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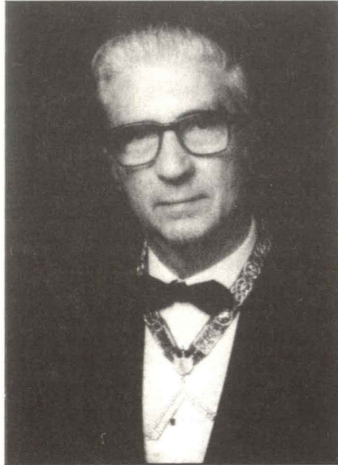
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BRETHREN:



There is an old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it".

There seems to be some who are saying we are going broke masonically and are advocating all sorts of perceived remedies for a quick fix for something that has proved by its deeds and endurance it doesn't need fixing.

A little dose of fertilizer and cultivating the garden will do just fine.

A good example of this so-called "fixing" is the stance the Imperial Shrine is advocating in some circles. Such things as permitting membership in the Shrine without being a Free-

mason; reinstating membership, upon favorable recommendation by a grievance committee of their own choosing, for any reason other than non-payment of dues. In other words, to overrule a Grand Jurisdiction and reinstate a Shriner even if he stands suspended or expelled from the Fraternity.

These are only two of the ways some seem to think will arrest the decline in membership and solve all problems.

How foolish and naive!

We must never lose sight of who we are and what precepts we were founded upon which made us the oldest, largest and most useful and helpful fraternal organization known to man. To promote doctrine detrimental to the solidarity of our relationship is nothing more than being short-sighted, self-serving and ultimately self-destructive.

There is a Scripture verse that says, "As for me and my house, we will serve God".

I firmly believe that all Collateral Bodies should well remember that they were Master Masons first and foremost and they naturally evolved to do even more good work through their membership in other and smaller bodies. These are excellent purveyors of our good works, but never were or ever can be separated from our Mother Lodge.

I have been a Shriner for nearly 20 years. My wife and I have taken a number of Shrine trips and we enjoyed the fellowship and warm fraternal feelings of friendship and brotherly love. I wear my Grand Master's fez proudly and want that warm relationship to remain not just in Maryland, but, throughout the world where Freemasonry and Shrinedom exist.

It is true that few of us, Grand Jurisdictions and Collateral Bodies alike, enjoy the membership we had 30 years ago. But numbers are not the most important consideration, although they are greatly desired. What is basically desired is the welfare of our Fraternity.

The only way we can prosper is to remember "From Whence We Came". We must respect and work with one another to promote each others welfare.

It is a simple thing to do and the right thing to do, yet, seems so hard. Why?

I remember an old hymn from my youth that had a line that read "Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eyes upon the rail". It is often forgotten.

Our Masonic Fraternity is not broke and does not need a quick fix; all we need to do, each and every one of us, is to "Keep our hand upon the throttle and our eyes upon the rail".

It is the time of the year when we make resolutions for this or that to make us healthier or thinner, better husbands and fathers, etc.

Join me in a continuing resolution to make our Fraternity healthier, happier and stronger by simply "keeping our hands upon the throttle and our eyes upon the rail".

"It ain't broke", this is all the fixing we need.

I congratulate and welcome all incoming Worshipful Masters and Lodge Officers. I look to them for energetic leadership and commitment in lending a firm hand and a watchful eye in guiding their charges over the path of time-tested values which have successfully served speculative Masonry for 273 years without compromise.

Sincerely and fraternally,

B. Hope Harrison
Grand Master

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Jan 20 | GM to Grand Assembly, IORG, GL Temple, Balto. |
| 20 | GM & Wife, Boumi Temple, Potentate's Inaugural Dinner/Dance. |
| 23 | Perseverance No. 208, GM presents 70 year service emblem to Bro. William P. Williams. |
| 27 | Regional Workshop, Grand Lodge Temple, Balto., 9 a.m. |
| Feb 10 | Regional Workshop, Friendship No. 84. |

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS. "Leadership" is the theme for workshops scheduled at three locations-Jan 13, at Cambridge No. 66; Jan 27, at Grand Lodge Temple, Balto; and Feb 10, at Friendship No. 84. Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. following coffee/doughnuts, and end at Noon. Worshipful Masters and Senior Wardens are required to attend at least one of these sessions. Master Masons are invited to attend. Reservations a must.

WHO'S THE SAILOR? We've had a number of inquiries on the identity of the sailor whose picture appeared in our last issue. It's no less a person than our Grand Master taken during his Navy service in WWII. Although the lapse of time and the devastations of war may affect appearance, remember that it's the internal and not the external qualities which really count.

HIRAM NO. 103 HONORS AN EXEMPLARY CHARACTER. As reported by Lewis E. Biggs, Secretary, Bro. Ray L. Wilt, P.M. of Hiram Lodge was presented a 50 year service emblem by G.M. Harrison. Bro. Wilt served as W.M. four times; as Treasurer for 19 years; and as Deputy Grand Lecturer for 12 years. His service and accomplishments for the community are incredible. He served seven terms as Mayor of Westernport and five terms as Commissioner. He was instrumental in obtaining the library, new fire hall, town garage, swimming pool, picnic area, Masonic Temple and post office. His efforts resulted in getting 85% of the streets paved. Bro. Wilt retired from the B&O railroad after 43 years of service.

This remarkable character is shown below flanked by PGM A. Wayne Reed, Grand Master Harrison, Grand Inspector James Lough and the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge, Richard Beard.



BLOOD GAVE HER LIFE. The following address was given by Miss Kimberley Sue Doster at the November 1989 annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. A real life experience.

ONE IN A MILLION

"Isn't it wonderful to think, out of a million people, there was something so special about you that set you apart. You are the one person who is chosen to stand out from the rest. I know the feeling all too well. I didn't win the lottery, the Columbia House sweepstakes or get hit by lightning. I contracted a rare and deadly blood disease called TTP/HUS. I'm not from another country, I don't smoke or take drugs. I'm the girl next door, your friend, your niece, your daughter. I am your normal healthy 22 year old girl living in Maryland.

"On March 28, 1988, I was admitted to Laurel Beltsville Hospital for dehydration presumably from the flu. Yet, the doctors were stumped as to why I was still sick after such a long time. A number of specialists were called in to consult on my case. One of them was a hematologist who suspected that I may have a blood disease. So on April 11th I was transferred to Johns Hopkins Hospital. Within minutes it was certain that I was experiencing Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura. I can hardly pronounce it, much less believe it was happening to me.

"Briefly, TTP/HUS is a blood disease that attacks red blood cells, vessel walls and platelets. My blood was literally destroying itself. Luckily, through a process called hemapheresis, my blood was taken from my body and separated into plasma and red blood cells. The plasma along with the damaged blood cells were removed, and then my red blood cells were mixed with new fresh frozen plasma (about 17 units of plasma each time), and then returned to my body.

"Unfortunately the HUS element of this disease also destroyed my kidney. Without kidney function, you are required to be hooked to a kidney machine every other day. This process is called dialysis. Before I got sick, I had no no idea how a kidney machine worked, or that it had anything to do with blood. In reality, your kidneys filter your blood of all poisons in your body. So again, all the blood was taken out of my body and filtered in a machine

before it was returned. I'm a travel agent, and my blood was taking more trips than I was.

"I told my parents many times that I felt like a vampire. On days that my blood count was low, I would feel very tired, groggy and lifeless. But after a couple of transfusions, I was alert, happy and feeling like myself. It was those times that I understood just how important your blood is. Your blood is your life. Every morning I watched the nurses bring in between 17 and 24 bags of plasma for my hemapheresis. Who were those people that gave of themselves just so that I could live? Most didn't know my name, some were my friends, my clients, my relatives, and many were members of the Masonic Fraternity.

"I am truly grateful to those people who gave me a chance to live through their blood donations. Without the blood donor program, so many lives would be wasted unnecessarily. People are usually willing to give when there is a need, but what most don't understand is that there is always a need. Just in the first 30 days of hospitalization, I used more than 300 units of plasma, and many units of blood. By contrast, an open heart patient uses two units of blood, and a liver transplant patient could use close to 50. All together through my eight months in the hospital, I used more than 1,000 units of plasma and whole blood. And I am proud to say that my friends, family and the Masonic Fraternity replaced all the blood that I depleted from the blood supply.

"I'm glad to say that no one ever had to explain to my parents that there wasn't enough blood to keep me alive. I'm sure you couldn't imagine a doctor telling you that they had the medical technology, but not enough blood to save your loved one's life.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Masonic Fraternity for their generous blood donations at such a crucial time in my life. I feel honored to be able to address some of those who contributed to my recovery. I strongly urge you to keep donating. If you won't give blood for yourself, do it for your best friend, your parents, your family. You never know, one in a million could be pretty good odds."

BONNIE BLINK BIRTHDAYS.

The following residents of Bonnie Blink will be celebrating birthdays in January, February and March. A birthday card will be appreciated.

JANUARY

1	Ruth Bradley	LODGE Sharon #182
5	Alva Bayless	Mt. Ararat #44
14	Ethel Wood	Mt. Moriah #116
18	Naomi Vaughan	Tuscan #212
21	Frances Michael	Pythagoras #123
22	Marie Horsley	Corinthian #93
23	William Chelton	Liberty #219
24	Melva Pumphrey	Glen Burnie #213
27	Allen Bryant	Joppa #132
28	Marguerite Tiemeyer	Adherence #88
31	Evelyn Phelps	Ben Franklin #97

FEBRUARY

9	Mildred Brundick	Monumental #96
10	Ellen Nelson	Mt. Moriah #116
12	Lunda Laird	Joppa #132
15	Siegfried Krute	Palestine #189
15	Frieda Serpp	Liberty #219
22	Theo Canaras	Oriental #158
24	Helen Perkins	Mt. Moriah #116
24	Zelma Rullman	Ben Franklin #97
24	Edgar Wooten	Howard #101
27	Effie Hiss	Pythagoras #123

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BONNIE BLINK BIRTHDAYS.

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MARCH

3 Arthur Nickles
5 Theora Weaver
12 Edith Hunt
25 William Stansbury
27 Evelyn Stout
29 Ruth Herring
30 George Arscott

LODGE

Mt. Nebo #229
Washington #3
Union #60
Highland #184
Mt. Vernon #151
Oriental #158
Doric #124

HIGHLIGHTS—GRAND LODGE 202nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION November 20, 1989

Preceding the communication, traditional Religious Services were conducted on Sunday, November 19 at Bonnie Blink.

Elections and Appointments Grand Line

MW Grand Master
B. HOPE HARRISON, No. 177
RW Deputy Grand Master
JOHN M. SMITH, JR., No. 88
RW Senior Grand Warden
JAMES L. SADLER, JR., No. 222
RW Junior Grand Warden
PAUL G. SHIRCLIFF, No. 216
RW Grand Secretary
JACK R. FRAZIER, No. 215
RW Grand Treasurer
WAYNE D. GINGRICH, No. 228
W. Grand Chaplain
DONALD F. ETHELTON, No. 177
W. Grand Marshal
WAYNE F. ALLEN, No. 60
W. Senior Grand Deacon
CHARLES J. DUKEHART, II, No. 189
W. Junior Grand Deacon
DONALD R. YOUNG, No. 177
W. Senior Grand Steward
MAXWELL V. FRYE, JR., No. 180

W. Junior Grand Steward
HARVEY M. DAVIDOFF, No. 25
W. Grand Standard Bearer
LARRY L. THEIS, No. 127
W. Grand Sword Bearer
CHARLES C. GORDON, No. 150
W. Grand Pursuivant
JOSEPH A. DUBRITTON, No. 68
W. Grand Director of Ceremonies
JOHN F. BUCHANAN, No. 208
W. Grand Tiler
HARRY M. STEIN, JR., No. 93
W. Grand Lecturer
EDWARD B. KRAFT, No. 189
Grand Organist
HENRY R. KELLY, No. 116
Asst Grand Organist
H. ARNOLD PERKINS, No. 116
Asst Grand Chaplain
LUNDA W. LAIRD, No. 132
Asst Grand Chaplain
LEIGHTON E. HARRELL, JR., No. 222

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AWARDS:

- Grand Master's Award Program —
GM's Outstanding Distinction Award:
*Duncan R. Jerman, W.M., No. 228.
GM's Distinction Awards:
*R. Frederick Lunn, W.M., No. 134.
Charles J. Dukehart, II, W.M. No. 189.
GM's Awards:
Daniel W. Benton, W.M., No. 46.
Kenneth H. McCoy, W.M., No. 150.
Robert B. Young, Sr., W.M., No. 216.
Miguel P. Banagan, W.M., No. 227.

• Certificates of Appreciation for distinguishing themselves in areas beyond the Blue Lodge by having been inducted in the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame: Elmer "Buddy" Sauerhoff, P.M., No. 181 in 1985; and Joseph R. Sanchez, Sr., P.M. No. 51 in 1989.

• Harvest Home Day. Plaques presented to: Lodge with greatest number of members present-No. 213 (414) followed by No. 116 (300); Lodge from longest distance-No. 192 (199 miles) followed by No. 99 (161 miles); Lodge with largest percentage of membership present-No.134 (38.1%) followed by No. 176 (30.5%).

• Blood Donors. Eligible for certificates were:

Fifteen Gallons:

Herman Needel, No. 34
Thirteen Gallons:
Wilton H. Shaw, No. 52
Eleven Gallons:
Herschel Levin, No. 25
James A. Buckler, No. 212
Ten Gallons:
Howard J. Hood, No. 151

Seven Gallons:

John W. Hooks, No. 116
William H. Fisher, Jr., No. 3
James W. Street, Sr., No. 183
Timothy J. Colmus, No. 123
Six Gallons:
Mitchell Gould, No. 25
Five Gallons:
Edward M. Campbell, No. 111

• Oakland Lodge No.192 collected 200 pints of blood during the year. In the absence of W.M. Delmar R. Sliger, a special plaque was presented by Grand Master to the Junior Warden of the lodge.

• Grand Master Harrison was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by PGM Harvey T. Hopkins representing MW Bro. Richard E. Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association.

• **IN MEMORIAM.** Among the many Masons who have passed away during the past six months was W. Grand Lecturer-Emeritus Moses Appel at age 82. He was a Past Master of Amicable Lodge No. 25 and served as W. Grand Lecturer for 20 years. A native of Baltimore, he was a graduate of City College and Towson State University. Bro. Appel was an educator who taught mathematics to many members of the Craft. He was active in many Masonic, social and religious organizations. He is survived by his wife, Fanny, to whom he was married for 59 years; and numerous nieces and nephews. Also deceased were Bros Walter J. Lewis, Jr, W.M., Joppa No. 132; GI John F. Hayden IV, Cassia No. 45; and PGI Earl Courtney, Highland No. 184.

• AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION.

- Failing to receive a two-thirds majority vote, a proposed amendment concerning open installations did not pass.
- Two amendments were introduced for consideration at the May Semi-Annual Communication: Establishing a Board of Directors structured similarly as the Board of Managers and Board of Trustees to administer Maryland Masonic Charities; and, Permitting membership in more than one Maryland Lodge.

• **MERGER OF LODGES.** The Grand Master announced the merger of Monumental No. 96 and Sincerity No. 181.

• **DAYLIGHT LODGE TO BE CHARTERED.** Having been granted a dispensation in September for the formation of a Daylight Lodge working at the Maryland Masonic Homes, the Lodge submitted a petition for a charter which was approved by Grand Lodge. A Charter will be issued to this non-working Lodge to be known as Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1. The membership currently exceeds 1200. Three meetings have been held attended by more than 100 on each occasion. It was noted that a member cannot join this Lodge and demit from his own Lodge and remain a member in good standing.

A TESTIMONIAL. The following letter was sent to the Grand Master by R. Frederick Lunn, W.M. of Charity No. 134:

"On behalf of the Brethren of Charity Lodge No. 134, it is with pleasure and humility that I proudly accept the Grand Master's Award With Distinction.

"I believe the criteria for this award provide direction for the Worshipful Masters of the respective Lodges in Maryland. Personally, it assisted me in planning out a major part of my year in office.

"I thank you, and through you, the committee which evaluated the applications and provided the behind the scene work which brought this wonderful idea to fruition."

WARREN RAISES SIX. An event that will be long remembered took place at Bonnie Blink in October. The occasion was the product of successful planning by W.M. Donald E. Willey, K. Dale Tillman, WGStdB, and others of Warren No. 51 plus the cooperation of Grand Master Harrison with the Grand Line. The six brothers raised by the Grand Line, with organ music furnished by Bro. Hap Perkins, included: Sylvan Slamovitz, father-in-law of Dale Tillman; Kenneth D. Tillman, Kevin D. Tillman, and Harry B. Viel, Jr, sons of Dale Tillman; Wayne C. Carroll, shop foreman for the Tillmans; and Fred N. Walter, son-in-law of W.M. Willey. Shown in the following photo are the newly-raised Master Masons in the first two rows. Behind are K. Dale Tillman, GM Harrison and W.M. Willey.

Following, members of the families presented gifts with Mrs. Dale Tillman doing an outstanding job as Mistress of Ceremonies. Present also was Herman G. Tillman, Jr, brother of Dale Tillman with his wife. Bro. Herman is a Member of the Board of Trustees. Witnessing the event also were PGMs Edward R. Saunders and Harvey T. Hopkins. The occasion was climaxed by a fine dinner served from the kitchens of the Homes.

Bro. Viel is an airman stationed at Dover Air Force Base. Arrangements have been made for him to visit Union No. 7 at Dover, Delaware.



HONORS TO PGM J. THOMAS MIDDLETON. Past Masters' Night planned by W.M. Lawrence Barrow of John H. Latrobe No. 165, to honor PGM Middleton was attended by Grand Master Harrison together with the Grand Line, six PGMs, 16 Past Masters, members and visitors. Reminiscence and humor prevailed in recounting PGM Middleton's Masonic career and experiences. GM Harrison attributed his introduction to Grand Lodge to PGM Middleton in being appointed as W. Grand Standard Bearer in 1974. Presented to PGM Middleton was a gavel represented by a hugh policeman's night stick harking back to the days when PGM Middleton was a Lieutenant in the Baltimore Police Department. Shown in the following photo from left to right are PGM Bryan, PGM Cover, PGM Hopkins, GM Harrison, PGM Haacke, PGM Middleton holding the gavel/night stick, and PGMs Koenig and Rothman.



A RARE BOUQUET OF PURPLE PEOPLE. Jerry Jordan, WPJGS, recently captured a distinguished body who have sat in the Grand East. They include, in the first row, left to right, PGMs Charles H. Cover, Dean of the PGMs, A. Wayne Reed, Ernest L. Poyner, Edward R. Saunders, William B. Stansbury, and John R. Fogle. In the second row we have J. Thomas Middleton, Roy H. Stetler, Jr., William M. Koenig, Bernard E. Rothman, Harvey T. Hopkins and Joseph C. Bryan III. PGM C. David Haacke was absent due to a prior commitment. (Picture courtesy of Jerry Jordan.)



SCOTTISH RITE HONORS MEMBERS. The Orient of Maryland proudly announces honors to the following members by The Supreme Council in Washington, D.C., Oct. 16, 1989:

33rd Degree Inspectors General Honorary

Valley of Baltimore
Charles B. Burdette
Thomas S. Hale
Martin H. Hocker
Walter R. Merrifield, Jr
S. Brent Morris
Russell E. Mummert
Bernard E. Rothman
Robert C. Schweitzer

Valley of Cumberland
George E. Smith
Harry R. Yeager
Valley of Frederick
William E. Harris
Valley of Salisbury
Norris E. Cartwright, Sr

Knights Commander of the Court of Honor

Valley of Baltimore
Wilford E. Barnes
William C. Bittner
Donald R. Chaney
Jack R. Frazier
David M. Graham
Edwin R. Gregory
B. Hope Harrison
Charles A. Haslup
Carroll F. Ireland
William E. Kelley
Edwin Long
George L. Mackley
Ralph D. Mason
Wilbur M. Penley
Thomas J. Winebrenner

Valley of Cumberland
William B. Bundick
Donald K. Hansel, Sr.
Irvin W. Johnson
Lewis M. Marks
Keith E. Thomas
Valley of Frederick
Austin L. Baumgardner, Sr.
Robert L. Staples
Valley of Salisbury
William P. Cowger, II
Thomas E. Womach
Valley of Southern Maryland
Ervin A. Brong, Jr.
Willie R. Yeargan

BONNIE BLINK DAYLIGHT LODGE NO. 1. This newly-Chartered non-working Lodge meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Over 1,230 Masons from 106 Maryland Lodges and 18 out-of-state Lodges have already joined. Attendance at meetings average over 100 participants who enjoy a light lunch following outstanding programs. Special organ music is provided by "Hap" Perkins, a two year resident. Recent programs presided over by W.M. Lunda Laird in November included presentation by Grand Master Harrison of a "Widow's Pin" to 10 lady residents. The Lodge also received new Officers' aprons and a Worshipful Master's Jewel from the widow of Billie McCoy, a P.M. of Joppa No. 132. The meeting concluded with the "Radio Buffs" demonstrating sound effects used in the olden days of radio. The featured speaker at the December meeting was Bro. & Dr. Thomas E. Weir, Grand Commander of Knights Templar and Past President of the Maryland Masonic Research Society.

To be a part of this new Masonic experience, send your \$1.00 fee to H.A. Perkins, Maryland Masonic Homes, 300 International Circle, Suite 433, Cockeysville, MD 21030. You may use the coupon below.

**PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP
BONNIE BLINK DAYLIGHT LODGE NO.1**

Name _____

Address (include ZIP) _____

Phone () _____ I.D. No. (on Dues card) _____

Lodge Name and Number _____

A feature of the January 9, 1990 meeting will be the election and installation of officers.

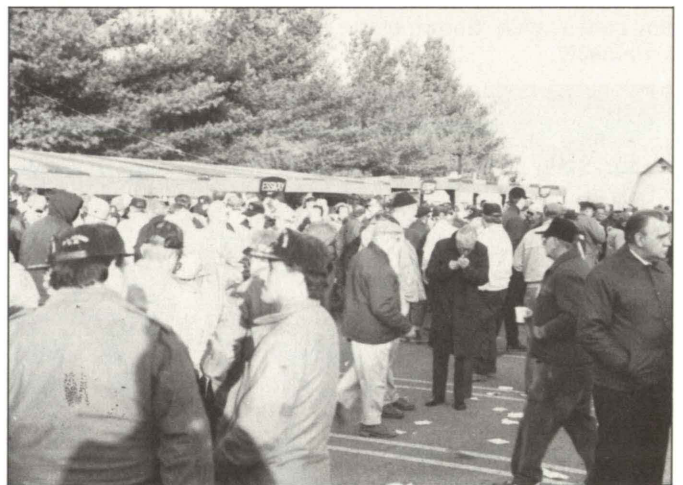
BORN IN 1869 — STILL GOING STRONG. W.M. Raymond A. Burch planned a few events this year celebrating the 120th Anniversary of Laurel Wreath Lodge No. 149. In October 16 Past Masters participated in the conferral of the E.A. Degree on two candidates. Shown below, center, is W.M. Burch surrounded by the Past Masters.



In November, 131 members, friends and widows enjoyed an evening of fellowship and were entertained by the Singing Cedars. Among the 13 widows present was Mrs. Mary Donaldson, age 85, whose late husband, E. Calvin Donaldson served as W.M. in 1927 and 1937. Bro. William H. Jones brought greetings from the Grand Master and a surprise citation from Bro. and Governor Schaefer for the Lodge's work during its existence. Bro. Jones is an Executive Assistant to the Governor and President of the Board of Grand Inspectors (Balto City & County).

HARVEST HOME DAY, 1989. The chilly wind sweeping the slopes at Bonnie Blink were offset by plenty of hot coffee, hot sausages, hot pancakes and other goodies to the 6,000 plus Master Masons who attended this traditional event. The response to the bloodmobile arranged by Blood Bank Chairman, Bill Mortimer was dramatic. So much so that the American Red Cross staff was unprepared to receive such numbers and, not surprisingly, some of the brothers who were tired of waiting, left the line. A valuable experience for next year.

Our Governor, Bro. William Donald Schaefer, was conducted around the area by the Grand Master. He bought a pie, a potted flower and several small items sold by the ladies at the Home. On a public occasion a few days later, he remarked to the non-Masonic audience about the unselfish generosity of the Freemasons and their willingness to wait in line to give their blood for their fellow man. Shown below is the Governor with Bill Jones, one of his Executive Assistants and Grand Master Harrison. A second picture reveals the lines for Bonnie Blink sausages. (Pictures courtesy of Bill Clark).



A REPORT FROM JOHN COATS MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 1787. W.M. Tom Velvin reports that there are some 2,600 Charter members on the rolls; Charter memberships are still available. Excellent progress is being made in building a fund that will offset rising costs in supporting vital Masonic projects. To date, \$674,597.00 of the \$1,000,000.00 target has been reached. The Annual Crab Feast held in August was enjoyed by some 160 people and \$850.00 was realized and added to the fund. It is planned to have another such event in August, 1990.

Notices will be issued when a date for the Annual meeting is set. Bro. Vernon Huebschman, Warren No. 51, has agreed to be Secretary pro-tem.

WHAT IS IT? It's alive, it dances to heavy metal rock music, it appears to be a form of alien intelligence, it has a thick head of hair, and commands a lot of respect in Masonic circles. Its picture appears below.



MEETING OF PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION OF BALTO CITY/COUNTY. An eventful occasion including the conferral of the PM Degree on 21 Worshipful Masters-Elect; presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Bro. Walter T. Peregoy, No. 88 for his devoted service as Assn Treasurer for 21 years; presentation to the Grand Master by the Assn of a \$500.00 check for the John Coats Lodge and another \$500.00 check for the Bonnie Blink Endowment Fund. Grand Master Harrison stressed the need for developing effective communication and imparting eagerness and enthusiasm in governing a Lodge. He also mentioned that he was accessible from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. for any consultation. Shown below in all their glory are the happy WM-Elects.



SERVICE CERTIFICATES FOR BONNIE BLINK STAFF. Loyal service was recognized by the Grand Master who presented service certificates to members of the Bonnie Blink staff. These included a Five Year Certificate to Ms. Carla Martin, a Licensed Practical Nurse, shown in the following photo with the Grand Master. Bros Steve "Slim" Ponzillo, Jr, and Herman Tillman, Jr, members of the Board of Trustees, may be noticed in the background. Bro. Bob Fish, Mt. Moriah No. 116, who is Administrator of the Maryland Masonic Homes also received a Certificate of Service on this occasion. (Photo courtesy of Bill Clark).



MCM UPDATE. Masonic Charities of Maryland has had great success during the past six months. Monumental No. 96 contributed \$10,000 to the MCM Endowment Fund before it merged with Sincerity No. 181. Warren No. 51 contributed \$2,000. Also, the third payment of \$50,000 on her pledge of \$250,000 was made by Mrs. Mary W. Cowan in August. These major contributions increased the MCM Endowment Fund to \$162,000 at this time.

Two of the four planned golf outings were held this Fall. They realized \$19,486.44 after all expenses were paid. This money was turned over to MCM for the Educational Grant and Student Assistance Programs. Success of the Baltimore outing was due to the efforts of Bros Mark Komins, SW of Amicable No. 25 and Lester Ellin, PM of Centre No. 108, at the Suburban Country Club in Baltimore where 76 golfers participated. Bros Ted Land-skroener, PM, and Gary Fellows, both of Chester No. 115 were responsible for the great outing at the Talbot Country Club on the Eastern Shore where 106 golfers participated. Both country clubs have extended invitations for next year. Time constraints in organizing the outings planned for Southern and Western Maryland, and lack of golfers caused cancellation of these events. However, both these events are planned for 1990.

Overall, the outings succeeded in raising money, promoting good fellowship, and projecting a favorable image for Masonry (50% of the golfers who participated were not Masons; at least one petition has been received). Extremely helpful in his guidance and leadership was Charlie Thomas, Jr, PM of Centre No. 108.

The Student Assistance Program has been praised by the Governor and his staff. Participation in a Peer Counseling Program will provide an opportunity to show the public the caliber of young people in Jobs' Daughters, Rainbow and DeMolay.

Material for the Educational Grant Program which is organized similarly to that of the first year will be disseminated for execution through the Lodges and youth groups. Only 96 grants were made this past Spring to graduates of Maryland high schools as compared with the 131 grants made in our first year. With the cooperation of lodges and youth groups, we are looking for a sharp increase next Spring.

All things considered, MCM has had a very successful year in promoting and supporting Masonry throughout Maryland.

YOUTH LEADERS. Matt McKay, DeMolay State Master Councilor, and Miss Carol L. Stracke, Maryland State Sweetheart, shown in the following photo, make an ideal poster ad representing youth in Maryland. More than a pretty face, Miss Stracke quotes from Ralph Waldo Emerson - "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us".



MARYLAND RESEARCH SOCIETY. Bro. Willie E. Phillips, No. 220, Past President of the Society, reports on the proceedings of its November meeting held at Howard No. 101. Elected to serve in 1989-1990 were Milton R. Wheatley, Sr as President; James E. Harding as 1st V.P.; Samuel Sowers as 2nd V.P.; and Donald M. Miller as Secretary. Bro. Carl W. Todd, PM, GI, was the featured speaker talking on "The Meaning and Beauty of Masonic Rituals" which was enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience including the GM and PGM Bryan III.

The next meeting will be on March 30, 1990 at Howard No. 101.

(Editor's Note: We've just been informed that Bro. Paul C. Falk who had served as Secretary of the Society, and Secretary of Howard No. 101 just passed away.)

BALDRIC CLUB. One of your resolutions for 1990 might be to lunch with the members of the club at Burke's, Light & Lombard Sts on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. Interested in joining? Check in with Clint Larmore, Secty, 1101 N. Calvert St., 1602, Baltimore, MD 21202. Programs have featured Comp. of the Treasury, Louis Goldstein, Li Qing, Peabody Violinist, and Bill Jones, Asst to the Governor.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S WORKBOOK. The Masonic Service Association (MSA) has just published a timely digest on this subject which was originally published for Virginia Lodges by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The MSA has adapted it for general Masonic use and is intended as a guideline only. For further information write MSA at 8120 Fenton St., Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

ADVERTISING. In our last issue a brother wrote asking why professionals such as doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants, etc. are not advertising in The Freestate Freemason. From what we can gather, the reason for this lack of advertising is that most of them do not regard it as ethical. Such advertising is permitted, at least for Maryland lawyers, so long as it is not false, fraudulent or misleading.

MONTGOMERY NO. 195 AND THE "STEPPING STONES". The spirit of the season was in ample evidence at Montgomery No. 195. W.M. Thomas J.A. Knaack's program for a Christmas

Party not only included family members but also members of the "Stepping Stones", an organization of abused women and children. Transportation for the five women and 11 children were provided by Lodge members. Gifts were presented to all through Santa played by Lodge Secretary Cloyd Bittner. A Magic Show put on by Bro. & Rev. David Waddell delighted all. A wonderful learning experience and exercise in applied charity.

CARING FOR THE NEEDY. Bill Mortimer, No. 179, reports that several organizations of the Masonic Family in Prince Georges County donated cash, turkeys and other foods for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. The American Red Cross suggested the names of families who were aided. Participating in this effort was West Gate No. 220, Mt. Hermon No. 179, Chillum Castle No. 186, Ruth Chapter No. 7, O.E.S. and Bethel No. 4, IOJD.

We understand that there is quite a story concerning the efforts of certain Lodges including Amos No. 226 regarding shipment of a ton and a half of necessities to relieve the victims of the Hurricane Hugo in the Carolinas. Hopefully, we'll have more details in our next issue.

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