

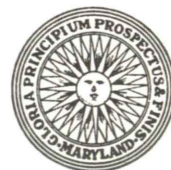
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A Message To Each Maryland Master Mason



Dear Brother Mason:

Snow is falling outside of the office window as I write this, my first message to you through The Freestate Freemason. Although it is an impediment to our travels, even though we disdain the cold and discomfort, yet we must agree that it adds a beauty of purity to the otherwise dreary Winter scene. The Supreme Architect has produced so many beauties — the colorful reawakening of Spring, the fruits of Summer, the foliage of Fall, and the white frosting of

Winter. Do you not agree that He has placed us here, also, to bring beauty into the world? Not the glory of the landscape, but the unseen more meaningful, beauty of Mankind.

As Masons, we have a particular charge in this regard. We have obligated ourselves to exemplify noble traits of character — Truth, Justice and Love. These are the badges of a Mason. More than any pin, or ring, or any jewel that we can ever own, these actions of life are the insignia of our membership among the Craft. They are the qualities of a true Mason.

Perhaps, sometimes, we place too much emphasis upon the statistics of numbers. We lament the loss of members, declining attendance at meetings, lack of volunteers to do the work, loss of pride in the Fraternity. We then lump all of these together as the sounding of a death knell for Masonry. Rather than weeping over things that have taken place, should we not be dedicating ourselves to a better life and conduct ourselves according to our principles?

I AM NOT SO MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUANTITY OF MASONS AS I AM ABOUT THE QUALITY OF MASONS. When we have improved the quality, the quantity will take care of itself. Let us then rededicate our lives towards Truth at home, Honesty in business, Justice among others, Charity towards the less fortunate, and Love for all persons.

God has provided the flowers of Spring, the harvest of Summer, the turning leaves of Fall, and the pure white coating of Winter, all of the splendor of Nature. He has left it up to us to reveal, in our day-to-day living, the beauty of mankind.

Sincerely and fraternally,

William M. Koenig
Grand Master

Regional Workshops

Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Secretaries are having a first hand opportunity to hear our Grand Master, Bro. William M. Koenig talk on Cooperation, Education, Communication and Improvement of our Public Image. These are areas on which attention should be focused by all Masons. In addition to group discussions, presentations are being furnished by such speakers as Bro. C. David Haacke (Board of Trustees) on the Status of Masonic Homes; Bro. Stanley R. Uppercue (RWGS) on Services and Support provided by the Grand Lodge staff to Subordinate Lodges; Bro. Joseph C. Bryan III (Board of Trustees) on Lodge Relationships with Members and the Community; Bro. Arthur Gosnell, (Chmn., Comte on Mas. Info. & Ed.) on Masonic Education plans and programs; and Bro. Seymour H. Lipshitz (Chmn., Public Relations Comte) on public relations including The Freestate Freemason as a medium of communications. Results of these workshops will be evaluated and reported on. The last Workshop will be held on March 24th in Hagerstown.

MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

Something new about something old. Interest on research into Masonic history, ritual, philosophy and symbolism has generated to such a degree that a Society has been organized for this purpose. Word has gotten around as demonstrated by increasing attendance at the few meetings held to date. The following officers were elected at the last meeting on Jan. 20th: Bro. Elwood E. Cook, No. 180 as President (Bro. Cook was a prime mover in this cause); Bro. Leighton Harrell, No. 204, as Secretary; two V.P.s and a Treasurer. Next meeting on April 21st, place to be announced. Interested? Write Elwood E. Cook for details at Box 135, Centreville, MD 21617 or call 301-758-0377.

Lodge Notes

Allegany County

• KEMP No. 154 (WM James C. Bowling). As reported by SW William R. Neely, lodge had successful Ladies Nite dinner with 60 members, wives, widows and GI J. Irvin Martin and DGL George Knotts; in May, JW Terry Beal gave EA obligation to his Dad, Benny L. Beal; Samuel E. Enfield, 91 years young received 60 year emblem from GI John Earson who had also presented him with 50 year emblem.

Anne Arundel County

• ANNAPOLIS No. 89 (WM Robert O. Reynolds, Jr.). Something for everybody! Bethel No. 49, Jobies were guests of Lodge — furnished entertainment. Masonic Kilties of New Jersey conferred MM Degree in presence of Grand Line. Religious services sponsored at Bonnie Blink. Bro. Leighton Harrell, guest

LODGE NOTES Continued

speaker at recent PM Nite. Mrs. Stanley D. Smith talked on History of Annapolis following November 20th meeting. Bro. James O. Myers received 50 year emblem from GI Carville E. Link assisted by WM — Great picture in "Evening Capital".

Baltimore City

- CONCORDIA No. 13 (WM Alvin R. Pasquinelli). Very prestigious assemblage what with three PGMs (Cover, Poyner and Fogle); Bro. Karl Frevel, who received Honorary PM Apron for his dedication; 50 year emblem recipients Brothers Wm J. Huber and Howard C. Beck, Jr. — presentations by GI Roy H. Hansen acting for GI Frank Olah assisted by PGM Cover and PGM Fogle respectively.

- BEN FRANKLIN No. 97 (WM Gilson J. Fontz). Treated to inspiring remarks by GM Stetler during fraternal Grand Line visit.

- HIRAM No. 107 (WM Wm. E. Wagner, Sr.). Moving experience during visit by DGM Koenig and other guests when Bro. George F. Flentze Jr. was presented 60 year emblem by GI Arnold Jacobs. Great show! Present also was 60 year member Norman H. Angell. Due to health, Bro. Wm. Brenner received 60 year emblem from GI at his home.

- COMPOSITE No. 212 (WM Paul F. Johnson). Programming underway for next year. One of objectives is to instill Youth organizations with understanding of Masonic ideals and principles. Material will be furnished by Arthur Gosnell, Comte on Masonic Info. & Education, to SW Rollins R. Johnson.

Baltimore County

- IONIC No. 145 (WM Charles E. Lang). Many highlights during year including RWGS Stanley R. Uppercue as guest speaker; at September meeting DGM Wm. M. Koenig spoke on value of catechism followed by presentation of plaque to Bro. George W. Zumbrun in recognition of years in catechism instruction; Annual church service of members and friends in November at Trinity Lutheran Church at Reisterstown.

- PALESTINE No. 189 (WM Charles S. Kelley). Lots of emphasis on Family and Youth activities. In October, PM Ed Kraft gave short history of Jobies followed by program presented by Bethel 17 led by Honored Queen Maryruth Trostle under guardianship of Janet Kraft. Jobies also put on program for Bonnie Blink guests in November. De Molays (Jack Willis, Master Councilor & Ron Shaver, Advisor) helped with dining room floor, ran Car Wash and Pancake breakfast and involved in Annual Christmas Party. Lodge guested Ladies at Appreciation Nite; and had program for "Star" Chapter. At PM Nite, PMs conferred MM Degree and held Memorial Service — for departed PMs.

Carroll County

- DOOR-TO-VIRTUE No. 46 (WM Nelson L. Miles). Masonic and Youth activities abound! MM Degrees conferred by York Rite Bodies, Colts, Beehive Club. Help of LEBANON No. 175 enlisted to raise MM Degree candidates in waiting — excellent interlodge cooperation. Enjoyable ladies nite — good food, entertainment and talk on Carroll County. Bethel 31 hosting program for Lodge & Stars. Also joined with DeMolay chapter in pancake breakfast.

- FREEDOM No. 112 (WM Ralph H. Bridges). Interesting newspaper clipping on background of Lodge and plans for constructing future new Temple.

Cecil County

- Union No. 48 (WM Gary R. Ashby). Lodge luminaries include Jack F. DeWitt who ran unopposed as Cecil County Sheriff. Also Carl D. Walbeck elected as President, Maryland Society of Professional Engineers. Carl is also a Colonel in Army Reserves.

- HARMONY No. 53 (WM Augustus R. Bulgin). Honors to WM in being appointed as W. Junior Grand Steward. Also Walter M. Baker's election to State Senate.

- CECIL No. 125 (WM Lewis A. Collins, Jr.). Proud of Bro. Wm. C. Manlove, Cecil County Commissioner.

Charles County

- PERSEVERANCE No. 208 (WM Gerald S. Hancock). A truly rare event! Bro. Charles Leon Foubert, age 98, an authenticated boulevardier, raconteur and nonagenarian, was presented with a 70 Year Emblem by the MWGM William M. Koenig at the lodge on December 29th.

Frederick County

- COLUMBIA No. 58 (WM Robert V. Mercer). On December 18th, GI Harry L. Huffer presented 50 Year Emblems to four Brothers. Now get this — assisting him was PM G. Hunter Bowers, a 56 year Mason, who had raised the four brothers.

- LYNCH No. 163 (WM Ralph C. Sigler). Staunch and durable. WM serving for third term; four 60 year members (James H. Gambrell, 3rd, Millard M. Rice, Clayborne M. Zimmerman and Wilbur A. Kolb). Celebrated PM Nite with special refreshments.

Howard County

- PATMOS No. 70 (WM Irwin C. Richer, Jr.). Right on the ball! Just received SW S. Brent Morris' program for his year. All Master Masons invited to hear talk by Arthur Gosnell on January 16th, subject is "Exposures of Freemasonry". Also to a special program February 22nd featuring Bro. Dwight Smith, Grand Secretary of Indiana, who is author and Pres. of Philalethes Society. Dinner at 6:30 PM prepared by Rainbow Girls. Interested? Call or write S. Brent Morris, 5449 Ring Dove Lane, Columbia, Maryland, 21044. Telephone (301) 992-9431. Sounds great!

- SOLOMON'S No. 121 (WM Dale L. Lund). Jim Morse reports on the Ourslers who received DeMolay degrees before Chapter moved from Solomon's to Howard Lodge. Father, Charles L. and son Richard C. now members of Solomon's Lodge. Second son, J. Scott is first elected Master Councilor of Howard Chapter. How about Steward James J. Scanlon who gave EA lecture at Mt. Hermon No. 179 on October 31st!

Montgomery County

- PENTALPHA No. 194 (WM Edmund S. Copeland). Celebrated PM Nite in October; supported Bethel No. 27, Lisa Hobbs, Honored Queen, at Parents, Masons and Eastern Star Night with a "Dime a Dip" Dinner. Will join with Montgomery No. 195 to commemorate St. John's Day at Darnestown Presbyterian Church.

- MONTGOMERY No. 195 (WM Kenneth B. Hamilton). Honored by Rockville Bethel No. 33 at special Masonic & Eastern Star Nite. Star put on Annual MM Nite (OES Chap. 93). PM Nite was highlighted in celebration of 85th anniversary of Lodge. Tremendously proud of Bro. Alfred K. Sullivan who was honored at November Grand Lodge meeting on lifetime blood donations of 32 GALLONS and 3 PINTS!!! Congrats PM Rowen Erb — 84 years young.

- KENSINGTON No. 198 (WM Thomas C. Morris, Jr.). Families treated to dinner and talk by Bro. George G. Bull on trip made with wife around world. Alice Troth supervised dinner. Bro. LeRoy M. Allison presented 50 year emblem by new GI, Seymour H. Lipshitz. RWDGM Bernard E. Rothman passed his GI jewel and apron he wore for 22 years to new GI. PGM Saunders presented birthday cake to Bro. Allison celebrating 81st birthday — same age as lodge. Project started to update Lodge history. Distinguished visitors PRWDGM of NY, Rodney F. Adams and PGDC of NY, Bruce A. MacKenzie attended ceremonies.

- BETHESDA No. 204 (WM Michael S. Miller). Features dinners first meeting each month for brothers, family together with program including recent special put on by Bethel 32. Welcomed new affiliate from Ceylon, Bro. Subramanian Suntharalingam. Proud of new WJGD Ward Taylor.

- SILVER SPRING No. 215 (WM W. Eugene Smallwood). Have had distinguished speakers including Judge John C. Tracey, District Court of Maryland; representative from Potomac No. 5, D.C. speaking on George Washington's Gavel. PM Nite with dinner. Ladies Nite at local hotel. Roast beef dinner by Bethel No. 18 (Tara James, Honored Queen). DeMolay activity under Master Councilor Mark Thomson. Most significant: Met blood quota!

- **CORNERSTONE No. 224** (WM John Antonio). Proud and delighted with election of PM & Dr. Bernard E. Rothman as RWDGM! Served Grand Lodge for 22 years in Grand Line and with Board of Grand Inspectors (State Area). Members and families enjoyed program by Springfield Lodge No. 217, Va, on "The Missing Link in Masonry". DeMolay Chapter (Orange Gang) can't win 'em all — lost in football playoffs to Camp Springs Chapter.

- **WHEATON No. 228** (WM Arthur C. Freitag, Sr.). Sponsored "Open Air" Lodge meeting top of Sugar Loaf Mountain near Darnestown. 90 MMs present from MD, DC, VA, ILL, PA & Texas. County Wardens conferred MM Degree on Bro. John F. Wildensteiner. GI R. Lawrence Stephens presented Bro. Walter B. Sullivan 50 year emblem on behalf of G.L. of Texas. Should be annual event. PM Nite in October featured PGM Cover who presented Lodge with Charter in 1956. Arthur Gosnell was guest speaker at December meeting.

Prince Georges County

- **MT. HERMON No. 179** (WM Wm. F. Mortimer, Jr.). George Fleming Moore DeMolay Chapter needs new life and help. Can you assist? Call Bro. James Stunkle, 301-277-2408. Bro. Herman Leeffer presented 60 year emblem by GI Julian H. Hanley assisted by WM, on behalf of Island City Lodge of NY. Annual visitation made to Collington No. 230.

- **LAUREL WREATH No. 149** (WM Charles E. Morrell). Plaque and attaboy presented to PM Albert B. Thomas for lodge renovation work. GI George W. Senge presented 50 year emblems during year to Bros. A. Roy Donaldson, Albert D. Sharp and William L. Allen. Lodge hosted visit of Bethel No. 51 to George Washington Masonic Memorial. Inspiring.

- **CHILLUM CASTLE No. 186** (WM Louis A. Dreyer). Congratulations on election of Leroy E. Smith as RWSGW at November G.L. Annual Communication Dinner held honoring Bros. George E. Lovell and John A. Ridgeway, Jr. celebrating presentation of 50 year emblems by GI Ray M. Thompson. Colts Nite will feature FC Degree this year. Annual Christmas Party held for children of all ages.

- **WEST GATE No. 220** (WM William E. Graham). Past Masters Nite demonstrated proficiency of PMs when they conferred FC Degree on Bro. Stephen S. Hickman.

- **YORK No. 225** (WM Thomas J. Heinze). Grand Lodge visit in October high point of year. Over 100 family and friends. Guests included GM of DC, Morris Hewitt & PGM Jacobs; OES Chapter 111 Wor. Matron Elaine Pyle & WP Kenneth Christopher. PGM Thomas Middleton, Past Grand Patron gave excellent talk on origins and activities of OES. Warmth & goodfellowship prevailed with remarks by RWDGM William M. Koenig, RWGM William Clark, RWGC Eugene N. Richardson, GM Hewitt and to top it off MWGM Roy H. Stetler, Jr.

- **CAMP SPRINGS No. 227** (WM Russell E. Tazelaar). Delighted to report that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor has been awarded to WM Tazelaar by the GM of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, Willard M. Avery for exceptional and meritorious service for and beyond call of duty.

- **COLLINGTON No. 230** (WM Lester L. Prosser, Sr.). On December 2nd, the WM raised his son, Lester L. Prosser, Jr. and son-in-law, Kenneth Kruse along with Bros. Robert Smith and Charles Moses.

Washington County

- **FRIENDSHIP No. 84** (WM Wm. C. Herchenrother). Chmn. of G.L. Comte on Masonic Info. & Ed., Bro. Arthur Gosnell, guest speaker at supper session on "The Exposures of Our Secret Work". St. John's Nite observance arranged by SD Proctor Reed, Jr. Family banquet then religious services. After elections, family program held featuring Christmas Concert by Masonic Choir, Awards and presentations, group carol singing then refreshments.

- **HAGERSTOWN No. 217** (WM Paul W. Palmer). Honored to be Lodge which woundup official visits of Grand Line. Type of meeting which should be recorded what with fine rhetoric by RWGS Stan Uppercue, RWDGM William M. Koenig, GI Phil Showers, Luther Reynolds (PA) and Elmer Myers (who grew up with Grand Master in Harrisburg) and finally an inspiring message from the Grand Master on the use of your talents in enriching lives of others.

- **ROELMA No. 206** (WM Thomas H. Webb). November meeting featured program of special presentation and honors followed by refreshments and entertainment. Meeting in December was preceded by dinner.

NOTICES

Souvenirs celebrating 1978 Bicentennial of Grand Lodge of Virginia available by ordering from John P. Stokes, Grand Secretary, P.O. Box 27345, Richmond, VA 23261. Coin with Seal and Logo, \$2. Bon-Bon Dish \$8 — pair \$15. Paper Weight in Lucite, \$8

Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton St., Silver Spring, MD 20910 has following available:

- Revised 56 page Masonic Digest, Allied Mason Groups and Rites available at \$1.50 plus 48¢ postage.
- Masonic Digest *Think Tank for Junior Wardens* at 55¢ plus 20¢ per copy, postage.

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Forthcoming Events

Feb	
27	G.L. Visit, Warren No. 51, Balto., MM Degree
Mar	
2	G.L. Visit, Harmony No. 53, Port Deposit, MM Degree
6	GM Speaks at Mt. Hermon No. 179, Anniversary Nite
7	G.L. Visit, Stephenson No. 135, Darlington, MM Degree
12	G.L. Visit, Friendship No. 84, Hagerstown, Frat. Visit
20	G.L. Visit, Union No. 48, Elkton, Frat. Visit
27	G.L. Visit, Kensington No. 198, Kensington, Frat. Visit
29	G.L. Visit, Chester No. 115, Chestertown, MM Degree
30	GM Speaks at Nanticoke No. 172 Ladies' Nite
Apr	
3	GM Speaks at Baldrick Club, Baltimore, Lunch 12:15 PM
3	G.L. Visit, Wicomico No. 91, Salisbury, MM Degree
5	G.L. Visit, Coats No. 102, Easton 25th Anniv. Nite
9	G.L. Visit, Silver Spring No. 215, Silver Spring, Frat. Visit
10	G.L. Visit, Bay Side Lodge, U.D. Shadyside, Frat. Visit
15	Easter Service at Bonnie Blink
16	G.L. Visit, Potomac No. 5, D.C., Maryland Nite
19	G.L. Visit, Centennial No. 221, Salisbury, Frat. Visit
May	
10	G.L. Visit, Union No. 60, Baltimore, Grand Visitation
20	Grand Lodge Religious Services, Bonnie Blink, 3:00 PM
21	G.L. Semi-Annual Communication, Baltimore, 7:30 PM
23	G.L. Visit, Highland No. 184, Highlandtown, MM Degree
24	G.L. Visit, Esdraelon No. 176, Cardiff, 100th Anniv.
Jun	
5	G.L. Visit, Cornerstone No. 224, Takoma Park, Anniv. Nite
21	G.L. Visit, Glen Burnie No. 213, Glen Burnie, MM Degree
Jul	
10	Opening Nite, G.L. Summer School of Instruction, Balto., 7:45 PM

GRAND LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

192nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

November 20, 1978

AMENDMENTS TO GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION:

- DEFERRED — Revision of Grand Lodge Constitution.
- FOR ACTION AT MAY COMMUNICATION: Changing day and time of Annual and Semi-Annual Communications of Grand Lodge from third Monday to third Tuesday; with a provision for a second day's session at the Annual Communication.

NEW LODGE: Petition for a Warrant to work under Dispensation issued to Bayside lodge No. 232, Shadyside, MD.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- *Grand Line*
 - MW Grand Master
 - William M. Koenig, No. 210
 - RW Deputy Grand Master
 - Bernard E. Rothman, No. 224
 - RW Senior Grand Warden
 - LeRoy E. Smith, No. 186
 - RW Junior Grand Warden
 - Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., No. 219
 - RW Grand Secretary
 - Stanley R. Uppercue, No. 109
 - RW Grand Treasurer
 - Elias W. Nuttle, No. 128
 - RW Grand Chaplain
 - George W. Pferdeort, No. 70
 - RW Grand Marshal
 - Richard A. Ortt, No. 124
 - W. Senior Grand Deacon
 - Louis H. Ege, Jr., No. 184
 - W. Junior Grand Deacon
 - Ward J. Taylor, No. 204
 - W. Senior Grand Steward
 - Richard S. Roberts, No. 146
 - W. Junior Grand Steward
 - A. Ray Bulgin, No. 53
 - W. Grand Standard Bearer
 - Francesco A. Musorrafiti, No. 226
 - W. Grand Sword Bearer
 - Howard C. Smith, No. 213
 - Grand Pursuivant
 - Carl A. Stearn, No. 135
 - Grand Director of Ceremonies
 - Walter J. Harmsen, No. 102
 - Grand Tyler
 - Charles L. Hayes, No. 97
 - Grand Lecturer
 - Moses Appel, No. 25
 - Grand Organist
 - Edward C. O'Dell, No. 210
- *Board of Managers*
 - Lewis E. Biggs, No. 103
 - C. Gene Higdon, No. 165
 - Louis L. Werner, No. 108
- *Board of Trustees*
 - B. Hope Harrison, No. 177
 - Harry I. Kirby, No. 151
 - Samuel O. Sowers, No. 84
- *Grand Representatives*
 - Constantine D. Angnos, No. 34, Grand Lodge of Greece
 - Albert S. Hahn, No. 189, Grand Lodge of Gois, Brazil
 - Don K. Covington, Jr., No. 127, Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia

- *Grand Inspectors — Retirements (over six years service):*

Baltimore City and County

C. Gene Higdon, No. 165, President
Lee Morrow, No. 25, V.P.
Oliver L. Bell, No. 212
Edgar G. Dodd, No. 146
L. Bernard Worrell, No. 123
Shirley B. Koontz, No. 189

State Area

Bernard E. Rothman, No. 224, President
Lewis E. Biggs, No. 103, V.P.
J. Henry Koller, Jr., No. 112, V.P.
William E. Wright, No. 66, V.P.
Raymond E. Cyrus, No. 208
L. Frederick Dean, No. 99
Julian H. Hanley, No. 220
Gus G. Koste, No. 128
J. Irvin Martin, No. 157
Wiley L. Tilton, No. 174
Emil P. Walke, No. 142

IN MEMORIAM: Among the 567 Brothers who have passed from this life to life eternal since May were:

- Bro. W. Norman Penn, No. 101, MWPGM on November 15, 1978. The MWGM expressed thanks to the Grand Inspectors of Baltimore City/County for serving as honor guard when over 500 visitors viewed PGM Penn as he lay in state in the Corinthian Room, on November 19th.
- Bro. John A. Hughes, Jr., No. 229, RWPJGW, Grand Lodge Museum Curator and Librarian.
- Bro. John H. Hessey, No. 124, MWPGM on January 6, 1979.

BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM: Bro. Edgar G. Dodd, No. 146 commended, awards given to donors including Herman Needle, No. 34 (10 gallons; and Alfred K. Sullivan, No. 195 (32 Gals/3Pints).

GRAND LODGE HISTORY: Bro. Charles F. Stein, Jr., No. 13, Chmn, Committee on Masonic History, has written and produced history from 1951 to 1975. Will be available for sale soon. Assisted by Bro. John A. Hughes, Jr., No. 229, F. Millard Foard, No. 166, MWPGMs Hessey, Cover, Stansbury, Fogle and Middleton. Also, RWPGS Pine and RWGS Uppercue.

CORN HUSKING AND HARVEST HOME DAY: Appreciation expressed to Bro. Harvey T. Hopkins, No. 132 with 12 subcommittees and 34 assistants for services and comfort of 5,953 Masons; to TCL Baltimore Forest No. 45, Clowns and Boumi Temple Pote's Little Symphony. Honored speaker Bro. Fred Kleinknecht, Grd. Secy. General of Supreme Council of A.A.S.R., Sou. Jurisdiction. Defined Masonry as the "Universal heritage of finest ideals man has developed"; urged we become public relations minded by Masonic actions and words to family, friends and community. Award winners — Glen Burnie No. 213 with 633 present; Patapsco No. 183 second with 305 present. Oakland No. 192 came longest distance (199 miles) with 7 members; Hiram No. 33 with 7 was second (175 miles). Monocacy No. 203 had 56% of members present; Mt. Nebo No. 229 second with 45% present.

MASONIC HOMES — "BONNIE BLINK": Appreciation was extended to the Board of Trustees and the Homes Administrator, Mrs. Wilma Stone and assistant, Bro. James A. Hotchkiss, Jr. All pitched in to help including employees who refinished the Chapel at a savings of thousands. Trustees John Baker III and C. David Haacke and Administrators attended Workshop on Masonic Homes in Virginia. Our Home checks out very favorably! Thanks to Carol R. Wirth, Homes Activities Director, our 144 guests are exposed to a myriad of interests in cooperation with Lodges, Stars, Jobies, Rainbows, DeMolays, Church Groups and community.

HEALTH & HARMONY: Standing by and smiling was Bro. and Dr. Lyle J. Millan, IV, Monumental No. 96. Bro. Donald Speake sang songs smoothing wrinkled rhetoric.