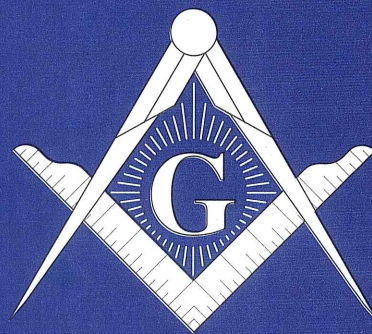


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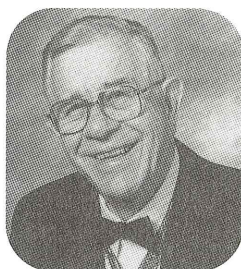
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**The Grand Lodge of Ancient,  
Free, and Accepted Masons  
of Maryland**

## MASONRY FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



My Brothers,

Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your Grand Master for a second year. Your continued confidence is most satisfying. I firmly believe we still have much work ahead for us to accomplish. This past year has been a very enjoyable one for me as a Master Mason and your Grand Master. With your agreement and strong support we have moved this Grand Lodge forward in the area of the number one concern, our budget control. Our Lodges also have moved ahead and began directing their efforts towards becoming more involved in their community. Now hopefully, our joint desire to build this fraternity stronger will result in those changes required to make us more attractive to young men who are our future.

At our Annual Communication on Monday November 17, 2003, we were very pleased the members of the Grand Lodge understood and supported the reasoning behind most of the amendments that were voted upon, to update the Constitution. A review of the proposals might be in order:

1. **Article II Section 1**- The old requirement designated the opening time of Grand Lodge and the time for the Collation (dinner). The change provided future Grand Masters flexibility when planning the program for our out-of-state guests. It also allowed the Grand Master and his staff the necessary time to take an active part in the Monday morning program. This amendment passed.

2. **Article IV Officers of Grand Lodge Section 2**-This Article of the Constitution prescribed who may serve as a Grand Lodge Officer. For those reasons stated in the by-law change, each Grand Master needs to have some flexibility in the selection of his Grand Line. I believe a future Grand Master will not abuse this section of the Constitution. This

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## Editorial

Do you ever stop to count your blessings? If you are fortunate to have been born in this country, and are a member of this fraternity, you have many of them.

While riding down the road recently, heading for one of the annual Installations of Officers I was attending, my mind, as it often does, drifted to our fraternity, and how fortunate I consider myself that my father invited me to petition, with him, 40 years ago last month. This April will be my 40th anniversary in our fraternity, and as I look back on the many wonderful times I have been a part of, and the many wonderful people I have met as a result of my membership, I marvel that more don't take advantage of what it has to offer. I also marvel at those who don't choose to participate in it after they have joined. There is so much to offer if you only take the time to look for it.

On the top of my list is visiting Lodges, and meeting new Brothers. To me that is what Freemasonry is all about. Meeting new Brothers, and making new friends. A good friend and fellow police officer now deceased, and member of Glenburnie No. 213, got me started "traveling" soon after I was raised. Six months later I had visited at least a dozen Lodges and was hooked. I have been doing it ever since.

During my travels as a Program Manager for Motorola, I visited at least a dozen different jurisdictions. Nearly every time I traveled for the company, I was able to find a Lodge in the area to visit. I enjoyed seeing the differences in the ritual, meeting the officers and members there, and everywhere I went I was treated to warm friendship and hospitality and always invited to return to visit their Lodge again.

In addition to the dozen or so jurisdictions I have visited here in the States, I have had the good fortune to sit in Lodges in Portsmouth; England; London; Aberdeen and Edinburgh, Scotland; Canada; and Newfoundland. The ritual varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, as does the complexity of examination, but one thing you can count on that never changes is the immediate friendship you are offered and the warm hospitality you are shown.

Brethren, if you haven't visited a new Lodge lately, give it a try. And if you haven't visited your own Lodge lately, I urge you to do so. I can assure you, they will welcome you. Participate, and both you and the Lodge will both benefit.

**John R. Biggs, Editor**

Please keep the Free State Freemason informed of the activities occurring in your Lodge and area.

## Article Submission

These points should be followed for articles for the FSFM:

Original pictures or pictures from a digital camera on disk are fine

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Articles can be submitted to the Editor by e-mail, fax, mail, or dropped off at the Grand Lodge office.





(continued from page 1) amendment also passed. This amendment does not change eligibility for membership in Grand Lodge.

### 3. Article VI Section 1

#### *Grand Lodge Voting Procedures*

This section of the Constitution desperately needed updating, and it was. We now have a procedure in place to register Lodges and know, in advance, the exact count prior to the ballot. The "roll call" of subordinate lodges and past elected Grand Lodge Officers is no longer necessary. This change alone will save valuable time. We can make use of this time to review with the members present those items on the agenda that may be controversial. Our members should never be asked to pass any legislation, binding on the membership, without full knowledge of its effects, present and future. To achieve that goal time needs to be built into the Communication program for rational discussion. Thank-fully, this amendment passed.

### 4. Article X Section 1 Revenue

This amendment failed to obtain the two thirds (2/3) majority required by the Constitution. The amendment failed by only 3 votes. The Deputy Grand Master and I traveled throughout this State in an effort to explain to the Brothers the need to increase the assessment. The present Grand Lodge assessment (\$12.50) has not been increased since 1987. I believe we all understand what has happened to the buying power of the dollar in the interval. Your members of

the Board of Managers in association with the four principal officers of Grand Lodge presented a 2003-04 budget with all frills removed. The budget included a further reduction in the office staff at Grand Lodge. We shall continue to inform the subordinate Lodges of the operation of Grand Lodge and hopefully earn support for those required funds. My Brothers, Freemasonry is not free! We can not change the past. We have taken those budgetary steps you requested and we now need your support. The time to restore trust in this office is upon us.

### 5. Article XVI Subordinate Lodges

There were two amendments presented that would have dramatically changed the procedure for the suspension of Brothers for the non-payment of dues. These amendments included changes to procedures required, prior to the Brother's reinstatement. Both amendments failed to reach the two thirds (2/3) threshold and were defeated. Perhaps, the time has not yet been reached for a quicker resolution of those members who fail to support their Lodge. How can we impress upon our members, their Lodge needs funds to operate? What would each of us face if we failed to pay our utility bill or credit card invoice for one year? Most of you know I was a Lodge Secretary for 20 years. I had a Brother who was always one year in arrears. He told me he never paid his dues in advance; he was ahead of the game

if he had not paid his dues the year he died. He always paid his year's dues the following January! Think about that my Brothers!

At this coming May 2004 Semi-Annual Communication we will offer several amendments for consideration. Your Grand Master claims one in particular. It has always been a mystery to me why Grand Lodge Officers are nominated on the floor and the subordinate Lodge has to "pussy foot" around the issue. I intend to offer an amendment to change this procedure. All that I ask of you, my Brothers, is to give due consideration. When the time comes, vote your conscience. Are we ready to move forward or remain in the past?

Beginning in February, this Grand Lodge has a series of Regional Meetings planned throughout the state. The dates and locations are listed within this publication. Come out, voice your concerns, hear our message and understand where this Grand Lodge is now, and in what direction it will go in the future.

By the time you read this article the various installations of Lodge Officers will have been completed. The 2004 Grand Lodge Officers had a heavy load of Installations to attend and/or conduct and we are pleased to have been invited.

We look forward to seeing many of our friends and Brothers along the way. It now appears more and more Lodges are opting to have an (continued on page 4)





(continued from page 3) open installation. I for one am pleased. I admit, when the subject of open installations first came to Grand Lodge I was among those who opposed the idea. I now admit to all I was wrong. Having seen with my own eyes the sideline attendance difference, closed vs. open, I am convinced an open installation is the best way to show the family and friends who we are and what we do. To see the smiles on the faces of the sons and daughters, when fathers and grandfathers receive their honors, is priceless. We need not ask the wives what their thoughts are - their pride in their husband stands out like a beacon. This is a moment to remember. Pictures will save this memory forever. Come out to your own Lodge Officers Installation in the coming years. It will be well worth the time and effort, and you just may renew old friendships again, or every bit as good, make some new ones.

Fraternally,  
John A. Young, Jr.  
Grand Master

Brethren,



Once again I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the members of Grand Lodge for re-electing me to serve as your R.W. Deputy Grand Master for yet another year.

This past year has been both exhilarating, and in some instances a disappointment. Grand Master Young and I have worked hard for our Grand Lodge and we are both committed to working even harder in 2004 to make our Grand Lodge the best it can possibly be.

While we must never forget our past and from whence we came, it is imperative we continue to look to the future of Masonry here in Maryland. Change for the sake of change is never an acceptable course of action, just as idleness and apathy will lead to mediocrity and the eventual demise of our Institution. Masonry is not "Free," my Brethren. It takes time, personal effort and the willingness to change that which we find in ourselves as wanting. If you question what difference one man can make, consider the great Gandhi, or Jonas Salk. Their contribution to the world and society at large can never be questioned. How can we expect men to become interested in a fraternity that preaches Brother Love, Relief and Truth if we do not practice these tenets in our everyday lives. Each "Brother Mason" is a walking advertisement for the Fraternity. It is the daily practice of those Masonic Lessons we have all learned that will demonstrate the true worth of Masonry to our family, friends, and in the end, to our communities. As we prepare for the New Year I hope we will, as individuals, consider how we might be better enabled to cast a more favorable

light on the world's greatest fraternity.

Our Grand Master is preparing the Regional Meeting schedule and agenda for 2004. I would hope that every Lodge would make sure they have sufficient representation at these very important meetings. One of the many topics of discussion will be the possible scheduling of our Annual Communication to take place over a weekend rather than over a Monday and Tuesday evening. This would allow permanent members of Grand Lodge who live in the far reaches of the state a better opportunity to attend Grand Lodge without having to take excessive time off from their necessary vocations. There are numerous other topics that need to be discussed and that require your input. It's time that we each take responsibility for our fraternity and the operation of "OUR GRAND LODGE." If you don't participate, then you've no right to complain. It's just that simple.

I trust each of you has had a wonderful Holiday Season and that you will join the Grand Master and me in facing what promises to be a challenging New Year. Onward!

Ronald G. Bélanger  
R.W.D.G.M.

## Mayor's Parade

On a cold and windy Sunday December 7, 2003, a small but hardy group of representatives of the Grand Lodge of Maryland including (continued on page 5)





(continued from page 4) the Grand Secretary Jack R. Frazier No.215, Grand Standard Bearer Kenneth R. Taylor No. 101, Grand Pursuivant; Robert C. Shinnick No. 93; Vice President Board of Inspectors David L.Schneider No. 101; Worshipful Master Dennis F. Nebel No. 25 and Grand Master John A. Young, Jr. No. 145, marched in the 31st Annual Mayor's Hampden Parade. For those who watched, the Grand Master not wishing to chase his top hat down a windy street, wore a baseball cap which identified his office. Sorry folks.

Leading our portion of the parade was the Baltimore Forest No. 45, Tall Cedars of Lebanon Color Guard which included Capt. George Little No. 145, Larry Daughterty No. 93, George Harthausen No.93, Paul Huber No. 93, Ralph Simons No. 93, Mike Tumminello No.93, and Ray Vogel also No.93. Resplendent in our uniforms or aprons and jewels we had to stand out from among the other rather small parade contingents.

The Hampden parade has been planned and managed for many years by PM John T. Kerr and the following Brethren from Pickering Lodge No. 146: Carl Baker, John Brittingham, Howard Eckenrode, Walter Henss, Bob Hosier, Brooks Kerr, Ed McCartney, Bill McNelly, Frank Mills, John Shroyer and Travis Taylor.

To those who either marched or participated in the planning and execution of the program. This Grand Master offers his sincere

thanks for helping Masonry be shown alive and kicking in Maryland. We were there! Where were you? Fraternally,

*John A. Young, Jr.*

*Grand Master*

## Regional Meetings

Regional Meeting Dates and Places:

February 7, 2004 - Grand Lodge of Maryland - Cockeysville

February 21, 2004 - Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 - Bel Air

February 28, 2004 - Hagerstown Lodge No. 217 - Hagerstown

March 6, 2004 Wicomico Lodge No. 91- Salisbury

March 13, 2004 Centennial Lodge No. 174 - Upper Marlboro

March 20, 2004 - Snow Date - (should there be a cancellation)

**All meetings will start promptly at 9:00 AM.** - Coffee and Doughnuts at 8:00 AM.

**Lodge Worshipful Masters and Secretaries are required to attend one meeting.** Other Lodge members are welcome to attend. The Grand Lodge will bring information pertaining to the operation for the year 2004.

## Fort McHenry

Wouldn't it be Nice?

Recognizing the historical significance connected to their site, The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recently made a \$500,000 donation for Bunker Hill renovations.

Maryland has an equally

renowned battle site, it's called Fort McHenry.

We all know the history behind our fort. It too, is into the renovation cycle and as such has sought public funding to accomplish its financial goal. During past years, The Grand Lodge of Maryland donated money from its treasury, as an illustration of our support for this noble cause. We also had Past Master Thomas M. Chagouris, Warren Lodge No. 51, serve on that committee.

Unfortunately today, our Grand Lodge funds are no longer available for such purposes and I can only offer this challenge to my fellow Brothers. Wouldn't it be nice if every Brother in Maryland made a one dollar (\$1.00) donation to the Fort McHenry Restoration Fund? Think of the public recognition we would receive when the Grand Lodge of Maryland presents a twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000) check on television to the coordinator of the Fort McHenry Restoration Fund. Think about it my Brothers.

*John A. Young, Jr.*

*Grand Master*

## Channel 67

Saturday, December 6, 2003, will be remembered as the second day of a Nor'easter snow storm. The snow came down, the roads were not very friendly, however we made it through to our destination.

Thirteen members of the Grand Lodge of Maryland traveled to Owings Mills, MD to channel 67 (continued on page 6)





(continued from page 5), Maryland Public Television station, and assisted them in their quest for funding. It seems today everyone has a quest.

Channel 67 requires funds to continue operation of their programming. The Grand Lodge of Maryland also needs funds to operate our programs, large and small. However, in this instance we needed the media recognition from the general public. This was an opportunity we could not pass up and the weather being stormy did not deter this group of dedicated Masons. We were there, did the job at hand and were proud to be recognized as members of this great fraternity serving the community.

Those who assisted this Grand Lodge included: PM Alex N. Barenblitt, No. 25, JW F. Steven Dean, No. 146, Grand Secretary Jack R. Frazier, No. 215, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden George E. Hunt, No. 229, PM Murray K. Lilley, No. 25, WM Melvin J. Mason, No. 198, WM Thomas R. Mason, No. 228, WM Marlin L. Mills, No. 176, WM Dennis F. Nebel, No. 25, President Board of Grand Inspectors Gerald E. Piepiora, No. 44, Grand Pursuivant Robert C. Shinnick, No. 93, PM George Edward Ward, No. 184 and Grand Master John A. Young, Jr., No. 145.

My Brethren, as the year 2004 goes along we will have other opportunities to appear on MPTV, make our case, serve the community and look pretty for

our friends and family. We shall let the next date for this great opportunity to showcase Masonry be known. Won't you join us? You will be proud to represent this Grand Lodge and you might even become a TV star. By the way, they feed you very well. Hope to see you then!

### Ten Master Masons

**Ten** Master Masons, happy, doing fine; One listened to a rumor, and then there were nine.

**Nine** Master Masons, faithful and never late; one didn't like the "Master", and then there were eight.

**Eight** Master Masons, on their way to heaven; one joined too many clubs, and then there were seven.

**Seven** Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks; one grew discouraged, then there were six.

**Six** Master Masons, all very much alive; one lost his interest, then there were five.

**Five** Master Masons, wishing there were more; Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

**Four** Master Masons, busy as could be; one didn't like the program, then there were three.

**Three** Master Masons, was one of them you?

One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

**Two** Master Masons, with so much to be done; one said "What's the use", then there was one.

**One** Master Mason, found a brother - true! Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

**Two** Master Masons, didn't find work a bore; Each brought another, then there were four.

**Four** Master Masons saved their Lodge's bright fate.

By showing each other kindness, then there were eight.

**Eight** Master Masons, loving their Lodge's bright sheen; Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

**Sixteen** Master Masons, to their obligation true; Were pleased with their number which soon went to thirty-two.

*(This article was found in the Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society newsletter, and submitted by Brother Charles White, of Aberdeen Lodge 187. It was written by Brother Dennis P. Moriarty)*

### Pull-Tabs

This letter was sent to the Grand Lodge from the Ronald McDonald House:

Dear Friends of the Ronald McDonald House,

On behalf of the families and children at the Ronald McDonald House, I would like to thank you for the wonderful donation of pull-tabs, and for your interest in the pull-tab program. You may be interested to know that in the year 2002, pull-tab collections brought in over one thousand five hundred dollars for the House! Because of your continued help, we are finishing up another great year in 2003. As you know, Ronald McDonald Houses are able to receive funding from this project. These gifts, from the recycling (continued on page 7)





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We are ever mindful of our friends in the community who sustain us with their thoughtfulness and gifts. We treasure thoughtful people who are dedicated to make the lives of our families a little brighter!

Sincerely

*Susan Moscareillo, C.V.M.*

*Director of Volunteer Services and Community Relations*

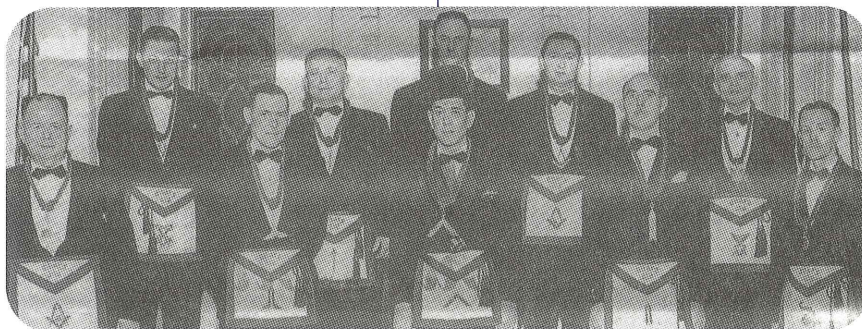
My Brethren, thank you for your continued efforts in saving the pull-tabs from soda cans, etc. They go to such a worthy cause. We the Masons, are now listed among the donors for this program. What a great way to get the light of Freemasonry out in the world.

*John A. Young, Jr.*

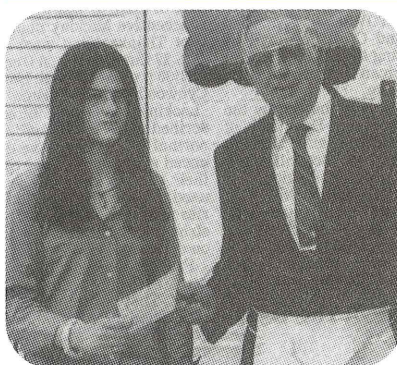
*Grand Master*



Bro. Dan Powell, Sr., G.I., presents a \$1000 check to Carli Borcharding who graduated valedictorian from Col. Richardson High School in Caroline Co.



In the "Eastern Shore Today", an Easton, Md. newspaper, the historical Society runs a mystery photo from its archives each week, asking if anyone has information regarding the picture. These men are wearing "Coats 102" aprons. This was sent in by Stanley Flaggs, Worshipful Master of Coats Lodge No. 102.



## Scholarship

Bro. Stanley Flaggs, Worshipful Master of Coats Lodge No. 102 presents a check for \$1000.00 to Casey N. Cep. This 2003 Talbot Co. recipient of the Masonic Charities of Maryland scholarship is a freshman at Harvard College, pursuing a concentration in mathematics. She was an active member in the Talbot Co. 4-H program, a member of the mid-shore Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Maryland, as well as the student representative to the Talbot Co. Board of Education, an AP Scholar, and a graduate of Easton High School.

Your Lodge can participate in this program also through MCM.

## Drama of the Blacksmith

*Dr. Hans Wilhelmsen Class*

Euclid Council No. 14 of the Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers announces that they will confer the Blacksmith Drama, also known as the Ironworker Degree, on Saturday, March 27, 2004 in honor of Dr. Hans Wihelmsen, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Maryland.

Membership is open to all Master Masons and portrays the scene from the well known lithograph of "King Solomon and the Ironworker" which hangs on the walls of many Masonic Temples throughout the world.

The cast is in costume with stage scenery and is composed of mostly Past Masters. Activities begin at 3:00 p.m. with the Initiatory Degree, followed by the Drama and ending with a "Dinner with King Solomon."

For more information, please contact the (continued on page 9)





## MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND, INC.

Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. is very pleased to announce an exciting new fundraising activity, which, hopefully, will generate additional funds to help strengthen support for our Educational Grant Program (scholarships), our Student assistance Program (drug and alcohol abuse intervention), and the Child Abuse Program (an extension of our drug and alcohol abuse program).

This new fundraising activity consists of a raffle featuring the Harley Davidson's New V Rod Motor Cycle, which should become a collector's bike. A limited number of tickets will be sold. In the event the winner, who may feel that the "Harley" is just not for him, could, most likely, very easily transfer the bike to cash to one of the many "Harley" enthusiasts.

Masonic Charities of Md. needs your help in order to make this a successful fundraiser. Do your part by helping us sell these tickets. Please take the time to read the following details:

All Free State Freemasons can be extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Masonic Charities of Maryland, which works hard to help Masonry make a big difference in our community and state. Masonic Charities of Maryland needs your help thru direct

donations.

For more information in regard to this Fundraiser or how you or your Lodge can help thru a donation, please contact:

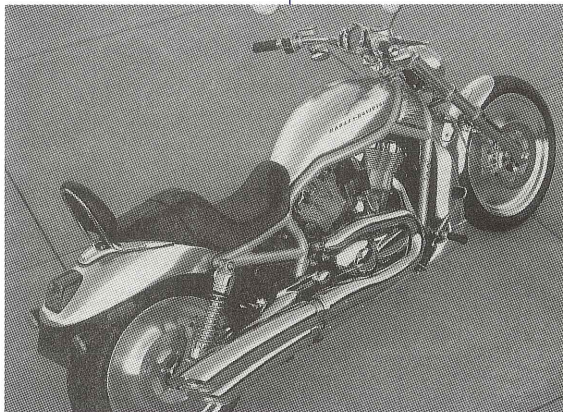
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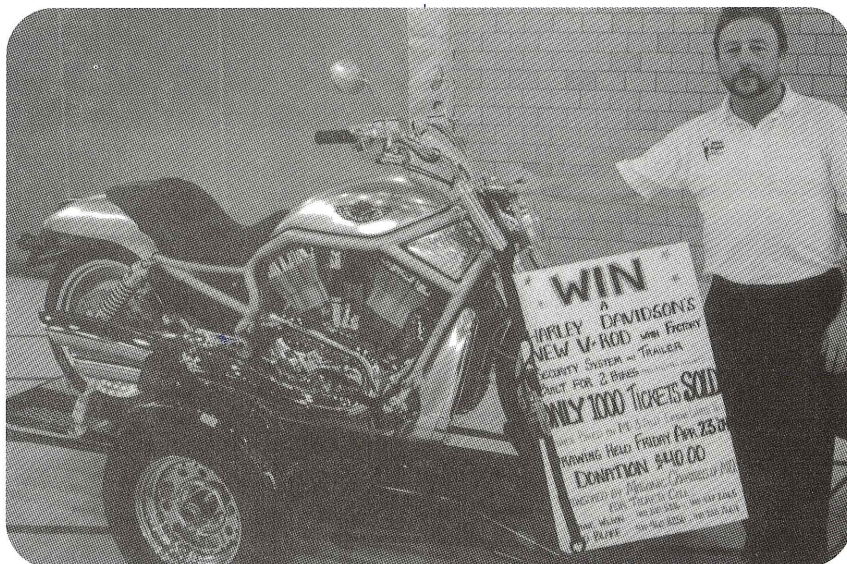
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## The Best Words to Live By:

**Courteous** words instead of sharp remarks;  
**smiles** instead of blank looks;  
**enthusiasm** instead of a closed mind;  
**attention** instead of neglect;  
**patience** instead of irritation;  
**sincerity** instead of shame;  
**consideration** instead of annoyance;  
**remembering** people instead of forgetting;  
**facts** instead of arguments;  
**helpfulness** instead of hindrance;  
**action** instead of delay;  
**appreciation** instead of apathy.

--Alexander V. Houlton

At one time, Golden Lodge #5, Stanstead, Canada occupied a lodge room, which straddled the boundary between Canada and the United States. There were entrances on both sides of the border.

## August Scene

Commencing Friday, August 6th with dinner and entertainment.

On Saturday August 7th there will be a series of meetings with speakers; including speakers during lunch.

Bring your lady, and friends to this great weekend - more details to follow. C.T. Finkle, York 23

Visit your Lodge this month!



## Prince Frederick 142

On October 15th, Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 honored the widows of the Lodge with a dinner and entertainment. The entertainment was provided by M.W.P.G.M. William M. Clark and Jim Hoffman of "The Sunshine Boys", who played and sang and had everyone join in a sing-a-long.

Three members of the KCMDT, (Knights of Consumption &

Masters of the Dinner Table)" are shown presiding in the above picture. They are better known to us as William Kugel, center, who served as Master, H. Edward Potts, left, and E.J. Todd who served as Wardens. These brothers conferred the KCMDT Degree on Brothers Mike O'Kelley, seated right and Page Powen, seated left, for all their hard work in the kitchen over the years. A good time was had by all in attendance.



## Masonry Marches in the south!

Southern Maryland Lodges march In Veteran's Day Parade.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, the annual Veteran's Day Parade

was held in LaPlata, Md. Over a thousand people marched and many more lined the streets to honor our Veterans. It was my pleasure to march with the Brethren (continued on page 10)





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Representatives of St. Columba Lodge No.150, "under dispensation," Thomas J. Shryock No. 223, each of these two Lodges carrying their Lodge banners, Centennial Lodge No. 174, Perseverance Lodge No. 208, Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142, Collington Lodge No.230, Seat Pleasant Lodge No.218, Oxen Hill Lodge No.231 and Camp Springs Lodge No.227 participated. The Officers of these Lodges were in tuxedos, aprons and jewels. Aprons were worn by all members and four Grand Inspectors were in tuxedos, aprons and collars, and brought up the rear of our marchers.

I was impressed by the amount of applause we received from those lining the parade route. Masons are still recognized by the public and this made it all worthwhile.

For years, Grand Masters have suggested that the Lodges go out in the public and show them who we are and what we stand for and this is a perfect way to do this.

Almost every community celebrates Memorial Day and/or Veterans Day with a parade and if the Lodges would register for these events and participate in them they would make this great fraternity proud.

*H. Edward Potts G.I.- W.P.J.G.D.*

**Visit Your Lodge**



## Maryland Grand Commandery

On April 5, 2003, the Grand Commandery of Maryland sponsored a bus trip to the "Three Little Bakers" Dinner Theater in Pike Creek Valley, Delaware, near Wilmington. The show was Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." A total of 40 people, including Sir Knights, their Ladies, family members and friends participated in this program. The performance was superb and the food was delicious. The accompanying photograph above, depicts Sir Knight Keith A. Brown, Grand Commander, and the families and friends of Maryland Grand Commandery who enjoyed this event.

Bro. Keith Brown is a member of this year's Grand Line. He is our W. Jr. Grand Steward.



## Maryland Grand Commandery

On February 22, 2003 and March 22, 2003, Druid Royal Arch Chapter No. 28, Hiram Council No. 5 and Monumental Commandery No. 3 hosted a

Special Two-Day York Rite Class in Cockeysville, Md., in which we welcomed 28 new members into the York Rite Bodies. This class was named in honor of Sir Knight Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., R.E.P.G.C., (continued on page 11)





(continued from page 10) who had the distinction of being one of Maryland's "Four Star Generals". Each new member received a "Maryland Master Mason" lapel pin from Sir Knight Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, R.E.P.G.C. These pins were designed by his father when he served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. Each member also received a certificate specially designed for the class, along with the Grand Encampment's 2001 Odyssey Membership Pin. Each certificate was signed by the Grand Presiding Officer of each Grand York Rite Body, along with the signature of the presiding officer of each member's respective Chapter, Council and Commandery

We were honored by having many distinguished Maryland Masons in this class, including Dr. Hans Wilhelmsen, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Maryland. The accompanying photographs show Sir Knight Keith A. Brown, Grand Commander of Maryland, with the members of the class and Dr. Hans Wilhelmsen, S.G.I.G. with Sir Knight Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, R.E.P.G.C. and Sir Knight Brown.

*Keith A. Brown*  
Grand Commander.

## Scottish Rite News

Dr. Hans Wilhelmsen,  
Sovereign Grand Inspector

General of the Orient of Maryland has been in the hospital for surgery, and is now recovering at home. Please keep all of our ill brethren in your prayers.

The Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore will conduct a "One Day Class" for brethren interested in becoming a Scottish Rite Mason.

This class will be held on April 3rd, 2004 beginning with breakfast at 6:00 A.M. Call the Scottish Rite Office at 410-243-3200 for further details.

Regular meetings of the Valley will begin on March 3rd and will include dinner and guest speakers.

On October 7, 2003, Bro. Ronald A. Seale of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, 33°, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. He succeeds C. Fred Kleinknecht who retired after serving as the organization's chief executive officer for the past 18 years.

On January 11, 2004 the Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore installed the new heads of the bodies: Bro. John R. Biggs, Jr., 33°, was installed Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection; Bro. Steven Winer, 32° KCCH, was elected to serve as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, but was recovering from surgery and unable to attend. He will be installed at a later date. Bro. Dominic M. Mezzanotte, Sr., 32° was installed as Commander of

the Council of Kadosh and Al Vogt, 32°, was installed as Master of Kadosh of the Chesapeake Consistory.

## Global Fraternal Network

The Global Fraternal Network maintains an on-line web page and bulletin board. It differs from the usual web page in that there are a variety of boards of many different interests that can be accessed. A link to it appears on our Grand Lodge web site link page. It can be accessed by typing the following URL in your web browser: <http://www.masonic-network.com>

The board is password protected but access is fairly easy to gain by answering a few questions that all of us should know. If you run into any difficulties, contact me at [k3sp@hotmail.com](mailto:k3sp@hotmail.com) and I will give you a hand in getting established there.

*By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. ~Unknown*

## Stamp/Coin Club

Are you interested in saving stamps or coins? Would you be interested in the formation of a Stamp/Coin club?

If you have an interest write to:

Grand Lodge of Maryland A.F.& A.M.  
304 International Circle  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Include your name, address and telephone number. If there is enough interest we have a member who would like to start this club. Please respond by March 1, 2004.





### Presentation

Bro. George T. Hall, Sr., P.M. and W.M. of Sincerity Lodge No 181 and Anthony R. Hall, S.W., present a Maryland Masonic Charities check in the amount of \$1000.00 to Ms. Julie Towne. Julie is attending Brigham Young University.

### Golden Fleece

Temple Lodge No. 128 and Caroline Chapter No. 62, OES jointly honored those members with 50 or more years of service in a ceremony on Oct. 28th titled "The Golden Fleece."

The principal speaker was John A. Young, Jr., M.W.G.M. Senator Richard Colburn, Delegate Addie Eckardt and Victoria Goldsborough, Mayor of Denton also made presentations to the honorees.

The honorees present, including those unable to attend, totaled 1,975 years of membership.

Temple Lodge honorees were: Christian E. Jensen, P.M. and W.M.; Albert Kirk, S.W.; Mary Manlove accepting the award for husband Theodore; Robert Means; Robert H. Wright, MD, P.M.; Malcolm E. Lord; Philip H.



### Special Celebration

Oakland Lodge No. 192 honored Brother Lewis M. Marks, Past Master, on September 23, 2003 for having instructed over half of the current Lodge membership in catechism work.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, John A. Young and his line officers, along with Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Bennie G. Owens, were in attendance.

The members of the Scottish Rite in Cumberland presented Brother Marks with a plaque for his contributions to the Valley of Cumberland. Over 75 members of the craft attended with good stories about Brother Marks' inspiration for the fraternity of Masonry.

Pictured left to right: 1st Row: Robert B. Young, 33°; M.W. Bro. John A. Young, 33°; Lewis M. Marks, 33°; M.W. Bro. Bennie G. Owens, 33°; James W. Pittman, 32° KCCH - 2nd Row: Stanley Cline, 32°; James R. Lough 33°; Thomas A. Bryant 32° KCCH; Paul G. Shircliff, 33°; Personal Representative, and Lonnie R. Jackson 32° KCCH.

Beaven, P.M.; Walter G. Kerslake, Jr.; Dr. Alton Billmeier, P.M.; Arnold B. Jensen, and Charles V. Moore.

### Boumi Temple

A.A.O.N.M. S.

*P. Edward Triplett*

*Illustrious Potentate*

The Illustrious Potentate and the Divan of Boumi Temple extend greetings and best wishes for a successful, healthy and prosperous year in 2004.

We, the nobles of Boumi Temple, want to congratulate M.W. Bro. John A. Young, Jr. on his election as Grand Master of

Masons in Maryland. Our sincere best wishes to him, his Grand line Officers and to the Grand Lodge for a successful year.

This year's festivities began with the Installation of Unit Heads on Saturday January 17th. The Potentate's Inaugural Dinner and Dance was held at Boumi Temple. Entertainment for this spectacular party was provided by the Fabulous Hubcaps. This was a true journey down memory lane.

On Saturday, February 21st, the Temple (continued on page 13)





(continued from page 12) will honor the clubs and Committees on Clubs Night, a tribute for outstanding work throughout the year.

The annual Bull and Oyster Roast was held at the Tall Cedars Hall.

As the spring season approaches, Boumi Temple's Annual Circus Night will be held at the Temple on Saturday, April 10th. This will be a great party and entertainment to kick off this big event, so come out and have fun!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Temple on April 10th. This is an excellent time for all Shriners and non-Shriners to escort their children and grandchildren to the party.

Illustrious Potentate P. Edward Triplett and first lady Jennie invite you to join them on the Alpine Trip Adventure from May 18th thru the 27th. For information call Past Ill. Potentate Ernest Carter.

The philanthropy of the Shrine of North America is the care and treatment of the crippled or burned child; the Shriners' Hospitals are always eager to learn of any child who is in need of treatment. If you know of such a child, please call the Boumi office at 410-391-6400 Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

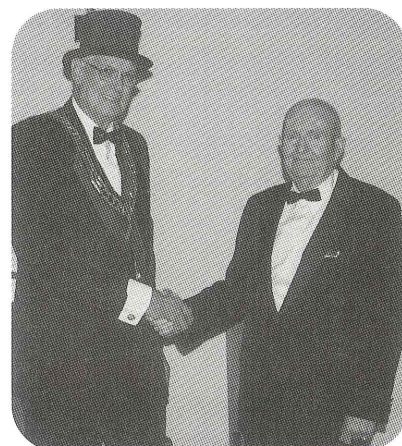
*The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.*

*-Eden Phillpotts*

## Installations

M.W. Bro. John A. Young, Jr., Grand Master, and his Grand Line, have attended over 20 installations, many of which they presided over, and installed the new line officers.

To have the Grand Master attend your Lodge takes but a written invitation giving the date you would like him to attend. It is always best to provide alternative dates as his schedule can fill up fast. Also let him know what will be occurring in your Lodge that evening. Most Grand Masters do not appreciate surprises.



M.W. Bro. Bob Trice, P.G.M. of Delaware, assumes the East in Delmar Lodge No. 201 in Delmar Md. Here he is with Bro. Norris Cartwright the installing Marshal,



From the left: M.W. Bro. Francis E. Larrimore, P.G.M.; Bro. Robert Ivey, newly installed Worshipful Master of Patapsco Lodge No. 183; Bro. Ivey's father, and M.W. Bro. John A. Young, Jr. Grand Master. Bro. Ivey was a member of M.W. Bro. Larrimore's One Day Class, as is the S.W. of this Lodge, Bro. Olan McLaughlin.

## Important Info

Brethren, articles clipped from a newspaper and sent to the F.S.F.M. are appreciated and used. However, pictures from newspapers do not reproduce well and are not usable. If

you wish to send in an article from a newspaper, by all means do so, but contact the newspaper and ask if you can have the original picture to scan, or they may scan it for you, or better yet (continued on page 14)





(continued from page 12) may email the picture direct to the F.S.F.M. editor if you explain the purpose.

Likewise digital pictures printed on a home printer do not reproduce well particularly when not printed on a high quality photographic paper. Either email them to the editor, or save to a disk and mail them to him.

When taking a digital picture that is to be printed, save them at the highest resolution your camera permits. Compressed files lose a lot of resolution, and while they look fine on a monitor, they do not look well when printed.

Articles **must** be typewritten, unless they are no longer than 6 or 7 lines. Email is the preferred method of transport.

Pictures will **not** be returned unless they are accompanied by a self addressed, stamped envelope.

## National Sojourners

The tranquility of Lafayette Camp was disturbed when intruders were apprehended at the west gate. The pair were incarcerated, questioned and found to have orders to report for induction in the Heroes. The Camp voted to receive them in the usual manner as recruits, and Oliver W. Strong and Marion F. Rickard were presented before the members.

Each recruit was successful in finally crossing the "D", and completing the standard ritual and thus were greeted as a new Hero.

In attendance were Donald



Brother Buzz Aldrin, 33° Mason, and member of Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417, Seabrook, Texas is signing an autograph for Bro. Edward L. Hudgins, G.I., and member of Collington Lodge No. 230 in Bowie, Maryland. On the right is Edward L. Hudgins, III. Bro. Hudgins, G.I., after receiving the autograph, presented Bro. Aldrin with M.W. Bro. John A. Young's pin. The occasion was a book forum for "Space, the Free Market Frontier", in which Bro. Aldrin contributed a chapter. This book was edited by E. L. Hudgins, III.

M. Miller, Camp Commander; Chief of Staff, James E Harding; Asst. Chief of Staff, William Gulley; Adjutant, Kenneth D. Lewis; Captain of the Guard, G. Walter Sackerman and Sentinel, Richard J. Sackerman.

Also present were M.W. Bro. John A. Young, Jr., Grand Master, who presented Marion F. Rickard, and assisted with parts of the ritual, and M.W. Bro. Bennie G. Owens, P.G.M. who also assisted where necessary and presented Oliver W. Strong.

The effort was highly successful especially after such a long

time between inductions.

*Kenneth D. Lewis, Captain  
Adjutant*

## Hidden Treasure

*A Lodge's Hidden Treasure*  
1996 - 131; 1997 - 215; 1998 - 327;  
1999 - 330; 2000 - 332; 2001 - 213;  
2002 - 407      *Total = 1955*

In Amicable Lodge No. 25 we have been extremely fortunate to have a "real hidden treasure". In order to explain the numbers above one only has to look at our lodge's Blood Donor Chairman. The late Herschel Levin, HPM, (known as Hersch to everyone) made it his direction in life (continued on page 15)





(continued from page 14) to get anyone and everyone to donate blood to the Grand Lodge of Maryland Blood Donor Program. Hersch may have on occasion left home without his American Express Card but you can bet he never left home without a pocket full of blood donor cards.

Hersch Levin was truly a "hidden treasure"; he never wanted or sought recognition for what he believed was his duty in making available the greatest gift, "the gift of life". On May 17, 2001 the Supreme Architect called on Hersch to come with him and as he had always done in life he moved on to another area of service.

Hersch may be our "lost treasure" now but in his infinite wisdom he left us with a fine replacement, his son Alan, also a member of Amicable Lodge No. 25, who is an absolute "clone" of his father. Brother Alan Levin has picked up the baton from his father and continues the work as our Blood Donor Chairman raising 407 pints of blood in 2002 in his first full year. Amicable Lodge is fortunate to have a continuing, "hidden treasure."

In recognition of Brother Hersch's efforts the American Red Cross is presenting a very special tribute to him and his family entitled "The Legacy Lives On." This will be in recognition of Hersch's personal donation of almost 20 gallons of

blood and other contributions during his lifetime and the continuation of this "gift of life" effort by his son Alan.

Look around your lodge and I bet you too will find a "hidden treasure" like we did, and when you do be sure and respect, cherish and support that "treasure"

because there are not many of them around.

We thank you Hersch, and so do the thousands of people both within and without the fraternity that will never know how you helped them without thought of recognition or reward.

*Murray K. Lilley, P.M., RWPSGW*



On a Saturday morning, at 10 A.M., under dispensation, Bro. J. Stevens Smith, W.M. (right rear) of Tuscan Lodge No. 202, opened a Master Mason Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree on four worthy Brothers.

Bro. Jay Fisher, Sheriff of Baltimore County, attended the conferral of the Degree along with several other of his deputies.

Bro. R. Gary Pierce, P.M., assumed the East in the first section, and Bro. Jack Biggs, P.M., (left rear) took over for the second section. Lodge was called off at noon for a home made Italian lunch, and labor resumed at 2:00 P.M. Lodge was closed at 4 P.M. following a most enjoyable day by all.

The newly raised Master Masons consisted of three Baltimore County Deputy Sheriffs: Thomas Myers; Dino Minoglio and Woody Hampshire. The fourth member of the group was Daniel Flagg, (front left) a real estate broker.

*J. Stevens Smith, P.M., W.M.*

## Freemason

A horse named FREEMASON won the 2 million dollar Tancred Stakes held at Rosehill Gardens near Sydney, Australia, last April 12. He was sired by GRAND LODGE and is the grandson of MAGIC FLUTE.

Racing buffs can get the details here: [http://www.bloodhorsereview.com.au/StakesWinners/Aus02\\_372.htm](http://www.bloodhorsereview.com.au/StakesWinners/Aus02_372.htm) - this is not a joke, and is an actual web-site for this horse.



# Maryland Masonic Calendar



## February

Regional Meetings:

All meetings start at 9 A.M.-  
Coffee and Doughnuts at 8 A.M.

**Lodge Worshipful Masters and Secretaries are required to attend one meeting.** Other Lodge members are encouraged to attend. The Grand Lodge will bring information pertaining to its operation for the year 2004.

7 - Corinthiam Room - Grand Lodge of Maryland- Cockeysville

21 - Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44  
Bel Air

28 - Hagerstown Lodge No.  
217- Hagerstown

## March

6 - Wicomico Lodge No. 91  
Salisbury

13 - Centennial Lodge No. 174-  
Upper Marlboro

20 - Snow Date should there be  
a cancellation

21 - Grand Master's Bull &  
Oyster Roast

26 - Brotherhood Night at Nur  
Shrine in Delaware - call Grand  
Lodge office for information

## April

11 - Easter Sunday Service at the  
Masonic Homes Chapel

16 - Grand Master's Cruise

## May

16 - Grand Lodge Church  
Service 3 P.M. MMH Chapel

17 - Annual Communication of  
Grand Lodge

## June

12 - Maryland Masonic Homes  
Family Day - 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

## July

4 - Independence Day  
Celebration at Grand Lodge of  
Maryland - 6 P.M. until after  
the fireworks

**Daylight Lodge** - meets on the  
second Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.

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