend the functions of the lodge, make suggestions and chair the committee to see that it happens. We need you to get involved with activities that the whole family can enjoy through lodge functions, baseball games, youth activities, dinners, bus trips, etc. Don't sit back and say it's the same old thing, I haven't the time. We have the time to play golf, go out to dinner, take in a movie and many other activities; make the time to attend your Lodge. Come, and help make it interesting.

Masons have given us many of the freedoms we now enjoy. Now it's our turn to return something to Freemasonry, so that future generations, our sons and daughters and grandchildren can continue in the light that masonry has spread for generations before us.

Ask yourself if you have lived by your commitments, to yourself, and to those around you. Do you like what you see or what you want others to see? Remember, you are someone's idea of a mason. Make that idea as good as you possible can. Commitment: a pledge or a promise to do something; dedication to a long-term course of action; engagement; involvement. What's yours? How long is your cable tow?

Author unknown



(cont. from page 1) separate documents on this particular subject as well as the white paper issued by Minnesota and the answer to it by the Grand Lodge of England. Most of the Lodges in the Northeast and several others have taken the same action that we have. I do hope that this can be solved in an amicable manner.

There are several Grand Lodges (some in emerging countries) that will seek recognition this year. I do hope that proper consideration can be given to the Deputy Grand Master's report when these are brought before Grand Lodge. It is not with a light thought that these matters are considered. The Conference of Grand Masters does not have any authority in these matters. However they have set up a committee to review the regularity of Grand Lodges and establish guidelines that are generally used for such recognition. Most Grand Lodges have adopted these guidelines to direct them in such recognition.

Our Grand Lodge has for many years used these basic guidelines in considering such recognitions.

Some may wonder why, with modern communications, they can not have correspondence between lodges in various jurisdictions without going through the several Grand Lodge Offices. The use of Grand Lodge protocol and courtesies is

greatly involved. I do hope that such correspondence is shared with the Grand Lodge Office to avoid any embarrassment to the writer or receiver of communications. This does not mean that individuals can not communicate with each other, only that long range planning between lodges must be done through proper channels.

Our constitution does allow that lodges may correspond with lodges in certain states that border Maryland if their Grand Lodges permit the correspondence. We have several lodges that make regular visitations in D.C, Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Most are courteous enough to inform both Grand Lodges.

George Washington prevented us from having a National Grand Lodge; I believe that his judgment was correct. This does not give us a Masonic Supreme Court to air differences. All differences of opinions must be negotiated on a one-on-one basis. I am glad to note that very seldom do differences result in suspension of recognition and as we are all Freemasons we are able to adjudicate those differences by personal communication. We do all work just a little differently and have for many years found ways to be different and respect one another's ways to accomplish the same moral code in a different way.

My prayer, brethren, is for one

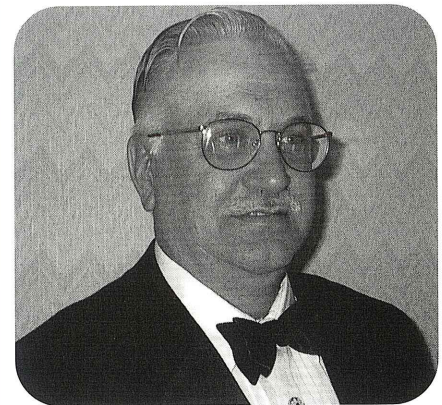
fraternity under one God that may be administered in as many ways (or jurisdictions) as He would see fit to allow us to operate.

May God Bless Freemasonry and God Bless America.

Bennie G. Owens
Grand Master

Candidates for November 2002

For Deputy Grand Master



Ronald G. Belanger is a candidate for Deputy Grand Master

Education:

1967: Graduated from North West Catholic High School West Hartford, Connecticut.

1968: Graduated United States Navy School of Music, Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia.

Masonic Career:

1982: Raised to Master Mason in Camp Springs Lodge No. 227.

1983: Appointed Marshal.

1989: Charter member and Vice President of the S. Maryland Chapter of the Philalethes.

1991: Worshipful Master of Camp Springs Lodge No. 227.

1992: Assistant to D.G.L. John Naquin

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1992: Appointed to the Board of Grand Inspectors by Past Grand Master John McWilliam Smith, Jr.
1997-1998: Served as W. Grand Marshal for P.G.M. John C. Naquin.
1998 to Present: Assistant Web Master for the Grand Lodge web page. Designed and constructed the "Tour of the Grand Lodge Facility" on the Grand Lodge web page. Designed and constructed web pages for several subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Presently working on a total reconstruction of the Grand Lodge web page.

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Honorary Member of the Free State Shield and Square Club.

1999 to Present: Vice President of the Board of Grand Inspectors for the Southern Region, and Vice President at Large, by G. M. Francis E. Larrimore.

1999: Served on the committee for the Grand Master's Accelerated Class.

1999: Serve as Chairman of the Grand Master's Millennium Committee.

1999 to 2002: Featured presenter at the Grand Master's Regional Meetings throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

1999: Founder and Editor of "The Board Room" a quarterly news letter designed to keep the Board of Grand Inspectors abreast of all the latest ideas and

programs of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Grand Lodge.

1999 to Present: Appointed Editor of the "Rite News" by Bernard E. Rothman, 33°, P.G.M., S. G.I.G., which is the official publication of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Orient of Md.

2000: Served as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

2001 to 2002: Chairman of the Grand Master's Activities Committee.

2001 to Present: Member of the Board of Trustees. Member of the Budget Sub-Committee for the Masonic Homes.

Masonic Affiliations: Member, Scottish Rite Bodies, Orient of Maryland in the Valley of Baltimore, 32°. Member, Southern Maryland York Rite Bodies, Member Boumi Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Baltimore, Md.

Awards:

1991: Received the Grand Master's award with distinction.

Personal History:

Upon Completion of High School, I auditioned for the United States Navy Band, Washington, D.C. I attended the United States Navy School of Music in Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia, to further my musical education. Upon completion of school in Virginia, I accepted orders to the Sixth Fleet Band, stationed in Gieta, Italy.

1974: Became a member of the U.S. Navy Band Washington, DC.

1987: Retired from naval service in April having served for 20 years.

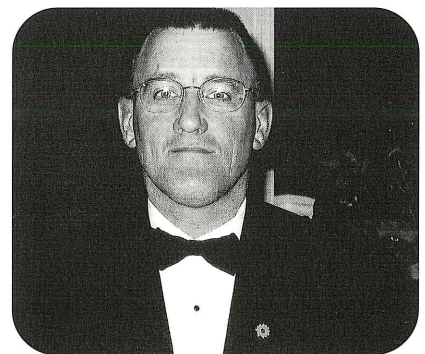
1987 to 1997: Owned and operated a woodworking and cabinet business, specializing in designing and constructing recording and post production studios.

I am also an amateur genealogist and manage a database of over 85,000 names. I offer free information to anyone connected to the "Belanger" family and have connected over 100 families to the two progenitors of our family name here in North America, as well as doing research for countless others. This research has led to a study of many of the First Nation Tribes both here in the United States and Canada, as well as extensive research into Heraldry in Europe and North America.

Married Karen Elizabeth Benoit, October of 1970. We have one daughter, Anissa Elise Belanger and one grand-daughter, Logan Avery Belanger Moffett.

I am presently retired and work part time at a local golf course.

For Sr. GrandWarden



R. Gary Pierce is a candidate for R.W. Sr. Grand Warden

Personal:

Married to (cont. on page 5)



(cont. from page 5) Tonya C. Herbst in 1986 and make our home in the Chesapeake City area of Maryland. We have two children, Jordan Michael age 13 and Emily Christine age 11. I am a long-time resident of Cecil Co.

Education:

I attended elementary, secondary, and High School in Chesapeake City, in Cecil County, Maryland. I graduated from Bohemia Manor High School in 1976.

Employment:

1980 - Appointed to the Maryland State Police Academy for six months of training.

1981: Assigned to routine police patrol duties at the Forestville Barrack in Prince George's County

1982: Transferred to the North East Barrack in Cecil County continuing routine police patrol duties.

1988: Assigned to the Criminal Investigation Section of the North East Barrack.

1993: Promoted to Corporal and transferred to the Salisbury Barrack and assigned the duties of a road patrol supervisor. Shortly thereafter I was transferred to the Easton Barrack with the same duties.

1994: Transferred to the North East Barrack and assigned the duties of a road patrol supervisor.

1998: Promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Golden Ring Barrack and assigned the duties of a Duty Sergeant.

1998: Transferred to North East Barrack and assigned the position of Criminal Investigator Section Supervisor and continue to hold that position.

Masonic Career:

1985: Raised a Master Mason in Cecil Lodge No. 125.

1988: Worshipful Master of Cecil Lodge No. 125.

1994: Appointed Grand Inspector for Harmony Lodge No. 53 and Union Lodge No. 48 by P.G.M. Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr.

1998: Served as Secretary of Cecil Lodge No. 125 for two years.

1998: Appointed W. Grand Sword Bearer by P.G.M. John C. Naquin.

1998: Became a member of the Free State Shield and Square Club Degree Team with whom I travel both in-state and out-of-state conferring the Master Mason Degree by request of Worshipful Masters.

1999: Appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer for Harford County by P.G.M. Francis Larrimore and still serve in that capacity.

1999: Served as Senior Deacon during the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree for the Grand Master's Accelerated Class.

2000: Traveled to St. Louis, MO with the Shield and Square Club to raise a Cumberland City Police Officer as a part of Mechanicsville Lodge's "Multi-State Degree Festival."

2000: Traveled to Dayton, Ohio with the Shield and Square Club

to raise a Dayton City Police Officer.

2001: Served as Worshipful Master in the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree in the Grand Master's Accelerated Class.

2001: Assisted in exemplifying brethren of Harford and Cecil Counties for the conferral of the Master Mason Degree for the Harford/Cecil Lodge of Low Vale celebration.

2002: Traveled to Vicksburg, Mississippi with the Shield and Square Club to exemplify the Maryland M.M.° as a part of Hyman-Jarmon Lodge's "Multi-State Degree Festival."

I feel that I have served Masonry to the best of my ability and am very dedicated to preserving its ritual.

For Jr. Grand Warden



Thomas Winebrenner is a candidate for R.W. Jr. Grand Warden.

Masonic background:

Past Master of Millington Lodge No. 166, and Honorary Member of the following lodges: Howard No. 101, Pythagoras No. 123 and affiliated member of Concordia No. 13 and Washington No. 3.

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Member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Coroneted Inspector General honorary 33°.

Past Wise Master, Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix.

Member of the Scottish Rite research society.

Very active in ritualistic work.

Member of Baltimore Forest No. 45 Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Member of Baltimore City and Baltimore County Past Masters association.

Charter member of Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1.

Served as Co-chairman of the Grand Lodge School of law.

Member of the Masonic Veterans Association.

Served as Grand Sword Bearer 1997. Presently serving as a Grand Inspector.

Other activities:

In my youth, I belonged to Troop No. 405 Boy Scouts of America sponsored by the southern district of the Baltimore Police department. I also belonged to the police boys club. After military service. I became an assistant scoutmaster for Troop No. 4 located in the church of the advent on south Charles Street.

Military service:

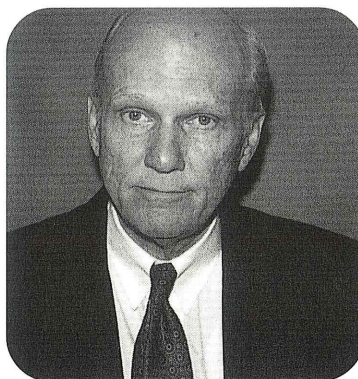
I entered the U.S. Coast Guard, and received basic training at Cape May New Jersey. After graduation I was stationed the Coast Guard Cutter Cowslip, a buoy tender out of South Portland, Maine.

Education:

After military service, I entered

night school to finish high school. I attended Dundalk Community College, and received a certificate in heating, ventilating and air-conditioning. I received on-the-job training in pipefitting and stationary engineering. I carry a first class certificate.

For Jr. Grand Warden



Wayne Penley is a candidate for R.W. Jr. Grand Warden.

Professional Background:

Sales and Regional Sales Manager for Victor Graphics Inc., a book manufacturing company, in Baltimore. MD. Have been with this company since 1983.

Community Service:

A member of Arnolia United Methodist Church since 1965. Served as a member of the Board of Trustees, as an usher, on the Administering Board, Chairman of Evangelism, past President of Methodist Men and a member of the choir.

Masonic Background:

Baltimore Chapter, Order of DeMolay, from 1957 to 1961. Became a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116 in 1967 and Master in 1974.

Appointments:

Appointed Grand Inspector for Baltimore County (cont. on page 8)

Masonic Charities of Maryland

The Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. Thirteenth Annual Regional Charity Golf Tournament for the benefit of our Educational Grant Program (Scholarships) and our Student Assistance Program (addressing the problem of drug and alcohol abuse among our young people) was held June 10, 2002. This fundraiser was again a huge success. A great time was had by all and all for the benefit of a great cause.

Our humble thanks reach out to all the participating golfers, corporate sponsors, individual contributors, Talbot County Club and the General Golf Committee for helping to make this golf tournament such a "Great Success."

Educational Grant Program

Masonic Charities is pleased and privileged to report that 44 scholarships have been awarded to an outstanding group of high school seniors. Applications were received from all counties and Baltimore City except Somerset and St. Mary's Counties. It is our hope that more of the Lodges will get involved in this worthy program. Many thanks to our Scholarship Committee for the hard work and conscientious efforts in reviewing and evaluating each and every scholarship application.

The following outstanding students, which have been listed on page 7, are the scholarship recipients of this year's award.



	County:	Lodge:	School:	Student:
1	Allegheny	George's Creek Valley No. 161	Westmar High School	Justin E Kenner
2	Allegheny	George's Creek Valley No. 161	Westmar High School	Megan R Taylor
3	Anne Arundel	Annapolis Lodge No.89	Broadneck High School	Michael Murray
4	Anne Arundel	Liberty Lodge No.219	Chesapeake High School	Pamela Folker
5	Baltimore City	Highland Lodge No.184	Patterson Park High School	Amy Lee Ladner
6	Baltimore City	Highland Lodge No.184	Patterson Park High School	Michelle D Powell
7	Baltimore Cnty.	Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116	Towson High School	Anastasia Mukhina
8	Baltimore Cnty.	Union Lodge No.60	Dulaney High School	Kelley Ann Hawkins
9	Calvert	Prince Frederick No.142	Calvert High School	Terrel D. Coey
10	Calvert	Prince Frederick No.142	Patuxent High School	Allison E. Smith
11	Caroline	Temple Lodge No.128	North Caroline High School	Carol Marie Quidas
12	Caroline	Temple Lodge No.128	Colonel Richardson High School	LaNae N Keene
13	Carroll	Door To Virtue Lodge No.46	Westminster High School	Karon Klima
14	Carroll	Prudence Lodge No.190	South Carroll High School	Nicholas C Behr
15	Carroll	Prudence Lodge No.190	South Carroll High School	Jessica Ridgeway
16	Cecil	Cecil Lodge No.125	Perryville High School	Kelly Michelle McGirk
17	Cecil	Union Lodge No.48	Bohemia Manor High School	Jessica A Whelan
18	Charles	Perseverance Lodge No. 208	LaPlata High School	Michael Anderson
19	Charles	Perseverance Lodge No. 208	Maurice J McDonough High	Virginia Holt
20	Dorchester	Cambridge Lodge No. 66	South Dorchester High School	Kate Elizabeth Collins
21	Dorchester	Cambridge Lodge No. 66	South Dorchester High School	Meredith Barr Todd
22	Frederick	Brunswick Lodge No. 191	Brunswick High School	Susan M Woodard
23	Frederick	Monocacy Lodge No. 203	Governor Thomas Johnson High	Katherine D Glover
24	Garrett	Oakland Lodge No. 192	Southern Garrett High School	Laura Hollingsworth
25	Garrett	Hiram Lodge No. 103	Northern Garrett High School	Todd W Foley
26	Harford	Aberdeen Lodge No. 187	Edgewood High School	Caitlin Sullivan
27	Harford	Stephenson Lodge No. 135	Milton Wright High School	Jessica Green
28	Howard	Solomon's Lodge No. 121	Hammond High School	Nicolas M. Johnson
29	Howard	Howard Lodge No. 101	Howard High School	Sabrina Lynn Oursler
30	Kent	Chester Lodge No. 115	Kent Co High School	Gwendolyn R Trice
31	Kent	Chester Lodge No. 115	Kent Co High School	Crystal Jean Loeffler
32	Montgomery	Cornerstone Lodge No. 224	John F Kennedy High School	Marie Chou
33	Montgomery	Cornerstone Lodge No. 224	Poolesville High School	Megan Erin Buckley
34	Prince George	Collington Lodge No. 230	Bowie High School	Jason E Keene
35	Queen Anne's	Centreville Lodge No. 180	Queen Anne's High School	Lora F Moran
36	Queen Anne's	Centreville Lodge No. 180	Kent Island High School	Rita Cara Fennel
37	Talbot	Coats Lodge No. 102	Easton High School	Donald Knott, Jr
38	Talbot	Granite Lodge No. 177	St. Michaels High School	Antoinette E Baines
39	Washington	James W. Bowers No. 173	Hancock High School	Alicia Jean Barnard
40	Washington	Medairy Lodge No. 140	Smithsburg High School	Amy M Metz
41	Wicomico	Wicomico Lodge No. 91	Wicomico High School	Amanda Reine Tillman
42	Wicomico	Centennial Lodge No. 221	James M Bennett High School	Roni Gail Wilkinson
43	Worcester	Sinepuxent Lodge No. 193	Snow Hill High School	Kristen Fehrer
44	Worcester	Evergreen Lodge No. 153	Stephen Decatur High School	Brittaney Hulme



(cont. from page 7) in 1999. In 2001, I served as W. Grand Pursuivant.

Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore: 2002 Commander of the Council of Kadosh. Participated in the 4°, 8°, 15°, 32° and Degree Master for the 29°.

In 1999, I was appointed 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. In 2002 I was appointed Secretary to the Director of Work.

York Rite Bodies:

Membership in Druid Chapter and Council, Monumental Commandery pending.

Additional Membership:

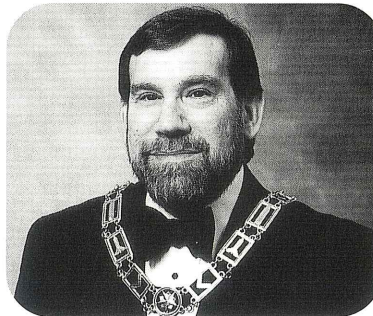
Member of Boumi Shrine Temple, Past Captain of Highlanders, Past Clan Chief of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association, Past Advisor to Overlea Chapter of DeMolay, Past Associate Guardian to Bethel #25 of Job's Daughters, Secretary of Mid-Atlantic Shrine Highlanders, Knights of Mecca, member of the Dundalk Shrine Club, Masonic Veterans Association, Royal Order of Scotland, member of the St. Andrews Society.

Family Background:

I was born in Lynn, Massachusetts. At the age of nine, my family relocated to Baltimore where I was raised and have spent most of my family life. My wife Becky has always been very supportive and encouraging of my Masonic endeavors. We have six children and four grandchildren between us. I look forward to continuing in serving the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Maryland and, if fortunate to be elected, in serving

my brothers as your Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.

For Jr. Grand Warden



Steve H. Winer is a candidate for R.W. Jr. Grand Warden

Masonic background:

Amicable Lodge No. 25, : Raised: November 19, 1981; Entered Line of Officers January 1982; Installed Worshipful Master January 16, 1986; Re-entered Line of Officers as a Past Master 1992; Installed for a second term as Worshipful Master January 2, 1997, 200th Anniversary of Lodge. Director of Ritual Work; Honorary Past Master of Cassia Lodge No. 45. Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Baltimore: Received Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) October 1999; Degree Conferral Committee; Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix Line of Officers; Participant in Maundy Thursday Ceremony and Feast of Tishri, 1997, through present; Member of the Diplomats of the Scottish Rite.

Grand Lodge of Maryland:

Deputy Grand Lecturer, 1994 through present, and member of Committee on Ritualistic Work; W. Sr. Grand Deacon 1997, under M.W. John C. Naquin, P.G.M.; Sr.

Warden, Past Master's Association of Baltimore City and County; Summer School of Instruction, 15 - year perfect attendance certificate; Member, Grand Lodge Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

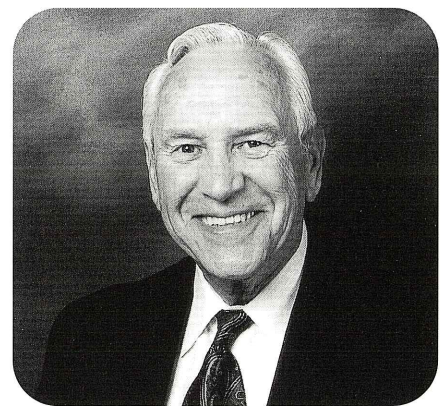
Boumi Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S: Noble, 1982 - present; Member of the Knights of Mecca (Past Master's Association of Boumi Temple), 1987 - present; Director of Ritualistic Work, Knights of Mecca, 1995-1998.

Yedz Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.: Prophet, 1982 - present Golden Eagle Square and Compass Club, Baltimore: Eagleite, 1982 - present.

Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1: Charter member, 1989 - present.

I have been a guest speaker in Winterling Lodge and took part in a play in Washington Lodge No. 3. As Junior Grand Warden I will bring to the office a deep love of our ritual work and an understanding of my role as an elected officer of the the Grand Lodge.

For Grand Secretary



Jack R. Frazier is a candidate for R.W. Grand Secretary.

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Education:

B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering and advanced academic education, majoring in Personnel Management.

Professional Background:

Familiarity with all facets of personnel management, including labor-management relations, contract negotiation, administration and budgeting.

I perform all the duties of the position of Grand Secretary as outlined on page 5 of the Constitution. I maintain a great rapport with the Grand Secretaries of our Sister Jurisdictions to insure a rapid flow of information and services. I was asked to design, develop and implement the first computer system for the Grand Lodge of Maine. Implementing savings to the G.L. of Maine was over \$70,000 in R. & D.

With the cooperation of the Secretaries and Worshipful Masters of the Maryland Lodges, advancing technology has been implemented in the Grand Lodge to better serve the membership. As we are constantly reviewing and updating the computer systems, the current plan is to include modern capability for the Lodges.

Masonic Background:

Past Master of No. 215; Past Grand Inspector; Member of the Scottish Rite, Masonic Veterans Association, Tall Cedars, National Sojourners, Heroes of 76, Royal Order of Scotland, Honorary

Legion of the Eastern Star, Past President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America.

Awards Received:

The Grand Lodge of Maryland's Warren G. Seipp Medal; Grand Lodge of D.C.'s Meritorious Service Award; Grand Royal Arch Medal for Distinguished Service; Honorary Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; and Grand Lodge of Maine's Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal for Distinguished Service beyond the call of duty.

It is my desire, with the concurrence of the membership vote, to continue serving the Craft of this Grand Lodge.

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August Scene

As always our goal is Masonic education. Our August Scene this year is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., August 3, 2002 at the Clarion Hotel Conference Center, Antietam Creek in Hagerstown, Maryland. (New name for the Ramada Inn & Convention Center.

Our Grand Master Bennie G. Owens will set the tone for this year's August Scene. Another notable speaker will be S. Brent Morris. We also are having the D.C. Grand Commander speak, Louis Horrman from Stafford, Va., a motivational speaker, plus two additional speakers.

We will meet in the Educational Wing at the Clarion Hotel Center. This

is a very nice room and will be set up like a conference class room with tables and chairs facing front.

We are planning a very fine hot buffet luncheon of tossed salad, two vegetables, red bliss potatoes, fried chicken, top round roast, rolls and butter, coffee, tea and dessert.

The cost is \$30.00 which includes the luncheon and coffee breaks. Please send your reservation to David W. Theilman, 6404 Forrest Ave., Elkridge, Md. 21075, telephone 410 796-5613. Make your checks to "August Scene" and send them no later than July 27, 2002.

Should you require more information or directions, call Ron Aughenbaugh at 410-381-1669. This should be an enjoyable event and is open to all Masons. Your ladies may join with the men for lunch (cost \$20.00) or go to the Mall. Most of the ladies will be car-pooling to the Hagerstown Outlet Mall; their host will be July Theilman. Please advise David Theilman if your lady is coming with you and if she plans on going to the mall. Hope to see you there.

Masonic Pull-Tab

The Masonic Pull-Tab program in 2001 over 839 pounds of pull-tabs provided \$256.00 to the Ronald McDonald House. So far this year over 470 pounds of pull-tabs have been collected for a total donation of over \$135.00 to the Ronald McDonald House program. Saving and turning in your pull-tabs helped provide lodging for the parents of the Siamese twins from Uganda that (cont. on page 10)



(cont. from page 9) were recently separated surgically. This is just one more way the Masonic Fraternity gives assistance to those in need. Each time you drink a soda or other beverage, tear off the pull-tab and drop it in a can or bag. Once you have saved a bag or can full, turn them in to the Grand Secretary or Grand Lodge office. You can make a difference.

Harmony Lodge

On April 5, 2002. Harmony Lodge No. 53 of Port Deposit, MD hosted their 30th Annual Wild Game Dinner. The dinner was held at the lodge building at 1510 Tome Highway. The meal consisted of venison roast, venison chops, bear meat, bear chili, goose, muskrat, wild turkey, pheasant, wild boar, Brother Lou Petersons' famous Snapping Turtle soup, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn & assorted pies and cake.

This event has become a much anticipated dinner with 102 brothers from Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania attending this year. Even a brother from as far away as Ontario, Canada was in attendance.

Worshipful Master Carl Wiggins received the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, Brother John Young, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Delaware, Brother

James Russell, into the Lodge meeting, and the Worshipful Master Carl Wiggins, invited them to sit with him in the East. The Grand Lines for both Maryland & Delaware were both in attendance.

In 1999, this event was opened to invited public guests as an introduction to the Brotherhood of Masonry and has resulted in numerous petitions being received by Harmony Lodge No. 53. Regular Lodge business was conducted by Worshipful Master, Carl Wiggins after which he opened the floor to comments from Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master John Young who thanked everyone and praised the cooks for a job well done. Worshipful Master Wiggins then asked Most Worshipful Grand Master



From left to right: M.W. James Russell, G.M. of Delaware; Carl Wiggins, W.M. of Harmony Lodge and R.W. John Young, D.G.M. of Maryland.

Russell for comments. After thanking everyone and the

cooks, Most Worshipful Grand Master Russell gave an interesting talk on the merits of hard work, attitude and B.S. The evening was a resounding success with all attending looking forward to next year.

MD Public Television

Bro. Jack Young, Deputy Grand Master, advises that we will soon make our third visit to assist Maryland Public Television, Channel 67, in their pledge drive. This visit will be on August 11 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Arrival time should be no later than 6:00 P.M., at which time a buffet supper will be served - and judging from past experience, it will be good.

We are again asking all officers to wear their tuxedo, aprons and jewels. If you are not a Blue Lodge or Grand Lodge officer, a dark suit will be fine. We want to look *GREAT* for the viewing audience. We have received many positive comments concerning our appearance and I know you are proud to be identified as a Master Mason. Won't you come sign up to help out?

Thanks in advance for your assistance. I am very pleased we have made this commitment and believe the TV exposure is beneficial to the fraternity. If you can attend, please advise Grand Lodge at 410 527-0600.

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Brunswick Lodge No.191

Brothers Jerry Cooper and Norman Thompson receive their 60-year-awards in Brunswick Lodge No. 191 this year. Pictured from left to right, R.W. Jack Young, D.G.M., Bro. Norman Thompson, M.W. Bennie G. Owens, G.M., and in the second picture, between the Deputy and Grand Master is Bro. Jerry Cooper and to the left is Bro. Robert J. White, G.I.

The presentations were made to these long time Masons on May 8, 2002 which coincided with the One Hundred and Tenth Anniversary of Brunswick Lodge. As the Brothers were unable to attend Lodge, presentations were made in their respective homes. *Reese C. Grams, W.M.*



Grand Tall Cedars Annual Ball

Decked out in their Tall Cedar attire, from left to right are Bro. William Champness, Grand Tall Cedar, Baltimore Forest No. 45, M.W. Bro. Bennie G. Owens, Grand Master and Bro. Edsel Crouse, District Deputy Sup. Tall Cedar.

Demolay to Master Mason

For the first time in the history of Maryland DeMolay our State Master Councilor and

Deputy State Master Councilor have become Master Masons before leaving their DeMolay offices. M.W. Bro Bennie G. Owens, Grand Master of Masons In Maryland who him-

self is a Senior DeMolay raised both Brothers.

Brother James C. Davis, II, State Master Councilor, was raised on April 25, 2002 in Palestine Lodge No. 189 in Catonsville Catonsville, Maryland. The uniqueness of Bro. Davis' raising was that all participants in the Degree were Sr. Demolay.

Brother Nicholas Baker, Deputy State Master Councilor, was raised on April 22, 2002 in Columbia Lodge No. 58 in Frederick, Maryland.

Kemp Lodge No. 154

Brother Wayne Skidmoe, Jr. Deacon of Kemp Lodge No. 154 in Mt. Savage, MD recently had the oppoortunity to visit Greven, Germany. as part of his employment schooling. Brother Skidmore is employed as the spinning maintenance manager for Biederlack Company in Cumberland. Biederlack is known for its blankets and other woven goods. The parent company is located in Greven, Germany. Brother Skidmore had taken with him a written sojourner's letter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland. While in Germany he was able to visit a Masonic Lodge in Munster. The Lodge was not in session but Bro. Skidmore was able to tour the meeting room and building which was built and establiehed in 1791. Wayne *(cont. on Page 12)*

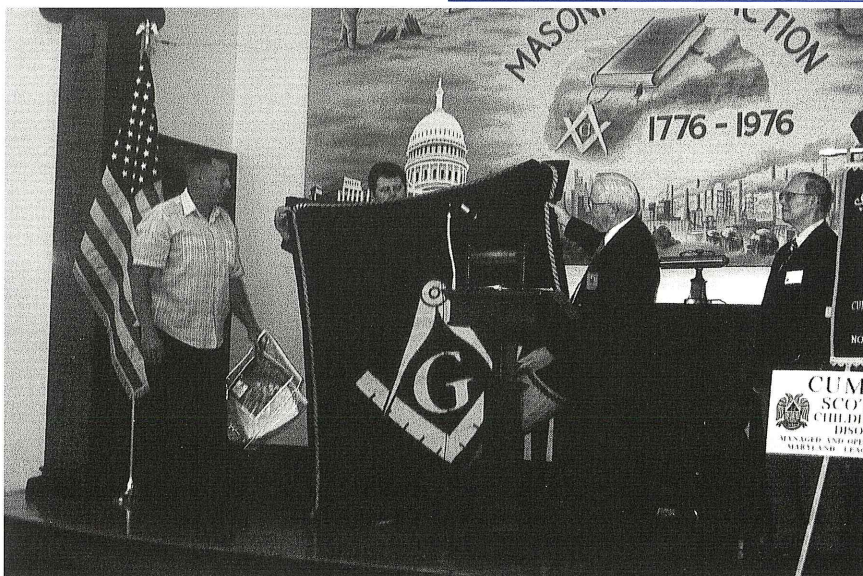


(cont. from page 12) exchanged Maryland Masonic pins with Brethren in Germany and in return was given the Masonic Forget-Me-Not pin. This pin was used during World War II for about 13 years when Masonry went underground. The German Masonic members wore small blue forget-me-not flower pins somewhere visible on their person so they could recognize fellow members.

Bro. Wayne, let me know if you need someone to carry your bags the next time you go.



Terry Beal, Worshipful Master and Wayne C. Skidmore, Jr. Deacon



Pictured from left to right, Bro. Terry Beale, Worshipful Master and Bro. Wayne Skidmore, Jr. Deacon of Kemp Lodge No. 154; M.W. Bro. Bennie G. Owens, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Gary Shircliff, Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Pictures and articles submitted by Bro. Gary P. Shircliff

to this enjoyable affair.

The evening began with a covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program and concluded with strawberries and ice cream.

Masons were accompanied by their ladies, guests and children for a total attendance of 145.

It afforded an opportune time for Worshipful Master Beal and Bro. Skidmore to present a Masonic blanket, designed by members of Kemp Lodge, and made by Biederlack of America at the Cumberland, Maryland operation. These blankets are for sale by the Lodge and one is on display in the Grand Lodge lobby.

Strawberry Night

On June 3, 2002, Bro. Beale and several brethren were invited guests to the **Scottish Rite Strawberry Night** held at the

Masonic Temple in Cumberland. R.W. Bro. Jack Young, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Jack Frazier, Grand Secretary and W. Bro. Stephen Ponzillo, Grand Historian, accompanied our Grand Master

Service Award

Memories of 70 years of Masonry. Raised by Bill Borchers, W.M., during the 1932 depression, when gasoline was 15 cents a (cont. on page 13)



(cont. from page 12) gallon, and not too many cars. Serving as Jr. Warden on Colts Night in 1935; Leonard Johnson, W.M., appointed Jr. Steward in 1937; Augie Hellman, W.M., and attended the Grand Lodge 150 Anniversary; Still have the Bronze Medal.



On February 5, 2002 John Bolander, Jr., P.M., received his 70 year pin from M.W. Bennie G. Owens, G.M. Also pictured on the left is R.W. John Young, D.G.M. and on the left Jim Lynch, G.I.

I raised my four brothers before becoming a Past Master: Norman E. 1938, G. Leslie 1941, Raymond E., also a Past Master 1941, and Calvin G. in 1942. All received 50 year pins. In the late 1930's, secretary of the Craftsman Masonic Club. Going to Bonnie Blink and working, shucking, filling baskets and hauling corn to bins in the old wooden barn. Then going to eat. In 1966 I joined the Scottish Rite and Boumi Shrine. In 1969 I helped organize the Knights of Mecca, Past Masters Club of Boumi Temple. I served two years as (cont. on page 14)



Pictured from left to right is R.W. Bro. Jack Young; D.G.M., R.W. Bro. George Weisbecker, S.G.W., W. Bro. Ed Potts, J.G.D., M.W. Bro. Bennie G. Owens, G.M., W. Bro. Charlie Burdette, S.G.D., and R.W. Bro. David Hall, J. G. W.

On May 25, 2002, M.W. Bro. Bennie G. Owens and Grand Line Officers laid the cornerstone of the Village Baptist Church in Bowie, Maryland. The church was founded in 1968 and the original building was constructed in 1980. It burned down in 2000 and was rebuilt in 2002. The church is located at 1950 Mitchellville Road in Bowie.



On May 14, 2002 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 held its annual widows lunch-in at the Bayou's Restaurant. Worshipful Master Bill Richard, Secretary Jonathan King, P.M. and Wilbur Penley, P.M., enjoyed the company of eleven special ladies. A choice was made to rename the group to "The Broken Column Association of Mt. Ararat Lodge.

Picture and article submitted by Bro. Bill Richard, W.M.



(cont. from page 13) secretary, 2 years vice president and president in 1975. Also served 9 years on Boumi's Degree Team, helping to initiate new members. Charter Member of Dr. John Coates Lodge No. 1787. In 1947 I raised Ralph Stegman, a brother church vestryman, and 25 years later in 1972 I raised Edwin Zimmerman from the same group, and 25 years after that I raised his son, Kenneth Zimmerman, all in Palestine Lodge No. 189. I am looking forward to my 80-year pin in 2012. Could be!

For Deputy Grand Master



Charles William Wagner, Jr. is a candidate for R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

I would like to be your next Deputy Grand Master. So you should know something about me. I was born in Baltimore on February 28th in 1945, and have spent my entire life in the greater Baltimore area.

I attended school in Baltimore, graduating from Poly in February of 1962. I am also a graduate of the University of Maryland, and have also attended Johns Hopkins and the George Washington University

for some post graduate work.

I am currently employed by Southwest Airlines at BWI, and am a retiree of Bethlehem Steel Corporation where I was an Electrical Engineer. I became a Registered Representative and was licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission as well as the State of Maryland.

As for my Masonic record; I was raised in Glen Burnie Lodge in 1979 and became their Master in 1985. My service to the Grand Lodge consists of having been elected or appointed to the following positions; Junior Grand Warden, Grand Marshal, Grand Inspector, Grand Representative, and member of various committees. I am currently serving on the Board of Managers again.

I have been quite active in the York Rite having served all three of their bodies as having been the presiding officer at least once in each. I have also been a Grand Officer in two of the three bodies, and served as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Maryland for the 1998 term. I am also a member of many other Masonic Bodies, including the Eastern Star.

But to be your Deputy Grand Master you should be more interested in what I believe in, and what I would attempt to do for you and the Grand Lodge of Maryland. First and foremost, I am the type of person who knows that you can not do it all alone. Therefore, I believe in

keeping everyone well informed as to what is happening; and seeking assistance all along the way. Secondly, our fraternity needs to grow. Quality growth that is. Men who share our ideals and moral beliefs, men who will work within our fraternity, and communities, men who will demonstrate the meaning of Masonry to the world at large. And third, we need to live within our means. Spending needs to be curbed. We should carefully analyze the programs where we spend our money. We need to get back to basics. Let our deeds and the way we live our lives encourage others to want to become one of our number. There are many good times to be had, but it is not all fun and games - there is much hard work ahead.

Well that is a bit of who I am and what I believe in. Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts. I hope I get the opportunity to address you again.

Note: The Summer issue is the only issue to contain resumes.

Scottish Rite Schedule Valley of Cumberland

*Feast of Tishri 6:30 P.M. at Ali Ghan Shrine Club - Sept. 30.

*Lodge of Perfection meeting - Speaker Brent Morris, 33° Oct. 7.

*Scottish Rite Fall Class Nov. 2.

*Hagerstown Scottish Rite Ladies Night (Fountain Head Country Club) Nov 9.

*Scottish Rite Fall Class Ring Ceremony 5 P.M. Ali Ghan Shrine Club Nov. 24.



Scottish Rite Schedule Valley of Baltimore

October 20 Feast of Tishri
November 6 confer 4° -14°
November 8 confer 18°
November 9 confer 30° - 32°
November 24 Ring Ceremony
December 8 Handel Choir
Program, 4:00 PM

BOUMI TEMPLE A.A.O.N.M.S.

John A. Dunnigan, Sr.
Illustrious Potentate

The Illustrious Potentate, Divan, and all Nobles of Boumi Temple extend greetings and best wishes for continued success in the year 2002.

As the Fall Season approaches, we are please to announce that the new pavilion, located at the rear of the Boumi property, is now complete and ready for use by our Clubs and Units. It is a very fine facility that we can show off with pride.

On Monday, July 22, the Annual Boumi Charity Golf Classic will be held at the Country Club of Maryland; honoring our Illustrious Potentate. This event raised \$23,500 for the Boumi Temple Transportation Fund in the year 2001.

The Boumi Patio Parties, the best deal in town, will continue their regular Saturday night dances at Boumi Temple. Plan to bring your ladies and friends for a great evening.

The Mid-Atlantic Shrine Convention will meet in Virginia Beach, Virginia from September 5



Trip to the House of Delegates

Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 took a day trip to the House of Delegates in Annapolis during the recent session. The group had reserved seats in the balcony and was able to observe some of the business of the day.

They were received by Bro. Charles R. Boutin, Delegate - District No. 34, and recognized by the Speaker of the House. The group then toured the State House.

Bro. Bill Dula reports that they thoroughly enjoyed the day and highly recommends it to all Lodges and their families. The day was both educational and inspiring.

Pictured from left to right are: Don Roland, William Dula, W.M., Charles White, Charles Boutin, Lillian Deel, Charles Deel, and Peggy Tout.

to, September 8, and all Nobles, their Ladies and friends are encouraged to join in on this festive occasion.

The Great Boumi Temple Unit and Club Chili Cook-Off and Family Potluck Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 15th in the new Boumi Temple Pavilion. There will be six trophies offered for the best Chili in various categories. Bring your family, including the children, to this special event.

The philanthropy of the Shrine of North America is the care and treatment of the crippled or burned child, and the Shriners are always eager to learn of any child who is in need of this special treatment. If you know of such a child, please call the phone number listed below and you will be put in

touch with the proper Nobles who will contact the family and set up an evaluation appointment.

For information concerning any of the above, please call the Boumi Temple Office at (410)391-6400 Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

"WE GIVE HOPE"

Note: Terry L. Tilton, Grand Master of Minnesota has withdrawn recognition of the Grand Lodge of France (GLdF). See Grand Master Owens article. Stating loss of recognition suffered by his own Grand Lodge with a number of Grand Lodges in the U.S. and abroad, as the primary reason, he made this official on July 13, 2002. See web site below for further information.

<http://mn-mason.org/france.html>

Maryland Masonic Calendar



August 2002

- 11 Maryland Public Broadcasting event. Arrive at the station by 6:00 P.M. Call Grand Lodge for directions.
- 24 Grand Lodge Crab Feast 2:00 PM - Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge Annual Seafood Festival - Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Show Grounds - 5 miles North of Easton on west side of US 50. Adults \$25.00, Children 6 - 12 \$10.00, Under 6 free. Call Linda (410) 527-0600 for tickets.

September 2002

- 21 Harvest Homes Day
- 28 Grand Lodge trip to Nova Scotia.

October 2002

- 26 Oktoberfest - Grand Ball Room.

November 2002

- 11 Masonic Veteran's Association meeting
- 17 Religious Service - Bonnie Blink.
- 18 Grand Lodge of Maryland Annual Communication - Grand Lodge Building.

Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

-George Washington

Luncheons

Luncheon is served in the Grand Lodge Ball Room on the second Tuesday of each month following the Daylight Lodge meeting at 12:00 noon.

Lunch is served every Thursday at noon in the Scottish Rite dining room. This function is dark during the summer and will begin again following labor day.

Lunch is served every Wednesday 11 A.M. at Boumi Temple.

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