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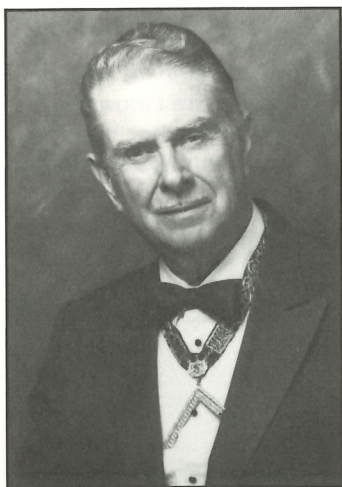
# The FREESTATE FREEMASON

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## TO MY BRETHREN:



Joseph C. Bryan III

Behold how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly they have run through our 200 Hourglass of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The last sands are trickling through the first two centuries. Much has been accomplished in that time and we can look at our beloved Fraternity with pride and joy because of its respected place in every part of Maryland. Yes, it can be said, "From the mountains to the sea shore and from East to West and between North and South,

Freemasonry can be found in Maryland."

To the brothers who have gone before us we owe a debt of gratitude. They who bore the burden and heat of many a day are the ones who have made this day possible. Let us be ever mindful of their dedication to the Craft.

As we continue on—as we step into the third century of Masonry in Maryland, there is much to be done not only to continue a Way of Life of our Fraternity that we have grown to love and respect, but also to make sure that Masonry will continue to be a jewel in the crown of mankind.

As you will note in this issue, Grand Lodge is currently sponsoring and participating with other jurisdictions in celebrating events which will draw attention to our Masonic heritage. We are also making the means available to you for enhancing our visibility to the community.

I am looking to Worshipful Masters and all Masons to encourage our members, families and their friends to actively participate in these events.

And finally, brethren, it is my fondest hope that peace and harmony will always prevail among us.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joseph C. Bryan III  
Grand Master

## IMPORTANT DATES

- April 8 — GM presents 50 year service emblem to PGM Cover at Concordia #13, Balto.  
8 — Grand Line (GL) visits Prince Frederick #142.  
11 — Cherry Blossom Parade, Wash., D.C. Masonic Float. (See pg 2).  
14 — GM visits Doric #124, Balto.  
15 — GM visits Osiris #26, D.C.  
16 — GL confers MM Degree, Coats #102, Easton.  
17 — Rededication—200th Anniversary, Grand Lodge of MD, Grand Lodge Temple, Balto.  
18 — GM attends Plymouth #143, Union Bridge. Ladies Night.  
19 — Easter Sunday at Bonnie Blink.  
20 — GM attends Grand Guardian Council Spring Banquet, IOJD at Boumi Temple, Balto.  
21 - 23 — Grand Lodge of South Carolina meets.  
25 — 200th Anniversary Celebration - Scottish Rite Temple, Balto. (See pg. 11).  
26 — GM attends OES meeting, Hagerstown.  
28 - 30 — Grand Lodge of New Jersey meets.  
May 3 — GM attends Divine Services sponsored by Friendship #84 at Bonnie Blink.

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution which have been forwarded to each Lodge will be voted on at the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication in May. In substance:

- The Grand Lodges of Maryland and the District of Columbia will have concurrent jurisdiction over residents of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in Maryland and the District of Columbia. No waivers of territorial jurisdiction will be required for such residents submitting petitions for the degrees to Lodges in these areas. However, waivers of territorial jurisdiction will be considered for Maryland residents who petition Lodges in other jurisdictions where there are extenuating circumstances.

- Only the names of Officers and Past Masters of Lodges will be printed in the Proceedings at five year intervals.

## ALASKAN CRUISE

A seven day seven night Alaskan Cruise is planned for August. It is limited to 34 passengers including the Grand Master and Mrs. Bryan.

After travel by air to Vancouver where the ship will be boarded, ports of call will include Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay (cruising), Ketchikan and Misty Fjord (cruising).

Details are included in a flier forwarded to you by mail. For further information call toll free: 1-800-322-6677.



## THE FREESTATE FREEMASON

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The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, U.S.A. through its Committee on Public Relations, Seymour H. Lipshitz, Chairman B. Hope Harrison, William C. Herchenrother, and Harold G. Taylor.

It serves as a medium of keeping the Craft informed of pertinent activities of Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges. It also serves as a vehicle for encouraging and guiding subordinate Lodges to share with the press, community, family and friends those events, activities and personalities which exemplify the purposes and objectives of Masonry.

News items, suggestions, questions are welcome. Mail to:  
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## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

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- May 6 — GL confers MM Degree, Sharon #182, Reistertown.  
7 — Wardens' Night at Wheaton #228. GM speaks on "The Power of the Gavel".  
9 — GM attends Sharon #102 100th Anniversary, Boumi Temple, Balto.  
11 - 13 — GM attends Annual Sessions, York Rite Bodies at Hagerstown. (See pg. 2).  
13 — GM speaks at Brunswick #181.  
18 — Grand Lodge of MD Semi-Annual Communication, Grand Lodge Temple, Balto.  
23 — GL confers MM Degree at Friendship #84, Hagerstown.  
26 — GM installs High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter #1.  
27 — GL visits Roelma #206, Sharptown.  
28 - 30 — GM attends TCL convention, Ocean City.
- June 1 — GM presents Service Emblems at Howard #101, Elkridge.  
2 — GL visits Cornerstone #224, Takoma Park.  
4 — GM visits Jerusalem Council #2, R & SM.  
5 — GM attends installation of Miss Jessica Lynn Fauntleroy at Honored Queen, Bethel #16, IOJD.  
8 — GM visits Silver Spring #215.  
11 — GM visits Union #60, Balto.  
15 — GL visits Acacia #155, Thurmont.  
20 — Family Picnic Day, Bonnie Blank (See pg. 6).  
21 - 27 — GM attends Shrine Convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- July 19 - 20 — GM, DGM and GS Conference, Warwick, RI.
- Aug. 19 — Alaskan Cruise (See pg. 1).
- Sep 2 — GL visits Seat Pleasant #218, District Heights. D.C. Night.  
13 — Welsh Masonic Choir, Bonnie Blank, 11 a.m. Also at Ft. McHenry, 7:30 p.m.  
15 — GM attends Mt. Moriah #116, Towson. 200th Anniversary.  
17 — Sugar Loaf Mountain, MM Degree. Sponsor Wheaton #228.  
26 - 27 — GL visits Cumberland Area Lodges; Sunday Church Service.

## ANNUAL SESSION

### THE YORK RITE BODIES OF MARYLAND

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, The Grand Council Royal & Select Masters and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar will meet for their annual sessions on May 11, 12, & 13 at the Ramada Inn at Hagerstown, MD. For full details and reservation forms, see your Royal Arch Chapter Secretary or the Grand Secretary, William G. Gulley, 486 Williamsburg Lane, Odenton, MD 21113.

## CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT

The annual Cherry Blossom Festival held in Washington, D.C. from April 5 thru 11 will have an ingredient of special interest to Masons. At the parade on April 11 which will receive nationwide TV coverage with 750,000 people watching from the sidewalks, a float sponsored by the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia will carry a hand bell choir, a representation in costume of the signing of the U.S. Constitution and a costumed George Washington.

The sides of the float will include the logos of each Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

Riding behind the float will be the Grand Masters of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

## ... FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION ...

As reported by PM Paul Derman, Secretary of Amicable #25, a rare event was captured in the picture below. Shown from left to right are Bro. Joseph Feit, grandfather, his newly-raised grandson, Bro. David N. Greenfeld and David's father, Bro. Paul Greenfeld.



## "MAXWELL V. FRYE" CLASS

As reported by James W. Jackson, P.M. #89, on Saturday, February 14, Mount Vernon RAC No. 15 exalted 17 Companions to the Holy and Sublime Degree of Royal Arch at the Masonic Temple in Annapolis. This class was designated as the "Maxwell V. Frye Class" in honor of Past Grand High Priest, Maxwell V. Frye, Jr. Companion Frye was present and participated in the degree as Captain of the Host. This class was formed to recognize Comp. Frye for his many endeavors for Royal Arch Masonry. Bro. Frye is currently not only an officer in Centreville #180 but also Chairman of the Solomon II Program of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. He is third from the left front in the following photo of the class.





# PROCLAIMING OUR 200th ANNIVERSARY

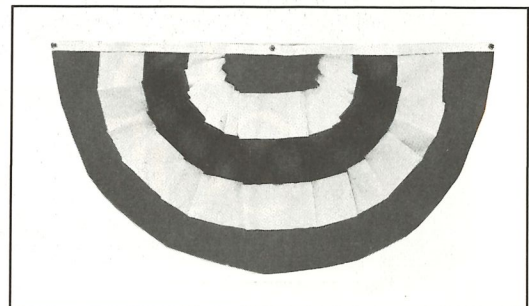
In response to your inquiries and suggestions on how we can communicate to the public our pride and joy in celebrating our 200th Anniversary, we have made arrangements so that Bunting, and Special Philatelic covers may be obtained by Lodges and individuals.

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- **BICENTENNIAL SOUVENIR COVERS.** Arrangements have been made to have a special postal cancellation to mark "TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF MARYLAND FREEMASONRY". In addition, Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787 has had printed three special philatelic covers cacheted to commemorate Grand Masters John Coats and Thomas J. Shyrock, as well as our Grand Lodge.

Stamp collectors and Masons wanting a unique memento of the observance of Maryland Masonry's 200th year, may send a check for \$4.00 payable to "John Coats Memorial Lodge" and enclose a business size (No. 10) stamped self-addressed envelope to:

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## TWO DEMOLAYS ENTER EAST GATE

P.M. William H. Courtney, Secretary of East Gate #216 sends a photo and a fascinating story which was printed in a newspaper serving the Cumberland area. As shown in the following photo from left to right is WM William A. Windle, Christopher A. Young and Robert B. Young, Jr., sons of Robert B. Young, Sr., 36-year member now serving as Junior Warden. Both sons are majority DeMolays who have served as Master Councilors; Christopher was recipient of the Founder's Membership Award, Blue Honor Key and the Representative DeMolay Award. Robert, Jr. received the Demolay of the Year Award, was State Champion Ceremony of Lights and became a Chevalier in 1984. Way to go, East Gate!



## THE LADIES OF BAYSIDE

Representative of the support which are provided to our Lodges and Masonic gatherings are the members of O.E.S. Chapter #114 who wrought their magic in preparing and serving food at the installation of Bayside #232 officers. The gentlemen seated among the ladies are Grand Master Bryan and Deputy G.M. Harrison who definitely know which side their bread is buttered on. Officers of the Star Chapter include Onata Reedy, the Worshipful Matron, Judy Adams, Olive Wise, Nancy Bryant, Gladys Brvenik, the W.M.'s wife, and Mary Smith.



## RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Living up to the beauty of a rainbow are the officers, members and counselors of Montgomery Assembly No. 11, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls at their recent installation at the Kensington Masonic Hall. The centerpiece of the bouquet of beauty in the following photo is Miss Lisa Gayle Weiner, Worthy Advisor of the Assembly.



## OUR HERITAGE, OUR HEROES, OUR HOPES

During this year in celebration of 200 years of the Grand Lodge of Maryland we will feature a bit of history, insights on the character and accomplishments of some of the men who led us through the years and some noteworthy events during this period.

Our first article is a profile of our First Two Hundred Years prepared and written by our Grand Lodge Historian, Bro. S. Flory Diehl.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND COMMEMORATES ITS FIRST TWO HUNDRED YEARS

APRIL 17, 1787 to APRIL 17, 1987

by

S. Flory Diehl, Grand Lodge Historian

The first known Maryland Lodge was chartered at Annapolis on Aug. 12, 1750 by Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of Mass. In 1764 the Grand Lodge of Pa. received a Grand Lodge warrant from the Grand Lodge of Antients in England, and in 1766 it began to warrant Lodges in Md. and continued to do so until by Dec. 23, 1782 it had warranted no fewer than 10 Lodges. Representatives of five of these Lodges on the Eastern Shore on June 17, 1783 met at Talbot Court House in Easton for the purpose of forming the Grand Lodge of Md. The meeting adjourned to July 31, 1783 when the resolution to form a Grand Lodge was confirmed and Dr. John Coats was elected Grand Master. The meeting adjourned to Dec. 18, 1783 and then adjourned to June 17, 1784. The plan was to secure a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Pa. but that body doubted its authority to charter another Grand Lodge. On April 17, 1787 they met again and resolved to form a Grand Lodge regardless of authority from Pa. Rev. William Smith who lived in Md. but served as Grand Secretary of Pa. presided over the convention and Dr. John Coats who had been a Deputy Grand Master of Pa. and who resided in Md. was elected as the first Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Pa. on Dec. 18, 1789 officially recognized the Grand Lodge of Md. and extended its best wishes. Only one of the Lodges that participated in the formation of the Grand Lodge survived, that being No. 15 at Fell's Point now Wash. No. 3 in Baltimore the oldest Lodge in Md. The life span of most of the early Lodges was very short, and of the first 43 Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge, only 4 are still in operation in Md. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred in the early Lodges until the formation of Royal Arch Chapters.

On Sept. 18, 1793, the Grand Lodge represented by Joseph Clark, Junior Grand Warden, acting as Grand Master pro tem,

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## The Grand Lodge Commemorates

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laid the cornerstone of the National Capitol. President George Washington was invited to perform the Masonic ceremonies. He actually laid the stone in due and ancient form, an act which has led some writers to assert he was "Grand Master pro tem". Brother George Washington gave the gavel he used to lay the corner stone to Lodge No. 9 in Georgetown. This Lodge was chartered on April 21, 1789 by the Grand Lodge of Md. It is now Potomac Lodge No. 5 and one of the most active Lodges in the District of Columbia and the proud caretaker of this beautiful gavel.

The Grand Lodge met in Easton until by 1794 Baltimore had grown so large that it contained about half the Masons in the state, and the Grand Lodge moved its place of meeting to Baltimore where it met in Lodge rooms of subordinate Lodges. In 1804 the Grand Lodge appointed a committee to ascertain the expense of building a Masonic Temple in the city of Baltimore and to devise a mode by lottery or otherwise for that purpose. Lotteries were frequently resorted to for raising funds for such purposes as monuments, churches and other buildings until forbidden by an amendment to the State Constitution in 1835. The Committee reported back in 1805 that the cost of a Masonic Temple including land would be at least ten thousand dollars "it being necessary to have a Masonic Temple that will be an honor to the Fraternity and an ornament to the city". Finally in 1812 the General Assembly of Md. authorized a lottery to raise a sum not to exceed fifty thousand dollars and ultimately the new Masonic Temple was constructed on St. Paul St. between Lexington and Fayette Sts. and dedicated on Nov. 29, 1822.

The Md. Legislature on Dec. 3, 1821 approved an act to incorporate the "Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland" and by another act of the Maryland Legislature on Jan. 22, 1866 the corporate name was changed to the "Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland".

The years from 1828 to 1838 were trying years for Masonry in the U.S. and particularly in Md. A mysterious incident in western N.Y. in 1828 started an anti-Masonic movement that grew to such intensity that an anti-Masonic political convention was held in Baltimore and on Sept. 28, 1831 nominated William Wirt, a distinguished attorney in Baltimore, for President of the U.S. In 1830, early in the national campaign against Masonry, there were thirty-six Lodges in Md., but by the end of 1839 only thirteen active working Lodges remained and those with a greatly diminished membership totalling less than three hundred members.

In 1843 a significant event happened in Masonic history. From May 8th to 17th representatives of 14 Grand Lodges met in convention in the Masonic Temple in Baltimore to develop a uniform ritual so there would be conformity in the work in the several grand jurisdictions. The convention was presided over by past Grand Master John Dove of Va. A uniform ritual was developed and adopted by the convention. The Grand Masters went back to their various jurisdictions and presented the uniform ritual to their Grand Lodges for adoption. The only Grand Lodge that succeeded in adopting the new ritual was Md. where it is still in use. This explains why the Md. ritual is so different from that of Pa. which warranted most of our earlier Lodges and from the District of Columbia where the early Lodges were under the Grand Lodge of Md.

It was the custom of the Grand Lodge from its organization to hold its annual communication in the spring (April or

May) but in 1845 this procedure was reversed and the annual communication was changed to Nov. and the semi-annual to May of each year.

The first Grand Lodge Masonic Temple on St. Paul St. gradually became overcrowded by the continuous growth of the Fraternity and in 1867 it was sold to the city of Baltimore. A new site on Charles St., the location of the present Temple, was purchased and the corner stone of the new Temple was laid Nov. 20, 1866. For a number of years hard luck beset the Charles St. Temples. Christmas Day, 1890, a disastrous fire completely destroyed the interior of the building. It was rebuilt and dedicated Sept. 12, 1893. On Jan. 17, 1908 the Temple was again destroyed by fire. On Nov. 16, 1909 the reconstructed Temple (the third and present Charles St. Temple) was dedicated and has since been in continuous use.

M.W. Thomas Jacob Shryock served longer than any other Grand Master but not for 33 years as is so often stated. He was elected for his 33rd year but he died after serving 2½ months of it which resulted in his serving as Grand Master for 32 years 2½ months from Nov. 1885 to Feb. 3, 1918. Many relics and souvenirs of this ardent Mason are either in use in Grand Lodge or on display in the Masonic Museum. One of the outstanding features of his administration was the Centennial Celebration in May 1887 when over five thousand Masons marched in parade through the streets of Baltimore to celebrate the occasion.

The second longest incumbency as Grand Master was served by M. W. Benjamin C. Howard who served for 18 years from 1824 to 1842. After M. W. Warren Seipp served as Grand Master for ten years the Grand Lodge adopted the custom of electing Grand Masters for two one-year terms. In Md. we have had three, what we term, Masonic Four Star Generals, those who have served as Grand Presiding Officer of all four York Rite Bodies, namely, Thomas J. Shryock, Warren Seipp, and Edward R. Saunders.

On May 17, 1929 "Bonnie Blink" farm was purchased as a site for the "Md. Masonic Homes" which is now "home" to over 100 of our Masonic Family. The unused part of this farm has become extremely valuable and sales of part of this land has provided much needed finances toward the support of the Home.

Md. has had fifty-nine Grand Masters from M. W. John Coats in 1787 to M. W. Joseph C. Bryan III in 1987. It would be impossible in this concise resume of the activities of the Grand Lodge of Md. to give due credit to those devoted and faithful servants of Freemasonry. Each of these Grand Masters gave of his time and talent and handed down to the Masons of today the prosperity and good repute that is our legacy.

## DOOR-TO-VIRTUE OPENS TO GEORGE WASHINGTON

W.M. John W. Hopkins reports that #46 was visited by Bro. George Washington who gave a 20 minute talk on his great moments in Masonry. The brothers were quick to discover that P.M. Thomas D. Taylor, properly costumed, made a fine representation. PGM John R. Fogle was also welcomed, and with 54 other brothers observed Bro. Donald B. Meyer, Jr. being raised by W.M. Ted Barkley of Washington #3. Shown at right is Bro. "George" as he appeared in Lodge.





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**IMPORTANT:** ADMISSION to the SATURDAY PROGRAM at the Scottish Rite will be by **TICKET ONLY** due to limited seating capacity in the Auditorium.

Tickets will be limited to two (2) per Mason. They will be distributed on a *FIRST COME—FIRST SERVED* basis. To request tickets, fill out, cut out and mail the form below. Tickets will be mailed around April 1st to applicants in the order in which requests were received up to the seating capacity of the Auditorium.

After April 10th, additional tickets may be requested and will be furnished if available.

PARKING at the Scottish Rite Temple will be reserved on Saturday night. General parking will be available in the Episcopal Cathedral Parking Lot (Northeast corner of Charles and University Parkway) or Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St. Courtesy shuttle buses to the entertainment will be in service.

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## *Western Maryland*

Thursday, July 9	M.M.	Hagerstown—8:00 P.M.
Thursday, July 23	E.A.	Brunswick—8:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 13	F.C.	Hagerstown—8:00 P.M.

## *Eastern Shore*

Thursday, July 6	M.M.	Salisbury—8:00 P.M.
Thursday, July 30	E.A.	Cambridge—8:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 20	F.C.	Denton—8:00 P.M.

## *Southern Maryland*

Thursday, July 23	E.A.	Centennial Lodge #174—7:30 P.M.
Thursday, July 30	F.C.	Centennial Lodge #174—7:30 P.M.
Thursday, August 6	Workshop	Centennial Lodge #174—7:30 P.M.
Thursday, August 13	M.M.	Centennial Lodge #174—7:30 P.M.

## 25th ANNIVERSARY AMERICAN-CANADIAN GRAND LODGE (ACGL)

The annual communication and celebration of the ACGL takes place on April 24 and 25 at Bad Kissengen, West Germany. For additional information and to register for this event contact:

Jess Minton, Grand Secretary,  
Herman Strasse 39  
6000 Frankfurt/Main  
West Germany

The ACGL is a member of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America and consists of members from U.S. and Canadian Armed Forces in Germany. R.W. Gerhard W. Severin, Grand Master of the ACGL extends an invitation to participate in the celebration and experience the special mix of American and European Masonry in the ACGL.

Also being celebrated in Europe is the 25th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of British Freemasons in Germany and the 250th Anniversary of Masonry in Germany.

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