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A MESSAGE TO EACH MARYLAND MASTER MASON



Dear Brother Mason:

Every successful cause has a timely and laudable purpose. Ours in Masonry is simply and basically to make good men better.

We go through a highly selective process which starts when a man, impressed with the qualities of Masons, is moved to ask, "How do I become a Mason?"

From this point, we look to the Worshipful Master of a

Lodge to polish this rough ashlar with a thorough understanding of the lessons which lie beneath the words and symbols of each degree.

To do this properly, the Worshipful Master, with the assistance of the Committee on Work and the Deputy Grand Lecturers, must assure that Lodge officers and members involved in ritual and instruction are capable and knowledgeable; that their efforts are directed to producing brothers who do not just parrot words but rather to guiding them to a way of life which, in turn, will attract other good men to knock on our door.

Such a brother will need no admonition to attend his Blue Lodge, particularly if the Worshipful Master gives him a job to do and provides interesting and well-planned programs.

Through the years it has been my pleasure and privilege to participate in honors given to men who have been faithful to the Craft for 50, 60 and 70 years and who were blessed with longevity by the Supreme Architect of the Universe. By word and action these revered brothers, as polished ashlar, reflected to the world the virtues of Masonic discipline. While I heartily commend these brothers for their individual convictions, I must also recognize the remarkable instruction and indoctrination lavished by the officers and members of their Lodges on their behalf.

Remember also, my brother, that making a good man better is a continuing process which happens when you "Visit Your Blue Lodge."

Best wishes for a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover season... and be careful out there.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Harvey T. Hopkins
Grand Master

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

At a gathering in the office of Sen. Arthur Dorman (P.G. Co.) at Annapolis, Past Grand Master Bernard E. Rothman, #224; and P.M. Harry S. Shipp, Jr., #179, member of the Board of Trustees, each received a Governor's Citation in appreciation of outstanding services to the citizens of Maryland.

Present also were Grand Master Harvey T. Hopkins and Sen. Margaret Schweinhaut (Mont. Co.).

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DEDICATION OF NEW HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Dedication ceremonies for our new Health Care Facility will begin at 2 p.m. on April 24 at Bonnie Blink.

All Masons, their families and invited friends are welcome to witness the ceremonies, tour the facility and enjoy light refreshments.

Dr. Matthew Tayback, State Director on Aging, will be our principal speaker. He has had a distinguished public service career in health, hygiene and aging over the past 34 years.

The ceremony brings to fruition efforts begun in 1979 and 1980 with the sale of property, cornerstone-laying in 1981 and the heart-warming response of individuals, members of the Craft, Lodges and other Masonic Bodies in contributions which are helping to furnish and equip rooms in the facility. Plaques identifying donors who have paid their contributions in full will be affixed to the door of rooms.

Studies are now under way on how to best utilize the old building.

CONGRATULATIONS

Photo by Leonard L. Grief, Jr.



ILL. DONALD M. JETT, 33° on his appointment as Deputy of the Supreme Council, 33° for the Orient of Maryland.

Involvement and leadership typify Bro. Don Jett no matter what he undertakes. This applies to his livelihood, his church affiliation, his service to

the community and charitable causes, his Lodge (King David #68), Grand Lodge and many other Masonic Bodies.

Regardless of his myriad interests and commitments, Bro. Jett has always found time and has produced monumental results as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee. Of recent date, his professional and business background and experience were used to great advantage in negotiations for the sale of property at Bonnie Blink and the erection of the new Health Care Facility. He will also be involved in evaluating alternatives for utilizing space vacated in the old building by the transfer of guests to the new Health Care Facility.

Thank you again, Bro. Jett, we extend heartfelt congratulations and success on the rare honor conferred upon you.

WILLIAM C. HERCHENROTHER on his election and installation as Illustrious Potentate of Ali Ghan Temple at Cumberland. A.P.M. of Friendship #84, Bro. "Bill" is currently serving as a Grand Inspector, a member of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the State Area Luncheon Committee.

EUGENE N. RICHARDSON on his appointment as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Bro. Gene served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Maryland under PGM Stetler. He is a member of York #225 and a P.M. of East Gate #34 of the D.C.

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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.

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COMMUNITY, From Page 1

PGM Rothman was recognized for serving over 16 years with the Board of Examiners in Optometry for the State of Maryland over which he presided for 11 years. Bro. Shipp was honored for his many years in tax assessment work in Prince George's County.



Shown (l to r) are GM Hopkins, PGM Rothman, Sen. Dorman and Bro. Harry Shipp.

BALLOTING

Balloting in a Masonic Lodge is a sacred obligation and responsibility. The use of the Ballot constitutes the very strength and foundation of Masonry.

A committee does not grant membership to a petitioner, nor does it deny membership. It is the individual Mason who has that privilege and that responsibility. After the ballot has been declared in the legal manner, the matter is closed. A Mason who tells how he intends to vote, how he voted, or speculates on how another voted, is subject to charges.

The Blackball is for the protection of the Institution. It is not a weapon of revenge. What conscience dictates that we should do. We should never cast a negative ballot to even a personal score or to satisfy an old prejudice.

There are private and public matters in which we find ourselves in disagreement with others. We should consider carefully that such differences in thought do not necessarily place us on the side of Morality and the other fellow on the side of Immorality.

There are honest differences, and it is a primary principle of Masonry to grant to another, what we take for ourselves, the right to think and to express our own thoughts. The Blackball is to prevent those from coming into Masonry who are not proper Masonic material. The question should always be: "Is the petitioner proper Masonic material?"

Let us weigh carefully. The qualifications necessary to become a Mason are known to every Mason. Let us brush aside all else and cast our ballot by the standards of Masonry.

ST. JOHN'S THE HOST

• Family and Friends. After the formal ceremonies of installation of officers of St. John's #34, family and friends, for the first time, passed through the doors of the Corinthian Room of the Baltimore Temple to observe and share in the Masonic practice of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Following introduction of the officers of the Lodge led by W.M. Earle I. Mann, and the officers of Grand Lodge led by M.W. Grand Master Harvey T. Hopkins, members and non-members who had donated blood were recognized. This included Bro. Herman Needel who had donated 97 pints to date. Memorial services were then held honoring the 24 brothers who had passed away during 1982. Family members also participated in a most dignified and impressive ceremony.

Other events included presentation of a PM apron and jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Henry Mann who presented his successor, his son, with a gavel and other gifts. A plaque was presented to Bro. Harry Sykes, who had been retired as a Grand Inspector. He had also been voted as an Honorary Past Master of the Lodge.

G.M. Hopkins presented a 50 year Masonic Service Emblem to Bro. Samuel S. Blumson as shown in the accompanying photo.



Shown (l to r) are Bro. Blumson's son, his wife, Bro. Blumson, G.M. Hopkins, W.M. Earle Mann and G.I. John Shriver.

• Honors to a Brother. With a turnout including the Grand Line, PGM's and many distinguished visitors, W.M. Earle Mann relied on his Past Masters including Bros. Melman, Michelson and Nochumovitz and honorary P.M. Feldman, to present a program celebrating "Max Neuberger Night — An Evening of Remembrance."

Highlights of the evening included a walk down memory lane which disclosed that Bro. P.M. Max Neuberger, at 86 years of age, is the oldest living Past Master of the Lodge; that he was elected on Sep. 4, 1918, initiated five days later, passed the next day and raised the following day. From election to raising took eight days which of course was a wartime practice with Bro. Neuberger leaving thereafter for Army duty. Less than five years later on Jan. 10, 1923, he was installed as W.M. of St. John's Lodge.

PGM Koenig, the principal speaker who was introduced by PGM Rothman, reflected on the fact that although the world has changed, Masonry has not. Remarks were also made by PGM Cover, Bros. John Donaldson, Harry Plane, PM Emanuel Gorfine and PM Oliver Strong of #182.

Various presentations were made to Bro. Neuberger whose reaction to the evening was summed up by the words: "Thank the Lord and my good brothers for the honor and privilege of being with you this evening."

• Honors to Junior Wardens. On May 25, St. John's Lodge will host their second annual Junior Wardens Fellowship Night. For this occasion, invitations will be sent to Junior Wardens and Worshipful Masters of all Maryland Lodges. An interesting program and refreshments are planned.

PRIDE OF ARCANA

It's been said that the Corinthian Room at the Baltimore Temple was not large enough to hold all the brothers who had gripped Bro. George Herbert Muhr's hand at some time and given him a heart-felt "Thank You" for his instruction on the ritual.

In fact, the Roman Room just barely accommodated all the guests responding to the invitation of P.M. Richard A. Eppler, Worshipful Master of Arcana #110 and his officers who had organized a special evening in February to honor a man who has been an "instructive tongue" for some 48 of the 52 years he has been a Master Mason.

As recounted during the evening, Herb was appointed to the Committee on Work in 1940, two years after serving as W.M. of Arcana Lodge. He was also a mainstay of the Grand Lodge Summer Lodges of Instruction since its formation. In 1972, Herb was elected as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

Testimonials of appreciation and admiration were read from letters sent by PGM's Poyner, Saunders, Middleton and Elmer F. Stein of the D.C., and from Sharon Lodge #182. Remarks were made by PGM's Cover, Fogle, Stetler, Koenig and Rothman and W. Grand Lecturer Moses Appel. None could see Bro. Herb, a man of faith, humility and service as ever retiring, but rather, resting.

Bro. Herb could not respond too well, his heart was too full.



Shown seated (l to r) are G.M. Hopkins and Bro. Herb Muhr. Standing are PGM Fogle, DGM Haacke, W.M. Eppler and PGMs Stetler, Koenig, Cover and Rothman.

MASONIC SEPTUAGENERIAN

Seventy years a Mason! For Bro. Alden Brewer Lawson this occasion was highlighted at a ceremony on Feb. 19 at the Seaford Manor House Chapel, Seaford, Delaware.

Grand Master Harvey T. Hopkins presented a 70 year Masonic Service Emblem and the 70 year card presented by PM Clarence O. Theis, Jr., Secretary of Landmark #127 where Bro. Lawson was raised on Feb. 19, 1913.

Present also were G.I.'s Collison, #182; Insley, #170; Cartwright, #91; DGL Healy, #201; W.M. Seefried and Jr. Warden Herring of #201; Bro. Yingling, #97; Bro. Dawson, #27; PM French, #128; and Clarence I. Collison, senior P.M. and oldest member of Coats #102, "over 60 years a Mason."

Family and friends included Frieda D. Hopkins, wife of our Grand Master; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Dickey, son-in-law and daughter (Betty); Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Glajch, grandson-in-law and granddaughter (Mary Beth); and daughter Kelly Elizabeth; also, great grandson Brent P. Stitik.



Shown (l to r) are Clarence Theis, Howard Collison, Bro. Lawson and G.M. Hopkins.

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VISITATIONS

March

28 Grand Line (GL) visits Friendship #84, Frat. Visit.

April

2 Grand Master (GM) attends Knights of Mecca Breakfast, Boumi Temple.

3 **Easter Sunrise Service, Bonnie Blink, 7:30 a.m.**

5-7 GM attends G.L. of Connecticut.

8 DGM attends Rainbow for Girls, Hunt Valley.

9-11 GM attends 250th Anniv. G.L. of Massachusetts.

12 GM attends Golden Eagle and Square Club.

13 Board of Trustees meeting, Bonnie Blink.

15 Board of Managers meeting, Baltimore.

18 DGM and GL attend Potomac #5, D.C. "Maryland Night" Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

18-20 GM attends G.L. of North Carolina.

20 GL visits West Gate #220, Mt. Rainier, MM Degree.

22 GL visits Tonic #145, Reisterstown, MM Degree.

23 GM visits Plymouth #143, Ladies Night.

24 **Dedication New Health Care Facility, Bonnie Blink. Ceremonies begin 2 p.m., Masons, Families and Invited Guests.**

26-28 GM attends G.L. of New Jersey.

30 GM attends Scottish Rite Ladies' Night, Baltimore.

May

5 GL visits Chillum Castle #186, Hyattsville, PM Night.

9-11 GM attends York Rite Bodies, Ocean City.

14 GM attends Ali Ghan Ceremonial, Parade and Ball, Hagerstown.

15 **Grand Line Religious Service, Bonnie Blink, 3 p.m.**

16 **Semi-Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, 7:30 p.m.**

17 GL visits Wicomico #91, Salisbury, Frat. Visit.

18 Board of Trustees meeting, Bonnie Blink.

19-22 GM attends Tall Cedars Convention, Wildwood, NJ.

23 GL visits Silver Spring #215, Dedication of New Temple, 7:30 p.m.

24 GM attends Baltimore Chapter #40, Royal Arch Masons.

25 GL visits St. John's #34, Baltimore, Junior Warden Fellowship Night.

27 GM attends Ocean City Shrine Club.

June

7 GL visits Cornerstone #224, Anniversary Night.

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REGIONAL MEETINGS — 1983

"Visit Your Blue Lodge" was the theme at the six 1983 regional meetings attended by Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens, Secretaries, Grand Inspectors and Deputy Grand Lecturers.

Briefers and discussion leaders included: MWGM Harvey T. Hopkins, RWDGM C. David Haacke, PGMs Wm. M. Koenig and Bernard E. Rothman, RWSGW Wm. M. Clark, Jr., RWGS Jack R. Frazier, Bro. Joseph C. Bryan, III, Interlocutor, and Bro. Jerome Fields, Pres., Board of Grand Inspectors (Baltimore City and County).

Highlights included remarks by GM Hopkins expanding on the theme of the meeting that an increase in Blue Lodge attendance is contingent upon the imagination and efforts of Blue Lodge leaders who must develop interesting and informative programs; improvement of the quality of instruction and ritual work; getting members and newly-raised brothers involved in Lodge projects and tasks; and promoting pride and publicity on the aims and accomplishments of Masonry. He reminded all that the Blue Lodge is the foundation of all Masonry; and that Freemasonry is as Freemasons are.

PGMs Koenig and Rothman reported favorably on the status of construction and finances at Bonnie Blink. That of the 100 bedrooms in the new Health Care Facility, 55 have been paid for (\$2,500 donation for each bedroom), 30 are partially paid for, and 15 are available for pledges.

Worshipful Masters will be informing their Lodges of what they learned in the presentations and work sessions; and taking action to implement guidance received.



Shown at the first meeting at Bel Air are (l to r) PGM Rothman; Willott D. Saxberg, W.M. Mt. Ararat #44; RWDGM Haacke; Bro. J. C. Bryant, III; MWGM Hopkins; RWGS Frazier; PGM Koenig; and RWSGW Clark.

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