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A MESSAGE TO EACH MARYLAND MASTER MASON



Dear Brother Mason:

If you were to ask me where you could be of greatest service to the Fraternity today, I would have to point toward Cockeysville where "Bonnie Blink" - our Masonic Homes - is located.

There the older buildings stand together with the almost completed new Health Care Facility as the near fulfillment of a dream begun in 1842, some 140 years ago.

Actually, it wasn't until 1922 that Grand Master Warren S. Seipp resolved to do something about making the Homes a reality. Overshadowing the countless details involved in this monumental task was the raising of sufficient funds to purchase, operate and maintain the Homes. But the job was done under the leadership of Grand Masters Seipp, Gorsuch, Livingston, their successors and, more particularly, the individual Masons, friends, associates, Lodges and the collateral bodies whose contributions and efforts nurtured the dream into fruition.

Today we are faced with similar challenges, particularly in the furnishing and decorating of the bedrooms of the new Health Care Facility and broadening the base of our Endowment Fund which provides the principal source of income for operating the Homes.

We believe that practicing Masons are no different now than they were then. They still share a common resolve and obligation to take care of their own.

When you attend the forthcoming Harvest Home Day at Bonnie Blink, our 55th, on October 16, or during your next visit to the Homes, take time to look at what we've wrought over the years. Look carefully at the beautiful new Health Care Facility now under roof. It would be a rare person indeed who would not be moved to make a personal contribution - who would not want to stand up and be counted - who would not want to be recognized as a practicing Mason.

Remember your contribution:

- Confirms your beliefs, convictions and your commitment to our Masonic obligations.
- Preserves our pride and independence. We have never asked nor received funds from any government agency. We are proud to be free of interference and politics.
- Remembering our Masonic Homes in your will provides a perpetual remembrance of your generosity.
- Gifts to our Masonic Homes are tax deductible and provide an opportunity to help yourself while you help in caring for and maintaining the dignity of our Guests.

Please note the various contribution plans described in this issue - there is one to fit your means no matter how limited.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Bernard E. Rothman
Grand Master

THE MARYLAND MASONIC HOMES A PROFILE

History

- 1842** - Future objective established for a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Asylum.
- 1923** - Masonic Home Fund established. Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund elected.
- 1927-1930** - Property acquired; 338.78 acres for \$87,049.53.
- 1928** - First Corn Husking Party - 1,250 men working three hours husked 600 barrels of corn. Souvenir penny furnished by Bro. Jacob F. Obrecht, Oriental Lodge No. 158.
- 1931** - Cornerstone laid of new Masonic Home - witnessed by 5,000 people.
- 1932** - Dedication of new Masonic Home - witnessed by 10,000. Lodges, other Masonic bodies and individuals invited to furnish rooms - estimated cost of bedroom \$150.
- 1938** - Chapel constructed.
- 1951** - Infirmary added.

Our Current Situation

The Problem: In 1979, health authorities gave us five years to comply with Federal, State and County regulations on physical features of the Homes or shut down operations.

The Immediate Solution: In 1979-80, in order to raise funds, Grand Lodge approved sale of 140 acres with use of a portion of the proceeds to erect a new Health Care Facility. In 1981, the cornerstone was laid for the new facility.

The Continuing Problem: Funds required to furnish the new health care facility, to operate and maintain homes, and for future development and improvement.

- Cost of operating homes rising rapidly due to inflation:

1959	\$ 370,032
1969	603,902
1979	1,666,677
1982	1,990,252
- We are now breaking even through income from investments of Endowment Fund, our principal source of funds.
- Each Maryland Mason currently assessed only \$4 a year - constitutes but 8% of operating budget.

The Future

Blessed with the leaders and men of vision who have guided us to our present circumstances, we can rest assured that future developments at Bonnie Blink will be a source of pleasure and pride to Maryland Masons.

Even now, the Long Range Planning Committee of our Board of Trustees is researching various utilization alternatives (such as apartment condominiums) and considering the experiences of others to determine and recommend the best direction for meeting our future needs.

However, our future is dependent upon what you contribute to make it happen.

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It serves as a medium of keeping the Craft informed of pertinent activities of Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges. It also serves as a vehicle for encouraging and guiding subordinate Lodges to share with the press, community, family and friends those events, activities and personalities which exemplify the purposes and objectives of Masonry.

News items, suggestions, questions are welcome. Mail to:

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QUESTIONS USUALLY ASKED ABOUT OUR MARYLAND MASONIC HOMES

Most of this information are highlights drawn from pages 57 and 58 of the Grand Lodge Constitution which has been furnished to your Worshipful Master, Wardens and Secretary and is available for your information.

Who is eligible for admission?

Ans. At the discretion of the Board of Trustees, the following persons may be admitted:

- A Master Mason who has been in good standing for ten years continuously and who for at least five years continuously, preceding the date of application, has been a member in good standing of a Maryland Lodge.
- The wife of such a Master Mason.
- The mother, widow, or unmarried daughter of a deceased Master Mason who was, at the time of his death, a member in good standing of a Maryland Lodge.

Is age a determining factor for admission?

Ans. An applicant must be not less than sixty years of age at the time his or her application is received by the Board of Trustees.

May husband and wife be admitted separately?

Ans. It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that husbands and wives be admitted together at the same time.

Do physical infirmities prevent an applicant from admission?

Ans. In most instances, applicants must be capable both mentally and physically, of caring for their own needs, such as dressing, eating, walking, bathing, etc.

How is application made?

Ans. An application for admission can be made only through the Subordinate Lodge of which the applicant (if a Master Mason, or the applicant's husband if the applicant is the wife of a Master Mason) is now a member in good standing, or (if a widow or dependent) whose husband, father, or son was a member in good standing of such Lodge at the time of his death.

What becomes of whatever assets I have should I become a resident of the Homes?

Ans. Upon becoming a resident of the Homes an applicant must deed, assign or transfer to the Grand Lodge of Maryland all real and personal property of which he or she may be possessed and all income from any source. Disposal of assets within two years prior to anticipation of admission may be cause for rejection.

What are some of the services and events provided at the Homes?

Ans. Religious, medical and personal services, such as laundry, dry-cleaning, hair care, etc., are provided. Facilities are available for pursuing hobbies such as sewing, arts and crafts, flower gardening and others. Bus transportation is provided for occasional shopping trips. Movies are shown and entertainment is provided by many youth, religious and Masonic organizations.

May guests leave the Homes for overnight or for a more extended period of time?

Ans. Guests may leave the Homes for the day, stay away overnight and may spend up to 30 nights away from the Homes over a period of 12 months.

OUR HONORED GUESTS

As of August 15th, we have 125 guests sponsored by 45 Lodges at our Maryland Masonic Homes, 102 ladies and 23 Brothers. With the exception of 10 married couples, the remainder are widows, widowers or have never been married.

The average age is 86 with Bro. George H. Vonderheide the oldest at 102.

Approximately 60 are ambulatory, with the remainder in the infirmary, hospital or other institutions.

Listed below are the names and birth dates of the residents and their sponsoring Lodge. You can be sure that they will appreciate an occasional visit and a birthday card sent to them at Maryland Masonic Homes, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

Washington No. 3

9/23 Mrs. Helen J. Ashburn
10/26 Bro. Thomas E. Coulson
3/27 Mrs. Viola M. Coulson
1/12 Bro. William F. Rueber

Concordia No. 13

10/25 Mrs. Dorothy A. Eldredge
4/7 Mrs. Ursula A. Galloway
4/3 Bro. Vernon H. Galloway

Amicable No. 25

8/13 Mrs. Nita B. Kraus

Cassia No. 45

12/27 Mrs. M. Ethelyn Gettier
8/13 Mrs. Elizabeth M. Latimer
4/12 Mrs. Arianna L. Schwatka
11/17 Mrs. Arelia Seim

Door To Virtue No. 46

5/17 Bro. John H. Bollinger
12/20 Bro. Edward W. Geiman
10/22 Mrs. Rhoda C. Geiman

Warren No. 51

1/28 Mrs. Lauretta I. Argabright

Union No. 60

11/25 Mrs. Fannie W. Hohman
3/12 Mrs. Edith M. Hunt
3/22 Bro. Charles A. Rohrman, Sr.
9/22 Bro. George H. Vonderheide
12/9 Mrs. Masonetta Walton

King David's No. 68

1/5 Miss Viola M. Belt
9/29 Bro. Stanley A. Dolle
5/12 Mrs. Lillie M. Rea
2/24 Mrs. Emma G. Robinson

Adherence No. 88

12/13 Mrs. Nina W. Bready
2/13 Bro. G. Albert Holloway
6/17 Bro. Howard A. Petz
11/11 Mrs. Florence L. Sanders
1/28 Mrs. Marguerite R. Tiemeyer
8/2 Mrs. Hilda C. Wurzbacher

Annapolis No. 89

4/5 Mrs. Olive A. Crisman

Wicomico No. 91

8/19 Mrs. Maude E. Brewington

Corinthian No. 93

10/21 Mrs. Viola Burke
10/1 Mrs. Maude T. Frisbie
3/10 Bro. Edward D. Horsley
1/22 Mrs. Marie T. Horsley
12/8 Mrs. Zelda W. Paull
9/6 Mrs. Dorothy M. House
9/8 Bro. Edward L. House

Monumental No. 96

1/12 Mrs. Stella M. Foster

Ben Franklin No. 97

12/17 Mrs. Mae E. Gaver
5/31 Mrs. Ruth H. Hughes
3/29 Bro. Harry McLaughlin
1/31 Mrs. Evelyn H. Phelps

Hiram No. 107

11/7 Mrs. Edna H. Brown
11/3 Miss Flora P. Evans
10/6 Mrs. Olga E. O. Franz
10/9 Miss Ruth O. Henkel

Centre No. 108

9/16 Miss Helen M. Turner

Mystic Circle No. 109

8/9 Bro. Alexander E. McIlmail

Arcana No. 110

6/28 Mrs. Irene Dusch
3/11 Bro. Walter S. Hull

Lafayette No. 111

7/5 Mrs. Edith A. Kuykendall
5/20 Miss Estelle May Oppenheimer
10/31 Bro. Maurice E. Pryor
12/29 Mrs. Eva M. Spencer

Mt. Moriah No. 116

9/17 Mrs. Wilhelmine Dodson
2/10 Mrs. Ellen V. Nelson
1/14 Mrs. Ethel R. Wood

Maryland No. 120

1/4 Mrs. Emma F. Eckels
4/17 Mrs. Eleanor L. Hilton
1/24 Mrs. Isabel G. Vogel

Solomon's No. 121

4/8 Mrs. Irene V. Akers

Pythagoras No. 123

2/27 Mrs. Effie W. Hiss
1/10 Mrs. Margaret V. Uhler
8/11 Mrs. Mary L. Wiscott

Doric No. 124

3/30 Bro. George E. Arscott
10/13 Mrs. Vernie L. Cowan
12/8 Mrs. Irma C. Cummins

Landmark No. 127

12/4 Bro. Herbert H. Borum
8/5 Mrs. Mayme M. Getz
7/9 Mrs. Beatrice L. Gough
1/26 Mrs. Anna S. Knabe
1/17 Mrs. Lillian M. Noland

Temple No. 128

5/4 Miss Irene E. Wallace

Joppa No. 132

6/23 Mrs. Florence S. Haughey
12/21 Mrs. Thelma A. Rohlfing
1/11 Bro. Clarence H. Wilson

Charity No. 134

10/25 Mrs. Grace M. Winstanley

Plymouth No. 143

9/17 Mrs. Ethel E. Zumbrun

Ionic No. 145

8/28 Bro. Fuller G. Zentz

Pickering No. 146

10/29 Mrs. Ruth G. Blakeney
7/24 Mrs. Elsie I. Dennis
7/26 Mrs. Esther L. Skipper
4/21 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams

Mt. Vernon No. 151

6/10 Mrs. Ida B. Covington
10/6 Mrs. Laura B. Kroening
8/25 Mrs. Katie F. Northam
12/7 Mrs. Frieda M. Wewerka

Waverly No. 152

7/13 Mrs. Harriett A. Colbert
4/13 Mrs. Sarah E. Potter

Oriental No. 158

4/13 Mrs. Gertrude N. Brown
8/31 Mrs. Ruth P. Davis

3/29 Miss Ruth E. Herring
9/27 Mrs. Margaret Krumholtz
2/7 Mrs. Gertrude M. Rebbe
7/22 Mrs. Edna E. Weisman
11/22 Bro. Harry H. Wirtz
3/8 Mrs. Thelma A. Wirtz

Germania No. 160

11/5 Mrs. Marie Herzog

John H. B. Latrobe No. 165

11/6 Bro. Holland L. Browning, Sr.
4/19 Bro. Charles M. E. Wicks, Sr.

Granite No. 177

3/31 Bro. Albert H. Genese

Sharon No. 182

7/7 Bro. Norman E. Brooks
7/21 Bro. James F. Dawson
2/28 Mrs. Catherine E. Wright

Patapsco No. 183

7/9 Mrs. Virginia M. Beard

Highland No. 184

9/1 Mrs. Grace C. Beach

1/29 Bro. William Holthaus
3/23 Bro. Thomas Pedersen
7/13 Mrs. Caroline Pedersen
9/21 Mrs. Dora Thomas
9/19 Bro. Benjamin F. M. Whaley
10/19 Mrs. Sophia D. Wilkens

Fervency No. 200

9/1 Mrs. Lillian M. Baker

Tuscan No. 202

4/12 Mrs. Florence H. Freeman
7/10 Mrs. Edith M. Marcks
12/7 Miss Mary B. Schaffer
1/18 Mrs. Naomi R. Vaughan

Odenton No. 209

3/8 Mrs. Ellen J. Grafflin

Hagerstown No. 217

10/7 Mrs. Anna C. Kettering
8/26 Mrs. Mary E. Tenney

Liberty No. 219

2/28 Mrs. Mabel V. Jones
11/6 Mrs. Mildred O. Scheffer

RAIN OR SHINE . . .

Bonnie Blink is a home ground for our elderly and a playground for our youth. Exhibiting qualities which apparently diminish with age, some 150 members of Maryland youth organizations loyally defied the rain on June 5th to celebrate the annual Youth Day.

Officers and members at the State and local levels of Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay were there. Also present from Grand Lodge were Deputy Grand Master Harvey T. Hopkins and PGM William M. Koenig.

Food was great and good spirits prevailed particularly when Grand Master Rothman announced that Youth Day would be continued on July 24th.

Saturday, July 24th turned out to be a bright summer's day with over 200 present on the lovely sweeping green lawns of Bonnie Blink. Games, fun, food and drink cycled until late afternoon. Grand Master Rothman presented souvenir cups to those who had not received them previously.

Sherrie Myers, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow for Girls was present with Tracy H. Onser, Associate Advisor; and Joanna Wax, Faith Rainbows Overseas Assembly.

Present from Job's Daughters were Carol Schaich, 4th Messenger, Grand Bethel and Chairman of Job's Daughters Youth Day; Cindy Schnabel, Grand Bethel Junior Princess; Donna Chambers, Grand Bethel Guide.

Visiting from California was Nilufer Cicin, whose name in Turkish means Water Lilly. She is Junior Past Grand Hope in California, stopping over before attending the Supreme Assembly of the International Rainbows in West Virginia.

DeMolays were amply represented by Bro. Albert C. Kaestner, Executive Officer of the International Order of DeMolay Supreme Council in Maryland who was also present on June 5th; Mike Berends and Ken Kiessling, State Senior and Junior Councilors. State Master Councilor Chris Bateman was not able to be present.

Bro. Wilbur M. Penley chaired the Youth Day events for the Grand Master.

ATWOOD R. WYNN

Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Religious Services and Entertainments at Bonnie Blink, Brother Wynn passed away on August 10th. Masonic Memorial Services were conducted on August 13th by Charity Lodge No. 134.

Bro. Wynn was also a Grand Inspector assigned to Tuscan Lodge No. 202.

He served as Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge in 1976; represented his Lodge on the Board of Relief in 1978; and served as Chaplain in 1979. Bro. Wynn was also a member of Baltimore Chapter No. 40, R.A.M.



Hot coffee-filled souvenir cups gave comfort to rain-drenched Youth Day participants on June 5th. Picture includes Wilbur Penley (on left) who chaired Youth Day; Albert Kaestner, Executive Officer for DeMolay and Grand Master Rothman (center).

HOW CAN I HELP?

You can help by making a tax deductible contribution payable to the "Maryland Masonic Homes" noting on your check any of the following purposes:

"Health Care Facility." These contributions will be used to furnish and decorate a room. A full payment of \$2,500 or partial payment made over a period of two years may be made by an individual. A plaque identifying the donor will be placed on a room door. Should an individual desire to make a contribution on behalf of a Lodge, the name and number of the Lodge should also be noted on the check.

"Stanley R. Uppercue Memorial Fund." This fund will be used to provide furnishings and/or equipment for one or more rooms in the Health Care Facility in honor of our late Bro. Uppercue.

"Ingwald P. Johansen Memorial Fund." This fund will also be used to furnish and/or equip one or more rooms in the Health Care Facility in honor of our late Bro. Johansen.



"Grand Master's \$1,000 Club." Eligibility extends to all Master Masons, their friends and associates who donate \$1,000. Contributors will receive a distinctive "Beehive" lapel pin.

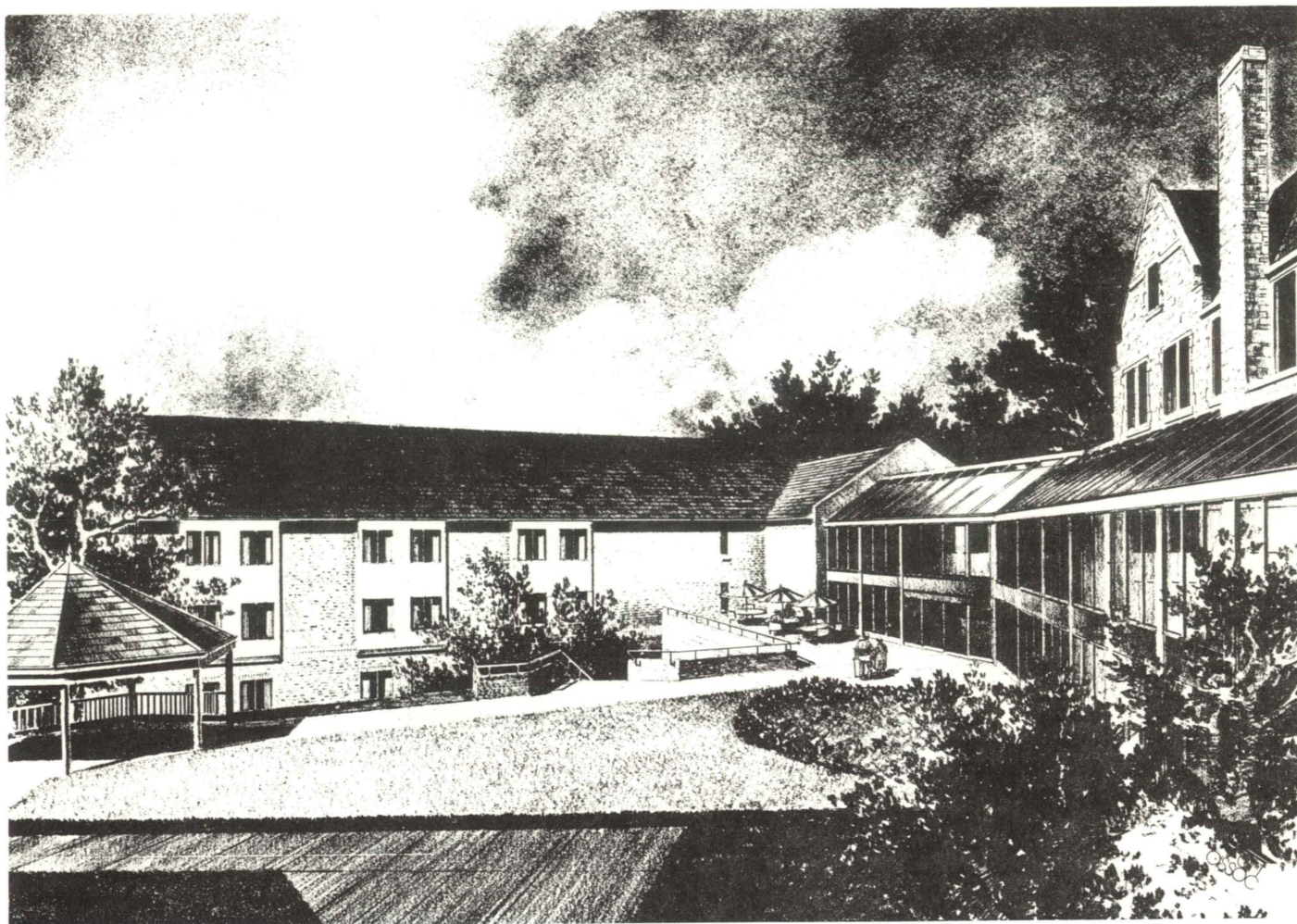
"100 Club." Initiated in 1965, full and partial payments made to this important club are credited to the Endowment Fund whose income from investments is the primary source of income for operating and maintaining the existing Homes and the new Health Care Facility. Memorial gifts and other miscellaneous contributions to the Homes are also credited to the Endowment Fund. Paid up contributors to the club receive a "100 Club" certificate.

— Please Detach and Send with Your Check —

I WANT TO HELP SUPPORT OUR MASONIC HOMES

Enclosed is my tax deductible check payable to "MARYLAND MASONIC HOMES." As noted on my check, please apply it toward the following:

Purpose	Total Contribution and Use	Amount of Check
"Health Care Facility" (personal contribution)	\$2,500* to furnish a room	\$
"Health Care Facility" Credit Lodge No.	\$2,500* to furnish a room	\$
"Stanley R. Uppercue Memorial Fund"	\$25 minimum to furnish rooms	\$
"Ingwald P. Johansen Memorial Fund"	\$25 minimum to furnish rooms	\$
"Grand Master's \$1,000 Club"	\$1,000	\$
"100 Club"	\$100* to Endowment Fund	\$
*Note: Partial payments are acceptable but should be completed within two years of date you enter below.		
Signature:	Date:	Home Address:
Name: (print)		
Lodge Name:	Number:	



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