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A MESSAGE TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND MASONIC FAMILY



Using the Beehive as an emblem of industry was a wise choice by our ancient brothers. For it is industry that makes things happen and makes the product of our labors so sweet. Coupled with our God-given powers to reason and give purpose to our lives, there is much we can do.

Just glancing through these pages, we will find examples of what many Lodges, your Grand Lodge and those of other jurisdictions are doing to help others as well as themselves. One of these projects is a proposal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to

establish a National Foundation for the Prevention of Juvenile Drug and Alcohol Abuse. The proposal was overwhelmingly received at the recent National Conference of Grand Masters in North America as a way of further demonstrating Masonry's concern for youth, the hope for our country's future. Your Board of Managers endorsed this proposal prior to the conference and thus was the first jurisdiction outside of Pennsylvania to do so.

Our Industry has produced 2,500 Charter Members of the Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787, not quite what we hoped for. Our thanks go to the officers and members of Baltimore Forest #45 of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon who ran a benefit for the Coats Lodge at a respectable profit.

Efforts on the Solomon II program have also produced favorable results. During the period March 1, 1985 through March 31, 1986, 713 brothers have been raised with 518 more taking the degrees for a total of 1,231 new brothers.

Do you know what it takes to keep members active? According to responses to a recent questionnaire they would like to see: • More Masonic educational programs. . . • Making it easier for non-attendees to return to Lodge after extended absences. . . • More family activities. . . • More community affairs involvement. . . • More entertainment at meetings. Speaking of questionnaires, you might read "A Survey of Attitudes Toward the Masonic Fraternity" by Maj. Gen. H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 33°, appearing in the May 86 issue of The New Age magazine issued by the Sottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

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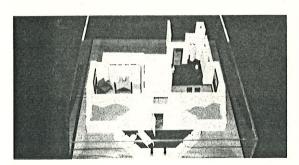
Sincerely and fraternally, C. David Haacke Grand Master

WHAT HAPPENS ON APRIL 17, 1987?

Bastille Day? St. Swithin's Day? Wrong! See "Birthday Celebration Coming Up."

ANYBODY KNOW WHAT'S IN THIS PICTURE?

Labyrinth? Computer Game? Space Ship? Give up? See "Living High on The Hill."



HIGHLIGHTS - GRAND LODGE SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION - MAY 19, 1986

- Bro. Wm. D. Schaefer, #109, Mayor of Baltimore feelingly reported on the loss of the sailing vessel, "The Pride of Baltimore." Bro. Charles A. Broseker, W.M. of Mystic Circle No. 109 presented Bro. Schaefer with a charter membership in the Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787.
- MWGM Haacke presented Certificates of Appreciation to Bros.
 Austin E. Penn, #124; Maxwell V. Frye, Jr., No. 180; Gene Higdon #165;
 and RWGS Jack R. Frazier #215 for outstanding service.
- Proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge designed to reinforce the Grand Lodge financial base and offset operating deficits through increase of initiation and affiliation fees were considered but were not approved. Although there were nine more votes for the proposal than against, a two-thirds majority was required. In view of the critical significance of the proposal it is planned to resubmit the proposal at the November communication. This will also enable the representative of the 25 Lodges (50 votes) who were absent to have an opportunity to participate on an issue which is so vital to the present and future financial integrity of Grand Lodge operations in support of Masonry in Maryland. Worshipful Masters are reminded that each Lodge is entitled to two votes. These may be cast by proxies if Lodge representatives are not available for attendance at Grand Lodge.

An amendment concerning assessments on behalf of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was deferred until the November annual communication.

- Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787. Proposed amendment of By-Laws, which required no layover, was approved. This established an additional class of members, to be designated Regular Members.
- Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. A resolution was passed for the adoption of Articles of Incorporation for this new organization. In essence, future contributions to the Grand Lodge for scientific, educational and charitable purposes will be tax deductible.

EVENTS

· National Conference of Grand Masters of North America: Alexandria, VA was the site for this annual event at which 60 Grand Lodges were represented including the Philippines, Mexico, Canada, West Germany, Italy, and Spain. This event provides a unique forum for exchanging ideas and experiences among Masonic leaders. Grand Master Haacke was privileged to officiate over the sessions which included consideration of a proposal from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania regarding the establishment of a National Foundation for the Prevention of Juvenile Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Reaction to the proposal was enthusiastic with many pledges of support. In a meeting prior to the conference, the G.L. of MD Board of Managers had endorsed the proposal in principle. Entertainer and Bro. Danny Thomas pledged to assist in fund-raising. Bro. Thomas received a check for \$2,000,000 for the Statue of Liberty restoration project. This amount included \$37,500 contributed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland - a dollar for each Maryland Master Mason. These funds were primarily generated from the sale of greeting cards to the Craft. Shown below, left to right are: GM Haacke; Raymond H. Bachman, PGM of Illinois and Ex Secy/Treas. of the conference; GM Harold D. Paschal of Iowa, Vice Chairman; Bro. Danny Thomas; GM John W. Driscoll of California; GM Calvin G. Bond of N.Y.; and GM William C. Miskovic of D.C.



The following photo includes Bro. Alex Dandy, Member, Maryland Board of Managers; Bro. Danny Thomas; GMs Miskovic of D.C. and our own GM, C. David Haacke.



- The August Scene: The Seventh Annual August Scene sponsored by the Grand York Rite Bodies will be held this year on August 1 and 2 at Westminister. A social and educational Masonic program and banquet are featured with meetings and interesting speakers at Door-to-Virtue Lodge No. 46. Accommodations are available. For details write or call Bro. Carl J. Wisner, 145 Willis St., Westminster, MD 21157, (301) 876-1661.
- Masonic Family Day Ocean City, MD: At 11:45, May 10, under a sun-drenched cloudless sky whipped with crisp ocean breezes, Roland E. Powell, Mayor of Ocean City and member of Evergreen Lodge #153 and MWGM C. David Haacke made proclamations linking the 10th "Marlin Day Parade" with "Masonic Family Day." Masonry's participation in community affairs was unquestionably visible particularly in the colorful regalia worn by the Shriners. The day was a treat for the public, the members of the Masonic Family and friends. A real winner for community involvement and projection of a favorable public image not only at the site but also on TV.
- Seventh Annual Brotherhood Night: Brotherhood is the word for it! Some 550 (124 Maryland Masons) guests from Delaware, New Jersey, D.C., Pennsylvania, Maryland, etc. gathered at Nur Temple, New Castle, DE this past March to enjoy an ever-growing popular event. An excellent meal was served matched by remarks from distinguished Masons including MWGMs Henry G. Law of Delaware;

James E. Duke of New Jersey; C. David Haacke of Maryland and William C. Miskovic of D.C. Watch for number Eight in March of 87. Shown below are the GMs, their Deputies and other distinguished Masons.



• Blue Lodge Night at Boumi: It was anything but blue at Boumi Temple this past February when the III. Potentate, Charles W. Thomas, Jr. invited all the Blue Lodges in Maryland to enjoy the entertainment and refreshment provided. The invitation was also extended to non-Masons that the Lodges cared to bring with the proviso that they be first presented with the "Friend to Friend" pamphlet featured in the Solomon II Program. Shown below is GM Haacke and III. Pot. Thomas, prime members of our Masonic Family.



SALUTES

 MWPGM Harvey T. Hopkins: St. John's Lodge No. 34 W.M. James L. Culley, Sr. officers and PMs orchestrated a program MC'd by PM Constantine Anagnos which PGM Hopkins and wife Frieda will not soon forget. Present were DGM Joe Bryan and PGMs Cover, Stansbury, Koenig and Rothman as well as PGMs Moyer (D.C.) and Daugherty (N.J. & D.C.-Hon.), many Grand Lodge officers and a roomfull of members, guests and families. In ceremonies making him an Honorary PM of the Lodge, PGM Hopkins received a Gold Badge, the Mayor's Citation for Public Service from Mayor Schaefer of Baltimore through his representative, a silver/pewter plate, a plaque with accompanying resolution and the well-wishes of all assembled. Remarks were made by PM Dino Anagnos who served as Grand Marshal to PGM Hopkins, detailing accomplishements over four decades in Masonry. Bro. Harvey and Frieda will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in October. Shown below are, left to right: PM Dino Anagnos, PGM Hopkins and WM Culley.



• W. Grand Chaplain Tom Weir: We suspect that Bro. Tom has more hats than Imelda Marcos had shoes. We find he is Secretary of Andrews Chapter #645, National Sojourners and currently serving as Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer (National Vice-Commander) of la Societes des 40 Hommes et Huit Chevaux. The "Forty and Eight" is part of the American Legion leadership supporting Child Welfare, Americanism, Nurses Training Scholarship and Hansen's Disease education.

Yedz Grotto, Grand Monarch's Aide, and Publicity Chairman was named "1985 Man of the Year" by the Jewish War Veterans. He is a highly decorated veteran and a board member of 19 charitable organizations. Bro. Winik received the Commodore Urlah P. Levy Award named for the first Jewish Admiral in the U.S. Navy.

- 60 Year Masonic Service Emblems: Belated congratulations to Brother Leonard J. Bateman, Ben Franklin #97 whose roots go back to his service as a DeMolay. Congratulations to Bro. Eldon F. Leithiser who received his emblem at his home from G.I. Oscar R. Baldwin assisted by WM George E. Powell of Susquehanna #130 and other brothers.
- · W. Bro. Stewart M.L. Pollard: As Executive Secretary of The Masonic Service Association of the United States, Bro. Pollard operates a premium database of Masonic Information, encompasses the Hospital Visitation Program under M.W. Bro. Tom Daugherty and is involved in many other Masonic Service activities. Details of Bro. Pollard's Masonic and family life is included in the April-May-June 1986 issues of "Your Masonic Hospital Visitor." Pictured below is Bro. Pollard in the command center in Silver Spring, MD under the watchful eyes of his predecessors RWPGM of Texas, Andrew L. Randell; MWPGM Carl H. Claudy of D.C.; WPM of S.D. John D. Cunningham; and MWPGM of Conn. Conrad Hahn who was also a dual member of Bethesda #204. He's never too busy to take time out to speak at a Lodge on some subject of interest. His last visit was at Temple #128 where he treated W.M. William R. Towers, Jr. and the members of the Lodge to a talk with the intriguing title of "The Man in the Mirror."



WE WILL CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

- John Delbert Hospelhorn: The Dean of the PGMs, age 90, passed away in February after a long and productive life. Masonically, he served as W.M. of Kedron Lodge in 1931, RW Grand Treasurer in 1942 when he became DGM and MWGM in 1952. He served his country in WW1 and again in WWII in the Coast Guard Reserve. MW Bro. Hospelhorn became deputy state banking commissioner from 1923 to 1967. As acting state banking commissioner in 1960, he issued a report calling for a comprehensive law to regulate state-chartered S & L institutions and building and loan institutions. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing and hunting.
- John R. Newcomb: A past RW Junior Grand Warden and Grand Inspector, Bro. Newcomb was a member of almost every organization included in our Masonic Family. He was a PM of Mount Ararat #44 and was accorded the rare privilege of being made an honorary member of Stephenson #135. As RWJGW, Bro. Newcomb was honored with other Lodge Junior Wardens at ceremonies sponsored by St. John's #34.
- Rowen F. Erb: A Montgomery institution, Bro. Erb, age 91 was a
 member of Montgomery #195 for 66 years. He was WM in 1928 and
 again in 1940. He also served as a G.I. and was active in the York Rite
 Bodies. Bro. Erb had style and dignity: Small and slender, white hair
 parted in the middle, prince nez glasses, string tie and a black
 cheroot held by firm lips.
- Stanley A. Dolle: In April, Bro. Dolle was presented a 70 year service emblem at his residence in Bonnie Blink. Gathered about him in the Powers Lounge were distinguished Masons including members of King David's #68 PGMs Cover, Fogle, Koenig and Rothman; SGIG Jett and Past SGIG Donaldson; Bros. Peregoy, Drohan, Covington and G.I. Jones. Bro. Dolle's last days were sweetened with this memory and recognition of outstanding service as WM in 1930 until his residence at Bonnie Blink where he was more a member of the staff rather than a guest.

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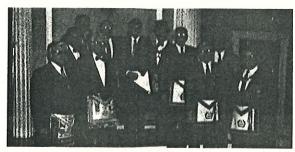
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LODGE NOTES

- Bethesda #204: The Solomon II Program has some long range effects in this Lodge. PM & Dr. Robert J. Talleksen turned in a petition for the degrees for his newly-born son dated November 21, 2006.
- Stephenson #135: Now here's something you don't see very often.
 But, seeing is believing. MWMG C. David Haacke was surrounded by four members of the Stearn family at a recent visit. Pictured below from left to right are PM Ronald A. Stearn; his father, PM and Secty.
 Carl A. Stearn; Grand Master Haacke; PM Eldon L. Stearn; and PM Vernon K. Stearn who are Carl's blood brothers.



• Cambridge #66: WM Byron W. Fairall II really had an awesome protocol experience when Bro. Philip M. Mero was raised. Not only was Bro. Mero's father present, who happens to be a PGM of West Virginia but also seven other PGMs who overwhelmed Bro. Mero with many tokens of their esteem. Pictured below from left to right are: PGMs Richard M. Wilson of Ohio, Rothman, Maryland, Theodore M. Kahn of D.C.; Hopkins, Maryland, Mero of West Virginia, the father; Bro. Mero; WM Fairall; and from Delaware Lewis J. Blackwell, Harold J. Littlejohn, Paul E. Ellis and Robert D. Rinehart.



- Susquehanna #130: A highlight of the year was celebrated by WM George E. Powell and members of the Lodge and guests totalling 56 Masons who witnessed an informal discussion of Masonry and its major activities in which Grand Master C. David Haacke and the Grand Line participated. The Lodge is deeply involved in community activities in performing escort service at the V.A. Medical Center at Perry Point.
- Pentalpha #194: WM Bryan C. Troutman and Lodge members were delighted to note an item in the local newspaper which attests to their standing in their community. It reads: "To the editor: I think an accolade should be made to the three Masons from the house on

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Route 118 in Germantown who came to the aid of Mr. Briggs who suffered a heart attack Dec. 21 outside his house. In an era when people don't go out of their way, these men gave CPR after carrying him into the house and calling for help. They appear to be starting out as good neighbors." It just happens that these Masons were working on their new Temple at the time.

- Corinthian #93. WM Norman F. Henthorn, Jr. is planning a "Blue Lodge Orioles Night" at Memorial Stadium to benefit Bonnie Blink. The date is July 1. He is asking the support of all Maryland Blue Lodges which have been requested to show their interest by completing a form to be mailed to William M. Kessler, 7323 Kirtley Rd., Baltimore, MD 21224.
- Hagerstown #217: "Sixth Annual Lodge of Low Vale, September 5th, from 5 to 7 p.m. for \$8.50 14 oz. Delmonics steak, baked potato, salad, corn, etc. AT 7:30 p.m. meeting convenes MM Degree. Reservations for meal made with Bro. John W. Miller, 1902 Maplewood Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740, (301) 791-1184 before August 15. At Elks Picnic Grounds, 1½ miles north of intersection of U.S. Route 40 and MD Route 63. Dress casual. Parking available. Covered pavilion in case of rain. Last year 300 MMs attended from Tri-State area. Candles & lanterns.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMING UP

On April 17, 1987 the Grand Lodge of Maryland will be 200 years old. Initial discussion on plans and programs has already been held. Celebration of this event will provide a tremendous opportunity to share with the public the reasons for Masonry's durability and accomplishments. All Lodges and Masons should be looking forward towards participating in the celebration.

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Bro. Edgar Dodd, #146, Chairman of the Blood Donor Committee (Balto City/County) and Bill Mortimer, #179 are developing a state wide blood program to provide a broader and more flexible base for the collection and distribution of blood.

LIVING HIGH ON THE HILL

The picture on the first page is of a display on top of a pedestal which can be seen as you enter the lobby of the main building at Bonnie Blink. It's a detail scale model of a typical apartment being built as part of a phased construction program. On easels at either side of the pedestal are displays of the various types of furniture and interior decor with which the apartments will be furnished. Many "oohs" and "ahhs' are heard among visitors, especially the ladies. As reported by Bro. B. Hope Harrison, Chairman of the Phase III Building Committee, each apartment unit is self-contained with a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bath. Laundry facilities are on each floor. Other amenities include craft rooms, beauty parlor, putting greens, shuffleboard court and a small lake. More details will be made available as development progresses. When completed around July 31, 1987 there will be 46 apartments. Inquiries on reserving a unit may be addressed to the Office of the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, 225 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201.



DEMOLAY TIDBITS

Father/Son and family day on June 15 at Memorial Stadium; Game between Orioles and Yankees starts at 2:05 PM. Maryland State DeMolay Conclave at Salisbury State College at Salisbury scheduled for August 8-9-10. Check with Chapter Advisor or Executive Officer for college scholarships: Includes the Foundation Scholarship Grant; Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Bodies grant; and George D. Stowman Memorial Scholarship. Newly certified Dad Advisors include Bros. Frank M. Applin, William F. McFadden, Bryan C. Troutman, John W.W. Arnold, Frank A. Purcell, Paul A. Watson and Charles M. Williams.

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OTHER LODGE EVENTS

Mt. Hermon #179: As reported by the Lodge Secretary, Bro. John A.
 Marx, on Saturday, April 26, Mt. Hermon #179 participated in the Centennial Celebration of the City of Hyattsville by entering a decorated vehicle in the parade held as a part of the celebration.

The truck carried W.M. John D. Helm and other officers of the Lodge, attired in tuxedos and jewels and aprons, along the parade route through City. It was awarded the trophy for the best decorated vehicle in the parade.

A highly visible gold square and compass against a blue background was painted on the cab doors. Signs on the sides of the truck proclaimed in large letters to the community "Mt. Hermon Lodge #179 A.F. & A.M. - Hyattsville, MD 1881-1986." The vehicle with its proud cargo is shown below receiving admiring glances from the onlookers.



- Coats #102: W.M. Hans O. Wendt regretfully advises the recent passing of three brothers: Bro. Emory W. Slaughter who served the Lodge as Treasurer for over 35 years; PM Martin Petitt, Jr. who served as W.M. in 1981; and Bro. John R. Bauer who was initiated as an E.A. earlier this year.
- Wheaton #228: Agreeably to his promise for interesting and dynamic programs for the year, W.M. Duncan R. Jerman entertained in May 160 members and visitors including MWGM C. David Haacke and the Grand Line; PGMs Brewer, Kenyon and Stin of the Grand Lodge of D.C.; 14 visiting W.M.'s; 47 Senior Wardens; 50 Junior Wardens; and even a visitor from Denmark, Bro. Flemming Wolf-Frederiksen, Denmark No. 5, Aalborg, Cimbria.

Speaker for the evening was Bro. W. Raymond Wannall, former Asst. Director of the F.B.I.

W.M. Jerman, assisted by the Lodge Wardens and PM Stoll presented gavels to the 97 Wardens present.

The W.M. also presented a plaque to Grand Master Haacke on which he can display the gavel presented to him at Sugar Loaf Mountain last September. For many years now, Wheaton Lodge has sponsored meetings held on the mountain attended by brothers from many jurisdictions.

Compliments of a caring friend who, together with the Masonic Fraternity and other concerned citizens, are committed to a mutual effort to prevent drug and alcohol abuse among our youth that the future of our country may have the health and vigor to preserve our traditions and objectives

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News items, suggestions, questions are welcome. Mail to: Editor, THE FREESTATE FREEMASON

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