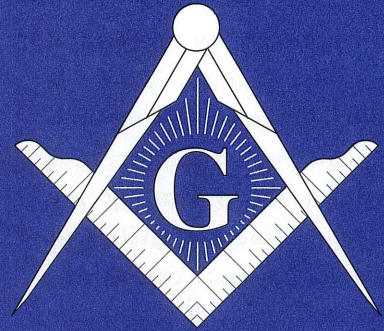


Free State Freemason



Summer 2004

From the Grand Master—

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W. Assistant Grand Tyler - Richard H. Uren

*The Grand Lodge of Ancient,
Free, and Accepted Masons
of Maryland*

MASONRY FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Brethren:

The Semi-Annual Communication on May 17, 2004, will long be remembered as the day the Grand Lodge of Maryland took a giant leap forward toward financial independence. Several important events occurred that evening and your Grand Master was very proud of those Master Masons in attendance.

First, the vote to increase the assessment of all members of Grand Lodge was approved overwhelmingly. Brother David L. Schneider, PM Howard Lodge No.101, Chairman of the Land Lease Committee, then made an outstanding Power Point presentation report of his committee's past activities. After his very comprehensive report Bro. Schneider answered all the questions from the Brethren. When this Grand Master called for a vote on the motion to approve the concept of leasing Grand Lodge property for development only three members in attendance cast negative votes.

My Brethren, I am fully aware assessment increases affect all our members. We have to justify, especially to those members on a fixed income, our need for the increase. We must make sure we use those additional funds correctly and remove any possible reason for the membership to regret their vote. I make this promise to the membership. We will protect your investment in this Grand Lodge. I have stated, in the past, my family history during the Great Depression and I truly understand the need to live within our established budget. The Deputy Grand Master, your Board of Managers and this office have collectively worked together toward management of that goal. For the confidence expressed by your vote, I extend my sincere Thanks.

With your favorable vote of the Land Lease Committee (*Continued on page 3*)



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George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Have you ever driven around the inner loop of the Beltway of Washington, D.C., crossed over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and seen a telescoping building off to your right reaching skyward? Have ever driven the outer loop heading toward the bridge, and noticed this same building off to your left? Do you know what it is? Have you ever thought of stopping, and trying to find it? It is an impressive structure, which you as a Maryland Mason are a part owner.

This building is the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and is dedicated to our first President of the United States, Brother George Washington. The building holds many Masonic items used by, and owned by him. The fourth floor library is dedicated to him, and contains many of his personal belongings, books and memorabilia. It is a place to study, learn and gather information on him, as well as on Masonic history and facts about our great fraternity.

The building holds many displays and dedicated rooms to our several Masonic Bodies, such as the York and Scottish Rites, Shrine, Grotto, Knights Templar's, Youth and Ladies Organization's, all for your viewing pleasures and in one great location.

If you have never visited this Masonic Structure, it is time to think about taking the time and effort to see it with members of your lodge, family and friends. Tours are available, or you can journey through the many areas alone, the choice is yours. You will learn and enjoy this impressive place.

The view from the observation deck overlooking the Potomac River and our Nation's Capital City is very impressive. Take the time to make the visit. You won't be disappointed.

Glen Clary

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

Article Submission

These points should be followed for articles submitted for inclusion in the FSFM:

Original pictures or pictures from a digital camera on disk are fine - use the highest resolution.

Ink jet prints or newspaper pictures will not reproduce satisfactorily.

Pictures should have submitting individual's name on back.

Pictures should have accompanying documentation detailing who is in the picture and what the picture represents if not accompanied by an article.

Articles must be typewritten.

Articles can be submitted to the editor by e-mail, fax, regular mail or dropped off at the Grand Lodge office.

John R. Biggs, Editor



(Continued from page 1) Report motion, we have begun a new working association with The Shelter Group, the winning contractor. We will keep you fully informed as to our progress. As most of you are aware we will have to surmount many obstacles before a shovelful of dirt is moved. We are in this project for the future of Grand Lodge and we will do whatever is necessary to see it through to completion. I have stated in the past, this is your Grand Lodge and you frequently will receive updated information of our progress, in the *Free State Freemason* and elsewhere as the need occurs. I have every confidence I can share our knowledge with you and then be prepared to respond to your guidance. We can accomplish great deeds when we all pitch in, work toward a common goal, and do it together.

My letter permitting the Worshipful Masters of our subordinate Lodges the freedom to make those decisions necessary to lead their Lodges without asking for Grand Master's dispensation for every item in the letter, has been received favorably by the Craft. The letter was, in my humble opinion, just another step to allow Worshipful Masters to hone their leadership skills. With the advent of many new Lodge Secretaries, who also work for a living, it became necessary we allow some latitude in the day-to-day operation of Blue Lodge business. I am pleased with the many responses

received and hope those successors in this office will continue to share the responsibility for management of Lodge business with the Worshipful Master. This small procedural change has reduced the flow of paper across my desk and I am sure all Secretaries welcome the relief from the requirements. We need to address this subject on an on-going basis and then update it as future Grand Masters deem necessary.

Grand Lodge Summer Schools will begin in July. Our ritual is what separates us from those other community-based groups and we must always protect and assure its validity. Elsewhere in this issue is a schedule of the Summer School dates and Lodge locations. It is extremely important our Subordinate Lodge officers attend and actively participate in the Schools. This Grand Master would be most pleased to meet and greet you as we travel throughout the State. My ears are ever open for comments, suggestions, and yes even criticism. My only request is please remember we are all Masons.

A final note about the three amendments to the Constitution which were voted upon at the May 17, 2004 Semi-Annual Communication. Two of the amendments were passed and a third failed to receive the required 2/3 vote. The two amendments that passed were as follows with new language underlined and [old language in brackets]:

Article VII, Section 3 This amendment provides that the nominating committees, for the three Boards, must nominate all qualified applicants for the vacancies on each Board. Presently, the nominating committees nominate [one] most qualified applicant for each vacancy on the Boards. This amendment passed. It will become effective at the Annual Communication in November and change the procedure for nominations to fill the vacancies on each of the three Boards. This amendment will nullify any nominations from the floor of Grand Lodge as the nomination committees will not be able to verify qualifications.

Article X, Section 1. D.1. Revenue The revenue of Grand Lodge shall be derived as follows:

For dues and assessments, which each Lodge shall pay in the following amounts, when making its return to the Grand Secretary, as provided in Article XVI, Section 11:

1. For each member, effective January 1, 2005, semi-annual dues, Nine Dollars (\$9.00) [Six Dollars] (\$6.00) except that no Lodge shall be charged for the following members:

Clergymen who are exempt from payment of dues by virtue of the Lodge By-Laws.

Members who are determined legally to be mentally incompetent.

The amendment that failed to receive the 2/3 vote of Grand Lodge pertained to increasing the fees that are presently charged for Petitions (Continued on page 4)



(Continued from page 3) for Initiation and Affiliation.

Article X, Section 1. Revenue
The revenue of Grand Lodge shall be derived as follows:

D.3. For each Mason initiated or affiliated (if a Mason of another Grand Jurisdiction, during the period reported, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) [Fifty Dollars] (\$50.00):

Article XVI Subordinate Lodges
Sec. 5. Petitions for Initiation, Affiliation and Reinstatement

D. Fees and assessments for Initiation and Affiliation

1. Initiation- No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a sum less then \$200.00 [\$100.00]

2. Affiliation- No lodge may grant affiliation to Masons from another jurisdiction for a fee less then \$100.00 [\$50.00].

This amendment failed for lack of a 2/3 favorable vote.

Bro. Leonard E. Cohen, No.25, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, advised the Grand Lodge we will have a total of 9 amendments to be voted on at the Annual Communication in November. It certainly appears our Brethren have been reading the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and are prepared to make those changes they deem necessary. While 9 amendments are a handful, I am sure we need to do whatever is necessary to make positive changes to the operation of Grand Lodge.

My Brethren, enjoy your summer break with your families and come back in the fall refreshed,

ready to work for your Lodge and Grand Lodge. Hopefully I will see you at the Grand Master's Ball on July 17th, tickets are available, or at summer school (see the schedule), Harvest Home Day on September 18th, or on our travels throughout the state. My Brethren please approach me and express your thoughts; all are welcome.

Masonic Dedication

After nearly twenty years of dedicated service to the Grand Lodge of Maryland as the Grand Lecturer, Right Worshipful Brother Ed Kraft has chosen to retire. I can tell you that as a product of his Grand Lodge Schools of Instruction, watching Brother Ed step down as Grand Lecturer at our Semi-Annual Communication in May was as difficult and as emotional a scene as this Maryland Mason has had to endure in a number of years.

I can remember all too well being a junior officer and attending schools of instruction both in Baltimore and in Southern Maryland and having Brother Ed directing the floor work. His gentle yet direct manner left no doubt that you had forgotten a "That" or had put an "And" where it didn't belong. Yet he was just as quick to praise as correct, and always left you feeling like you had accomplished something.

More recently I have had the opportunity to travel with our Grand Lecturer on countless occasions to various degrees and installations. The true mark of his

abilities were the countless resumes and charges he delivered flawlessly! He elevated the bar and expected all of us to aim just as high. While we are taught that perfection is not of this world, I have always maintained that the pursuit of excellence is within the grasp of each of us. Brother Ed has always been an example of that which we should be striving to achieve in our Masonic Ritual. That pursuit of excellence has always been his goal and he imparted that ideal to all whom he taught. For those of us who have been fortunate enough to come under his tutelage I offer sincere thanks for his dedication to the teaching of our ritual. Our "Grand Lips" will be sorely missed and I for one can never thank him enough for the countless hours of travel through-out our Grand Jurisdiction, endeavoring to teach yet another class of officers Masonic Ritual.

Congratulations, Brother Ed, on almost twenty years of teaching hard-heads like myself the difference between excellence and mediocrity. May the Creator bestow his richest blessings upon you and Lady Janet and may you enjoy the love of friends and family for many more years to come. God speed!

Masonic membership has no monetary value. Its real intrinsic worth lies in what money cannot buy. Try putting a price on friendship. Or try putting a price on being a brother's keeper.
Ralph Head

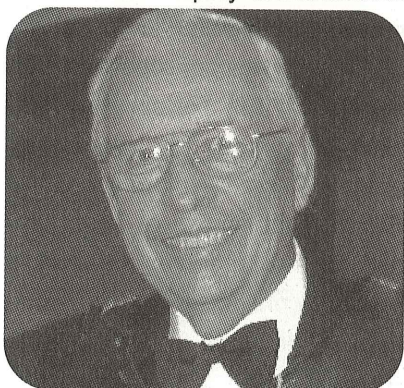


Candidates For Election in Nov. 2004

Brethren, below you will find the candidates that have submitted resumes for the offices of Deputy Grand Master, Sr. and Jr. Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary. Review them, and be prepared to ballot on those you feel most qualified for election in Nov.

R.W. Deputy Grand Master

John R. (Jack) Biggs is a candidate for R.W. Deputy Grand Master:



Education: Bachelor of Applied Science in Electronic Engineering Technology, and a minor in management.

Personal background:

I have been married to Patricia for 37 years; we have 2 sons, 2 grandsons, and 1 granddaughter. Pat is very supportive of my Masonic activities.

I have been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church for over 60 years.

Masonic History:

Blue Lodge:

Raised in Solomon's Lodge No. 121 and later, due to moving, became a member of Charity Lodge No. 134, where I subse-

quently joined the line and became Worshipful Master. During my year in the East I received the Grand Master's Award with Distinction. Upon leaving the East I became the Lodge Ritualist, and also served 6 years as Lodge Secretary.

Past Masters' Association

Appointed a Line Officer as Charity Lodge's representative to the Baltimore County/Baltimore City P.M. Assn. and served as President in 1998.

Grand Lodge:

I was appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer in 1992, Deputy Grand Lecturer at Large in 2000, and upon the retirement of Bro. Ed Kraft, became Grand Lecturer in May of 2004

I was appointed W. Sr. Grand Deacon in 1998 and elected R.W. Sr. Grand Warden in 2000.

I was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees in 2000, elected to that position in 2001, and reelected for a second term in 2003. I chair the M.M.H. Policy Committee.

I became editor of the *Free State Freemason* in 2001 and still serve in that capacity.

I am the appointed Grand Lodge representative to the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland.

I chair the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations and served as a member of the "Millennium Committee" planning and coordinating all Grand Lodge events in 1999 through 2002.

York Rite: Druid Chapter No. 28; Baltimore Council No. 18 and

Maryland Commandery No. 1.

Scottish Rite: I was nominated, and received the 33rd Degree in 2003 and in 1999 I received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor.

I serve as the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection for 2004, and as editor of Valley of Baltimore newsletter. I am the Diplomat Chairman for the Valley of Baltimore, and assistant Diplomat Chairman for the Orient of Maryland. I serve as Degree Master for 4th° and have performed the new 4th° and the 32nd° as Master.

Boumi Shrine Temple: Member of Knights of Mecca, Provost, Amateur Radio Club and Antique Car Club.

Tall Cedars:

Member of Baltimore Forest No. 45, and have served on the Degree Team.

Miscellaneous:

I formed the Shield and Square Club Degree Team in 1998, and coordinate their activities.

I am a member of the Masonic Veterans and the Sojourners.

I design and maintain web pages for: a number of Masonic groups..

Employment History:

Motorola: I was employed as a program manager from 1983 to 1998 where I managed all facets of implementation and financial aspects of multi-million dollar projects.

Maryland State Police - I served from July 1958 though May 1983. I retired a First Lieutenant and received the Governor's Citation for (Continued on page 7)



MCM Educational Grants

Queen Anne's Co. High School Seniors, Allison B. Armstrong and Justin P. Loyka were each recipients of \$1000.00 Educational Grants from the Masonic Charities of Maryland.



Allison B. Armstrong receives her check from Danny K. Horton, W.M. of Centreville Lodge No. 180.



Justin P. Loyka receives his check from W.M. Danny K. Horton.

In ceremonies conducted at Queen Anne's County High School and Centreville Lodge No. 180, Danny Horton, Worshipful Master, awarded their checks. Allison will be attending James Madison University and Justin will

attend Va. Tech.

The article and pictures appeared in the local newspaper.

Maryland Masons have so much to be proud of, and our dedication in recognizing and rewarding our young people proves to them how much we care about them. *Edward M. Berkman, S.W.*

Imperial Potentate, Sir Raoul L. Frevel, Sr.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland takes great pride in joining with our entire Masonic Family in congratulating Imperial Sir Raoul L. Frevel, Sr. on his installation as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America.



Pictured are the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother John A. Young, Jr. presenting Imperial Sir his ring, accompanied by our R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother Ronald G. Belanger.

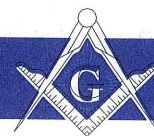
Imperial Sir Frevel was installed at the Imperial Shrine Session held July 3rd thru July 8th 2004 in Denver Colorado. After serving in the Imperial Divan for ten years and displaying his love of the Shrine, more especially the chil-

dren cared for by our Shrine Hospitals, Imperial Sir Frevel will now serve as the number one Shriner in North America. During his acceptance speech, Sir Frevel stressed the need for our Masonic Family to work together and the importance of family in general.

Having begun his Masonic career in DeMolay he eventually was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and served as Illustrious Potentate of Boumi Temple. His first attempt at being elected to the Imperial Shrine was met with disappointment but as we all know; time, patience and perseverance will certainly accomplish all things. Ten years after being elected Imperial Outer Guard, Brother Frevel finds himself as the leader of the world's greatest philanthropic organization, the Imperial Shrine of North America.

There can be little doubt that based on his past performance the Shrine of North America is in excellent hands. His love of the fraternity will serve to keep him well focused on the task at hand. His professionalism, faith in God and good common sense will assure his success as he leads the Shrine of North America during his term as Imperial Potentate. All Maryland Masons join in celebrating and congratulating this outstanding Shrine Mason and wish both him and Lady Rosie safe travels and much success in all of their endeavors!

Imperial Sir, all of Maryland salutes you!



(Continued from page 5) (Biggs Cont.) Meritorious Service.

Statement:

I have applied myself to learn the many aspects and functions of our Grand Lodge as well as our Masonic Homes.

If elected, I bring you a love of our fraternity and its traditions, with a desire to serve **you** and our Grand Lodge. I know the value of teamwork, and would do my utmost to assist our Lodges in their needs. My past experience in both my careers, and my knowledge of the fraternity would serve me well in seeking your support as your R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

Stephen Joseph Ponzillo, III is a candidate for the office of R.W. Deputy Grand Master.



My name is Steve Ponzillo, and I am a candidate for the office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. My "Masonic" experiences began at the age of fourteen, when I became a member of Dundalk Chapter, Order of DeMolay and twice served as the Master Councilor. I later served Maryland and D.C. as the State Master Councilor of DeMolay. I

have been honored by DeMolay as a Chevalier, received the Distinguished Service Award and the Active Legion of Honor, served as Chapter Advisor and remain active.

Upon graduation from Towson State College, I was employed by the Board of Education of Baltimore County and during my thirty-five years served as a Social Studies teacher, assistant principal, and principal. For the past nineteen years, I have served as principal at four Baltimore County Secondary Schools. I have earned a Masters degree from Towson University and have accumulated over ninety additional credits matriculating at six local universities. I have served as the President of two administrative/supervisory organizations and been honored by the Maryland State PTA, the Children's Cancer Foundation, the Maryland Music Educators, and the Jaycees. I retired on July 1, 2004.

At the age of 21, I was raised by my father in Liberty Lodge No. 219. I succeeded my father as the Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge and served the Grand Lodge as a Grand Inspector for eight years at four different lodges, Worshipful Grand Pursuivant, Worshipful Grand Marshal, and the Grand Historian. I have had experience with all three Boards of the Grand Lodge serving on the Board of Managers from 1995 to 2000, chaired the joint Board of Trustees and Managers Personnel Committee, currently serve on the

Board of Directors of Masonic Charities and chair the Scholarship Selection Committee. I represent our Grand Lodge on the National Masonic Foundation. It has been my particular pleasure to assist in the reestablishment of the Grand Lodge's Library and Museum and for these efforts received the Warren S. Seipp Medal for meritorious service. I have spoken to numerous Masonic bodies on the topic of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum as well as on Masonic Charities. Since 1984, I have presented on a variety of topics at various regional meetings. Active in the York Rite, I have served as the presiding officer of each York Rite Body (Chapter, Council and Commandery) as well as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maryland and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland. It is my honor to be a Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honor with two quadrants. In the Scottish Rite, my activities on the degree teams and on the Brockman Speech Language Fellowship Committee have been particularly enjoyable. I was honored as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor; and in 2001, at Charleston, received the 33°.

I am privileged to be a Past Sovereign of St. Cyprian Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, Vice President of the Past Commander's Association. I also belong to the Grotto, Tall Cedars, Shrine, (Continued on page 8)

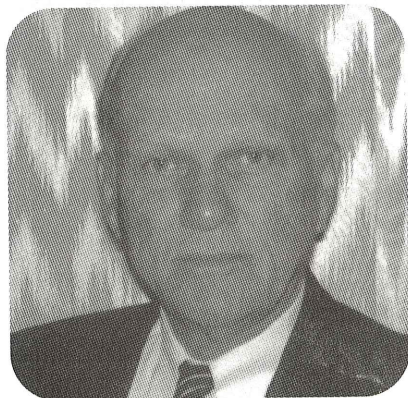


(Continued from page 7) Allied Masonic Degrees, York Rite College, Royal Order of Scotland, Masonic Veterans Association, Eastern Star, as well as many other Masonic organizations.

I have been married for 30 years to a wonderful lady, and have two daughters and a son-in-law who is a Freemason and Junior Deacon of his lodge.

I come from a tradition of Masonic membership that spans four generations and have been a Freemason for over 36 years. My longstanding active involvement with the fraternity together with my leadership experiences at many levels causes me, with confidence and humility, to ask for your support for the office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

Wayne C. Penley, Sr. is a candi-



date for R. W. Deputy Grand Master

Professional Background:

Regional Sales Manager for Victor Graphics Inc., a printing and book manufacturing company headquartered in Baltimore, MD where I have been employed since 1983.

Community Service:

A member of Arnolia United

Methodist Church since 1965, having served as a member of the Board of Trustees and Administrative Board, Chairman of Evangelism, Past President of Methodist Men, a choir member and an usher.

Masonic Background:

Member of Baltimore Chapter of DeMolay from 1957 to 1961. Raised in Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116 in 1966, elected Worshipful Master 1974; Past DeMolay Advisor; Past Associate Bethel Guardian for Job's Daughters.

Appointments and Elections - Grand Lodge of Maryland - Appointed Grand Inspector, Baltimore County, 1999; Worshipful Grand Pursuivant, 2001. Elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, 2003.

Scottish Rite, Valley of Baltimore Elected Commander of the Council of Kadosh, 2002. Participated in the 4th, 8th, 15th, and 32nd Degrees and served as Degree Master for the 29th Degree. Invested with the 32nd Degree, Knight Commander, Court of Honour, 1999. Currently serves as chairman of Fraternal Relations.

York Rite Bodies - Member of the Druid Chapter, Hiram Council and Monumental Commandry, also Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Ciuitatibus Foederatis.

Shrine:

Boumi Temple: Piper, former Pipe Major, and Past Captain of the Highlanders; Past Clan Chief of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Highlander Association. Currently serve as Secretary of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine

Highlander Association. A member of the Knights of Mecca Shrine Club.

Other Masonic Associations:

Active member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon Baltimore Forest No. 45, the Masonic Veterans Association, National Sojourners, and Royal Order of Scotland.

Non-Masonic Affiliations:

Member of the St. Andrews Society of Baltimore; Past President, National Grange Lodge No. 1; and currently President, Bookbuilders of Washington, DC

Family Background:

Born in Lynn, Massachusetts. At the age of nine moved to Baltimore where I was raised and educated in local schools. In 1964 I moved to Carney, Baltimore County, where I currently reside.

My wife Becky is very supportive of me and encourages my Masonic endeavors. We have six grown children between us, and four grandchildren.

Statement:

If elected I look forward to serving the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Maryland and you my brothers to the best of my ability as your R. W. D.G.M.

Articles

Due to the resumes there were articles submitted that were unable to be included in this issue. They will be included in the Fall issue.

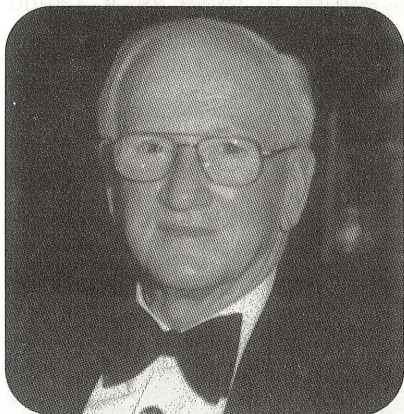
Masons ask the Great Architect to "so subdue our discord and passions that we might practice outside of the lodge those moral duties which are inculcated within it."

Masonic Ritual (American-California)



R.W. Senior Grand Warden

David L. Schneider is a candidate for R.W. Senior Grand Warden.



Dave's professional background crosses a wide variety of business responsibilities from Engineering, Manager of Management Information Systems, Director of Manufacturing, Chief of Operations and Program Management. His career began at Westinghouse Electric Corporation in 1953 and retired from Lockheed Martin in 1998. His programs included hardware/ software development and implementation for Passive Towed Array Submarine SONAR Systems and FAA/DOD Air Traffic Control Advanced Automation RADAR and Enhanced Voice Switching and Control Systems for the DOD/FAA and EUOCONTROL for Great Britain and France Air Traffic Control Systems.

Personal background:

Married June 1957 to Eileen. They have a son Mark, daughter, Karen, daughter-in-law, Angie and our pride and joy grandson, Danny. Dave belongs to The Church of Holy Apostles for over 50 years

where he has served on the Vestry, and as Junior and Senior Wardens.

Masonic background:

Howard Lodge No. 101 - 1963
Initiated March 18, 1963 - Passed April 15, 1963 - Raised 1963
Worshipful Master 1971
Served as Ritualist, Audit Committee, By-Law Committee, Treasurer and Secretary,
Present member of the Board of Trustees.

York Rite

Beauseant Commandry No. 8
Baltimore Royal Arch Chapter No. 40
Jerusalem Council No. 2 demitted to Acacia Council No. 24

Shrine: Boumi Temple
Knights of Mecca

Scottish Rite:

Appointed Diplomat 2001
Appointed Captain of the Host for the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection 2004

Appointed to the Committee for Degree Casting
Cast member for 4th and 32 degree

Tall Cedars of Lebanon 2003

Baltimore Forest No. 45
Serves on the Degree team

Grand Lodge of Maryland:

Appointed Grand Inspector for COMPOSITE Lodge No. 212 and SHARON Lodge No. 182, 1999
Appointed Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon 2001

Appointed as Vice-President of the Northern Region Board of Grand Inspectors 2002

Appointed a Grand Inspector for Ionic Lodge No. 145 and Sharon Lodge No. 182 (Continued on page 10)

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Appointed Co-Chairman for Masonic Law Classes

Appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer for Howard County 2003

Appointed to the Board of Managers 2001

Elected to the Board of Managers 2003

Appointed Chairman of the Policy Committee 2002, 2003 and 2004

Appointed to the Grand Master's Long Range Planning Committee 2003 and 2004

Appointed to the Committee on Public Relations 2003

Appointed to the Committee on Masonic Homes Endowment 2003

Appointed to the Committee for Long Term Leasing Project 2004

Other Organizations and Interest:

Honorary member of Composite Lodge No. 212

Honorary member of the Shield & Square Club degree team.

Past President and member of the Arbutus Square Circle Club.

Volunteer for The Maryland Society for Sight

American Institute of Industrial Engineering Society.

American Production Inventory and Control Society.

Golf, traveling and watching my 9-year-old grandson grow.

How fortunate and blessed I have been.

The secret of joy in work is contained in one word, excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it.

Pearl Buck



Jr. Grand Warden

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



Masonic background:

Lodge:

Past Master of Millington Lodge No. 166

Honorary member of the following lodges: Howard No. 101, Pythagoras No. 123 - now affiliated member, Concordia No. 13 and Washington No. 3.

I regularly work with the latter three Lodges teaching the officers ritual, and candidates catechism, and have been very active in helping Lodges for many years.

Grand Lodge:

Appointed and served as Grand Sword Bearer in 1997.

Presently serving as a Grand Inspector.

Scottish Rite:

Coroneted Inspector General honorary 33° in 1995.

Past Wise Master Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix 1994.

Chairman of the Stage Committee. Member of the Scottish Rite research society.

Very active in the ritualistic work.

Tall Cedars:

Member of Baltimore Forest No. 45 Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Masonic Miscellaneous:

Member of Baltimore City and Baltimore County Past Masters Association.

Charter member of Bonnie Blink daylight lodge No. 1.

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

Member of the Masonic veterans association.

Other activities:

In my youth, I belonged to troop 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 was stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter Cowslip a buoy tender out of South Portland Maine.

Education:

After military service, I entered night school too 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 pipe-fitting and stationary engineering. I carry a first class certificate.

Occupational background:

I worked for Buck Glass Bottle Company for five years. Six years with the American Oil Company

Curtis Bay terminal. Eleven years with Bethlehem Steel shipbuilding division. I spent twenty three years with State of Maryland, retiring in 1995.

If elected to serve as Jr. Grand Warden, I bring you a love or our fraternity, its ritual and customs; and will serve you and the Grand Master as he sees fit.

Robert S. Yingling, Jr. is a candidate for R.W. Jr. Grand Warden

Masonic Background:



Raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason in January 1993
Elected Worshipful Master in 1998 of Tuscan Lodge No. 202
Appointed Grand Inspector in 1999
Appointed Grand Sword Bearer.

I was a member of the Scottish Rite and have taken parts in Maundy Thursday, Feast of Tishri and 32 beg Ritual. I am a Diplomat.

I joined Boumi Temple and belong to the Western MD Shrine Club, Towson Shrine Club, Knights of Mecca and a proud marcher of the Arab Patrol. I was appointed an Ambassador in 2002 and joined Boumi Golf Club in 2003.

I joined the York Rite in 2002 and I am presently a member of St. (Continued on page 11)



(Continued from page 10) John's Royal Arch Chapter No.19, Concordia Council No.1 and Crusade Commandry No.5.

I became a Tall Cedar of Lebanon Baltimore Forrest No.45 in 2002.

Personal Background:

I graduated from Milford Mill High School in 1960 and attended University of Maryland before joining the Army and serving in the infantry in Munich, Germany from 1962 through August 1964.

After getting out of the Army, I went to work as a salesman for a brass & aluminum distributor in Baltimore and I am presently employed by C-5 Metals Service, Inc. where I've been for over 33 years.

I married my wife of 39 years, Carole, in 1965 and have 3 sons (twins I raised to Master Masons in 1999). I have lived in Eldersburg, MD since 1970 and enjoy my yard work, golf, antique shopping with my wife as well as frequent get-a-ways to our favorite place, Myrtle Beach. I am presently in the process of restoring a 1969 Camaro SS back to original condition.

My love for the Fraternity is my purpose for wanting to be your Jr. Grand Warden and I will do my best to represent you, the Masons of Maryland, in any way our new Grand Master may choose.

One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon, instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today.

-Dale Carnegie

R.W Grand Secretary

Herbert (Bud) Y. Holcomb is a candidate for Grand Secretary.



Professional Background:

Having been CEO of a small business for over 25 years, I have been responsible for all aspects of business management from payroll to personnel management, from workplace safety to taxes. My business background will serve the Grand Lodge of Maryland well.

Education:

1971 Graduated Northern High School.

1975 Graduated Security Police Academy USAF.

Personal:

Married Millicent L. Hopps, 1982.

Two children Jennifer Michelle age 19 and Jason Bradley age 15.

Masonic:

1978 - Raised in Oriental Lodge No. 158.

1982 - Installed Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 158.

1983 - Appointed Grand Inspector

1989 - Installed Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 158.

1990 - President, Past Master's Association of Baltimore City & County.

1997 - Installed Worshipful Master

Oriental Lodge No. 158.

1998 - Installed Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 158.

1999 - Installed Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 158.

2000 - Appointed Grand Inspector

2001 - Appointed V.P. Board of Grand Inspectors.

2002 - Installed Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 158.

2003 - Installed Worshipful Master Oriental Lodge No. 158.

2003 - Elected to the Board of Managers.

2003 - Appointed Sr. Grand Deacon

Masonic Affiliations:

Scottish Rite (Orator of the Rose Croix).

Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

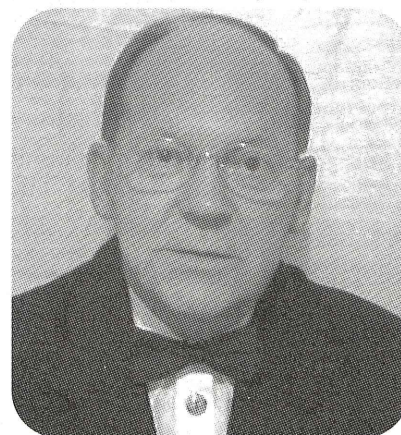
Boumi Temple Shrine.

Knights of Mecca.

Masonic Veterans Association.

Ritualist for the Baltimore City & County Past Masters' Association.

Ralph L. Perry is a candidate for R.W. Grand Secretary.



Born in Franklin, Pa on March 16, 1945. Ralph and his wife Glenys reside in Aberdeen, MD. They have been married since September 21, 1968 and have one daughter (Continued on page 12)



(Continued from page 11) and two grandchildren.

Retired a Chief Warrant Officer from the Army after 22 years service on June 30, 1984. Currently employed as an Education Specialist at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Education: M.A. in Education, B.S. in Business Management/ Education, and A.A. in Vocational Industrial Education.

Member: Grace United Methodist Church, Aberdeen, Maryland. Serves on the Administrative Board, Worship Committee and Head Usher.

Iota Lambda Sigma, Vocational-Industrial Fraternity

Masonic Service:

1971: Raised to Master Mason in Aberdeen Lodge No. 187.

1987: Worshipful Master.

1988 - Present: Secretary.

1988 - 1999 Deputy Grand Lecturer Harford County.

1989 - Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer.

1990 - Present: Member of the Grand Lodge Hospitality Comm.

1990-1998: Appointed Grand Lodge Representative of Arkansas.

1992 - 1997: Elected member of the Board of Managers.

1997 - Elected R.W. Senior Grand Warden.

Masonic Affiliations:

Boumi Temple: Member of the Knights of Mecca, Past President Susquehanna Shrine Club 1991, Member Dundalk Shrine club.

Scottish Rite: Valley of Baltimore in the Orient of Maryland.

Coroneted Inspector General Honorary 33° 2001.

Selected as a Knight Commander Court of Honor 1993.

Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection 1991.

Secretary Conowingo Scottish Rite Club 1989 to present.

Member of the prompting committee.

York Rite:

Red Cross of Constantine, St. Cyprian Conclave.

Crusade Commandery No.5.

Concordia Council No.1.

St John's Royal Arch Chapter No.18.

Tall Cedars: Har-ce Forest No. 142 - Treasurer 1999 to present.

Order of Eastern Star: Victory Chapter No. 40, Treasurer 1995-2002, Worthy Patron 2003 and 2004.

National Sojourners: Aberdeen Chapter No. 221, President 1987-88. Member Heroes of 76, Chesapeake Camp, Commander 1989-90.

Jobs Daughters: Past Associate Bethel Guardian.

Bonnie Blink DayLight Lodge.

Masonic Veterans of Maryland.

Harford County Past Master's Association Secretary-Treasurer 1987, 92, 97, 2002 to present.

It is my desire, if elected to serve the craft of this Grand Lodge.

Land Lease Program Status

Brethren, this is a brief report regarding our Land Lease Program that was presented to you during the Semi-Annual

Communication.

On Wednesday May 26, 2004 the committee met with the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master to review our process of going forward to best and final with our leasing program.

Friday May 28, 2004 the committee met with Mr. David Carliner, Vice-President of the Shelter Group.

This meeting was held for the sole purpose of introductions and to begin an understanding of what steps needed to be taken to complete our lease with The Shelter Group.

The Grand Master gave a presentation on Masonry and the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Mr. Carliner provided the committee an overall view of the Shelter Group. He expressed his desire to form a partnership with the Grand Lodge, which will provide the foundation for a great working relationship.

The committee is reviewing how we expect to receive the proposed funding. Also, we have obtained professional input from several financial experts pertaining to expected income from our lease.

We will be meeting with our attorney before the end of June concerning the contents of the lease and financial consideration concerning this program.

The Shelter Group has begun preparing a lease and has visited the property.

We plan to keep you fully informed during this long process. Thank you for your support during the Semi-Annual Communication.

Dave Schneider-Chairman



Prince Frederick on Parade

On May 11th, 2004, Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 was privileged to lay the Cornerstone of the Flagship building of the Prince Frederick Campus of the College of Southern Maryland. Approximately seventy Masons from Prince Frederick Lodge and several sister lodges including Thomas J. Shryock No. 223, Centennial No. 174, St. Columba No. 150, Collington No. 230, and several Brothers from other Lodges as far away as Baltimore, marched in procession to the site, most in tuxedos, jewels and aprons. Bro. Wayne Penley, piped the procession in.



After introductions and remarks from school officials and several county and state officials, the cornerstone was laid with full Masonic Honors. The ceremony used has changed little since Bro. George Washington laid the Cornerstone for the U. S. Capitol Building in 1793. Slight modifications were



made to allow for the way the stone was placed, but in all other respects the ceremony was conducted as it has been from time immemorial.

Several interesting circumstances show the involvement of Prince Frederick Lodge with our community. A Masonic Gavel was placed in the time capsule to commemorate our involvement with the College. This gavel was made by Junior Warden Mike O'Kelley from wood from Worshipful Master Page Bowen's farm. The Working Tools used in the ceremony were mounted on a plaque made by our Tyler, Bro. Vince Keyser. The cedar plaque was made of wood from the home of Past Master Bill Kugel.

This plaque was presented to Mr. Peter Grimberg, the builder, to be given as a memorial of the event to the College.

The corn used in the ceremony was grown on the farm of Past Master Larry Wilson, our Chaplain. The wine used in the ceremony was made and bottled by Past Master Ben Dyer and Bro. Doug Cooper, our Senior Deacon. Since no native Calvert County olive oil was available, our Marshal, Bro. Chuck Easley, provided imported Virgin Olive Oil.

While plans and preparations for this event were being made, the Scholarship Committee of Prince Frederick Lodge selected two high school seniors to receive Masonic Scholarship Grants from our Lodge. It is noteworthy that both of these students will be attending the College of Southern

Maryland in the fall.

Prince Frederick Lodge is proud of its involvement with our community on several levels, and was honored to be a part of this historic event.

Grand Master Visits

Charity Lodge was recently the recipient of two visits from the M.W. Grand Master in the short space of two weeks.

The first was to raise a young brother who was leaving for the Marine Corps the following weekend. Newly raised Bro. Jarrod W. Murphy left for Quantico, Va. where he will vacation for the summer, taking officer basic training. He then hopes to qualify for helicopter pilot.



The second trip was to present a 50 year pin to Brother George "Bud" Wareheim (in picture on the right) and Glenn Bosley, and to enjoy the Annual Strawberry and Ice Cream Night.

MD Public TV

MPT Sunday August 8, 2004
2:00 pm - 7:30 p.m. R.W. Bro. Ronald Belanger invites you to join him dressed in your tux, apron and jewel to once again assist the MD Public Television during their annual fund raiser. Brethren, this gives Freemasons (Continued on page 14)



(Continued from page 13) a chance to place ourselves in front of the public, and to gain some well deserved recognition. A suit is appropriate if you do not have a tux. Call Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600 and ask that your name be placed on the list.

Glen Burnie No.213

Bull, Oyster and Shrimp Feast

La Fontaine Bleu

Rt 2 South and B&A Blvd

Glen Burnie, Maryland

October 23, 2004

8 PM to 1 AM

\$32.00 Per Person

Pit Beef, Raw Oysters, Steamed

Shrimp and all the trimmings!

Beer & Sodas Included

B.Y.O.B or Cash Bar

Food 8 p.m.-12 Music to 1 a.m.

Music provided by local D. J.

TICKETS: Call Robert Creech P.M.

(410)553-9413 or any Lodge Officer.

Trip To Tennessee

R.W. Bro. Ronald Belanger, Deputy Grand Master, has been invited to bring a Degree Team to Centreville, Tennessee to take part in a Multi-State Degree conferral.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma will be conferring their Master Mason Degree; the Grand Lodge of South Carolina will be conferring their Entered Apprentice Degree; and the Deputy Belanger has asked the Shield and Square Club Degree Team to journey there with him and to represent Maryland. As usual, this is a "Pay your own way" trip!

For further information on this event, including directions should you wish to attend, contact either R.W. Bro.

Belanger, D.G.M. at Grand Lodge or the editor, R.W. Bro. Jack Biggs. Jack has all necessary hotel information, directions to the hotel, and to the quarry. A block of ten rooms at a nearby Holiday Inn with a special rate of \$49.95 a night has been reserved.

If you are interested in attending this event, you need to make your hotel reservations now! This is a busy area.

4th Annual Bull Roast & Casino Afternoon

Sunday, September 26th, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, 3800 North Charles St. in Baltimore.

\$25.00 Advance or \$30.00 at the door. For tickets call 410-243-3200 or 410-836-8855.

Proceeds benefit the Hilgenberg Speech and Language Center and the Scottish Rite Building Preservations & Restoration Fund. A portion of your donations will be tax-deductible.

Masonic FamilyNight

This event will be held at the Ripken Stadium on July 31st at 7:05 p.m.

Contact Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600 for your tickets. Tickets are limited, and will go fast, we are limited to 385 tickets so call now.

In addition to a great evening, you will receive a free group hat (value \$15.00) and an updated program for the evening.

Masonic License Plates

Masonic license plates are available to Maryland Masons, with vehicles registered in

Maryland, as well as their wives, widows, and sons, and daughters living at home.

You do not have to wait for renewal of registration. Call Ray Vogle at 410 527-0600 to find out how it works and how easy it is to put them on your vehicle. Ray is available during the week.

Be proud of your fraternity and display these plates on your car this year.

Chair Plaques & The Tree of Life

Chair plaques are for chairs located in the Grand Lodge Room on the second floor of Grand Lodge. You may have your own name on a plaque, or have it in memory of, or to honor a person, club, or group.

The Tree of Life is located in the main lobby of the Grand Lodge Building. You can sponsor a leaf on the tree, or have it in memory of, or in honor of a person, club, or group.

The Chair Plaques, and the Tree of Life leaves, cost only \$200.00 each. This provides you with up to four lines on either with twenty one characters per line. What a wonderful way to remember someone.

Call **Ray Vogel** at the Grand Lodge at **410 527-0600** to make arrangements for yours. Call now - don't delay!

August Scene

An informal weekend activity for all Master Masons, family & guests. Friday, August 6th 7:00 p.m. Dinner & Entertainment. August 7, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for coffee & donuts, 9:00 a.m. begins the day (Continued on page 15)



(Continued from page 14) with a welcoming. Guest speakers for the day include John A. Young, M.W.G.M.; Bennie G. Owens, M.S.P.G.M.; S. Brent Morris, 33°; Al Feldstein, author; Steve Ponzillo, III, P.G.C.; Robert Malwitz; P.G.H.P. and Urban Peters, P.G.H.P. An informal group discussion will follow a noon lunch.

There will be a program for ladies if the minimum number of 10 are signed up by July 31st.

August Scene will be held at Odenton Lodge No. 209.

Contact David W. Theilman at 410 796-5613 for your reservation form. Checks must be in NLT than July 31, 2004.

Non-Masons are welcome.

Fall Resumes

In the Fall issue of the FSFM, resumes will be included **ONLY** for those brethren interested in applying for the Board of Trustees (Masonic Homes) and the Board of Managers (Grand Lodge).

Your resume **MUST** be submitted to the editor of the FSFM no later than September 15th! In addition, it must be in a format similar to the ones included in this issue. The form used for evaluation by the committee is **not** acceptable!

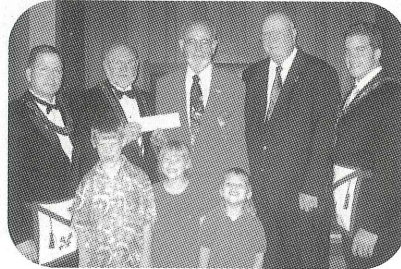
In addition they must be typed, and may be sent by email which is the preferred method.

Please contact Jack Biggs, editor, should you have questions concerning these requirements.

St. Columba Lodge Awards Presentations

St. Columba Lodge No. 15 held its 7th Annual Open Golf Tournament on June 7 at the Wicomico Golf Course. This year the proceeds from the Tournament

were divided between the March of Dimes and the Port Tobacco Theatre Building Fund. In 7 years the Golf Tournament has raised over \$10,000 for charities.



Picture 1. Worshipful Master Steve Shlagel presents a check to Grandpa Ozzie Lockard for the March of Dimes. Pictured left to right in front are Nicholas, Samantha and Nathan Lockard. Second row: Treasurer Jeff Norvell, PM; WM Steve Shlagel; Ozzie Lockard, PM; Bob Pine, Tournament Chairman; and Secretary Patrick Pierce.



Picture 2: The winning foursome of this years tournament, left to right: Jerry Sims, Andy Anderson, Bill Jenkins and Jim Simpson.



Picture 3: WM Steve Shlagel presents a check to Keith Linville, Vice President, Port Tobacco Players. Pictured left to right are

Treasurer Jeff Norvell, PM; WM Steve Shlagel; Keith Linville; Bob Pine, Tournament Chairman, and Patrick Pierce, Secretary.

Fifty Year Member Presentation

On June 25th, 2004 Howard J. Skidmore received his fifty-year pin from Ralph Moore, GI. Brother Skidmore was Master of St. Columba Lodge No. 150 in 1959 and is a retired Charles County school teacher. He was also presented a certificate to go with his pin. Bro. Russ Gullett was Master of the Lodge in 1957. Brother Howard was Master in 1959. They are our two oldest living Past Masters.



Picture No. 1: On the left Brother Howard Skidmore receiving his pin from Brother Ralph Moore, GI.



Picture No. 2: Left to right is WM Steve Shlagel, Brother Russ Gullett, PM; Bro. Howard Skidmore, and Bro. Ralph Moore.

Maryland Masonic Calendar



Summer School Schedule 2004

All Schools Begin Promptly At 7:30 p.m. - (Except Cumberland)

July 27	Cockeysville	M.M. Degree
August 3	Cockeysville	Special Topics
August 10	Cockeysville	M.M. Degree

Western Maryland

August 5	Friendship No. 84 Hagerstown	E.A. Degree
August 17	Potomac No. 100 Cumberland	M.M. Degree

Note: The above school in Cumberland will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Eastern Shore

July 29	Cambridge No. 66 Cambridge	F.C. Degree
August 19	Temple No. 128 Denton	M.M. Degree

Southern Maryland

All schools in Southern Maryland to be held in Upper Marlboro

July 29	Centennial No. 174	F.C. Degree
August 5	Centennial No. 174	M.M. Degree
August 12	Centennial No. 174	Workshop

All Schools Begin Promptly At 7:30 p.m. - (Except Cumberland)

Schedule of Events

AUGUST

7- August Scene Odenton
209 - 8:30 a.m.

8 - Grand Lodge to participate in the MPT fund-raising event. Contact Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600. Be at the TV station no later than 1:30 p.m. Meal provided.

27, 28 & 29 - D.G.M. & FSSSC Degree Team to Centerville, Tennessee for Quarry Degree Multi-State Degree Day.

SEPTEMBER

13 - Flag Pole Dedication at Ionic Lodge - 7:30 p.m.

18 - Harvest Home Day 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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