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THE MASONIC FRATERNITY contributes over \$1 Billion each year to its philanthropic pursuits. Over \$750 Million of that in the United States alone. The Crippled Children's and Burns Hospitals sponsored by Shrine Masons are world famous for their ability to help those most in need.





GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Omaha, Nebraska in February. This conference was attended by Grand Masters from United States, Canada, Mexico and many other countries from the around the world.

This conference allowed the heads of each jurisdiction to network with the leaders of other Masonic bodies. We were able to share ideas and experiences that will enable us to move Masonry forward in the coming years.

After speaking to several Grand Masters from other states I came to realize that we, in Maryland have accomplished many of the ideas presented in several of the breakout sessions.

Several in attendance inquired about the streaming of the Grand Lodge installation this past November. They were amazed at the number of people who watched the event. They asked if we could assist them in streaming theirs. I was also quizzed about our monthly podcast, "The Common Gavel".

Several states have heard ours and because of it, they are planning to start one in their states.

We can all be proud of our accomplishments in Maryland. Because of our progressive thinking, we are the leaders in many of the innovative ideas in Freemasonry today.

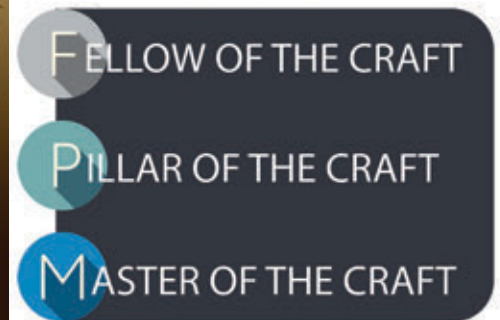
Brethren, after many months of dedicated and tireless efforts by Brothers Carl Michel of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and Jeff Clark of Grandview Software, the *Pillar of the Craft* portion of the Maryland Masonic Academy is now available. It can be found in the Masonic Education section of your profile page in the Maryland Membership Manager, this is another step that you must take in the process of becoming a member of King Solomon's Society.

The Maryland Masonic Academy was unveiled last year. Its purpose is to establish a continuing education program for members of the Craft in Maryland. It is broken down into three sections, *Fellow of the Craft*, *Pillar of the Craft* and *Master of the Craft*.

The *Fellow of the Craft* section is based on the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. It consists of three examinations containing multiple choice questions concerning the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees.

The *Pillar of the Craft* section is a more esoteric look at our Fraternity. It consists of five modules the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite. After completing these five sections you will arrive at the Arch. Upon arrival you will be asked to make a presentation in open lodge witnessed by a member of the Maryland Masonic Lodge of Research

Lodge of Research on a subject of your own on a list of topics provided. After this presentation you will receive your diploma designating you a *Pillar of the Craft*.



In order for you to become a *Master of the Craft*, you must have served one year as Worshipful Master of a conforming Lodge.

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The 2017 Regional Meetings concluded on Saturday, March 4th. We are very pleased with the attendance at all of our venues. Brothers from all parts of the state made it a point to attend these meetings and hear the latest news from the Grand Lodge. They were informed of the new social media campaign that will be undertaken in March and April. With an enhanced Facebook presence, we will be able to reach out to the areas of our state that have not been affected by our television and radio ads. We believe that this will help us reach potential members in Western and Southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore. Not only will this marketing scheme reach more areas of the state but, it will do so at a reduced cost.

Members of the board of Masonic Charities of Maryland discussed some of their programs. Once again MCM is awarding \$500 scholarships to graduating public high school

seniors in our state. All Lodges were encouraged to participate in this program.

The Masonic Model Student Assistance Program is also a part of MCM. This program trains educators to identify at risk students in our schools who are victims of drug abuse, bullying, physical and psychological abuse, homelessness and much more.

MCM is the only funding source for this program. The state and federal governments have stopped funding this project. Each training costs MCM approximately \$17,000. We hope that you or your Lodge would donate much needed funds in order to continue this worthwhile program.

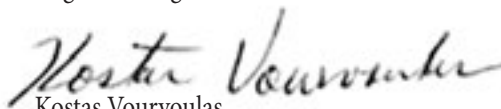
At the Conference of Grand Masters of North America held in Omaha Nebraska, the Grand Lodge of Maryland was awarded a medallion for participating in the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program for 31 consecutive years. The Masons in Maryland should be proud of this accomplishment and we hope to continue it for many years to come.

Also at the regionals, the Grand Treasurer spoke about the finances of the Grand Lodge. This presentation only covered the operation of the Grand Lodge and not that of the homes. We are cutting the budget and attempting to live within our means. But this is becoming ever more difficult.

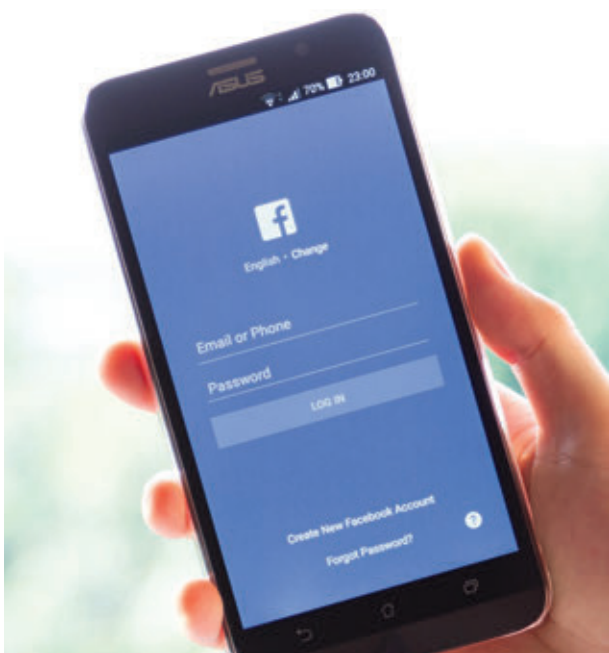
Over the last several months the Grand Lodge has been advising Lodges to evaluate their financial condition and make any necessary changes. We at the Grand Lodge must follow our own advice. We are now in the process of assessing the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and will make you aware of the results

This is a quick synopsis of what has been happening at the Grand Lodge over the last several months. We will keep you informed of any future events through the various methods of communication at our disposal.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and our entire Masonic as we spread the Light of Freemasonry throughout this great nation.


Kostas Vourvoulas
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

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MESSAGE FROM THE RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

by Richard Philip Naegele, RW Deputy Grand Master



“To attain and sustain positive growth in membership in the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland in engaged family oriented Lodges actively teaching the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.”

This is the mission of the Grand Lodge and the basis for every Lodge's plans for the coming year.

The Grand Lodge is poised to make great strides with the assistance of every Lodge and Mason in Maryland. We are working towards strong effective leaders in our Lodges, increasing community involvement and having Lodges that are strong with their degree performance.

The following is the Strategic Plan known as **Vision 25**. Listed are the visions we have for our Lodges, the things we value as Masons and the goals we are setting to reach our mission



VISION

- Strong effective leadership in Lodges
- Fraternity involved in the community with positive support.
- Lodges around the state that confer degrees and teach catechism.

VALUES

- We value the quality of an individual's character when seeking admission.
- Maintaining a strong consistent ritual in our Lodges throughout the state.
- Families as a major part of a healthy Lodge
- Helping and giving to others in a charitable manner.

GOAL

- Recruit a minimum of 1,000 prospective new quality members annually. (700-800 EA's annually).
- Reduce demits and suspension for non-payment of dues by 10% from previous year.
- Reduce delay in pipeline for degree work by 25%.

To assist with achieving these goals we have five areas of focus. They are:



In the area of **Membership** we are looking at the way and effectiveness of current advertising. We are working to focus ads in less populated areas of the state through social media and other forms of public awareness.

We also have the Mentoring Program which can be adapted to fit your Lodge's needs. Education is a key factor in retention of members. The **Maryland Masonic Academy** (see *Grand Master's Message*, pg 4) is a starting point in this endeavor from Grand Lodge. It is up to each Lodge to develop its own program based on the needs and desires of its members.



With the **Ritual** we need to work with our new brothers on the catechism and make it possible for them to advance at a pace appropriate for them. If you need help contact a Lodge nearby and join together to

make the teaching and learning a better experience for all.

The degree work must also be of high quality and done in an expedient manner. Delaying new members when they are ready to advance can be a turn off for their wanting to participate.



Finances are an area of concern that must be addressed from time to time. It is important that a Lodge can meet its obligations. The same is true for the Grand Lodge. While we look to trim expenses where possible there can still be a shortfall that must be addressed.



Charity is what is in every Mason's heart. We do great works around the nation and world through the various collateral bodies. Locally we have several vehicles at the Grand Lodge for our charitable endeavors.

Masonic Charities of Maryland sponsors the CHIP program, scholarships for graduating seniors and the student assistance program to help our school age youth that may be experiencing problems in life. Our Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Library and Museum has a rich heritage we work to preserve. We are currently looking for many sources of funding and could always use generous benefactors through the James McHenry Society a program for planned gifting.

The Maryland Masonic Homes has been the major charity for the Grand Lodge since the 1930's. Through the years the purpose and function of the Homes has changed from a strictly nursing home style health care facility to its current form of an all-inclusive retirement community. We are currently working on various forms of revenue to help support our Homes and the brothers and sisters it serves.



The final area concerns the current placement of **Lodges** around the state. Some have multiple Lodges in the same region. This works well if the population of the area demands different choices for meeting

nights. Some areas have no representation for Masonry within 20 or more miles. In some cases that is not

a problem but in others it would be of great benefit to establish something in those regions.

We should also consider the need for different types of Lodges such as research or possibly traditional observance Lodges. These are strictly at the desire of the membership but could prove of great service to Masonry within this jurisdiction.

At the Semi-Annual Communication on May 13th, 2017 we will be reviewing this plan and adopting the mission, vision, values and goals for our Grand Lodge. Your input and support is needed to make this successful. With the cooperation of many we will continue spreading the light of Masonry through this great jurisdiction.


Sincerely and Fraternally,
Richard Naegele, RWDG

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LEARNING CATECHISM AS A SHARED EXPERIENCE

By Ted Skinner and Garrett Hastings



Often, some may question why learning catechism is important and may wonder where the effort involved holds value in this day of living our daily lives at the speed of data. Does having to memorize catechism raise the bar of entry to masonry too high? What place does catechism memorization have in current day masonry? As we look for ways to bring masonry into the twenty-first century, and protect our institution for the next age, all of these questions need to be considered. If they are not, masonry will continue to dwindle, and we will have nothing to hand down to the next generation of worthy brothers.

Learning Catechism is still a crucial part of our Masonic heritage, and if nothing else is a differentiator of our organization. It is an appropriate bar to entry, which is not set too high, but performs exactly the purpose that it was meant to by our forebearers.

There are many significant benefits to learning catechism. The most significant benefit comes from the method we use to teach it and that is from mouth to ear. Teaching catechism this way requires at least two people, the teacher and the student. Learning catechism is not a solitary isolating experience, but a shared experience, designed to bring brothers closer together creating a shared experience while learning the work. This shared experience not only passes the catechism from one brother to another, but begins forging a bond between the teacher and the members of the class learning the work. Many times, this bond, flourishes into brotherhood and friendships that last a lifetime. Brothers come to develop trust in one another as they share the same struggles of learning the catechism. They help each other through the difficult

and uncomfortable task of memorizing passages, typically written in slightly archaic prose which is not a trivial effort to say the least. Many times, the class stands proficiency together, where they recite from memory what they have learned in front of an audience of brothers. This task is one of the most stressful types of activity for most people, given a majority of folks discomfort with public speaking. However, the bond that has formed between the brothers in the class and the catechism instructor provide a support mechanism to help pull them through the nervousness and pressure of the situation to a shared sense of relief and accomplishment, further solidifying the bond of brotherhood. It is this bond, that we as masons revere so highly, and what better way to teach that tenet, than to provide a working exercise of its application.

This tenet of friendship of brotherly love, when practically applied is what makes our fraternity so strong and successful. These, along with our belief in the Supreme Architect provide a solid foundation for everything else we do in Masonry. Our catechisms are more than simply an academic exercise in memorization for its own sake. They provide a method of teaching our history and purpose to new candidates, as well as show them a glimpse of what is possible to accomplish as a man when trying to better themselves. Reciting the degree work from memory is a non-trivial task that encompasses many skills that are not typically mastered by those in our current busy society. The concentration and focus that is developed during the effort of learning catechism mouth to ear, then standing proficiency amongst a group of peers is a practical demonstration of the primary goal of our institution which

is to take good men and make them better. This exercise also allows all brothers to walk on the level. It makes no matter what walk of life a brother comes from, everyone has worked through this same difficult trial of committing catechism to memory and standing proficiency in lodge. This common thread helps those who practice the craft to

BECOME A GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF MARYLAND

The Grand Representative Program of Maryland has been revamped and relaunched to give you the opportunity to represent our Grand Lodge to other states and countries. By taking part, you have the opportunity to get more heavily involved in masonry on a larger scale. There are new guidelines in place as well as mandated duties a Grand Representative must adhere to. Being a Grand Representative is not a title but rather a position with duties to follow.

The principal duty of a Grand Representative is to represent the Grand Lodge of Maryland as an Ambassador to another Masonic jurisdiction. This is usually accomplished by corresponding with his counterpart in the jurisdiction that he represents, by sharing any matters, which in the personal opinion and observation of the Grand Representative, were of particular importance or interest at the Grand Lodge of Maryland's Annual Communication. Additionally, the Grand Representative may choose to personally attend the Annual Assembly of the Grand Jurisdiction he represents.

Brother Andrew Vineberg has been appointed as the Grand Lodge Representative Chairman. Although several positions have been filled, there are many jurisdictions open for your choosing. If you are interested in becoming a Representative, or to find out more information, please contact Bro. Vineberg via email at andyvineberg@hotmail.com or by phone at 410-375-8671.



see each other as who we are, brothers, not strangers off the street.

In conclusion, all of the benefits of the memorizing catechism with the methods currently applied in lodges today should cement this activity as a permanent practice of our fraternity.



*M*aryland Grand Chapter of the *Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association*—an International Association which is open to all Master Masons who enjoy the sport of motorcycling and have a desire to ride with and associate with their fraternal brothers. Our goal is to:

1. Contribute to the relief of our Widows & Orphans
2. Raise Masonic Awareness in the world of safe, respectful motorcycling
3. Introduce the enthusiasm of motorcycling to our Masonic Brothers
4. Support the Blue Lodge through regular attendance, and assisting with or attending lodge events.

While we wear identifying patches or regalia, the *Widows Sons* are not a gang or Motorcycle Club. We are required to represent the fraternity in a positive light at all times. The *Widows Sons* serve as a Masonic Booster Club by helping to raise Masonic Awareness while we attend public motorcycling events, and by supporting our Blue Lodges in whatever capacity we are able. *Widows Sons* chapters have helped to increase Masonic membership through our presence and visibility during public motorcycle events and rallies.

In every location throughout the world where there is a chapter, the *Widows Sons* have proven themselves to be a positive asset to the fraternity. The Maryland Grand Chapter is proud to have current and past Grand Masters as members. We regularly attract new members to the fraternity, and several chapters throughout the country have their own Degree Teams.

You may see us at Grand Lodge (or Blue Lodge) functions, on the road or at family events. Look for the folks dressed in black attire, riding motorcycles!



THOMAS FOOTER
Footer Dye Works, Cumberland, Maryland

A Drycleaner with Good Humor, Humility & Philanthropic Mind

THOMAS FOOTER OF CUMBERLAND

By: Edward Heimiller Curator (MDMasonicMuseum.org)

Thomas Footer (1847-1923) contributed to the commerce and community of his adopted city, Cumberland, in Alleghany County, Maryland. Though born in Yorkshire, England, near Leeds, to an English paper manufacturer and his wife he was orphaned at an early age. To support himself he found work in textile mills and sought an education at night school, where he studied chemistry and history. After his marriage to Elizabeth Booth (1847-1931), a native of Yeadon, England and the birth of two sons, he immigrated with his family to America around 1869. Before settling in Cumberland, he sought employment in textile mills in Philadelphia, Oswego Falls, and Harpers Ferry. In Cumberland Thomas Footer ultimately established a dyeing and dry-cleaning establishment, the Cumber Dye Works. Cumberland's proximity to coal mines and its strategic location on the railroad and canal systems proved advantageous for his business. His entrepreneurial spirit grew the business from a one-room concern into a vast complex supporting five hundred employees and consuming 150 tons of coal every week. At their peak goods were collected in branch depots established in more than twenty cities and transported to the home plant in Cumberland for treatment. They cleaned everything from the curtains for the White House to thousands of naval uniforms, with a motto "*Cleanliness is next to Godliness.*"

The care which the employees took with each item and size of the business later made the company vulnerable to competition from the less expensive quick-order cleaning operations that emerged after World War I. Just over a decade after his death, in July 1937 the empire he founded permanently closed; a victim of the Depression. His son, Harry Footer (?-1945), established a smaller operation in 1944 in Cumberland called Harry Footer & Company, but sold the business shortly thereafter, after encountering financial difficulties.

In his life Thomas Footer received unanimous praise for the exemplary concern he had for the welfare of his employees and his commitment to various civic causes, including serving on the city council of Cumberland. In May of 1892 he was initiated in Potomac Lodge, No. 100 under the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland.

Taking a keen interest in lodge activities he was quickly elected Master of the lodge in 1895 and served in that position until 1907. In 1898 he served as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland under Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock (1851-1918). He was also instrumental in the construction of the Masonic Temple in Cumberland, erected in 1911. A marble statue presented by Footer still stands in a wall niche in the temple and greets modern visitors. In 1913 his son Harry, sharing his father's passion for Masonry, became one of the Charter members of Fort Cumberland Lodge, No. 211. *(continue on page 21)*





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MARYLAND MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS—2017

Each year, the Grand Lodge recognizes our Brothers who have reached the milestone of fifty, sixty and seventy years of service to Maryland Freemasonry. We proudly honor the following Brothers who achieved these exemplary levels of service in 2017:



70 YEAR MEMBERS		60 YEAR MEMBERS					
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For Re-election to the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer



RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

BRO. DAN LANE

For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in Kensington-Bethesda Lodge No. 195 in 1991. Worshipful Master, Silver Spring Lodge No. 215, 2009, 2012 and 2013 and 2014 also served as Treasurer.

Masonic Leadership: Grand Inspector 2009-10. W. Junior Grand Steward 2008. District 5 Coordinator for MDCHIP Program. Silver Spring Temple and Library Assoc., served as President.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite 32° 2008, Knights of St. Andrew. Shriners International 2006, Legion of Honor. Free State Shield and Square Club 2009. National Sojourners 2009.

Professional: Columbia Union College. L'Academie de Cuisine, Culinary Program 2005. Campbell University, AA Degree 1997. Certified Food Service Manager.

Personal: Trained Emergency Medical Technician.

BRO. MARK E. PEARLSTEIN

For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Raised in Amicable #25 (Now Amicable-St. John's Lodge # 25) in 1980. Served as Worshipful Master 1985, 2006 and 2012. Served as Secretary 2007. In 2006 managed as Worshipful Master, the merger of St. John's Lodge # 34 into Amicable Lodge # 25 to form the present Amicable-St John's Lodge # 25. Currently serve on the Membership Committee and as council to Worship-



ful Master. Honorary Past Master, Millington # 166.

Masonic Leadership: W Junior Grand Steward 2015. Board of Grand Inspectors, 2005 to 2011, currently a Grand Inspector since 2012. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts AF & AM since 2014. Appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership Retention 2013, Chairman for Social Media 2015.

Masonic Affiliations: Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Orient of Maryland in the Valley of Baltimore, 32°. York Rite – Druid Royal Arch #28, Hiram Council #5. Maryland Council # 9 Knight Masons.

Professional: President, MSOM Communications, Inc., since 2012. Sales, service and design of communication equipment and applications for over 3 decades.

Personal: Born in Boston Massachusetts in 1948. Graduated from Randolph High School 1967, Received a BS/BA from Bryant College (now Bryant University) 1971. Resides in Owings Mills, Maryland with Elaine, wife of 25 years. Son Gregory is a Senior at UMBC, volunteer EMT at Chestnut Ridge VFD and Woodlawn Fire Department as well as a member of Amicable – St. John's Lodge # 25. Daughter Rachel is a Sophomore at Davis & Elkins College, Past Junior Princess Bethel #16 Job's Daughters International of Maryland, and Past Supreme Representative of South Dakota for Job's Daughters International.

BRO. JON C. SIMPSON

For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden



Masonic History: Raised in Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 in 2008. Worshipful Master in 2014 and 2015. Work with the Catechism and Membership Committee when called upon. WM for the Celebration of Charlotte Hall Veterans in 2015. Chairman of the Open House Committee. Chairman of the By-Laws Committee. Member of the Scholarship, Budget, and Audit Committees. One of the Coordinators of the Southern Maryland Brotherhood Night at the Bowie Baysox.

Masonic Leadership: W Grand Standard Bearer 2016. Grand Inspector for St. Florian 9-11 Lodge No. 238 since 2016. Grand Lodge Spring Leadership instructor 2016. Assisted with the revision of Modules 1 & 3, of the Fellow of the Craft portion, of the Maryland Masonic Academy.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington, 32°. York Rite – Palestine Commandery No. 7, Harmony Council No. 20, Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25. AMD – Crimson Council No. 483, in Prince Frederick, Charter Member in 2011, Sovereign Master in 2012, currently the Treasurer. Shriners International - Boumi Shrine. Kallipolis Grotto -Upper Marlboro. National Sojourners – Patuxent Chapter #522. Baltimore Highlands Square Club.

Professional: Employed at Calvert Memorial Hospital since 2015 as a Patient Financial Analyst in the Billing Department. Previously Self Employed at Chesapeake Medical Billing Company for 20 plus years. Prior to that I was an Assistant Store Manager for Lowes Home Improvement in Bowie, Maryland.

Personal: Born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1964. Graduated from Southern Senior High School in 1982. Attended Anne Arundel Community College. Currently living in Cove Point, Maryland with my wife Diana of 31 years. We have two children. Our son will be 24 in August, and our Daughter turned 20 in January.

BRO. DREW M. TAYLOR

For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden



Masonic History: Raised in Howard Lodge No. 101 in 2004. Worshipful Master in 2010.

Masonic Leadership: W Assistant Grand Marshall 2013-14. Grand Inspector 2010-16. Ritual Committee. State Director of the Maryland Masonic Child ID Program 2012 – present. Board of Trustees 2016 – present. Grand Lodge Leadership Program Instructor 2011-15. Masonic Charities of Maryland 2nd Vice President 2016-present.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, KCCH.

Professional: Owner and CEO of Scintillation Technologies, a medical engineering company 1997 – present.

Personal: BFA from California State University Stanislaus. BSEE from University of Chicago.

BRO. MIGUEL P. BANAGAN

For the Office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden



Masonic History: Raised in Camp Springs Lodge No. 227 in 1981. Worshipful Master in 1989, 2006, 2015 and 2016.

Masonic Leadership: W Senior Grand Steward 2014. W Grand Standard Bearer 1992. Grand Inspector 2012 – present. President, Masonic Veterans Association 2017. Grand Lodge Membership Committee on Mentoring 2013-14. Grand Lodge Membership Retention Committee 2014-16. Grand Lodge Leadership Program, Regional Faculty Member 2016. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines 1998-2014. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Japan 2014 – present. Awarded the Warren S. Seipp Medal for Distinguished Service 2016. Awarded the Grand Master's Award in 1989.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington. York Rite – York Royal Arch Chapter No. 44, York Council No. 23, York Commandery No. 16. Maryland Council No. 9 Knight Masons. Allied Masonic Degrees, Lord Fairfax Council No. 90. Kena Shrine, Fairfax VA. Founding Member of The Masonic Society. A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Research Lodge No. 1949. Southern Maryland Past Masters Association. Concord Lodge No. 307, Vienna, VA, affiliated Past Master. Past Associate Bethel Guardian, Bethel No. 38, Vienna, VA.

Professional: Worked for Philippine government as Provincial Manager in managing the procurement, processing, storing and distribution of all grain products such as rice and corn. Immigrated to USA in 1977, worked as Computer Programmer for US defense industries (US Navy/US Army), retirement planning and real estate business. Licensed life & health insurance agent and licensed Realtor in Virginia. Together with spouse Chris, established an accounting, bookkeeping and tax services in 1985 to present.

Personal: Born in the Philippines. Graduated, B.S. in Industrial Engineering, 1972, Adamson University, Manila, Philippines. Married with two children and two grandchildren.

BRO. IAN M. MCINTOSH

For the Office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden



Masonic History: Raised in Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge #195 in 2012. Worshipful Master in 2015 and 2016. Assisted with ritual instruction and conducted catechism instruction and examinations when called upon. Served on, and acted as Chairman of various committees including petition investigation, open house, scholarship and audit committees. Organized/executed Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge's first Low Vale Master Mason Degree, restructured the lodge's Holding Corporation and oversaw the completion of a major renovation project of the lodge building.

Masonic Leadership: W Grand Director of Ceremonies 2016. Deputy Grand Lecturer (current). Grand Lodge Leadership Program Instructor 2016. Assisted in the revision of Module 2 of the Fellow of the Craft portion of the Maryland Masonic Academy.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington, 32°. York Rite – James F. Allen Chapter #33, King Solomon Council #13 and Montgomery Commandery #13. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Knights of Mecca Degree Team (Boumi Shrine). Tall Cedars of Lebanon – Montgomery Forrest #134. Maryland Masonic Research Society.

Professional: Currently employed as a Senior Financial Analyst at Sinclair Broadcasting Group in Hunt Valley. Previously worked in the digital advertising department of AOL in Baltimore as an Analyst for 2 years. Prior to that, as a Paralegal at Steptoe & Johnson, LLP in Rockville for 7 years. Master's degree in Financial Management from UMUC and a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from University of Maryland, College Park.

Personal: Born in Iowa, but grew up north of Hagerstown since the age of four. Graduated Smithsburg High School in 2002, UMD in 2007 and UMUC in 2014. Currently live in Columbia, Maryland with my wife of almost 6 years, Cayli, and soon-to-be first child due in July.

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HOW COULD I NOT BE?

by L. DeWayne Nichols, Senior Warden, Kensington – Bethesda Lodge No. 198

If you have been a Freemason for more than a day you've heard the negative. I'm not talking the internal issues we have, no I mean from a non-Mason. They say "How can you be a member of that?!?" To them I say "How could I not be?!?"

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We have united men of different walks of life, creeds, and languages for centuries. We believe making one person better will make one community better, will make one nation better and finally one world better. While outside people kill over beliefs, we inside the lodge accept on those very same beliefs.

So the next time someone ask you how can you be a freemason. Say with pride: How could I not be?



MASONRY AND COURAGE

By David R. Sandy, PM

Freemasonry teaches us to practice the four Cardinal Virtues which are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. While these virtues have been written about for thousands of years, they are as relevant today as when Plato taught them. This article zeroes in on fortitude which is another word for courage.

An examination of courage is incomplete without also examining “fear”. Indeed these two are linked. Our Masonic lessons teach us that this virtue is “*equally distant from rashness and cowardice.*” This phrase tells us that courage is not fearlessness. Neither is being afraid the single mark of a coward. The fearless man is reckless and foolish, while the man who lets fear conquer him is a coward. It is the man who faces down his fears who is courageous and has fortitude.

Courage is a virtue that is difficult to simply define. Dictionary definitions may couple courage with intrepid boldness and daring. If we look closely at courage, we find that, there are different types. Here are a few for us to consider and examples of what courage looks like in today’s world:

The first that comes to mind is Physical Courage which we also call bravery or valor. This is personified by the soldier charging across the battlefield or the firefighter who enters the burning building. Those who perform heroic deeds are well known for their physical courage. Freemason Audie Murphy received the Medal of Honor for his heroism. Hollywood movies and bestselling books shower us with examples of physical courage or the lack thereof. Consider the Cowardly Lion in the Wizard of Oz, James Bond, Harry Potter and John Wayne. In the Holy Scriptures we read about David and Goliath. All are examples of physical courage. Yet possessing physical courage alone is no guarantee of a virtuous man. Didn’t Jesse James, Al Capone, John Dillinger and Darth Vader have physical courage?

Although many Freemasons are soldiers, policemen and firefighters, a large number are not called upon to guard the perimeter, risk their lives to save and protect others or defend liberty and property at home and overseas. To understand this virtue more deeply and appreciate its significance in our lives more thoroughly, we must make a closer examination of the other forms of courage.



Perseverance is the courage to be determined or steadfast; to stick with a purpose and to be discontent with merely holding ground. It means continually striving to move forward, even in times of failure and setback. Our Brother, President Theodore Roosevelt speaks of this kind of courage in his Citizen in a Republic speech where he describes the man in the arena, The man “*whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes up short again and again, (the man) who spends himself in a worthy cause.*”

Every Mason faces obstacles in life. He has the choice to conquer the obstacle or to give up and quit. Undeniably, giving up on mastering a video game is not the same as giving up on fighting cancer. So what does perseverance look like? By considering this question, an answer emerges: Does it take perseverance to increase Lodge attendance, serve as care-giver to an aged or handicapped parent or spouse, provide food baskets to the needy, convince a Lodge membership to raise their dues, raise an autistic child or start up a business?

Moral courage is the ability to face ethical challenges. This is the Mason who holds onto his convictions when his values are put to the test. When a Mason puts ethics into action, he is showing moral courage. This is also true

when he stands up for a moral principle when others are standing aside. While others may choose an aloof detachment from the issues, the Mason with moral courage takes a stand. This is not merely whistle blowing, which is a relatively quick action. Moral courage involves ongoing integrity exercised with poise, and serving as a role model for others to emulate.

Social Courage – This is the quality of being comfortable in our own skin, standing tall, being the first to offer a handshake and greeting. Not being a slave to conformance to the expectations of others; being one's self at the risk of social disapproval. It is the ability to express opinions without checking to see if they are in with others' preferences and standing firm against destructive peer pressure. Being the man who steps up and stands out when it is so comfortable to sit back and blend in. Social courage is speaking one's mind, even though their voice is quivering.

Another element of this multi-faceted virtue is Spiritual Courage. The obvious example of its practice is a Mason's welcoming of the Grim Tyrant, but there is more. Consider the spiritual courage needed when explaining death to a young child. How about the courage to have faith - or the fortitude to let go of needing to control all things in our lives?

What does spiritual courage look like in a fragmented world, divided by sectarianism, intolerance, hatred and greed? Imagine the Mason who has friends who practice a faith other than his own. Isn't a Mason taught to practice sharing rather than hoarding? Consider the Mason who asks questions about other religions and is tolerant of other men's beliefs.

The final component of this subject is Intellectual Courage, which is the willingness to face new ideas and to solve problems. It involves the willingness to be curious, check facts, ask questions and even make mistakes. This

is the courage it takes to do something, even if it might be incorrect. Said another way, it is risk-taking daring and decisiveness.

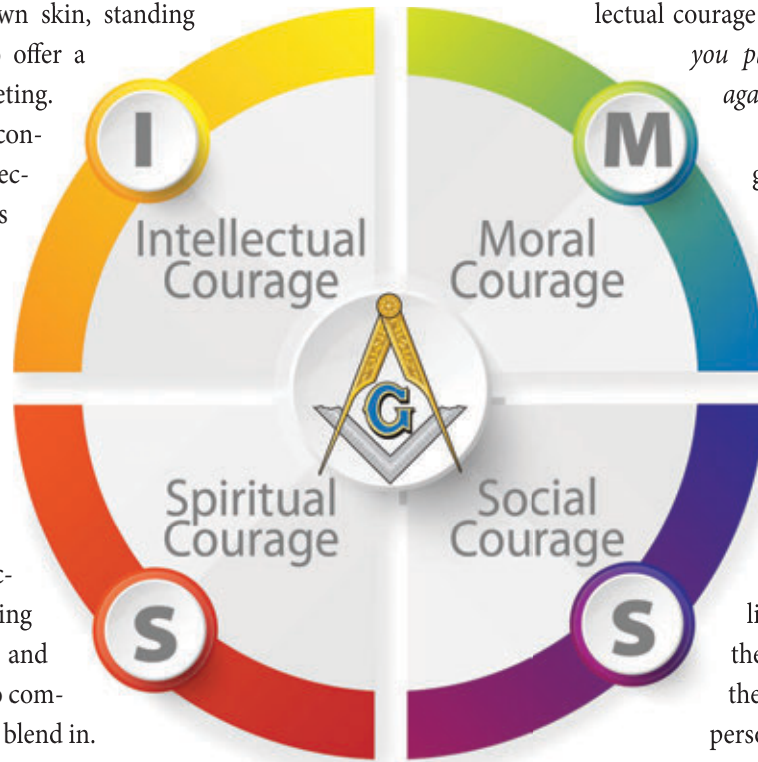
The Mason with intellectual courage takes as long as necessary to gain a thorough understanding of a subject and is not satisfied with a superficial overview. He listens intently and considers other's points of view. He seeks out opposing positions on issues. The Mason with intellectual courage is not afraid to say, "*Can you please explain that to me again?*"

Facing new ideas is generally coupled with change. Throughout history, Freemasons have been at the forefront of political and social changes. Freemasonry provided an atmosphere for free thought, where intellectual courage could be exercised. Those earlier Brothers of ours tested their ideas in the safety of their Lodges, then took great personal risks by sharing their innovations with the world. They introduced new governments, new philosophies and new ways of living. What was accomplished by Masons then, can be accomplished by Masons today through intellectual courage.

Indeed, our Masonic lesson on fortitude provides us with a lot to contemplate.

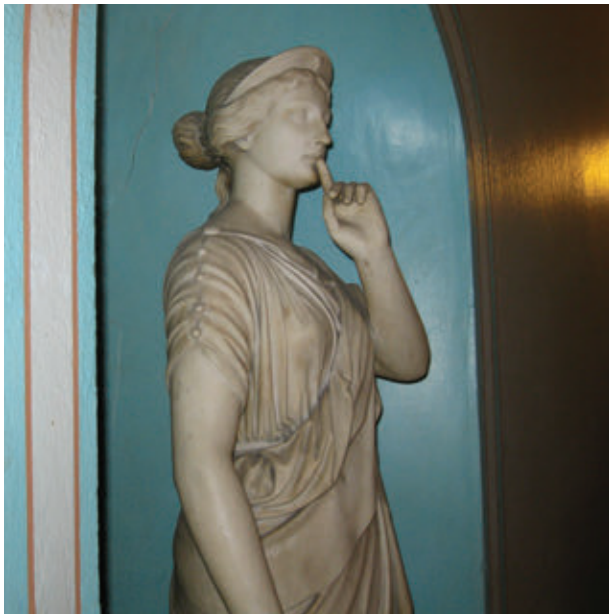
In closing, consider this thoughtful truth, appropriate not only in this discussion of fortitude, but also to our human condition in general, as men and as Masons:

Regardless of where in life we are challenged and despite all consequences for the risks we accept in following our convictions or overcoming life's obstacles, we must each decide on the path we take. The courageous actions of others may inspire us, instruct us and offer examples for emulation, still the courage to act on our decisions comes from within and each of us must look into our soul and then apply it.



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Among his other great passions was collecting art and rare books. James Walter Thomas (1855-1926) observed in his *'History of Allegany County, Maryland'* published in 1923 that Footer had recently erected an addition to his house located on Decatur Street in Cumberland in which he placed "one of the largest libraries and finest collections of books in Maryland, also a fine collection of antiques, ivories, rare paintings and pictures, rare books and publications and an unusual collection of ceramics and many other rare curios." An ardent bibliophile, his library specialized in first editions. Late in his life despite his limited formal education he also taught himself Latin.



His granddaughter, Mrs. Cyril W. Keene recalled him as a warmhearted individual who loved beautiful works of art, which he purchased during the course of his many travels, at times with the help of an agent, Mr. Evans (dates unknown). Admiring the example of William T. Walters (1819-1894) and Henry Walters (1848-1931) of opening their collection to the public in Baltimore (this endeavor would eventual become the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore), he envisioned providing a museum for Cumberland. Despite his efforts the city government was unwilling to assume responsibility for the upkeep of the facility. After Footer's death, his collections were dispersed with his library being given to Duke University and most of his art holdings being sold privately. In an ironic twist of fate one of the prize paintings from his collection, *The Tulip Folly*, painted by French artist Jean-Leon Gerome (1824-1904) depicting

an imaginary scene during the wake of 'tulipomania,' or craze for tulips, that swept the Netherlands in the 17th century is today part of the collection of the Walters Art Museum. Given to the Walters Art Museum by Footer's granddaughter in 1983, the painting depicts a single figure standing guarding a potted tulip in the wake of the crash in the tulip market as solders trample flower beds in a vain attempt to stabilize the tulip market by limiting the supply. A miniature portrait of a lady by an unidentified artist once in his collection is also in the Walters Art Museum. Today, Footer's residence and its wing still stand at 307 Decatur Street, bearing testimony to what might have been.

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- Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Combo
- Salad, Vegetables
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