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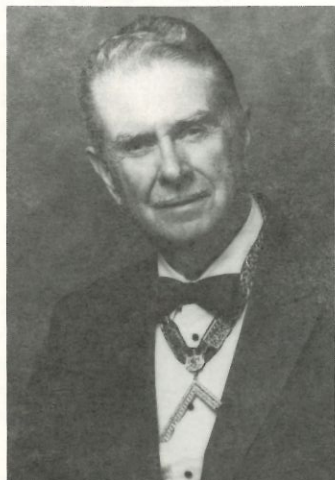
The FREESTATE FREEMASON

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BRETHREN:



I am satisfied that at one time or another you have heard it said that Masonry has reached its apex and in the near future, Masonry will cease to be—some even give the exact year. IT IS MY DUTY TO INFORM YOU THAT SUCH IS NOT THE CASE.

Masonry has been, is now, and will continue to be a fountain of wisdom, strength and beauty for all Mankind—especially for those who believe in the

Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. I call your attention to the fact that our Masonic ritual is in the present tense. . . "A Lodge is a number of Brothers". . . "Its covering is". . . "the furniture is". . . "the Working Tools are". . . "the Hour Glass is". . . And, you, my Brother are also in the present tense. It is for you to carry on the work that was started by others and entrusted to our generation. We will not betray that Trust!

It is our determination to preserve and promote our much loved Fraternity and present it to all Mankind as a living jewel in the pattern of gracious living and that champions the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joseph C. Bryan III
Grand Master

MARYLAND MASONIC BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

The Statewide program is moving right along, as reported by PM William Mortimer, State Area Chairman. Blood donor numbers are being assigned to each Lodge. Some 1,500-1,550 units of blood are needed in the Balto-Washington areas. Blood may be donated every 56 days. Persons 17 years and up are eligible if in good health. Reacting to AIDS fear for blood donors, G.M. Bryan has had information furnished by the American Red Cross distributed in the form of a pamphlet titled "YOU CAN'T GET AIDS FROM GIVING BLOOD, BUT FEAR CAN RUN US DRY".

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 8—GM visits Door-to-Virtue #46.
- 13—GM visits Warren #51.
- 17—Harvest Home Day, Bonnie Blink.
- 19—GL confers MM° at Cambridge #66.
- 26—GM visits Lafayette #111.
- Nov. 7—GM visits Warren #51. 175th Anniversary.
- 15—Grand Lodge Religious Services, Bonnie Blink.
- 16—Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

HARVEST HOME DAY—1987

This ever popular event emphasizing fellowship, making of new friends and renewal of old, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17 beginning at 6 a.m. Lots of food and refreshment. Entertainment at 10 a.m. will feature Bro. John W. Gunter, "The Singing Sheriff" of Madison County, Indiana, armed with a guitar and an arsenal of great songs. He's a Korea veteran, an outstanding law enforcement officer and member of Fellowship Lodge #681, Anderson, Indiana.

No tours are scheduled through the Homes. Parking at the McCormick Industrial parking area-Shuttle busses will operate between the lot and the Homes.

Check the special booth manned by members of the John Coats Memorial Lodge where Masonic items will be on sale. Gifts will be given to new petitioners. All monies collected are part of an endowment fund; interest from the fund is used to support Masonry in Maryland.

DEMOLAYS GET A PAT ON THE BACK

P.M. & Secty Francis E. Stauffer tells us of a letter received by Bro. Gerard Jordan, W.M. of Camp Springs #227 reflecting high praise for DeMolays Reginald Eda and Benny Hinahon.

It seems that a lady lost her purse containing \$80, credit cards and home and car keys. After frantic searching it could not be found. Fortunately, a set of keys left with a neighbor enabled her to enter her home where she received a call from Reginald Eda's father inquiring if she was missing anything. He said that his son and Benny Hinahon had found the purse and had been trying to call since earlier that day.

Quoting from the lady's letter, she goes on to say: "It would have been so easy for those young men to take my money. . . but they did not. . . they could have taken (the contents) and thrown the purse and. . . wallet. . . in the first trash can they came to. But they did not". "Masters Reginald Eda and Benny Hinahon should be commended for their honesty and sincerity. I had lost all hope. These young men made me realize that there are still honest people in the world.

My main reason for writing this letter is to let you and the Order of the DeMolay know just how very fortunate you are to have these two fine young men in your brotherhood.

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News items, suggestions, questions are welcome. Mail to:

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"WORDS THAT SOAR"— FREEMASONS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

(The following message from the Grand Lodge of New York may be seen as a full page ad in TIME magazine and in N.Y. State newspapers)

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In the eighteenth century, there was no unity of government or widespread system of public communication. But there were 85 Masonic Lodges that provided the embryo nation with an organization through which people could meet and communicate ideas in friendship and trust.

As early as 1730, Daniel Coxe, first provincial Grand Master of Masons in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, published a plan for the union of the colonies. In 1754, Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, strongly advocated consideration of the Coxe plan.

When the Constitution was completed, 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed it. And of them, one third were Freemasons: Gunning Bedford Jr., John Blair, David Brearly, Jacob Broom, Daniel Carroll, Jonathan Dayton, John Dickinson, Benjamin Franklin, Nicholas Gilman, Rufus King, James McHenry, William Paterson, and George Washington, the presiding officer.

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. It has thrived for some 600 years because its members cherish the goals that all people of good will seek—to live in friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

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REGIONAL MEETINGS

Beginning on Sep. 30 and through Oct. 31, nine meetings will be held at various locations identified in G.M. Bryan's letter of Aug. 20. The principle officers of each Lodge are expected to attend. Agenda items include discussion on the centralized Grand Lodge Blood Donor Program; the Widow's Program, Solomon II and Grand Lodge finances. Keep your eye on Mickey Frye and ears at attention!

"50 YEARS LATER"

Earlier this year, Medairy No. 140 in Williamsport presented PM Abner Kaplan with a Past Master's Apron. In 1937 when Bro. Abner Kaplan was Worshipful Master, times were tough and the depression was at hand making expenses such as Past Masters' Aprons extra hard to come by. It so happens that PM Abner also has a brother, Melvin who celebrated his 50th anniversary as a P.M. in 1985. Perhaps, these are the only two brothers who have celebrated 50 years as Past Masters.

PMs Melvin and Abner Kaplan are shown below under the protective custody of W.M. Philip J. Groves.



AMENDMENTS TO GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION

The following amendments will be balloted on at the November Annual Grand Lodge Communication:

- Article X, Sec. 1. Purpose: To raise semi-annual assessments from \$3 to \$6.
- Article X, Sec. 2. Purpose: To provide for reallocation of certain revenue received by the Grand Lodge for the Dr. John Coats Memorial Fund.

CHILLUM CASTLE #186 HONORS BRO. JOHN E. GROSS

As reported by Secty Ken "Mac" McComb, Bro. John is dearly loved by all and is a refreshing sight when he enters the Lodge. It was no small wonder that Bro. John was recently honored on his 64th Masonic birthday. W.M. Anthony J. Stabinsky, Jr. presented him with a plaque and other gifts, followed by a party for him. Bro. John, age 86, was raised in 1923 in National Lodge #12, D.C. and affiliated with #186 in 1981. RWPSGW Leroy Smith also a member of #186 just happened to be a member of the Investigation Committee for Bro. John. Shown in the photo below is W.M. Stabinsky and Bro. Gross.



FIRST ANNUAL MEETING DR. JOHN COATS MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 1787

W.M. Jerome R. Hensby has sent out notices to members announcing that this meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 9 a.m. at the Masonic Temple, Baltimore. Included in the program is a Masonic play, "Defense of the Ruffians" put on by the Camp Spring Players.

THE LIBERAL ARTS—MUSIC

Dr. William Sebastian Hart, Founder and Director of the Gettysburg Symphony Orchestra will conduct three free concerts on Oct. 11, Dec. 6 (1987) and May 1, 1988, all at 3 p.m. at the Loch Raven Senior High School's 1200 seat auditorium, Cromwell Bridge Rd, Beltway (695) Exit 29. All Masons, families and friends are invited. The Oct. 11 concert is in honor of the Bicentennial of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Grand Master & Mrs. Bryan are planning to attend. Anyone interested in an after the concert subscription dinner may contact Bro. William E. Champness (301) 882-6400 or 668-1010.

YORK RITE SPECIAL SPRING CLASS

On Saturday March 5th and 12th, 1988, at the Masonic Temple at Denton, a special class will be held in honor G.M. Bryan. A Mason can receive all the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite in just two Saturday. For further information and petitions contact your nearest Royal Arch Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Masters or Commandery.

WINTER OLYMPICS 1988 CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

Maryland Masons visiting these Winter Games will find Alberta Masons a source of assistance and hosts for numerous Masonic activities. Preceding the games which will run from Feb. 13 to the 28th, 1988, there will be an Olympic Arts Festival beginning in January. Event tickets must be bought through the regular international outlets. Accommodations can be booked through The Olympic Housing Bureau, P.O. Box 460, Stn. C., Calgary, Alberta, Canada. T2T 5R4.

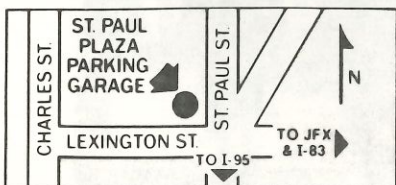
IN THE DARK AS WELL AS IN THE LIGHT

Hosted by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, brothers of several Grand Jurisdictions attended a unique event which took place in a cave at Kingston, Tennessee this past August. Although there was warm friendship on every side, warm clothing was a must in witnessing a MM° put on by officers of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Warm sunshine was never more welcome. A banquet followed attended by some 400 people. Entertainment was furnished by six musicians featuring Blue Grass music. The Grand Masters of Tennessee, Alabama, Oklahoma and Maryland were present. Shown in the following photo taken during the visit is our alert and knowledgeable Grand Secretary who had just been consulted on the proper spelling of the words shown on the window behind him.



FAMILY DAY—1987

Food, fun and games, sunshine, lots of laughter and lots of families—the grounds of Bonnie Blink were never livelier. A picture taken by W.M. Al. P. Westra, Charity #134 seems to say it all.



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EAST GATE #216—A BRIDGE TO MASONRY

As reported by W.M. William Bice, three brothers became brothers early this year. The place was Cumberland. The occasion was Past Masters' Night. The three brothers are Richard E., Dayton L. and Michael J. Dolly of Flintstone, MD. As shown in the photo below, they are being congratulated by S.W. Robert Van Pelt who presided in the absence of the W.M. This remarkable event came about when one of the boys observed the care given of their mother and the beautiful Masonic Memorial Service given by the officers of the Lodge when his father, Bro. Merle Dollay passed away. He then expressed his desire to become a Mason and his brothers quickly followed suit. An uncle, a Kentucky Mason, is planning to affiliate with the Lodge. Brethren, it's like dominoes!



THE CYRIL H. YORK MEMORIAL AWARD MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

The Maryland Masonic Research Society invites all Maryland Master Masons to submit original essays on ANY ASPECT OF MASONRY: PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE. Essays will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity, creativity, and scholarship. Reviews of recent Masonic books of substantial significance will be considered.

Papers must have been received by the President, Bro. Harold W. Albrecht, 5665 Chelwynd Rd, Balto, MD 21227, (301) 242-7197, by October 1. The winning essay will be read at the meeting of the Society at Howard Lodge Temple, ElkrIDGE, MD on Oct. 30. The author will be awarded the CYRIL H. YORK MEMORIAL TROPHY, a plaque to be retained by the winner.

TALL CEDARS HONOR MARYLAND MASONS

The Supreme Forest, TCL of North America, named P.M. Donald K. Knode of Mt Ararat #44 as Grand Tall Cedar of the Year for his many accomplishments including efforts on behalf of the Har-Ce Forest. Also honored, Bro. Albert A. Fleisher of Mt Hermon #179, was named as District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of the Year Finalist for accomplishments including arranging visitation by local Forests to VA Hospital.

MARYLAND MASONS NAMED AS M.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES

The Masonic Service Association has appointed PM Keith M. Vivian, St. Columba #150 as MSA Representative to the newly-opened Charlotte Hall Maryland State Veterans Home. He would appreciate assistance from area Lodges. He can be reached at (301) 932-0920. Appointed also was Bro. Harry G. Annis, Jr. as MSA Representative at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. Bro. Annis has served as Chaplain of Silver Spring #215 for many years and is Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Religious Services and Entertainments at Bonnie Blink.



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ON THE LIGHT SIDE

The universality of Masonry can almost be matched by our W. Grand Chaplain, Tom Weir. Now we find him as W.M. of Skidmore Daylight Lodge No. 237 meeting at 11 a.m., first Tuesdays at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple. Recently, at a packed Lodge room, M.W. Bro. Donald M. Robey, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia was warmly received in a three candle ceremony. After conferring honors, M.W. Robey spoke on Bro. Elnathan J. Skidmore, a distinguished Mason and outstanding citizen for whom the Lodge was named. Following the program, G.M. Robey's birthday was celebrated including a cake which G.M. Robey cut with the assistance of his wife, Doris. As shown in the photo below, present were PGM's Reed, Haacke, Middleton, Koenig, G.M. Bryan and DGM Harrison. W. Bro. Weir is shown in the middle; at his right is G.M. Robey. Maryland Grand Lodge officers present were Bob Hill, WSGS, Lunda laird, Bill Jones and Seymour Lipshitz, members of the Board of Managers; also present were W.M. Louis M. Numkin and nine other members of Cornerstone #224.



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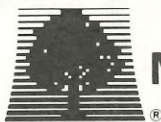
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BROTHER RICHARD MONTGOMERY

A Mason To Remember

(Prepared by Bro. J. Kenneth Gibala, Gompers-Franklin Lodge No. 45. F.A.A.M., Washington, D.C.)

On December 2, 1738 Richard Montgomery was born near Dublin, Ireland. He was from a proud family where a gr.gr.gr.gr. great grandfather, Gabriel Montgomery, was a captain in the Scottish Guard of King Henry II of France, who when jousting with the King in 1559 had the bad fortune to cause his death by a wound to the eye. Later Gabriel M. was involved in a rebellion against the crown and executed.

Richard was the youngest of three boys and therefore not eligible to inherit from the family estates. He received a liberal education at Trinity College in Dublin and became an Ensign in the British army in 1756 just short of his 18th birthday. Richard spent all of his 16 years with the British army in the same regiment, the 17th Foot, where he became a Mason in their military lodge. In 1758 he participated with his unit in the capture of Louisbourg on the island of Nova Scotia. Later he was with the British troops that occupied Lake George, Crown Point and Fort Ticonderoga. While in these parts he participated in many military excursions which, little did he know, would be of great benefit in later years when he assumed command of the Northern Department of George Washington's Continental Army; at that time he would have to capture those lands for the Colonies.

He returned to England with his regiment in 1763 and resigned his commission nine years later in the rank of Captain. He remembered his experiences in America and thought there should be limitless opportunities for a man of spirit who was willing to work. In 1772 he returned to New York and purchased a small farm in King's Bridge just across the Harlem River from the northern tip of Manhattan.

After he was settled on his new property he visited New York (city) twelve miles to the south on one of his supply trips and was blessed to meet a lady that he had not seen for 14 years. Janet Livingston, the daughter of Judge Robert R. Livingston, was but 16 when Montgomery's British regiment travelled up the Hudson toward Albany in 1758 and stopped for good will visits at the estates along the way. On one of those visits Montgomery stopped at the estate of Judge Livingston. While their visit was but one day they remembered each other. Now years later they would begin a friendship, marry and participate in the events that gave our nation its beginning.

On June 22nd, 1775, one week after George Washington became Commander in Chief, Montgomery was appointed Brigadier General and assigned under Major General and Brother Philip Schuyler to secure the areas north of New York City into Canada. Montgomery advised that the neck of the Hudson River at West Point should be secured and he caused fortifications to be placed on the bluffs overlooking the river when it narrowed. Montgomery also conceived the idea to impede warships there with a massive but controllable chain stretching across the river. The chain had forged links 40 inches in diameter and weighed 90 pounds each. When raised, ships could not pass. When lowered, it rested on the riverbed and then ships could pass. The plans of this mechanism were one of the items later provided by Benedict Arnold in his conspiracy with John Andre.

In May of 1775, Montgomery advanced to occupy Fort Ticonderoga just captured by Colonel and Brother Ethan Allen. By November, with their combined forces, Ethan Allen and Montgomery captured Fort Chambly and St. John's which were strategically located between British held Montreal and the "war zone" at Boston. Ethan Allen feeling the glory of easily winning those two forts quickly proceeded to Montreal expecting another

easy win. He lost, was captured and was sent to England in irons to wait out the war. Montgomery proceeded to Montreal the following month and with his prior knowledge of the area successfully captured the city.

Sir Guy Carleton, who was well known to Montgomery, was the British commander of Quebec and the Governor-General of Canada. Montgomery hoped to capture Carleton at Montreal but failed. Carleton slipped away dressed as a farmer and escaped to Quebec. A month later Montgomery was to attack Quebec and be killed instantly in the first volley of cannon fire.

Like Generals Wolfe and Montcalm before him, he had died in a battle for that fortress. He was buried three nights later by the civilians of the town. General Guy Carleton permitted neither military nor Masonic services for Montgomery.

In retrospect, the actions of General Montgomery during 1775 prevented General Carleton and his forces in Canada to come to the aid of the British in Boston. Had they done so the British could have surrounded the majority of the Continental Army there and our Revolutionary War would have ended. That did not happen and the British were forced to evacuate Boston in March of 1776.

By the arrangements of New York Governor and Brother De Witt Clinton, the remains of General Montgomery were brought to Albany on July 4th, 1818 to lie in state at the Capitol until July 6th. Then the coffin was placed on board the steamboat RICHMOND and carried down the Hudson to New York City where it rests today in a crypt at St. Pauls Chapel in Trinity churchyard not too many steps from the resting place of Alexander Hamilton and General Horatio Gates.

Our colonial leaders were saddened upon learning of Montgomery's death. In September of 1776 Montgomery County in Maryland was named. It was the first county to be named for an American and by an elected representative body. Previously all counties were named by the King's appointed governor for either British or French notables. Soon there would be sixteen counties named after Richard Montgomery.

The states with those sixteen counties are: Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, and Virginia. (The counties in Alabama and Tennessee were named after local Indiana fighters.)

"THE WIDOW'S PIN"

At a recent Summer School of Instruction in Baltimore, G.M. Bryan typified action being taken by Lodges in support of the Widow's Pin Program when he made a presentation in open Lodge to the widow of Bro. Marcello Legaluppi of Lafayette #111. Bro. Legaluppi was a distinguished Artist, Sculptor and Diplomat. Shown in the photo below taken in the G.M.'s office are DGM H. Hope Harrison, Mrs. Luciana Legaluppi and sons Marco and Francesco.



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LUMINARIES OF ST. JOHN'S #34

Recognizing achievement is one of the long suits of St. John's Lodge. As noted from the expressions in the following photo, this practice certainly promotes good fellowship and morale. The occasion was designed to honor Bro. Max Siger who stands amidst his brothers. Standing on his right is W.M. Earle I. Mann. All enjoyed a special cake prepared for the occasion.



Another member, Bro. Herman Needel, long recognized as a leading blood donor, recently celebrated his 70th birthday. He hopes to continue sharing of himself and adding substantially to his 113 pint score to date.

WELCOME TO NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION (M.S.A.)

An open house was held at the offices of the M.S.A. in Silver Spring to welcome M.W. Brother Richard E. Fletcher, PGM of the G.L. of Vermont who will become Executive Secretary on Jan. 1, 1988 replacing R.W. Bro. Steward M.H. Pollard. Among the many distinguished Masons, friends and guests greeting him was G.M. Bryan who presented Bro. Fletcher with a picture taken of him and Gov. & Bro. William Donald Schaeffer which the Governor had autographed. M.W. Bro. Fletcher is shown below receiving the picture from G.M. Bryan under the watchful eyes of R.W. Bro. Pollard and the past Executive Secretaries whose pictures hang on the wall.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

● Patapsco #183 (W.M. Douglas R. Nodolny): Bro. Harry R. Carter reports on the 20 Lodge members who volunteered their time and talent in support of the three day Dundalk community project titled "The Heritage Fair". This event is celebrated each year in conjunction with the area's July 4th celebration. The brothers assisted in many ways including erection and dismantling of the fence surrounding the fairgrounds. In the past, some of these brothers served as Chairman of the affair. Volunteers included Bros Carter, Downes, Durr, Evans, Falbo, Bill Fogle, Bob Fogle, Folk, Forrer, Kline, Lange, Lating, Leitner, Lendle, McCrobie, McLaughlin, Shifflett, Singley, Street and Winans.

● Plymouth #143 celebrated 200 years of the Grand Lodge of Maryland along with Carroll County and Union Bridge's 150th celebration. The Lodge members participated in a community parade and held an Open House at their Lodge. As noted in the following photo, the Lodge float entered in the parade represented some of the Presidents who were Masons. W.M. Paul A. Rodkey, Jr. is seen as Bro. George Washington together with PMs and GIs Cecil K. Rose, Roy L. Lind and others.



● Cornerstone #224: W.M. Louis M. Numkin had no trouble having Lodge members volunteer to sit in for staff members of a local health care facility so that they may celebrate Christmas with their families.

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