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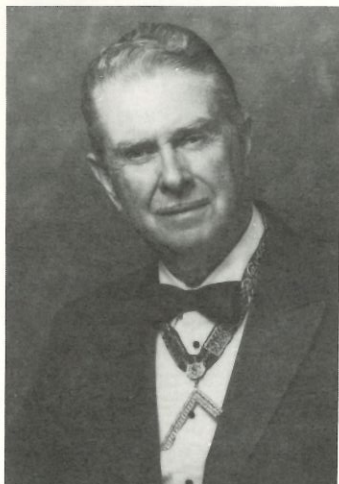
# The FREESTATE FREEMASON

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## BRETHREN:



Another year has passed into the realm of history. As a matter of fact, two hundred years have passed since our Grand Lodge was constituted on April 17, 1787. The Masonry in Maryland that is ours to enjoy today has been made possible through the efforts of those who have gone before us. So, I ask each of you to step into the "Third Century" of Masonry in Maryland with a determination to preserve and promote the principles of our beloved Fraternity.

The other evening, while attending Lodge, I was asked to give the "Charge to the Lodge". The charge is brief and yet the import of its admonition is worthy of our sincere attention. As I delivered the "Charge", I was reminded of the nature of our constitution; the duty of both the Officers and the Brethren; the admonishment "to please each other, and unite . . . in being happy". I was reminded that our "Fraternity has been formed . . . in unanimity and concord". The desire of all present was voiced, "so may it long continue". The wish was expressed that our childrens' children may gather in our Lodges and celebrate the joy that is ours; and we pray that the "tenets of our profession will be transmitted through your Lodge pure and unimpaired" to those who will come after us.

I realized pleasure in being part of the installation service. You, too, can realize pleasure and satisfaction in participating in the activities of your Lodge. Why not start today? You are somebody's impression of Masonry. Ask your Worshipful Master how you can help your Lodge as we enter the third century in Maryland.

My very best wishes for a happy, healthy and productive New Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joseph C. Bryan III  
Grand Master

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 17—Board of Trustees Meeting
- 18—Grand Line visits Waverly #152, MM°.
- 19—Board of Managers Meeting.
- 21—Wreath-laying at George Washington Masonic National Memorial. GMs of MD/DC/VA and Mayor of Alexandria, VA. RWSGW Richard Ortt representing GM of MD.
- 21-24—GM attends Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Mar. 5&12—York Rite "Special Spring Class honoring MWGM, Denton.
- 5—St. Cyprian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.
- 16—Board of Trustees Meeting.
- 18—Board of Managers Meeting.
- 20—Grand Line at Wreath-Laying at George Washington Tomb, Mt. Vernon, sponsored by Tall Cedars.
- 29—Brotherhood Night, Nur Temple, New Castle, Delaware.
- Apr. 3—Easter Service, Bonnie Blink, 7:30 a.m.
- 5—Family Night, Mt. Hermon #179.
- 8—Grand Session, Rainbow for Girls, Cockeysville.
- 16—Supreme Visitation, IOJD, Grand Lodge Temple.
- 20—Board of Trustees Meeting.
- 22—Board of Managers Meeting
- 24—Eastern Star, Ramada, Hagerstown.

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## THE JEWEL OF THE BAY.

The brothers shown in the following photo including Gene Higdon, look like they're sharing a special secret. Perhaps it has something to do with the odd-shaped stone bearing a carved square and compass. Anyone knowing anything about it are welcome to tell his story to the Editor. More about this in our next issue.





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## IMPORTANT DATES *(Continued from page 1)*

- May 15—Grand Lodge Church Service, Bonnie Blink.
- 16—Grand Lodge of Maryland Semi-Annual Communication.
- 18—Board of Trustees Meeting.
- 19—Board of Managers Meeting.
- Jun. 15—Joint Meeting Board of Trustees/Board of Managers.
- 18—Family Day Picnic, Bonnie Blink.
- Sep. 18-11—Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association, Virginia Beach.
- 15—Sugar Loaf Mountain, MM° conferred by Naval Lodge, DC (in costume), host Wheaton #228.
- 21—District of Columbia Night, Seat Pleasant #218.

## SCHEDULED FUTURE EVENTS

• **BALDRIC CLUB** (The Lunch Bunch). Under the leadership of Bro. President Walter Conway, the Club meets every Tuesday at 12 Noon at the Merchants' Club, 206 E. Redwood St. in Baltimore. The Club features outstanding programs and speakers for interested Masons who can make it for lunch. Luncheon cost is \$8.50 per person. Upcoming February programs include:

- Feb. 16—Col. Michael Zotos, Balto. City Police.
- 23—James J. Cadden, State Lottery.

To assure seating and food service, please try to contact Secretary, Clinton Larmore, three days before the date you plan to attend. Clint can be reached at 301-837-9767 or write Clint at Horizon House, 1101 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

• **DEGREE MAGIC**. On *February 18*, Ted Harding, W. Junior Grand Deacon and W.M. of Waverly #152 will welcome the Grand Line which will perform a magical feat. The Grand Line will change a grandfather and his grandson into brother Master

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• **YORK RITE SPECIAL SPRING CLASS HONOR MWGM JOSEPH C. BRYAN III**. A Master Mason will be able to receive all the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite at a special class dedicated to our Grand Master. The place is the Masonic Temple at Denton on Saturday *March 5* (Chapter and Council) and Saturday, *March 12* (Commandery).

Interested? For information and petitions call the following brothers: P. Vansant, 928-3273, Millington; A.D. Burt, 778-4146, Chestertown; W. Barnes, 643-2200, Stevensville; C.H. Foskey, 742-5765, Salisbury; C. Friel, 479-1412, Denton; J. Greenwood, 348-5165, Still Pond; W. Harmsen, 822-3085, Easton; H.H. Harrison, 745-9656, St. Michaels; J. Hurley, 228-2523, Cambridge; E. Racz, 302-284-9351, Felton, DE; W. Venable, 289-5954, Ocean City.

• **BROTHERHOOD NIGHT #9**. This outstanding event will be repeated for the 9th time at Nur Temple, New Castle, Delaware on *March 29*. Jointly sponsored by the Grand Lodges of Delaware, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Maryland and now New York. Social hour at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. R.W. Grand Secretary Jack Frazier has sent details of this event to all Lodges. Only 100 tickets are available to Maryland at \$12 each on a first-come first-serve basis.

To enjoy good fellowship, good food and an impressive program, your request for tickets must be sent with your check to the Office of the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, 225 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201 as soon as possible. The Grand Master and Grand Line will attend.

• **FREE CONCERT**. Gettysburg Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. William S. Hart will perform on *May 1* at 3 p.m. at the Loch Raven Senior High School, Cromwell Bridge Rd., Beltway (695) exit 29. All Masons, friends and family are invited. For details call Bro. William E. Champness (301) 882-6400 or 668-1010.

• **MASONIC RESEARCH EVENTS**. You don't have to be a Masonic scholar to enjoy the programs jointly sponsored by Masonic organizations in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia in the near future. Spear-heading these efforts is Bro. S. Flory Diehl, President of the Maryland Masonic Research Society, Master of the Pythagoras Lodge of Research of the District of Columbia and recently honored by the Supreme Council, ASSR as an Inspector General 33° Honorary.

On March 15, the three research groups will meet at Silver Spring #215. Bro. Tom Weir, W. Grand Chaplain, and P.M. of Skidmore Daylight Lodge #237, VA, and Past President of the Maryland Masonic Research Society will speak on "Scottish Catechism" and Bro. J. Kenneth Gibala #45 (D.C.) will talk on "Gen. Richard Montgomery" in commemoration of his 250th birthday anniversary.

On April 29, Bro. Diehl and the A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research #1949 of Virginia will sponsor a program at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Temple which is open to all Masons, their families and friends. The program includes a tour of the Temple at 5:45 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. served by members of the Eastern Star in colonial costume. At 7:30 p.m., Masons will meet to hear PGM and Grand Historian of Delaware, James Hutchins who will speak on "Colonial Catechism".

Cost is \$8 per person if checks are received by April 18 and \$9 if received after that date. Checks should be made payable to "Maryland Masonic Research Society" and sent to S. Flory Diehl, 1505 Carroll Ct., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 (301-627-2882).



## HONORING THE WIDOWS

Among the many Lodges featuring programs to honor widows of their members were:

- Montgomery #195. As seen in the following photo, W.M. Arthur R. Sellers and Grand Master Bryan is shown among the 22 widows who responded to invitations to participate in the program. WSGS Bob Hill of the 1987 line which were also in attendance, did the research in attempting to locate 81 widows. Replies were received from 76. Widows pins with certificates were presented to the 22 present by the Grand Master and W.M. There were many smiles and reassurances that they would not be forgotten.



- Annapolis #89. As reported by Bro. PM James W. Jackson, the Lodge held its Annual Memorial Service on Monday, December 21. At that time, MWGM Bryan and the Grand Line visited together with the widows of deceased members of Annapolis Lodge who were invited to the Annual Memorial Service. Grand Master Bryan spoke on "The Broken Column" and assisted W.M. John H. Wenzel in presenting the Widows Pins and certificates to the 23 widows present who appear on the following photo bracketed by the WM and the Grand Master.



## OTHER BODIES

- Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapters. As reported by Bro. PM James W. Jackson, #89, there are three Mt. Vernon Royal Chapters in the area. These chapters have been meeting annually since 1969 with each chapter alternating each year in serving as host. Chapter No. 3 is located in Washington, DC; No. 14 in Alexandria, VA; and No. 25 in Annapolis. The heads of these chapters are shown in the following photo. Left to right are Douglas Dwyer of No. 14; Emil Lowenthal of No. 3 and Gordon Davids of No. 25 in Annapolis.

At the last meeting held in Washington nearly 100 Companions and their ladies enjoyed a roast beef dinner and heard Comp. Fred Schwengel, a former Iowa Congressman and President of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society speak on "Masonry and the Constitution". The 1988 meeting is scheduled to be held in Washington.

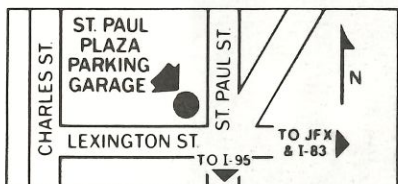
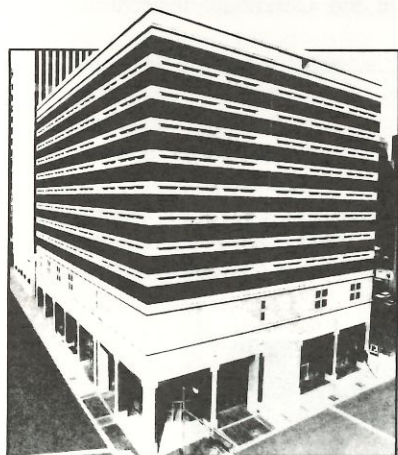


- Honorary Maryland Demolays. A new program has been launched to create Honorary DeMolays. This honor is available to anyone over 21, a Master Mason in good standing and who is not a Senior DeMolay.

Advisors and fathers of DeMolays now have an opportunity to be rejuvenated. All it takes is an application and a check made payable to M.S.A.D.C. for \$50 covering the Life Membership fee. These should be sent to M.S.A.D.C., P.O. Box 9811, Eudowood Finance Branch, Towson, MD 21204. Applications are available at local Chapters and the above address.

The first class of Honorary Maryland DeMolays received their degrees as part of the Grand Master's Class in December. Check with local chapters or the above address for the date of the next class.

- Bro. Ron Shaver took over as Grand Commander of the Maryland DeMolay Court of Chevaliers from Bro. & PM Randall L. Watson, #224 in November. Bro. James Hirsch, also of #224 was installed as Grand Secretary.



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## HONORS

• **CHARLES HENDRY.** Reported by Bro. Jim Conboy, Secretary of Odenton #209 through PM Mike Patteson was a half-page article and picture in the Sept. 30 issue of the Maryland Gazette featuring Bro. Charles Hendry.

As Odenton's Citizen of the Year, Bro. Hendry was pictured with Pat Wellford, V.P. of the Greater Odenton Improvement Assn. and Rep. Thomas McMillen who presented the award for Bro. Hendry's efforts with the Anne Arundel County's Association for Retarded Citizens, being a founding member since its establishment 24 years ago. Bro. Hendry's dedicated leadership and contributions to his community reflect great credit as a concerned and a truly operative Mason.

• **WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER.** At the October Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, AASR. Bro. & Gov. Shaefer, 33° (#109) received a rare honor when Grand Commander III. C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33° (#215) presented him with a Grand Cross Certificate. "The Dignity of Grand Cross" is the highest honor the Scottish Rite can bestow and is a first for the Orient of Maryland.

• **WILLIAM E. MATTLIN.** Junior Warden of Esdraelon #176, Bro. Mattlin leaped into the ice-cold waters recently and rescued three youngsters that had fallen through the ice at Patapsco Neck. His body heat was dangerously low when he was pulled from the water. The daring feat received wide coverage on TV, radio and other news media. Esdraelon Lodge can boast of heroic leadership in its ranks.

## CONGRATULATIONS

• MWGM Joseph C. & Thelma Bryan III on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

• PM Robert F. Wilson, Pickering #146 on a successful year as Potentate of Boumi Temple; and William J. Fletcher, #116 who succeeded him.

• PM Dixon W. Hall, Silver Spring #215 on his 50th Anniversary as a Past Master.

• PM Russell R. Gullett, St. Columba #150, as Mason of the Year who was unable to attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication to receive his award due to an accident while on Masonic business.

## FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Masonic and family relationships were blended together recently at several Lodge functions:

• Palestine #189. Presenting Bro. Reverdy L. Orrell III at his installation as Worshipful Master, was his dad Bro. Reverdy Orrell, Jr., Doric #124 with PM Chet Walk. His father-in-law, Bro. Frederick G. Gross, Jr., Washington #3, presented a gavel he had fabricated for this occasion. Bro. Orrell (III) has a son, Reverdy IV who is a DeMolay guided by Dad Advisor, Wally Hardin reputed to be the best in the area. Reverdy IV will probably join the rest of the menfolk of the family as a Brother Mason. Who's to say whether it will be #189, #124 or #3.

In addition, Bro. Frank J. Martin III was presented as Senior Deacon by his father, Frank J. Martin, Jr. Bro. John E. Burleigh III was presented as Senior Steward by his father John E. Burleigh, Jr. As an added twist, PM Frank J. Martin, Jr was presented as Master of Ceremonies by his son, Frank J. Martin III. None of Palestine's line officers are over 40. To add spiritual reinforcement, a Chaplain and three Associate Chaplains were invested.

• Montgomery #195. Bro. & Commander (USN) Jeffery G. Bodie was presented as Worshipful Master by his father, Bro. George J. Bodie, Senior Warden of Wayne #581, Wayne, PA. Jeff Bodie will be presenting his father when his is installed as W.M. in December. Both will be sitting Masters during the period between December 88 and January 89 when Jeff's successor is installed.

Of interest also, is that Bro. Charles Mauck with whom Jeff was initiated passed and raised in Monterey #217, Monterey, CA was also recently installed as W.M. of that Lodge.

• Kensington #198. Bro. Bill R. Hite was also fortunate in having his father, Bro. William E. Hite present him as Worshipful Master. His father is a member of San Benito #1064 at San Benito, TX which is otherwise known as the "Rocking Chair" Lodge because members occupy rocking chairs rather than the usual seats. It's not known whether any rock music is played in the Lodge. As an odd coincidence, it was discovered that Bro. Swanson, Tyler of Wheaton #228 was brought up in San Benito.

The Holliday brothers were also a featured item. As shown in the following photo we find Bro. PM Donald M. Holliday, Sr., his brother, Kenneth A. Holliday, newly invested as Junior Steward; W.M. Bill Hite and his dad, William Hite. The Holliday brothers each have eligible sons who may be following in the father's footsteps soon.



• Jephtha #33. Bro. PM Henry Funk, Jr. reports that at a special meeting this past November, the Master Mason Degree was conferred on four brothers which included a father, his two sons and a son-in-law. Appearing in the following photo, left to right are the father, Bro. Lewis M. Madison, son Keith L. Madison, son Steven C. Madison and son-in-law Bruce W. Sixx. In the second row are JW Robertson, W.M Harry T. Campbell, SW Baker and SS Schein. In the third row are SD Merkle, JS Vourvoulas and Tom Cobb, Co-Chairman of the Candidate Instruction Committee.

Photo credit goes to Br. William Lautenschlager. The Solomon II Program was a major factor in the family's petitioning the Lodge. In fact, the Program has helped the Lodge in its growth in the past two years. So far this year 26 candidates have received the Master Mason Degree. Eleven candidates are awaiting the EA Degree and five the FC Degree. The Solomon II Program has provided Jephtha Lodge many good men who otherwise would have seen the light which Masonry has spread throughout the free world.





• Cornerstone #224. Bro. Barry M. Rosen was presented as Worshipful Master by his father, Bro. Howard Rosen, a Lodge member for almost 35 years. Present also was Barry's brother, Alan. Both were raised on the same date. Alan served as Master Councilor of Cornerstone Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

## NEITHER RAIN . . . NOR DARKNESS OF NIGHT . . .

It rained and it was dark on Sugar Loaf Mountain last September when the Grand Line was to confer the MM° on Bro. Gianfranco Vitrella. Although the event sponsored by Wheaton #228 had to be aborted, W.M. Alex A. Boczar was present to see Bro. Vitrella raised under more benign circumstances at Montgomery #195. Bro. Boczar's year, however, did feature a successful Table Lodge attended by the Grand Masters and Grand Lines of Maryland and the D.C. with Grand Master R. Robert Baker of D.C. speaking on the history of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Shown in the following photo from left to right are DGL John L. Crull, Jr., S.W. Jeff Bodie, MW Bro. Antonio Gerard, a GM of Mexico, W.M. Arthur R. Sellers, Bro. Gianfranco Vitrella, W.M. Boczar, #228 and Bro. Edwin I. Klein #224, Grand Inspector.



## BAYSIDE, NO. 232.

Chartered in 1979 with 16 members, Bayside Lodge boasts a record of growth and accomplishment that any Lodge may envy. In the eight years of its existence, it has increased its membership by an extraordinary 150%, enjoys a Temple which practically every member has had a hand in its renovation and decoration. An Easter Star Chapter supports its various functions. Its installations draw Masons from every part of the State; in January some 160 attended.

Honorary members include PM Marion B. Fussell #174 and PGM William M. Koenig who has been honored with a special jewel which has to be seen to be believed. The current W.M. is Howard M. Reedy, P.M. shown in the following photo with GM Bryan in a posture of sincere brotherly concord. In addition to complimenting the Lodge, the Grand Master remarked on the importance of attending Memorial and Graveside Services to lend comfort to the survivors of our departed brothers; also, to visit, call and write to the sick and shut-ins.



## HIGHLIGHTS—GRAND LODGE 201st ANNUAL COMMUNICATION November 16, 1987

Preceding the communication, traditional Religious Services were conducted on Sunday November 15 at 10 a.m. at Bonnie Blink. Bro. Thomas E. Weir, W. Grand Chaplain conducted the service; music by the Grand Organist, Bro. Frederick H. Fogler, Jr.

### ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS Grand Line

MW Grand Master JOSEPH C. BRYAN III, #111	W. Grand Standard Bearer ARTHUR E. GARDE, Jr., #142
R.W. Deputy Grand Master B. HOPE HARRISON, #177	W. Grand Sword Bearer HARRY CAMPBELL, #222
RW Senior Grand Warden RICHARD A. ORTT, Sr., #124	W. Grand Pursuivant JOHN R. SPONSEL, #51
RW Junior Grand Warden HARVEY E. YALE, #176	W. Grand Director of Ceremonies RUSSELL MUMMERT, #203
RW Grand Secretary JACK R. FRAZIER, #215	W. Grand Tyler HARRY M. STEIN, Jr., #184
RW Grand Treasurer WAYNE D. GINGRICH, #228	W. Grand Lecturer EDWARD B. KRAFT, #189
W. Grand Chaplain THOMAS E. WEIR, #149	Grand Organist FREDERICK H. FOGLER, Jr., #89
W. Grand Marshal CHARLES W. WAGNER, #213	Assistant Grand Director HENRY R. KELLY, #116
W. Senior Grand Deacon ROBERT M. THOMSON, #215	Assistant Grand Organist H. ARNOLD PERKINS, #107
W. Junior Grand Deacon THEODORE A. HARDING, #152	Assistant Grand Chaplain LUNDA W. LAIRD, #132
W. Senior Grand Steward HANS O. WENDT, #102	Assistant Grand Chaplain GEORGE D. PARR, #224
W. Junior Grand Steward DAVID A. TIBBETTS, #138	W. Grand Lecturer-Emeritus MOSES APPEL, #25

### Board of Managers

Term Expiring 1990  
EDWARD R. FUNK, #13  
MAHLON W. HESSEY, #124  
BENNIE G. OWENS, #89  
Physician in attendance  
DR./BRO. HARRY PORTER  
Soloist  
DONALD SPEAKE, #176

### Board of Trustees

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WILLIAM M. CLARK, Jr., #225  
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DONALD K. COVINGTON, Jr., #127  
WILLIAM J. FLETCHER, #116  
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### AWARDS.

- Blood Donor:
  - James A. Buckler, #212 10 Gallons
  - Edgar G. Dodd, #146 11 Gallons
  - Herman Needel, #34 14 Gallons
- Master Mason of the Year: Russen R. Gullett, #150 for humanitarian services to all mankind.
- Appreciation: John W. Fitzgerald, #116 for donation of sound system.
- Cyril H. York Award from Maryland Masonic Research Society for best research paper: W. Bro. Thomas E. Weir, #149.
- Harvest Home Day: Lodge with greatest number present, Glen Burnie #213 (521) followed by Patapsco #183 (315). Lodge from longest distance, Oakland #192 (199 miles) followed by Evergreen #153 (159 miles). Lodge with greatest percentage of members present, Bayside #232 (78.9%) followed by Charity #134 (48%). Overall attendance 5,484 representing 5,109 from Maryland; 319 other States; and 56 other countries.

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## HIGHLIGHTS—GRAND LODGE (Cont'd)

**BEQUEST.** From estate of former Secretary to Grand Masters, Millicent Hoefflich, to Maryland Masonic homes—\$20,000. Announced by PGM Stansbury.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Among the 912 Masons who have gathered into the land where our father have gone before us are JOHN H. HESSEY IV, P.M. of Doric #124, Counselor for Board of Trustees, Member of Board of Managers. ALFORD C. GATZKE, JR., Senior Deacon, Howard #101. HARRY BECK, PM, St. Columba #150, RWPSGW, Past Member of Board of Managers. EDWARD BOSTON, PM Manokin #106. GEORGE R. THOMPSON, PM Silver Spring #215. HERMAN GOLDBERG, PM Cornerstone #224.

### AMENDMENTS TO G.L. CONSTITUTION.

- Passed: Increasing Grand Lodge Semi-Annual dues from three to six dollars (Art. X, Sec. 1).
- Not carried: Reallocating certain revenue received by Grand Lodge between operating funds and Dr. John Coats Memorial Fund (Art. X, Sec. 2).

**EDICT.** Several organizations have improperly solicited or attempted to solicit funds for various causes either through Subordinate Lodges or by way of lists of members of Subordinate Lodges heretofore published by the Grand Lodge. In view thereof, the Grand Master has promulgated an Edict requiring the Grand Master's dispensation on the release of such information and circumstances under which release of such information is authorized.

**BLOOD PROGRAM.** Program coordinators are Bros. Edgar Dodd #146 (Balto City and County) and William F. Mortimer #179 (State Area) who operate under the auspices of the Grand Secretary. Assignment of a Group Identification Number (GIN) is being made to each Lodge. Dues cards for 1989 will be imprinted with the GIN assigned to the Lodge. These numbers will be used by donors, whether Masonic or non-Masonic in order for a Lodge to receive credit for the donations. Reports of donor activity will be furnished quarterly to each Lodge.

Donors of 10 gallons or more will be recognized at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Persons (Masonic & non-Masonic) achieving each gallon goal will be recognized by the Grand Inspector to the Lodge.

Blood is vitally needed. All are urged to donate—Remember, "Give something of yourself, give the gift of life".

**SOLOMON II PROGRAM.** Funds have been invested for the purpose of telling about Masonry both in and out of Lodges. Why? Because the average age of our membership is 61. Almost two-thirds of our members are between 61 and 100. There are more members 100 and over than those 21 and 22. Without new members we will slowly diminish in numbers to the extent that we could become extinct. It is vital that we continue our efforts in implementing the Solomon II Program.

**STATE AREA LUNCHEON.** Preceding the Annual Grand Lodge Communication, representatives of State Area Lodges met and were privileged to hear guest speaker Bro. and Navy Rear Admiral William G. Sizemore who spoke on "Two Hundred Years of the Constitution and Maryland Masonry". He has been a Mason for 38 years with service as a Past National President of the National Sojourners, Inc., W.M. of Cherrydale Lodge #42, VA and memberships in the Scottish and York Rites and the Shrine. He is currently Executive Director of the Navy League of the United States and is involved in other private, fraternal and service organizations. Adm. Sizemore is shown with Grand Master Bryan on either side of a silver bowl which memorializes PGM Shryock, which is another story.



The business portion of the State Area meeting concluded with donations collected for a Large Screen TV for the lounge at Bonnie Blink. Previous collections included \$2,500 in 1982/83 to furnish a room at the Health Care Facility; \$950 for six wheelchairs in 1984; \$1,220 for a VCR Camcorder in 1985; and \$1,200 for a Mobile Stereo System and Portable Sewing Machine in 1986 in memory of Annabelle Fogle.

### WARREN NO. 51 RENEWS ITS CHAPTER.

The only aspect of Warren Lodge that belied its age was its charter. All entries inscribed in ink had faded away. So, as part of its 175th birthday celebration in November, Grand Master Bryan presented a fresh charter to W.M. Vernon H. Huebschman as shown in the photo below.

Judging from the spirit of its youthful line officers and the exuberance of its members, it's not unlikely that the Lodge may again have to renew its charter 175 years from now. The successful celebration had taken extensive time and planning and was totally enjoyed by Lodge members and distinguished guests.



### COURTESIES.

After attending proceedings at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts last December, Grand Master and Mrs. Bryan were escorted to the airport by Bro. Albert Ferguson in the midst of a heavy snowfall. Flights were delayed and take-off times were questionable. Bro. Ferguson, being concerned about the situation, was thoughtful enough to return to the airport later to see if the Grand Master's flight had departed, which it hadn't. Bro. Ferguson waited with the couple until the flight departed later that afternoon. Bro. Ferguson's kindness is appreciated and will not be forgotten.

During the stay in Massachusetts, a flag flown over the Capitol was delivered to PGM Berkowitz of Mass. from PGM Rothman as a token of friendship and past courtesies.



## A HARVEST OF FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, SIGHTS AND SOUNDS.

The following photos provide a glimpse of some of the activities enjoyed by the 5,484 brothers from Maryland, other States and foreign jurisdictions who attended our last Harvest Home Day. From the upper right clockwise are: Grand Master Bryan and Bro/Gov. William Donald Schaefer who had arrived about 5:30 a.m. and did some heavy buying of items made by Bonnie Blink guests. Next is a photo of Bro. John W. Gunter, "The Singing Sheriff" shown among our distinguished guests. Bro. Gunter's humor, songs and inspirational remarks delighted all. Following is a shot of some behind the scenes committee men handling the "paperwork": Bros. Meredith Darlington #182; Lee Rossa and Bill Walg #132; Joe Seman #210 and Paul Alder #182. Then, we have a picture furnished by our new WSGS Hans O. Wendt #102 who, incidently, is a master of the harmonica. With Bro. Wendt are Bro. Jerome R. Hensby, W.M. of the John Coats Memorial Lodge; WPGDC Paul H. Brinkman and another brother who manned a special booth selling Masonic items, proceeds going to the John Coats endowment fund whose interest supports Masonic projects. Pictured next are Bros. Gene Higdon, PGM Tom Middleton, his son John (Jack) who still celebrates his birthday on the same day each year; and RWGT Wayne Gingrich. The last photo was taken at the site of the new garden dedicated to PGM Warren S. Seipp. Shown are Bros. Donald Meyers #112 and far right RWPSGW Leroy Smith #186 who had journeyed from Lewes, DE.



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