

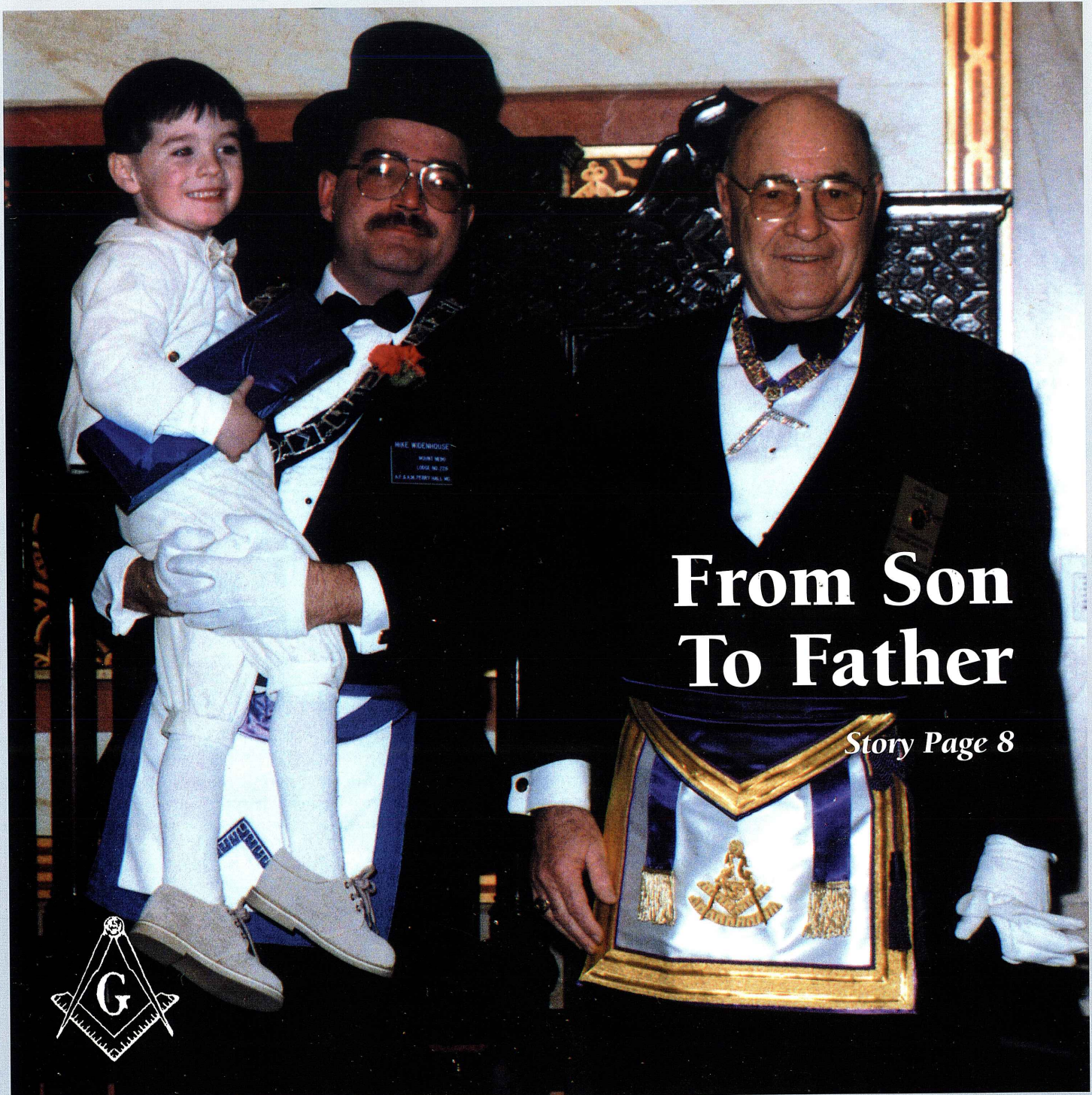
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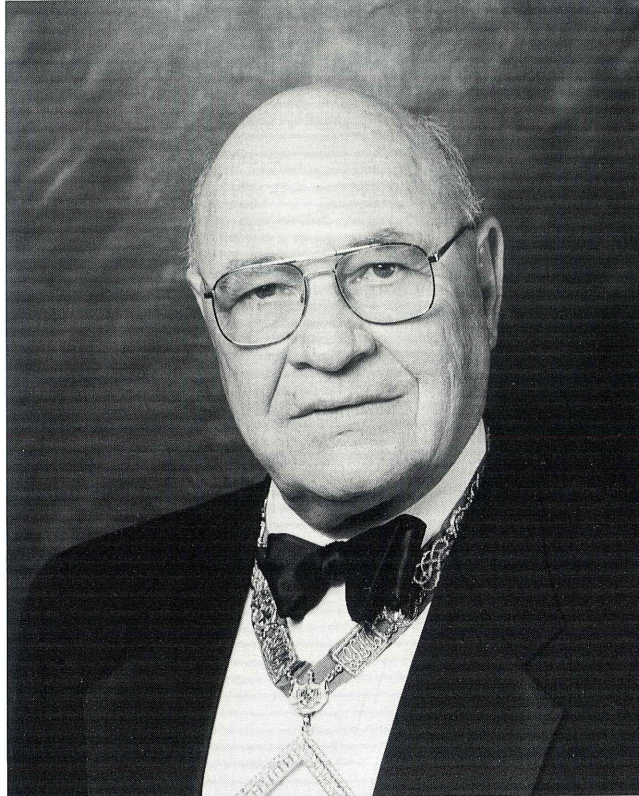
# GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

## MY BRETHREN

It is my great pleasure to once again greet you through the pages of this publication. I have received many favorable comments about the last issue and hope that this issue is as pleasing to you as was that one. It is our intention to use this publication as a vehicle to communicate with you, to keep you informed and to solicit your comments regarding the status of Masonry in Maryland. This is your magazine and can only serve its intended purpose if you contribute to it by way of interesting articles and announcements. Of course, photographs are always appreciated and greatly enhance any article submitted.

This past six months has been a whirlwind of activity for your Grand Line of Officers. We have traveled from one end of the state to the other, from east to west and from north to south and have been received with all the courtesy that is possible for the Brethren to extend. It has been exhilarating for me and I can hardly believe that so much time has elapsed in my term of office. We have attempted to honor all invitations from the subordinate lodges but, of necessity, have had to express regrets to some. I hope that those invitations that had to be declined because of scheduling conflicts will be re-issued and that you will afford the Grand Line the pleasure of visiting your lodge in the near future.

We will once again visit Fort McHenry for award ceremonies and for the conferral of the Master Mason Degree on multiple candidates. The date is September the 12th (hopefully a warmer day than our last visit). Plans are still being formulated



and you will be informed of the schedule as early as is possible. Mark your calendar for that evening and make firm plans to be with us in this wonderfully historical setting.

I have been in attendance at many of the meetings of our several youth groups this year and, Brethren, I can't tell you how great it is to be with these young ladies and gentlemen. How inspiring it is to see them exemplify the principles of Masonry in their own ritualistic setting and how pleased they are to have Master Masons visit with them and recognize them for the young adults that they are. Please take

the earliest opportunity to visit a Chapter of DeMolay, a Bethel of Job's Daughters or an Assembly of Rainbow for Girls. I can assure you that once you do, once you see the pride these Masonic youth have in their association with the Fraternity, you will want to return to be with them again. Our Masonic Youth need us NOW.

Finally, my Brethren, I hope you are attending our schools of instruction during the Summer months. The sole purpose of these schools is to benefit you. Take advantage of this chance to improve your ritualistic work and to enjoy the fellowship that prevails in each of the meetings.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Naquin  
Grand Master



## SPECIAL EVENTS

**65th ANNUAL SUMMER LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.** . . Every Tuesday from July 8 to August 16, Grand Lodge Room of Grand Lodge Temple. Lodge opens at 7:45 p.m. Dues cards must be presented at the door.

**200th ANNIVERSARY PARADE.** . . On June 21, the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland hosted a gala Masonic Parade in Annapolis in connection with its 200th Anniversary. The heat and humidity had no effect on the fraternal spirit that prevailed. Grand Master Naquin, Grand Line Officers and many Masonic organizations participated in an impressive show of unity and pride. That evening a celebrity banquet was held.

**GRAND MASTER'S BALL.** . . The elegance of a by gone time again came to life on July 26 at the Grand Master's Ball in the Grand Lodge Activities Building. Featured were hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dining, dancing, entertainment, and fellowship.

**12th ANNUAL CRAB FEAST.** . . August 23, honoring Grand Master Naquin, sponsored by Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787. Scheduled from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at Knoblock Hall, 4620 Mellowood Road, Upper Marlboro. Tickets \$23.00 per person; children under 12 Free. Steamed Spiced Crabs, Steamship Round of Beef, B-B-Q Chicken, Grilled Sausage, Hot dogs, Baked Beans, Salads, Melons, Drinks. Tickets available from Bro. Ralph Moore, 301-868-4148 or Grand Secretary's Office, c/o Mrs. Nancy Benson, 410-527-0600 Ext. 225.

**FORT McHENRY LODGE OF LOW VALE.** . . September 12. Conferral of MM Degree on selected Fellowcrafts. Refreshments. Details to be furnished to Lodges.

**DEMOLAY.** . . September 13, 7 p.m. Installation of State Officers. New Executive Officer of Maryland DeMolay. Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple.

**ANTIETAM NATIONAL CEMETERY.** . . 130th Anniversary — Enactment of Cornerstone Laying. September 20, 1 p.m., Sharpsburg, MD.

**ANNUAL HARVEST HOME DAY, BONNIE BLINK.** . . Saturday, October 18 from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. A \$5.00 donation per person will be greatly appreciated. Food service ceases at 9:30 a.m. Parking limited to the Executive Plaza of the McCormick Industrial Park. Shuttle buses will operate between the parking area and center of activities. . . . .

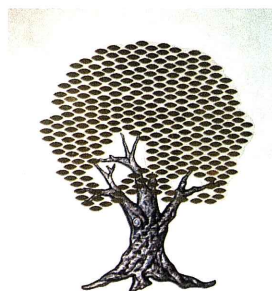
**FEAST OF TISHRI.** . . October 19, 3 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple.

**GRAND LODGE RELIGIOUS SERVICES.** . . November 16, 10 a.m. Jewels and aprons will not be worn. Informal dark clothes will be in order. All brethren are encouraged to attend with their families and friends. The Grand Master will be pleased to meet and greet you personally after the service.

**GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.** . . November 17, Monday 2 p.m. Corinthian Room, Grand Lodge Building.

**FOOTBALL — RAVENS VS OILERS.** . . Sunday, December 14, 1:00 p.m. Last professional football game at Memorial Stadium. Limited number of Tickets - \$25.00 each. Make checks payable to Grand Lodge of Maryland — send to the Grand Secretary's Office.

**GRAND MASTER'S LONDON TOUR.** . . 1998. Details later; plan now. The tour will include a visit to Prudence Lodge No. 7183 under the Grand Lodge of England, where the FC and MM Degrees were conferred as a courtesy on EA Naquin.



*"Tree of Life"*



## LODGE ACTIVITIES

### HAGERSTOWN NO. 217

#### 17th ANNUAL LODGE OF LOW VAIL

On Friday, September 5, meal from 4:30 pm till 6:15 pm. MM Degree starts promptly at 7:00 pm. Held at MD Route 63, three miles north of I-70 interchange "Williamsport-Huyens" at the ELKS picnic grounds, Washington County. DRESS IS CASUAL.

Char-broiled Delmonico steak, baked potato, garden salad, ranch rolls, dessert, sodas and coffee, corn on the cob-if available. Cost \$12.00 per person. Pre-paid reservations required by August 29. Walk-ins invited on a first come basis.

For reservations/inquiries, contact: Joseph K. Stouffer, Secretary, 16703 National Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21740-2160. Telephone: 301-797-5978 weekdays from 6 PM to 9 PM and 9 AM to 6 PM on weekends.

### THOMAS J. SHRYOCK NO. 223

#### A LODGE ATTENDS A BROTHER

On April 9, 21 members of the Lodge along with 14 members of the Charles I. Tucker, Sr.'s family, gathered at the St. Mary's Nursing Center on the occasion of Bro. Tucker having reached his 25th year in Masonry.

Shown in the photo are two rows of brothers greeting Bro. and Mrs. Tucker as they enter the activities room.

Until his recent illness, Bro. Tucker rarely



missed a lodge meeting. Since he can no longer attend, the Lodge decided that since he could not come to the Lodge, the Lodge would go to him.

The nursing center provided decorations and allowed the group to remain after visiting hours.

They were impressed with the care and concern for one of our brothers. The light of Masonry shown brightly that evening. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Edward Potts, felt that no Worshipful Master has ever been prouder of his Lodge. Refreshments were served after presentation of the certificate, pin and cap to Bro. Tucker.

### CENTENNIAL NO. 221

#### FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

WM John T. (Jack) Middleton, Sr. wound up his Spring agenda by conferring the MM Degree on Chris David Lemay and Jeffrey Aaron Middleton, Sr. in the presence of the Grand Line Officers led by RWDGM Francis E. Larrimore, and MWPGMs Middleton, Rothman, Hopkins and Ponzillo.



Shown in the photo are three generations of Middletons including WM John T. Middleton, Sr., sons James C. Middleton and newly-raised Jeffery A. Middleton, Sr.; uncle James A. Middleton (PM of an Italian Lodge); and Grandfather, MWPGM J. Thomas Middleton.

### KENSINGTON NO. 198

#### RECOGNIZING THE ROOKIE AND THE VETERAN

Following a dinner on February 25, WM Donald E. Jennings received and extended grand honors to MWGM John C. Naquin and his line of officers. After introductions, the Grand Line Officers proceeded to confer the MM Degree on Brothers Philip Wayne Bonner, Ethan Adam Lish and John Paul Runyan. The newly raised brothers were presented with a Centennial Lapel Pin, and books on Freemasonry.



MWGM Naquin then presented Bro. Joseph W. Hunt, Tyler of the Lodge, with a 50 year service emblem, cap and certificate, authorizing him to wear the cap in Lodge and serve with him as Asst. Grand Tyler. The Grand Master noted the span of Masonry between Bro. Hunt and the newly raised brothers bringing a sense of community back into the Lodge.

## NANTICOKE NO. 172

### SUPPORTING YOUTH AND THE COMMUNITY



At their meeting of February 24, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, donations were made to the Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 137 and the Federalburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured are WM Daniel C. Powell, Sr.; PM Marvin H. Smith, Sr., Member of the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees and first Eagle Scout in Caroline County; Scoutmaster Gerald L. Keene; Vice President F.V.F.D. David Morean; PM Ronald C. Gehring; and Senior Warden David R. Evans.

## PATMOS LODGE NO. 70

### CELEBRATES ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

May 22, 1997, Ellicott City, MD. One hundred seventy-five years to the date after receiving its charter, Patmos Lodge No. 70 of Ellicott City celebrated its 175th birthday. John C. Naquin, MWGM, the Grand Lodge officers, and their ladies joined Paul R. Reinke, Jr., PM, WM, officers, ladies, and friends of Patmos Lodge for the event. A Bronze commemorative coin was struck for the occasion.

The evening began with the opening of the Lodge — just long enough to receive the Grand Master and record this momentous event in the minute book. Then all adjourned to the banquet hall where PM Donald P. Fink and his wife Mary Ann had prepared a delightful buffet to tempt everyone. Members of Catonsville Chapter, Order of DeMolay helped with serving the food.

With the official minutes recorded and the guests pleasantly stuffed, all returned to the lodge room for the program of the evening. S. Brent Morris, PM presented a paper, *"In Harmony and Love": Historical Highlights of Patmos at 175*. Bro. Morris recounted how Patmos had originally been chartered to meet alternatively at "Catonsville and Ellicott's Upper Mills"; in 1825 the lodge started meeting only in Ellicott's Mills, now Ellicott City. In its early days it was a moon lodge, meeting on "the Tuesday in each month previous to or on which the Moon is full." This presumably gave the members light to get home after meetings. The lodge was named for the isle of Patmos where St. John the Divine, often confused with John, one of our patron Saints, was confined in a Roman penal colony.

The lodge went dark from 1862-1865, perhaps from pressures of the Civil War. It was rechartered by seven members as Patmos Lodge No. 117 in 1865, but regained its original number six months later when its arrearages were paid to the Grand Lodge. The lodge met in various buildings in Ellicott City: the "Town Hall"; the Odd Fellow's Hall; and the top floor of the dining room extension to the Howard House Hotel. Patmos rented this room from 1901 to 1921, when it bought the building, which has been its home ever since.

Bro. Morris told stories from the lodge records, including Masonic relief of 85 cents for transportation for a distressed Brother. The lodge's "panorama" was proudly displayed. It is a large walnut cabinet with a back lit glass window (originally lit with candles or oil lamps, now with electric lights). A large canvas roll has the emblems of the symbolic lectures painted on it, and the canvas is unrolled behind the glass as the lectures are given. The panorama was purchased for \$87 in 1901 and is believed to be unique.

After the history of the lodge, WM Reinke briefly thanked the guests for joining Patmos in this joyous celebration. Then MWGM Naquin gave his comments on the evening and everyone adjourned in harmony and love. (The oldest minutes of the lodge from 1856 show that meeting also closed in "harmony and love.") (S. Brent Morris, PM)

## OAKLAND LODGE NO. 192

### WESTERN MARYLAND SPECIAL CEREMONY

On October 25, a Grand Lodge event will be held at Ali Ghan Shrine Temple to include the conferral of the MM Degree. This will involve other Lodges in the area and the cooperation of various Shrine committees. It is expected that this event will be one of the memorable highlights of the year.



## **COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 58** **PAST MASTERS' BANQUET AND AWARDS**

Members of Columbia Lodge held a banquet honoring Past Masters on May 20 at the Elks Lodge in Frederick. Present were 120 including 27 Past Masters.

The Past Masters present, shown in the photo included: front row, L to R., George F. Shroeder, Jr.;



John P. Engelbrecht; Grand Master Naquin; Marvin E. Printz, DGL; Charles V. Main; William Otie Blair; Francis S. Gaither, Jr.; and Harry O. Smith. Back row, L to R: Arthur C. Volpe; Robert E. Dailey, Jr.; Ralph H. Jones; Oscar D. Johnson, Jr.; A. Richard Boyer; Richard W. Rinehart, WM; Harold L. Bowers; Alfred J. Dronenburg; Glenn E. Orrison; M. Paul Leadingham; Stephen R. Bauman, Secretary; Cleo L. Eckert; Kenneth N. Smith; Gilbert S. Stroup, Sr.; Howard W. Graham; Gilbert S. Stroup, Jr.; Robert V. Mercer; Durward S. Kettells; James L. Tritapoe; Shawn R. Winpiger; and Richard T. Kreh, Sr.

The following Past Masters received special honors: Richard T. Kreh, Sr., the Frank W. Rothenhoefer Award for outstanding service; Richard W. Rinehart, WM, special award for serving as WM for three terms; Oscar D. Johnson, Jr., the John Burke Award for outstanding dedication in teaching new candidates.

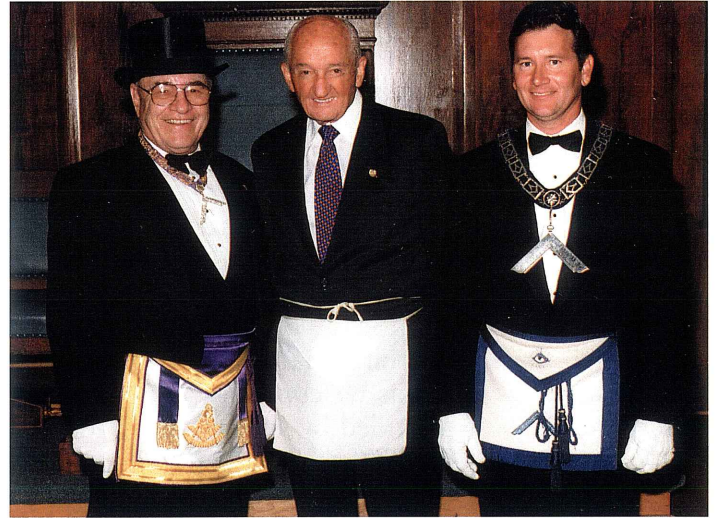
## **WICOMICO LODGE NO. 91** **CELEBRATING THE SPAN OF MASONRY**

Following an Eastern Shore dinner with a record attendance, including MWGM John C. Naquin and Grand Line Officers, the evening's events was an unforgettable occasion of significance to several seasoned Masons as well as two Fellowcrafts.

On April 29, 1947, seven local business and professional men were raised as Master Masons at a special afternoon meeting.

On April 29, 1997, 50 years to the day, four surviving members of the group were presented with their 50 year service emblems, caps and certificates by

Grand Master Naquin in an impressive ceremony. WM James H. Caldwell introduced the follow-



ing honorees: Bros. Lawrence Carl Freeny, retired Journalist, New York Times; Emerson Carlyle Phillips, retired Pharmacist, Central Drug; John Leslie Nelson, Retired Travel Operator; and Franklin Parsons Perdue, Retired Poultryman (as he listed himself in 1947) and now continuing as Chairman of the Board, Perdue Farms, Inc. The deceased members of the group included Bros. Otto Paul Schallon, Donald Bain MacDowell and Franklin Baker Jarman.

Following the presentations, the Grand Master and Grand Line Officers conferred the MM Degree on Bros. Michael W. Farlow, a former DeMolay State Master Councilor, and his father, E. Theodore Farlow.

Fellowship was extraordinary as many of the friends and contemporaries of the honorees gathered to socialize and wish them well.

Shown on the photo are Grand Master John C. Naquin, Bro. Frank P. Perdue and WM James H. Caldwell.

## **BIRMINGHAM LODGE NO. 188** **PRIDE AND DISTRESS**

On May 28, WM Steven J. Collins and SW Kerry P. Collins brought the pride of the Lodge to High Point High School to present a \$1,000 Scholarship, through MCM, to Miss Chanley Marie Pinchotti, selected out of all high schools in Prince Georges County.

WM Collins also reports that PM Al Myers is in distress in not having insurance to afford radiation treatments which have been delayed for some months. Contributions to help PM Myers may be sent to Donald L. Barnhart, PM, 2721 Ivory Rd, Glen Elg, MD 21737-9714, 410-489-4177.

WM Collins also notes that Bro. Harold Taylor,



PM and PGI has recently undergone a triple bypass. Keep Bros. Myers and Taylor in your prayers.

**ROELMA LODGE NO. 206**  
**"THE" ANNUAL FISH FRY**

As you approached the Sharptown Fireman's Memorial Building on May 2, you became conscious of a mouth watering scent that caused extreme excitement to your alimentary canal. It wasn't too long before you joined over 160 men, women and family in a civilized food frenzy over fried fish, fish roe, potato salad, corn bread and apple pie. The speaker for the evening, Bro. Charles R. Dashiell, Jr., said nothing that disturbed the digestive process. His talk was welcomed by all.

Entertainment was provided by singer Tony Roseta.

Guests included MWGM John C. Naquin and Grand Line Officers and MWGM Robert E. Trice, Sr. and the Grand Line Officers of Delaware.

WM Terrance M. Herling who has been in the East nine times, extends an invitation to experience the culinary magic of the Eastern Shore. Make note of the date: May 2, 1998. Speaker for the evening is PGM B. Hope Harrison.

**PYTHAGORAS LODGE NO. 123**  
**HIGH HONORS AND LOW VALE**

On May 22, five brothers were honored with 50 year service emblems, caps and certificates. They are shown in the photo with WM Paul Cornelius on the left, Bro. Carl Baker, GI and SW and Dr. Marco Clayton on the right. Present also were two Lodge members who are guests at Bonnie Blink: Bro. John Becker, a 50 year Mason and Bro. S. William Krute, a 60 year member. In all, the service of these veterans totaled 360 years of Masonry.



Continuing an event started in August, 1985, a Lodge of Low Vale will be held in August at Sunnybrook Farms on the property of Bro. and Dr. Hans Wilhelmsen. Some 15 to 20 head of Buffalo roam the property which includes a pond with a flock of ducks. Among the brothers raised at the Lodge of Low Vail was Bro. Wilhelmsen's son.

**MT. NEBO NO. 229**  
**FROM SON TO FATHER**

On January 28, Bro. Michael N. Widenhouse was installed as Worshipful Master of Mt. Nebo Lodge for the year 1997. Present was Grand Master John C. Naquin, Grand Line Officers and many friends and visitors.

The highlight of the evening occurred when the Grand Master assumed the East and abruptly called a recess leaving the Worshipful Master in a most perplexed and speechless state.

The Grand Master then directed PM Rehberger to retire to the ante room to see if the special guest was ready. PM Kevin A. Hribar, GI, acting as Marshal, presented our guest, Master Marty Widenhouse, five years of age, to the Grand Master and Members of the Lodge. He was then escorted to the East where he presented a gavel to his father, WM Widenhouse, looking on unbelievably. The WM's father was also called to the East by the Grand Master to share in this auspicious occasion.

All applauded — reacting to this rare touching family scene of youth, manhood and age. Shown in the front cover photo is young Marty, with gavel, in his Dad's arms, and Grand Master Naquin.

**TEMPLE LODGE NO. 128**  
**FASHION 1866 STYLE**



How did the officers of Temple Lodge dress in 1866 when the Lodge was chartered? Shown on the photo are the following officers in the clothes they wear at all meetings: Bros. Daniel L. Crouse, SD; Christian J. Jensen, SS; Dr. Christian E. Jensen, JD; Robert E. Sparks, PM, SW; Richard K. Andrew, WM; John W. Cowley, JW; Clifton R. Friel, PM, Secretary; Andrew Cowley, Chaplain; William R. Towers, Jr., PM, Treasurer.

**SILVER SPRING LODGE NO. 215**  
**HONORING THE GRAND CROSSED QUILLS**

On April 14, WM Harry G. Annis, Jr. had but one major item on his agenda. And, that was to honor



Jack R. Frazier, a PM of the Lodge who happens to be the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

A recipient of recognitions from other Grand Jurisdictions and honored by his peers, the Grand Secretaries, he was now being honored by his Mother Lodge.

Brothers who rose from the sidelines expressing their sentiments included "Ossie" L. Lockard, WM of Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218 reciting poetry. PGM Bernard E. Rothman recounted Bro. Frazier's skills as Lodge Secretary and his having appointed Jack as Grand Secretary during Bro. Rothman's term as Grand Master in 1981. Present also were PGMs Harvey T. Hopkins, Steven J. Ponzillo, Jr., and Grand Master John C. Naquin who had complimentary remarks.

The evening ended with Jack presenting to WM Annis a handsome copy of a book on "Maryland Masonic History in Words and Pictures."

#### **LODGES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SPONSOR COMMEMORATION AND REDEDICATION ON THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORNERSTONE LAYING AT THE ANTIETAM NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

On Tuesday, September 17, 1867, President Andrew Johnson attended the dedication of Antietam National Cemetery and the cornerstone laying of the Soldier Monument together with hundreds of political, military, and Masonic officials and thousands of citizens. This cemetery had been set aside for the remains of Union troops which had fought at the Battle of Antietam five years earlier. At the time of this event, only two Lodges existed in Washington County: Friendship Lodge No. 84 in Hagerstown and Eureka Lodge No. 105 in Sharpsburg.

At historic Sharpsburg, on Saturday, September 20, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., the 130th anniversary of the cornerstone laying will be reenacted as it happened 130 years ago. A Grand Procession will be formed resplendent in formal dress, aprons, jewels and banners and proceed to the site of the Monument and cornerstone.

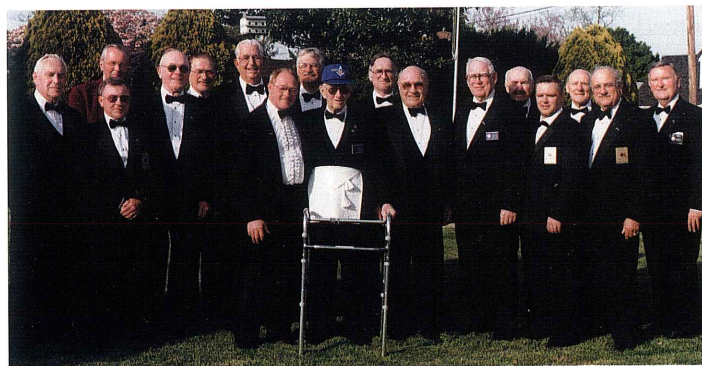
There remarks by period performers as well as present incumbent officials will portray their 19th century counterparts. Music and choral tributes will accompany the proceedings. Where Grand Master John Coates and Grand Line Officers conducted the cornerstone laying ceremony 130 years ago, Grand Master Naquin and Grand Line Officers will do the same.

A grand salute will follow with a recessional review of the assemblage, and a reception to reflect, reminisce and reinforce brotherhood.

For information, contact Bro. Page T. Otto, P.O. Box 191, Sharpsburg, MD 21782, 301-432-6220.

#### **CENTREVILLE LODGE NO. 180 TWO FIFTIES AND FOUR THREES**

On Friday, May 5, Grand Lodge officers and officers and members of Centreville Lodge visited the home of Bro. William T. Harris where Grand Master Naquin presented him with a 50 year service award, cap and certificate. Bro. Harris was unable to travel to the Lodge for health reasons. He is distinguished in the photo by his cap and white apron.



Later at the Lodge, Grand Master Naquin presented Bro. Daniel Tabler with a 50 year service award, cap and certificate. The Grand Line officers then conferred the Master Mason Degree on four brothers shown in the photo with the Grand Master, WM Joseph J. Thompson and Bro. Tabler.



#### **LODGES OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED**

Organized by Pentalpha Lodge No. 194, a dinner was held on June 22 to raise money for the Robert Lee Long Fund established by Antietam Lodge No. 197 for a distressed brother. A total of \$590.00 has been collected and forwarded.

Montgomery County Lodges which were invited include Pentalpha No. 194, Montgomery No. 195, Kensington No. 198, Silver Spring No. 215, Cornerstone No. 224 and Wheaton No. 228.



### CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 66.

#### MASONIC BODIES IN A COMMUNITY EFFORT

The Daily Banner, the local newspaper carried an item from Mike & Penny Rossy thanking friends, relatives, neighbors, church and civil organizations, etc., that have helped in their time of financial need with medical expenses for their five year old son, Jordon Rossy who was seriously injured when struck by a car.

As reported by PM John Bechtold, Jr., on June 14, members of the local Masonic Bodies and their ladies banded together to raise \$760.39 in four hours for the benefit of Jordan Rossy. A task force was organized including eight members of Cambridge Lodge; Bros. Wallace Dodson and George Haddaway representing the York Rite Bodies; T. Lee Ross, Donald Holly, William Graf and Gilbert Wagner representing the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Russell Mills and John Bechtold representing the Past Masters of the Lodge; and their ladies. The men were engaged in bagging customers food products; the ladies sold baked goods.

As further noted by the parents in the local newspaper: "May God bless each and everyone of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We love you all for your support."

### CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 93

#### APRONS, COLLARS AND CIGARS

Readers of "Cigar Aficionado", a magazine distributed in the U.S., Canada, Cuba and U.K., may be startled at the picture on page 406. As shown below, we find in cool, formal and elegant splendor, officers and members of Corinthian Lodge No. 93, including WM Kenneth A. Shipke, GI Royal Pollakoff, and SD Jerome R. Weber, who furnished the picture.

Done in the style of Rembrandt, the picture deserves to be on the inside lid of a cigar box.



### EVENTS OF THE GRAND LODGE SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, MAY 19, 1997 GRAND MASTER NAQUIN'S REPORT TO THE CRAFT:

Contained the following items approved with the acceptance of his report; details on these items are included in letter of May 27 subject as above are to be disseminated in Lodge Bulletins:

**1. EDICT** issued on February 5, 1997 with respect to the recertification of Past Masters who have been out of the East for a period in excess of five years will remain in effect for a period of six years from May 19, 1997.

**2. GRAND LODGE LOAN.** Resolution passed to pay off loan to complete construction of Freemasons' Hall from the Endowment Fund, with the provision that proceeds from the sale of property at 225 N. Charles St. be put back into the Endowment Fund to replace the amount used to relieve the debt; also, if proceeds are not sufficient that a vigorous campaign be initiated to raise the difference.

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

From 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 Sec. 11:

For each member, effective January 1, 1998, to increase semi-annual dues from Six Dollars to Eight Dollars . . . . .

The purpose for requesting the increase in the assessments is to use the income for the printing of the Freestate Freemason Magazine and to perpetuate Masonry throughout the State. . . . The publication of this magazine has given the Grand Lodge of Maryland recognition within and without the State and among the profane. . . .

### AWARDS.

Warren E. Seipp Medal – John Wesley Hooks, Mt. Moriah No. 116.

### GRAND LODGE MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND

**HONORS TO THE HUGHES.** Bro. William R. Hughes and his wife, Eleanor, were honored at a formal dinner dance on May 16 in the Grand Lodge Ballroom in appreciation of a most generous gift which will benefit high school students across the State. The gift will be converted into an endowment fund supporting the High School Scholarship Program and the innovative Student Assistance Program combating drug and alcohol abuse.

In recognition, Grand Master John C. Naquin presented the Hughes couple with a plaque depicting





a Mason holding the hands of a boy and girl as shown in the photo.

Brother Hughes is a Past Master of Liberty Lodge No. 219 and a member of Boumi Temple. He is also the recipient of the Warren S. Seipp Medal for Meritorious Service.

The following Past Grand Masters were present: C. David Haacke, William M. Clark, Jr. and Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Comments were made by DGM Francis E. Larrimore and Bro. Raymond V. "Skip" Merkle, Potentate of Boumi Temple.

### EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS (EGP) , JUNE 1997

Shown below are the names of the high school students from 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore City who were awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship by Grand Lodge as part of its Educational Grant Program.

### EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS, JUNE 1997

COUNTY	LODGE	SCHOOL	STUDENT
Allegany	East Gate Lodge #216	Flintstone High School	David Yonker Coby
Anne Arundel	Landmark Lodge #127	North County High School	Kristy Ann Barnes
Baltimore City	Highland Lodge #184	Patterson High School	Amy Marie Kreichauf
Baltimore County	Composite Lodge #212	Owings Mill High School	Linda May Restivo
Calvert	Prince Frederick Lodge #142	Northern High School	Erin M. Carmany
Caroline	Nanticoke Lodge #172	Col Richardson High School	Kathryn E. Poole
Carroll	Door to Virtue Lodge #46	Westminster High School	Nicole L. Gadol
Cecil	Harmony Lodge #53	Rising Sun High School	Rachel A. Schappert
Charles	Collington Lodge #230	Westlake High School	Scott Edward Swenson
Dorchester	Roelma Lodge #206	North Dorchester High School	Lisa R. Shelly
Frederick	Brunswick Lodge #191	Brunswick High School	Holly Marie Huffer
Garrett	Hiram Lodge #103	North Garrett High School	Jaime Jo Vent
Harford	Stephenson Lodge #135	C Milton Wright High School	Steven Bernard Phillips
Howard	Patmos Lodge #70	Centennial High School	Jessica Tingsan Lin
Kent	Chester Lodge #115	Kent County High School	Joy Scout
Montgomery	Montgomery Lodge #195	Richard Montgomery High School	Jedidiah Eli Fonner
Prince George's	Birmingham Lodge #188	High Point High School	Shanley Marie Pinchotti
Queen Anne's	Centreville Lodge #180	Queen Anne's County High School	Alexandra C. Bishton
St Mary's	Thomas J Shryock Lodge #223	Great Mills High School	James R. Dobry
Talbot	Coats Lodge #102	Easton High School	Leah D. Black
Washington	Allegany Lodge #157	Clear Spring High School	Mark A. Schnebly
Washington	Salem Lodge #196	Smithsburg High School	Kara Paige Lawson
Wicomico	Wicomico Lodge #91	Wicomico High School	William C. Roberts
Worcester	Evergreen Lodge #153	Stephen Decatur High School	Joshua J. Bunting



# BONNIE BLINK

**WENDY A. WARNER, ADMINISTRATOR,  
MARYLAND MASONIC HOMES**

It is indeed a pleasure to share a message with you from "Bonnie Blink". May the seasonal change and the celebration of life bring forth to you abounding joy and health. The change of the season brings forth some fond memories for us. The reminder that life is new again, the reminder that sunny skies bring about a glow of hope, and yes, the reminder that the air conditioner is about to work overtime.



The onset of the warm weather has led to wonderful improvement at the "Homes" and to the property. The timeless efforts of the dedicated brethren and staff have been warmly received as we all now enjoy the fruits of their labor. Our rose garden flourishes with brilliantly displayed blossoms, our newly renovated Chapel gleams with pride, our manicured lawns speak of attention while our walls glow with fresh paint. What a beautiful "Homes" we have.

A busy time it has been for the "Homes" as we prepare for events and offerings for our Residents, Masonic fraternity and affiliates as well as the families and guests. The social calendar for the summer months overflow with opportunities for enjoyment. Your commitment to the success of the "Homes" is strongly felt. And we welcome the opportunity to visit with you during the upcoming events.

We continue to be blessed with the support, participation, and visitation by the Masonic fraternity and affiliates. But the need for volunteers and visitors has increased as we enhance our recreational programs and meet each Resident's individual needs. Do you have a special talent or hobby? Do you have an hour to make a difference? Let us help you put your interests to good use. A few hours a week could make such a difference in hearts of our beloved guests. Please consider sharing some of your spare time with us. These gifts of time, conversation, touch, and caring are priceless exchanges of love.

In closing, I wish you a summer filled with health and happiness. And I look forward to visiting with you again soon.

## BIRTHDAYS

The following guests will be celebrating their birthdays on the date indicated. Your Grand Lodge greeting cards will be welcomed and appreciated.

### JULY

2	Raymond Freeman	Concordia #13
9	Sara Lopez	Pythagoras #123
10	Hilda Jennings	Mt. Moriah #116
16	Ruby Shiloh	Palestine #189
18	Carroll Spurry	Mt. Moriah #116
20	Clara Morawe	Germania #160
21	Helen Carter	Waverly #152
22	Harriett Schorr	Germania #160
29	Elizabeth Mattoon	Millington #166

### AUGUST

1	Henry Harmon	Latrobe #165
3	Virginia Stewart	Millington #166
6	William Chambers	Highland #184
6	Jean Pearson	Coats #102
7	Arnold Perkins	Mt. Moriah #116
9	Lora Johannessen	Glen Burnie #213
17	Ruth Kidner	Highland #184
19	Gertrude Parish	Freedom #112
25	Virginia Kentner	Sincerity #181

### SEPTEMBER

3	Emma Lutche	Mt. Moriah #116
7	Lester Miles	Mt. Moriah #116
10	Janet Merchant	Mt. Moriah #116
14	Albert Wissel	Mt. Vernon #151
16	Naomi Younger	Corinthian #93
17	Elsie Weinberger	Warren #51
19	Henry Luckhardt	Highland #184
22	Eva Larmore	Corinthian #93
28	Anna Ritchie	Wheaton #228
28	Eleanor Watson	Mt. Hermon #179
29	Audrey Swan	Millington #166
30	Kathryn Harrison	King David #68

### OCTOBER

5	Henry Leuschner	King David #68
11	Mildred Zeman	Doric #124
16	Addie Hayman	Manokin #106
19	Richard Merchant	Mt. Moriah #116
20	William West	Granite #177
21	Agnes Johnson	Palestine #189
24	Horace Belcher	Mt. Moriah #116
26	Mildred Rupprecht	Ben Franklin #97
26	Helen Freeman	Concordia #13
28	Lillian Anderson	Shryock #223
28	William Holman	Mt. Moriah #116
31	Mollie Eisenberg	Amicable #25

### NOVEMBER

6	Annette Baxter	Tuscan #202
10	Gladys Daugherty	Warren #51
21	Anna Powers	Maryland #120
22	Evelyn Wynn	Charity #134
23	Virginia Simmons	Millington #166
26	Dorothy Eckels	Liberty #219
26	Lillian Mentro	Mt. Hermon #179
27	John Engelbrecht	Columbia #58
30	Mildred Atwell	Montgomery #195
30	Rachel Christman	Waverly #152

### DECEMBER

1	Katherine Davis	Sharon #182
4	Daisy Gue	Millington #166
9	Myrtle Anthony	King David #68
13	James Guthrie	Chester #115
13	Katie Windsor	Liberty #219
17	Mae Gaver	Ben Franklin #97
21	Austin Johnson	Liberty #219
28	John Becker	Pythagoras #123



## NEWS FROM OTHER BODIES



### **SCOTTISH RITE OF MARYLAND**

**BERNARD E. ROTHMAN**

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General**

"All for one and one for all!" That is a famous rallying cry that brought men together in a common cause. It is

equally applicable today. The common cause is Freemasonry. The various Masonic Bodies acting in a unity gives strength and vigor to our cause.

Just recently, on June 21, in the parade celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, the various Masonic Bodies joined in providing to the public a colorful and impressive display of Masonic presence.

The Shrine and the Scottish Rite join together from time to time in holding a Childrens' Clinic where children are screened for hearing, speech, orthopedic and burn problems. They have also entered in a special arrangement in promoting membership.

The Scottish Rite is conducting an accelerated class schedule of 15 hours beginning on September 17. This class is designed to enable those whose time is limited to take advantage of this opportunity.

While many of these events are visually impressive, it is far more significant that the public be made aware of the extent of the charities and community involvement in which Masonic Bodies are involved.

The Summer season offers many opportunities to promote fellowship among your friends and neighbors on what Masonry is all about.

Have a happy, healthy and pleasant Summer.



### **SHRINE**

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

**RAYMOND V. MERKLE**

**Illustrrious Potentate**

The Illustrrious Potentate and Divan of Boumi Temple extend greetings and best wishes for continued success in 1997.

As the Summer season began, the first event of the season was the 12th Annual Boumi Temple

Charity Golf Classic held at the Hunt Valley Golf Club on Monday, July 28, honoring our Illustrrious Potentate. This event has raised in excess of \$335,000 for the Boumi Temple Transportation Fund over the past 11 years.

The Annual Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Convention will meet in Virginia Beach, Virginia from September 4th through the 7th and all Nobles, their Ladies and Friends are encouraged to join in this festive occasion.

Potentate "Skip" and first lady Nadine invite you to join them on a De Luxe Blue Danube Cruise on September 20th through 28th. Let the Majesty of Europe unfold aboard your floating hotel. Also, an optional four day, three night Post Cruise Tour to the Oktoberfest in Munich will be offered.

Advance notice for the Fall season! Illustrious Potentate "Skip" Merkle and first lady Nadine invite all Nobles, their ladies and friends on a fabulous trip to Las Vegas, Nevada on November 5th through 9th. More details to follow.

"Skip" and Nadine extend their very best wishes for an enjoyable and safe vacation season, and look forward to getting together at the beginning of the Fall season.

The philanthropy of the Shrine of North America is the care and treatment of the crippled or burned child, and the Shriners Hospitals are always eager to learn of any child who is in need of this treatment. If you know of such a child, please call the phone number listed below and you will be put in touch with proper Nobles who will contact the family and set up an appointment for evaluation. For information concerning any of the above, please call the Boumi Temple Office at (410) 435-1600 Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. "BE ALL YOU CAN BE".

### **YORK RITE**

**GRAND YORK RITE BODIES.** Heads of the Grand York Rite Bodies elected at the annual meetings on May 12, 13, and 14 at Ocean City, MD include: Harry Miller, Jr. as Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland; Marion F. Rickard, Jr., Most Illustrrious Grand Master, of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland; and Joseph F. Chalker, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland.



### ADONIRAM ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 21.

The members of the chapter embarked on a new journey in May 1997. An open installation was held in the Oriental Room of the new Freemasons' Hall on May 27 at 10:30 a.m.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest has granted permission to meet as a Daylight Chapter on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m., with the hope that this will enable the chapter to grow and remain active.

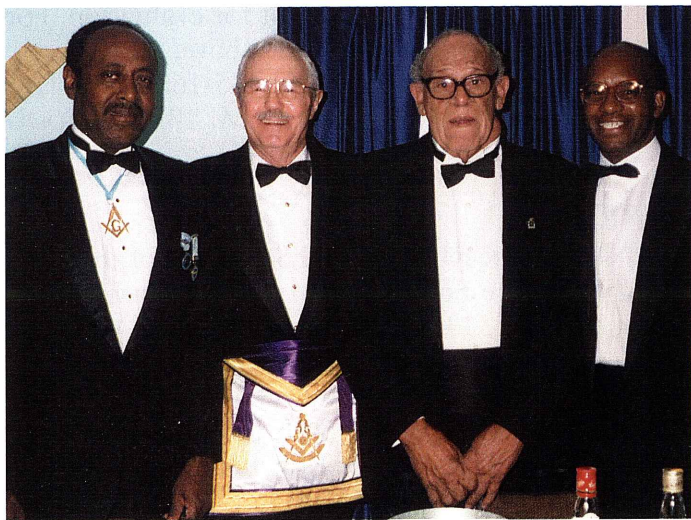
A special guest speaker or entertainment will be provided after each meeting. Lunch will be served in the Grand Lodge Banquet Hall at 12 Noon at \$5.00 per person.

### SOJOURNING IN BERMUDA

On April 8, PGM William M. Clark, Jr., visited Lodge Somers Isles No. 1503, Sandys Parish-Bermuda, holding under The Grand Lodge of AF & AM, Scotland.

There he witnessed a most unusual conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree, as compared with Maryland ritual, on Bro. Altimonte Roberts. Of special interest, in preparation for the FC Degree, the Lodge went up instead of down from the MM Degree. The Lodges there, as in England, open in the EA Degree and do all business in that degree.

In the photo, from L to R are MW Dr. Gerard W. Bean, Provincial Grand Master of Bermuda, PGM Clark, HGSW Bernard C.C. Manders, Grand Superintendent of Bermuda, and RW Gerald C. Tuzo, Sr., Master of Lodge Somers Isles, No. 1503.



### MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

The meeting on May 31 at Annapolis Lodge No. 89, featured Bro. James E. Harding, PP who spoke on "Anyone For Brotherhood?", and Bro. Andre

Kesterloot speaking on Tsedakah, Zakat and Charity. Meetings will be held on Friday, August 15 and Friday, November 21. For details, please contact Bro. Donald M. Miller, 7705 E. Baltimore St, Baltimore, MD 21224-2008, 410-285-5670.

The Society's publication "IN REVIEW", distributed to its members, contains a global view of happenings, commentary, book reviews and an assortment of Masonic lore that is informative and fascinating.

### TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

**SUPREME FOREST.** Shown in the photo are the Supreme Tall Cedar of N.A., Bro. Perry R. Strauss from Philadelphia along with the Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 1997 Christopher Allen Fina from Breinigsville, PA. During the 95th Annual Session of the Supreme Forest, Bro. Donald H. Knode of Har-Ce Forest No. 142 was elected to the office of Senior Deputy STC. Installation will take place in January, 1998.



### BALTIMORE FOREST NO. 45.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon nationwide contributed a record \$1,030,000.00 in 1996; Forest #45 contributed \$35,000.00 all going to support research to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy.



The 1997 Officers of the Forest shown in the photo include Irv Hopkins, Sr. Dep. G.T.C.; Donald Ray Williams, The Grand Tall Cedar; and Tim Scott, Jr. Dep. G.T.C. There are 11 Tall Cedar Forests in Maryland.



## YOUTH

**DEMOLAY** – is on the move and growing. An installation of State Officers will be held on September 13 at the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple at 7:00 p.m. Todd C. Hoglund, of Chesapeake Chapter, will be installed as State Master Councilor. Dad Robert W. England will assume the office of Executive Officer of Maryland DeMolay. All are welcome to attend.

Planning for a degree class is under way to be held in honor of Grand Master Naquin on Saturday, December 6 at Grand Lodge beginning at 2:00 p.m. All MMs are invited.

## MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

The museum and library are fast becoming a reality. Past Grand Master Stephen J. Ponsillo, Jr. has been working diligently toward this end. He and his wife, Pat, have spent many hours sorting, cataloging and arranging books and artifacts in the beautiful rooms on the second floor of Freemasons Hall.

We are always searching for young men to join DeMolay. DeMolay develops leadership skills and character building in the young men who work within the Fraternity. If you know of any young men between the ages of 13 and 21, please ask for a petition from any DeMolay or Advisor. DeMolays are the Masons of the future.

**NELSON J. BRIGGS CHAPTER** which meets in Mt. Ararat Lodge and **CATONSVILLE CHAPTER** which meets in Palestine Lodge, traveled to New Orleans and captured almost all of the available awards in a ritual competition.

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS** – Ms. Theresa Regnor, a member of Bethel 41, IOJD, traveled to Australia and won third place in her division for a specific ritual competition. That is, third place in the world.

**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.** – GM Naquin and DGM Larrimore participated in a wreath-laying ceremony sponsored by the National Sojourners, Inc. at Mt. Vernon honoring the birthday of our first President, Bro. George Washington. GM Naquin, shown in the photo wearing a Revolutionary War uniform, was the principal speaker. Also present were the GMs of VA and DC.



## FORT McHENRY

The Grand Lodge of Maryland is one of the Grand Lodges actively involved with a major renovation project of a historical site with national significance — Fort McHenry. The work required involves the restoration of the ramparts and a new Visitors Center. To make a contribution or for more information, write to The Grand Lodge of Maryland, Fort McHenry Project, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030.





**BALTIMORE  
RAVENS**

**VS.**

**TENNESSEE  
OILERS**



**Sunday, December 14, 1997  
1:00 P.M.**

**Memorial Stadium**

**This will be the last professional  
game played at Memorial Stadium.**

**\$25.00 per ticket — *Tickets are  
limited and going fast!***

**Seats are located at lower area of  
end zone for greater visibility.**

***Make checks payable to:*  
Grand Lodge of AF & AM of MD.**

**Send to office of  
the Grand Secretary  
as soon as possible.**

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