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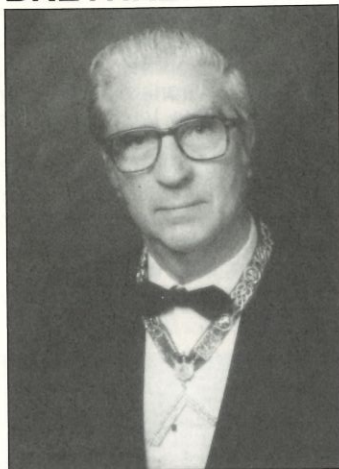
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BRETHREN:



It has been 23 years since I was raised as a Master Mason by Grand Master Edward R. Saunders and his Grand Line at the age of 39. Ever since I have regretted that it took me so long to petition my Lodge, Granite No. 177 at St. Michaels, Md. Since that time I have been running hard to make up for the years lost to me in our fraternity, and the friends I never made.

It is true indeed that we all commit errors of omission as well as commission. A lost opportunity, a friend or deed can seldom be recovered. We should learn from the past and live for the future. The lessons we learn

about what should have been or what we should have done, should be used as building blocks for a better future. The future is bright if we try to make it so. All we need to do is mark our objectives, set our course and go full sail.

There are three types of Masons among us. One is the reactionary Mason: He insists he is right, his way or no way, inflexible, unmovable and unwilling to listen to another point of view. Secondly, is the conventional Mason: He has no particular conviction, no vision of the future, is perfectly satisfied with the present and is willing to serve if it is convenient and it pleases him. He says we have never done that before and there is no reason to do it now. Thirdly, is the dynamic and creative Mason: He sees that we are just drifting along on still water, that stagnant water becomes unfit for drink so that he seeks ways to make the water flow and become sweet and wholesome again. He is seeking new directions and ways to expand and grow, to reach out in the community to sow good seed and to reach the uninitiated.

Now, I ask you, which one of these three characteristics are essential for our Fraternity to continue to withstand the tests of time and long endure. We have inherited a wonderful, noble and patriotic God-fearing fraternity that has met the test of time and served God, Country and Man well. We stand tall and proud. Let us continue to do so.

Past Grand Master Bryan stated many times that we are entering the third century of Masonry in Maryland and he invited all within his hearing to join in assuring that it will be a happy and prosperous one. I invite you also in achieving this worthy objective. Let us shake loose the shackles of apathy, quarrels and inertia and replace them with vigor enthusiasm, cheerfulness and faith. Let us fulfill the purposes and objectives of the Solomon II and Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787 programs. Let us join together to promote our collateral bodies; our youth, educational grant, and drug and alcohol prevention programs and march onward and upward as one body in unity, faith and fortitude, always eliminating the negative and accentuating the positive.

May the Supreme Grand Master's blessing rest upon you and may you all enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely and fraternally,

B. Hope Harrison
Grand Master

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **REGIONAL MEETINGS.** 1989 Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens and Secretaries will be hearing and discussing the Grand Master's plans and objectives during the latter part of January and February at locations throughout the State. Check your Grand Lodge correspondence.

- **LODGE MEETINGS AT BONNIE BLINK.** In February. Brothers living at Bonnie Blink will have an opportunity to attend meetings held by designated Lodges once a month. Details later.

- **SAVE THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS.** Come by and see these 20 breath-taking beauties at the Baltimore Grand Lodge Temple — that is, while they are still there. They need costly repairs and maintenance. We're looking for benefactors whose support will be recognized in perpetuity by a plaque placed on the window they save. Call our Grand Secretary for details (301-752-1198).

- **ADVERTISING.** We're thinking of adjusting our advertising rates to attract a greater variety of advertisers interested in offering goods and services used by some 34,000 Masons and their families. Interested? We're also thinking of having a "Personal" column where for a nominal cost you can place greetings, announcements, situations and help wanted, items for purchase or sale, etc.

MARYLAND MASONRY PERPETUATES ITSELF. What may be a sign of things to come was revealed at the very first visitation of MWGM B. Hope Harrison and the Grand Line. The event was the conferral of the MM at Ft. Cumberland #211 (WM Ivan A. Hall). Of the five men raised, four were sons of members of the Lodge; the fifth is the brother of a Lodge officer. All are under 30 years of age.



BONNIE BLINK

BONNIE BLINK PLATE—LIMITED EDITION. A limited number of plates with the above design on its face will be available for a short time. The plate is porcelain, 8½ inches in diameter and is delicately tinted in blue and white. The words "Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. Maryland Limited Edition" are centered on the reverse side. A display stand comes with the plate in an attractive package selling for \$24.95 including shipping and handling. Purchases may be made at the Office of the Grand Secretary or ordered at the following address: Office of the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, 225 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Checks should be made payable to: the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Maryland. All proceeds go to Bonnie Blink.

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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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GRAND MASTER B. HOPE HARRISON— A PROFILE

With his election and installation as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, Bafford Hope Harrison becomes the second Grand Master from Talbot County. The other being our first Grand Master and the founding father of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Dr. John Coats. He is also named after the Hope family that produced Past Grand Master Daniel Hope who was born and raised in St. Michaels and moved to Baltimore after being graduated from the local high school.

Born in Cordova, Talbot County, GM Harrison attended schools in Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester Counties, graduating from Hurlock High School in Dorchester County in 1942. There he met his future wife, Willa Catherine Jaynes with whom he has enjoyed a happy and fruitful marriage for over 44 years. They have one son, a member of Granite #177, two daughters and seven grandchildren. The family of Grand Master B. Hope and Willa C. Harrison as shown in the above photo include: At their left, the Barker group with daughter Anne, son-in-law Michael and grandchildren Amber, Joshua, and Justin. At their right, the three members of son, Jerry Hope Harrison's family including daughter-in-law, Mary, granddaughter Jennifer and son Jerry. The far right are members of the Sinclair group: Grandchildren Matthew, Brian, Krista and daughter, Carol.

During World War II, GM Harrison served in the U.S. Navy graduating from the Submarine Training School in New London, CT. He spent most of his naval service on a radar/sonar training ship stationed in New London. After being discharged from the service in February, 1946, GM and Mrs. Harrison moved to St. Michaels and have lived there ever since.

Now retired, he spent forty years in the construction and real estate business. Becoming an operative mason, he started his own masonry contracting business at the age of 24. A few years later, he enlarged his business to include general construction, on residential and light industrial projects and some development.

The long hours and pressures of running a business were such that he did not petition his Lodge until he was 39. Since then, however, he has put his heart and soul in the fraternity becoming Worshipful Master of Granite Lodge #177 in 1971 and again in 1978; Worthy Patron of St. Michaels Chapter, O.E.S. for three

terms; and maintained active membership in both the York and Scottish Rite Bodies. He has been active in the Grand Lodge since PGM Middleton appointed him W. Grand Standard Bearer in 1975; he was elected as R.W. Senior Grand Warden in 1981 and a member of the Board of Trustees since 1978.

In addition to his Masonic service, he has served the Methodist Church in almost every capacity from Sunday School Superintendent to Church Lay Leader, a position he still occupies. Active in his community, he has served Talbot County and the town of St. Michaels on several boards and commissions.

Raised on a farm, GM Harrison is still an avid gardener. His ambition is to nourish, promote and help our fraternity grow.

GRANITE SUPPORTS OUR GRAND MASTER. On November 2, Granite #177 (W.M. Wayne Keith Walters) devoted a special night to honor their distinguished brother, B. Hope Harrison, RWDGM, with many of the brothers and guests giving their particular anecdotes, some humorous, some touching but all kindly. In turn, Bro. Hope responded with mention being made of the signers of his petition, PMs Harrison E. Leonard and Walter M. Stewart; and PM Fred M. Mowbray who taught him his catechisms.

Then, on Nov. 21, a busload of brothers from Granite #177 came to proudly witness the election and installation of their M.W. Brother. Shown below are the well-wishers gathered in the Grand East around Grand Master Harrison with Bro. & Rev. Donald F. Etherton, W. Grand Chaplain, also of #177.

None were more proud in these gatherings than Bro. Jerry Hope Harrison, son of the Grand Master.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 16—Centreville #180, Instln of Officers.
 17—Mt Vernon #151, Instln of Officers.
 18—Board of Trustees Meeting.
 20—Board of Managers Meeting.
 21—Mt Ararat #44, Regional Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 27—GM & Wife, Knights of Mecca Instln, Boumi.
 28—Silver Spring #215, Regional Meeting, 8:45 a.m.

Feb. 4—Baltimore Temple, Regional Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 10—Centreville #180, Regional Meeting, 4:45 p.m.
 11—Wicomico #91, Regional Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 25—Friendship #84, Regional Meeting, 8:45 a.m.

HIGHLIGHTS—GRAND LODGE 202nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION November 21, 1988

Preceding the communication, traditional Religious Services were conducted on Sunday, November 20 at 10 a.m. at Bonnie Blink.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS Grand Line

MW Grand Master	W. Grand Standard Bearer
B. HOPE HARRISON, #177	RALPH L. PERRY, #187
RW Deputy Grand Master	W. Grand Sword Bearer
JOHN M. SMITH, Jr., #88	KENNETH D. TILLMAN, #51
RW Senior Grand Warden	W. Grand Pursuivant
JOHN C. NAQUIN, #227	FRED T. FLOWERS, #120
RW Junior Grand Warden	W. Grand Dir. of Cereemonies
GEORGE F. PAYNE, JR., #93	DAVID E. EWING, #53
RW Grand Secretary	W. Grand Tyler
JACK R. FRAZIER, #215	HARRY M. STEIN, Jr., #93
RW Grand Treasurer	W. Grand Lecturer
WAYNE D. GINGRICH, #228	EDWARD B. KRAFT, #189
W. Grand Chaplain	Grand Organist
DONALD F. ETHERTON, #177	HENRY R. KELLY, #116
W. Grand Marshal	Asst. Grand Organist
WAYNE F. ALLEN, #60	HENRY A. PERKINS, #116
W. Senior Grand Deacon	Asst. Grand Chaplain
ROBERT J. WHITE, #84	LUNDA W. LAIRD, #132
W. Junior Grand Deacon	Asst. Grand Chaplain
EDWARD A. FOREMAN, Jr., #229	LEIGHTON E. HARRELL, Jr., #222
W. Senior Grand Steward	W. Grand Lecturer-Emeritus
LEONARD N. HEALY, #201	MOSES APPEL, #25
W. Junior Grand Steward	
GERARD W. JORDAN, #227	Comte on Masonic Halls
	Chmn, John E. Edmundson, #215

Board of Managers

Term Expiring 199
 LOUIS E. BIGGS, #103
 RICHARD A. ORTT, Sr., #124
 CHARLES W. WAGNER, #213

Board of Trustees

Term Expiring 1991
 WILLIAM J. FLETCHER, #116
 WILLIAM C. HERCHENROTHER, #84
 HERMAN G. TILLMAN, Jr., #51

• AWARDS:

- Blood Donors:

• Howard J. Hood #151	10 Gallons
• Herschel Levin #25	11 Gallons
• Wilson Showell #152	12 Gallons
• Richard Jones	12 Gallons
• John V. Nutter #215	15 Gallons
- Master Mason of the Year: Wm E. Mattlin, JW #176: For his part in rescuing drowning children.
- Governor's Citation (Bro. Wm H. Jones #146 representing Bro. & Gov Wm D. Schaefer): For assisting in the rescue of drowning children, Wm Mattlin, McCoy, Glenn, Ross, Randow, K. Mattlin and Wright. Recipients are shown in photo below.



- Harvest Home Day: Lodge with greatest number of members present: #213 (465) followed by #183 (302); Lodge from longest distance: #192 (199 mi.) followed by #153 (159 mi.); Lodge with largest percentage of membership present: #232 (53.8%) followed by #134 (46%).
- Certificate of Appreciation: Presented to GM Bryan by MW Bro. Richard E. Fletcher, PGM Richard E. Fletcher, PGM of VT and Ex Secy, MSA with PGM Harvey T. Hopkins who is Coordinator for Maryland of the MSA Hospital Visitation Program.
- IN MEMORIAM. Since May 1988, 418 Masons have passed away including Bros. Gordon L. Dorer, W. Senior Grand Steward (1984) and Richard H. Gould, W.M. of Seat Pleasant #218.
- STATE AREA LUNCHEON. (Chairman, Wm C. Herchenrother, #84). Preceding the Grand Lodge Communication on Nov. 21, representatives of State Area Lodges met to hear an update on Bonnie Blink activities by Bro. Bob Fish; a talk by Bro. Wm H. Jones, Exec Asst to Gov Schaefer, on "Maryland and Its Future"; remarks and introduction of the Grand Line by GM Bryan; and a Necrology Memorial Ceremony by PGM Stetler. Donations/pledges were received for a wheelchair patient's Scale to be used at Bonnie Blink.
 Since 1982, over \$7,500 has been donated by the State Area Luncheon attendees for various items required at Bonnie Blink.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC—1988. Chairman Ralph A. Connor submits a glowing report together with a check for \$25.00 to the order of Bonnie Blink. The money was left over after picnic expenses. Games, races and good food enjoyed by some 133 happy folks produced a unanimous resolve that another picnic in '89 was a "must".

MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY. The Annual meeting of the Society on Nov. 30 was a delightful blend of humor, fascinating presentations and business conducted in a courtly dignified manner as may have been done in ancient days. Following the election of PGM James Hutchins of Delaware and G.L. Historian, and Richard E. Fletcher, PGM of VT and MSA Exec-Secty, as Honorary Members and the reading of a research paper by Bro. James Harding, the following officers were elected: Willie E. Phillips as President; Milton R. Wheatley as 1st V.P.; James Harding as 2nd V.P.; Paul C. Falk as Secty and Leighton E. Harrell, Jr as Treasurer. These officers including the Installing Marshal, Wm Atkinson are shown in the following photo, surrounded by Past Presidents Theilman, Stover, Weir, Morris, Albrecht and Diehl.



The profundity of the proceedings was demonstrated with questions propounded by Past Pres. Tom Weir such as:

Question: Who was the shortest man in the Bible?

Answer: Job Bildadd, the Shuhite (shoe height).

Question: Who was the second shortest man in the Bible?

Answer: Nehemiah (knee high).

Other mind-blowing pronouncements — There was a time when the average Scotsman's diet consisted of one pound of oatmeal a day. And, the average Irishman's diet was eight pounds of potatoes a day.

Pres. Phillips is looking forward to a year including Joint meetings with other Research bodies, conducting programs at Blue Lodges and presentation of interesting papers.

Memberships in the Society are still available. Details will be furnished by Paul C. Falk, 1732 Winans Ave, Balto., MD 21227 (301) 242-1366.

PASSING THE BATON. On October 1, a new team emerged in the election of officers for the Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787. The new officers are eager to equal if not exceed the accomplishments during PM Jerry Hensby's term in which over \$500,000 was received against the goal of \$1,000,000.

The new officers are: WM, Thomas M. Velvin, Jr., #227; SW; Carl W. Todd, #174; JW Donald Holliday, #198; Chaplain, Ronald G. Belenger, #227. State Area Deputies are: Chas. W. Clark, Jr., #115, Eastern Shore; Gerard W. Jordan, #227, Southern MD; Carl E. Covert, Baltimore City; Oswald L. Lockard, #227, Outside MD. The positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy for Western MD are temporarily vacant. Anyone interested in serving in these positions may contact WM Tom Velvin, (301) 292-5253.

Charter memberships in the Lodge are still available at \$100, which can be paid in installments. All monies go into an Endowment Fund. Interest earned is used to offset Grand Lodge expenses which would otherwise have to be borne through increases in dues. See your Lodge representative to become a member and receive an attractive certificate and permanent dues card.

Did you know that more than \$2,300 was collected on Harvest Home Day from sale of Masonic memorabilia? Special thanks go to Jerry Hensby, #116, Wayne Allen, #60 and others in this operation. Special thanks also goes to the Camp Spring Players who presented Carl Claudy's play "The Greatest of These"; and Jim Harding #116 who read a research paper at the October 1 meeting.

THE BALDRIC CLUB. Maestro Walt Conway, Warren #51, announces that the club is in full swing again. Members meet for luncheon every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Merchant's Club, 206 E. Redwood St. in Baltimore. Interested? Write to Walter W. Conway, 7923 Roldrew Ave., Balto. 21204.

THE CABIRI. Congratulations to Bro. Mahlon W. Hessey, Doric #124 who was elected to the position of Captain of the Guard of The Cabiri, the International Past Potentates Association of the Shrine.

HARVEST HOME DAY — 1988. The grounds of Bonnie Blink were the most densely populated area in Maryland on Oct. 15. Over 8,000 Masons from many jurisdictions consumed 10,000 lbs. of sausage, 440 gallons of coffee, 350 pumpkin pies and cleaned out the 10,000 pancake operation. Bands played, the John Coats booth sold Masonic memorabilia, and the guests of the Homes found willing customers for their crafts. The weather was ideal — all arranged by the Chairmen of the event, John W. Smith, our new RWDGM and Walt Peregoy, both of Adherence #88. The photo below will give some idea of the quality of people who attended.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT VAMC BALTIMORE. During his term, PGM Bryan visited all of the V.A. Medical Centers. He noted at the Loch Raven facility that volunteers were badly needed. He was advised by Mr. James A. Christian, Director of the Center, that particular need exists for escort support. Escorts transport wheelchair and bed patients to treatment areas and deliver patient records and data where needed. A newly developed escort assignment for selected volunteers is to greet new admissions, walk them through the admission process and to appointment areas. They also assist patients upon discharge to the center lobby. These particular escorts wear distinctive red blazers. Brothers interested in participating in the program should contact Mr. David Evans at (301) 467-9932, ext. 5451.

PGM Harvey T. Hopkins is the Coordinator for Maryland in the MSA Hospital Visitation Program. Bro. George H. Schwarz is the MSA Representative at the Baltimore Medical Center. We congratulate Tom Daugherty, head of the MSA Hospital Visitation Program and PGM of N.J. on the birth of his first grandchild, a girl.

SITUATION WANTED. Seeking stronger career opportunity. Now fast food store manager. Family man, age 28. Air Force Ranger-11 years. Some college, office skills. Ambitious, dependable. Leads from Brothers appreciated. Russel M. Graybill, 1236 Newfield Rd., Balto., MD 21207, (301) 747-7781.

CHARITY AND THE COMMUNITY. As reported by WM Leslie A. Orlidge. Charity #134, officers and members of the Lodge actively supported and recently participated in the dedication of the Hereford Public Library. A much needed and long sought facility in rural northern Baltimore County.

Bro. WM L. "Bill" Hughes. Chairman of Charity's Community Relations Committee is shown in the photo presenting the book "Freemasonry in American History" on behalf of the Lodge to the President of the Board of Library Trustees.

Bill was commended at the ceremony by Baltimore County Executive Dennis Rasmussen and County Councilman Bro. C. A. Ruppertsberger for his efforts in spearheading this vital community project.



HIRAM 103 SALUTES WESTVACO. The officers and members of Hiram #103 extended congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Westvaco Corp. The firm has made many contributions to the Tri-Towns area and supports the economy and lives of the many citizens of the area. In the 132 years of the Lodge's existence, many of its members have been and are now proud employees of the Company. Shown from left to right in the photo are: SW Roger Heavner; VP/Manager of the Luke Mill, Westvaco Corp. Roger Dandridge; WM Richard A. Rinaud; and JW Raymond Upperman.



A PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY. Ionic #145 (WM Wm. H. Donaldson) was recognized for their contributions in support of needy families in the Reisterstown, Glyndon and Owings Mill areas. Recognition came from The Food Pantry, a project of the Reisterstown United Methodist Church founded in 1777, which participates with other local churches, civic organizations and individuals in caring for the needy. PM Charles E. Lang is the Lodge Chairman in this effort which has been in operation for three years.

ON SENATE CONFIRMATION OF MEN AND MASONS. This past June, the Lodge room of Silver Spring #215 (WM R. Harward Weaver) was filled to capacity with members, families and guests to hear Bro. & Judge David B. Sentelle tell his story. This

event was arranged and filmed by the Masonic Service Assn. A Short Talk Bulletin (Vol. 66, No. 4) is available from the M.S.A. Its preface reads as follows: In the spring of 1987, Judge David B. Sentelle was nominated to fill the vacancy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. The nomination was held up in the Senate because Judge Sentelle was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Fortunately, Judge Sentelle is a man of integrity and honor and stood up for his Masonic principles. Several Senators also had the courage to speak out forcefully in support of their Masonic membership . . . Bro. Sentelle belongs to Excelsior Lodge #261, Charlotte, N.C. A tape of the talk by Judge Sentelle is available at M.S.A., 8120 Fenton St., Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. The tape runs for 38 minutes. It costs \$24.95 to purchase and rents for \$10.00.



Shown to the left are PGM of NJ Tom Daugherty, Director of the MSA Hospital Visitation Program, PGM Bernard E. Rothman, Judge Sentelle and PGM of VT Richard E. Fletcher, Exec Secy of M.S.A.

In November, Silver Spring #215 celebrated a Past Masters' Night featuring the Sentelle video tape recorded in their June meeting. Well-buoyed by a good dinner and a picture show, 17 Past Masters are shown below strung across the Lodge like a string of pearls.



CAN YOU TOP THIS? In 1939, Bro. Elmer Frederick Stein was saluted with honors by his brothers as Worshipful Master of Brightwood Lodge No. 43, FAAM, Washington, D.C. Fifty (50) years later on Dec. 13, 1988, he faced his Lodge again as Worshipful Master. This time it was a little different with an audience of 122 including seven Past Grand Masters, four D.C. Grand Lodge officers, five Past Potentates, representatives of many other bodies, ladies and guests.

Before he was raised as a Master Mason in 1926, MW Bro. Stein was a DeMolay, a member of the Court of Chevaliers and Senior DeMolay. During his 50 year Masonic career he was invested with the Legion of Honor and Grand Cross by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay for his leadership and service.

His Masonic affiliations are legend including active leadership in the York and Scottish Rites (33°), TCL, Grotto, Sojourners, High Twelve, honorary membership in nine Lodges, Grand Lodge of Israel, etc., etc. It is said that he has a working familiarity with the ritual of all positions and stations in most of these organizations. Chronologically, at 77, he was oldest Grand Master, in 1982, to ever occupy the Grand East in the Grand Lodge of D.C.

He is currently Grand Historian whose latest published work appears in a 1988 reprint of an M.S.A. periodical "Your Masonic Capital City" originally developed by Carl Claudy. His section on "Washington D.C. Masonry Then and Now" can be considered fairly authoritative — he was there!

The Grand Lodge of Maryland congratulates you, Brother Elmer, and wishes for you many more years of inspiring service.

7th ANNUAL TRI-COUNTY LODGE IN THE VALE. Sponsored by Temple #128, Coats #102, Cambridge #66, Roelma #206 and Choptank #138 the woodsy and chilly seclusion of Martinak State Park was the scene of this annual event. The event was attended by 38 Masons from 14 Lodges and three states. The MM° was conferred upon Bro. Jacob Lawton Jones, II, of Choptank #138, by WD White #138 as WM; J. West #102 as S.W.; G. Sherman #108, JW; W. Reckett #128, Secty; R. White as SD; L. Medfort #138 as JD; M. Malick #138 as SS; J. McGinness #128 as JS; W. Harmsen #102 as Chaplain; and R. Porter and F. Callahan #138 as Tylers. Grand Lodge Officers present included Walt Harmsen, WJGS Hans Wendt, PGMs Rothman (MD) and Fletcher (VT); Bill Clark, Bd. of Trustees and Seymour Lipshitz, Bd. of Mgrs.

All were reenergized by fried chicken, beans, slaw and salad prepared by Vicki and Greg Smith (WM #128). Thawing out in the photo below are Bro. Jones flanked by the PGMs and WM Don White #138.



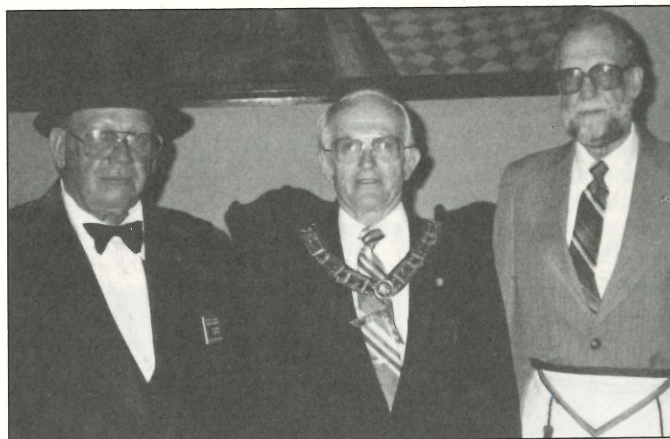
SERVICE RECOGNITION. On Nov. 26, Seat Pleasant #218 (Act'g WM John F. Sullivan) held a gala evening honoring two brothers with the award of 50 year service emblems. Present were GM Bryan, the Grand Line and the family and friends of the brothers honored. These included Bro. Wm. G. Farr and PM Wilburn H. Jones, Lodge Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Grand Inspectors (State Area).

Shown in the photo below are: GM Bryan at the apex of the family pyramid consisting of Bro. Jones' daughter, Diana Schmidt; and sister, Jane Houlihan. Bro. Farr's wife, Sarah; daughter, Barbara Clark; granddaughter Bonnie Wiese, and great grandson, Shawn Wiese.



Earlier in the year a 50 year service emblem was presented to PM Lloyd B. Bertholf by PM S. Flory Diehl, RWPGSW. Now retired in Bradenton, Florida, Bro. Bertholf previously served as Lodge Ritualist, President of the Temple Holding Corp. and Deputy Grand Lecturer.

He is shown below with the late WM Richard H. Gould and PM Diehl.



HIGH HILLS AND LOW DEGREES. The starry-decked heavens were in evidence as was a chill wind on Sugarloaf Mountain near Frederick this past September. But nothing could affect the spirit and quality of the occasion when GM Bryan and the Grand Line conferred the MM° on Bro. Robert Thomas Anderson of #215. Wheaton #228 (WM Ralph E. Pearson) was again the sponsor of this annual event.

A CITY BOY RAISED IN THE COUNTRY. It was as simple as $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ when WM James E. Bradley, Pythagoras #123 opened a MM Lodge and conferred the MM° in a fresh air country setting. Bro. Joseph Allen McKinzie was the beneficiary of the degree which took place on the property of Bro. & Dr. Hans R. Wilhelmsen in Phoenix, MD. Picnic food was served gratis to the 74 guests including 26 visitors from 16 Lodges.

FATHER AND SONS. In June at Palestine #189, WM Reverdy L. Orrell, III presided in the East when Bro. Norman B. Wess, Sr. stepped in and raised his sons. Norman B. Wess, Jr. and Richard W. Wess. Over 25 brothers and members of Trinity United Methodist Church were in attendance. Participants in the following photo include WM Orrell in the rear (the man in the top hat) and in the front row Norman Wess, Jr., Norman Wess, Sr., Richard W. Wess and Rev. Thomas T. Stewart, Chaplain, and Pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

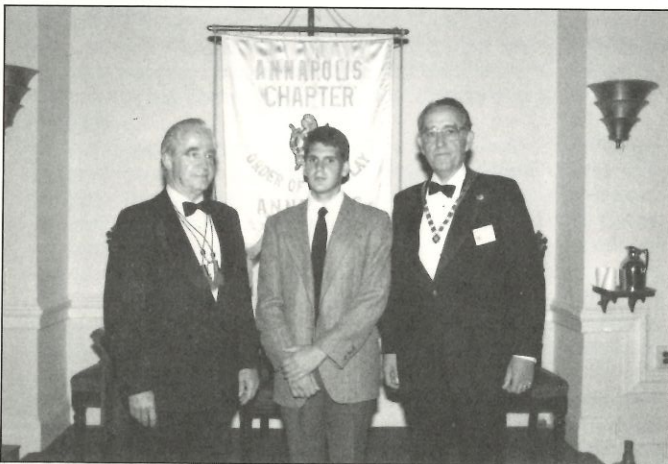


THE RICH RITUAL OF THE THIRD DEGREE. That's how Adherence #88 describes their program of Nov. 20. But, there was a bonus to the program where PM F. Edmonson Thayer was presented a 50 year service emblem by GI Carl R. Doster assisted by WM William H. Price. The MM was unique in that Bros. Frank W. Vincer and Raymond J. Zeiler were raised by a team of Lodge PMs plus PGMs Stetler, Koenig, Rothman and Hopkins. Present were 14 Lodge PMs. Absent was PM John M. Smith, RWDGM who was with the GM and Grand Line. Shown in the photo below are PM Thayer with 50 years service, the two newly-raised brothers with zero service the PGMs and the WM.



DEMOLAY ACTIVITIES. Some of the highlights over the past few months include:

- At a Special Recognition Night in August, *Annapolis Chapter*, Order of DeMolay, honored its majority members and held a public investiture of the *Legion of Honor* on Bro. *Bennie W. Owens #89*. The Legion of Honor is the highest honor given by the International Supreme Council in recognition of leadership in a worthwhile endeavor. He has held high positions in many Masonic bodies and service as a Grand Lodge Officer. He was created a Chevalier in 1944. He served on the Annapolis Advisory Council of the Annapolis Chapter for about 10 years. Shown below is Bro. Owens; the Master Councilor of Annapolis Chapter, David Diamond; and PMC & Bro. Albert C. Kaestner, Ex 0 in MD, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.



- INVESTITURE:** Dad *Raoul L. Frevel, Sr.*, PIMC AND Oriental Guide was invested with the DeMolay *Legion of Honor* at Boumi Temple. The Investiture Team consisted of Exec Off. of MD, Dad Albert Kaestner; Past Ex 0 of MD Dad Charles Cover; Ex 0 of D.C. Jerold Samet and Ex 0 of Delaware James Kettner. Following, Dad Kaestner and SMC Carl Michel presented the original

1921 Charter to *Ill. Pot. Wm J. Fletcher*, representing the sponsoring body, which officially reinstituted the Baltimore Chapter. The Charter was then passed to the Chapter's Master Councilor SSC John Laing. Dad Fletcher was further honored with the presentation of the Zerubbabel Key for his efforts in activating the Chapter.

- On December 2, a DeMolay Class was held in honor of our new Grand Master, B. Hope Harrison who was accompanied by the Grand Line.

- On Dec. 11, *Robert F. Hannon*, 57th Grand Master, Order of DeMolay presided at the conferral of the DeMolay *Legion of Honor* on Dad *Merle S. Elliott*, Friendship #84 in Hagerstown. A well attended reception was held later that day for GM Hannon and his wife, Marian at Towson. The GM had previously recognized Maryland and other jurisdictions for their increased attendance at this years Leadership Training Conference.

- Raising Jacques DeMolay:** Steeped in gloomy shadows, sounds of dragging chains and the ominous whispering of cloaked figures, the second degree of the Story of Jacques DeMolay unfolded itself. At their November 1 meeting, the members and guests of Cornerstone #224 (WM Barry M. Rosen) were treated to a stellar performance of a cast which has yet to be equalled or surpassed. The parts and players included: Orator, Albert C. Kaestner, PM #203 and Executive Officer in Maryland; Senior Inquisitor, Randall L. Watson, PM #224, Past Grand Commander (PGC) of Md Court of Chevaliers (MDCC); Senior Inquisitor, Richard Naegel, W.M. #229, PGC MDCC; Junior Inquisitor, James A. Hursch, #224, PSMC Colorado, PGC COCC; Jacques DeMolay, E. Scott Klein, JW #224, PGC MDCC; Guy of Auvergne, Ron Shaver, #189, GC MDCC; Marshal, Gary Neal, SD #209; Senior Guard, Louis M. Numkin, PM #224; Prisoners, Edwin I. Klein, PM #224 and Mike McKay, Active Demolay, PSJC; Guard, Bill Eppig, SS #229, PSMC.



PENTALPHA AWARDS SERVICE EMBLEMS. As reported by PM Harry E. Baker, Jr., Grand Inspector Robert M. Thomson presented a 60 year service emblem to John L. King and a 50 year emblem to PM John E. Speich. Shown in the photo are the recipients, the GI and WM Earl E. Wood of Pentalpha #194.

A GOLDEN DIVIDEND. Bro. Dan M. Tabler forwards the following photo of the presentation of a 50 year service emblem to Bros. J. Herbert Carter and George T. Pratt on either side of WM Ralph Twilley of Centreville #180. Witnessing was a large turnout who had enjoyed a fine dinner before the presentation.



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