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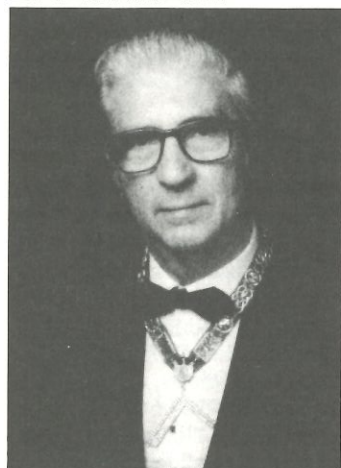
# The FREESTATE FREEMASON



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## BRETHREN:



### STEWARDSHIP

By the time you read this, my stewardship as Grand Master will be very nearly over.

As I look back on my two years as the chief steward for Freemasonry in Maryland, I ask you to reflect with me upon the meaning of it and examine the part you have played toward promoting stewardship in and for our Fraternity.

Although the Grand Master is the chief steward, he can only cajole, promote, set goals and offer directions and be the head cheerleader; it is you, the individual, the one-on-one brother in his lodge and on the street that

must carry out the work.

The book of Matthew 5-13 tells us "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?"

The individual Master Mason is that salt and if you have lost that initiative, that desire that first induced you to seek the light, wherewith shall our Fraternity find that salt that flavors our fair Brotherhood that would make others want to taste it? We must or we shall perish and Freemasonry has too much to offer, is so much needed in our society and the world to pass the scene.

I for one, do not think it will.

So what shall we do?

First, let us never forget that the eyes of the world are upon us as never before. As we have learned, "we must be encouragers of the art". That includes living a daily life others would wish to imitate.

Secondly, Freemasonry is a society of friends and brothers that was created to fill a need. I submit the need today is not much different than it was in the beginning. We are to aid, support and protect each other now as we were expected to do then. We are to go further, however, and as a familiar radio commercial says "reach out, reach out and touch someone". That means the community, the schools, senior citizens as well as youth and wherever the need exists.

Thirdly, we must promote ourselves. We can no longer hide our light under the bushel basket; rather, we must let the world, our friends and neighbors, know who we are, what we do, what we stand for and that we are very proud of it.

Finally, I believe there is one more thing we must do if we are to be good stewards - **DON'T SELL FREEMASONRY TOO CHEAPLY!!**

Stewardship is vitally important for each and every one of us. We cannot afford to live by the old adage "Let George do it"; rather, let us practice "If it is to be, it is up to me".

In conclusion, I am deeply grateful and humbled to have received the highest honor you, the Freemasons of Maryland, can bestow upon anyone by electing me as Grand Master these past two years. It has been a great pleasure to have been your servant.

Sincerely and fraternally,

B. Hope Harrison, *Grand Master*

## VISITATIONS

### 1990

#### October

- 1 GM & GL. Cambridge No. 66. GM confers MM Degree on Grand Nephew Bro. John Edward James.
- 3-4 GM and Wife. 185th Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Delaware.
- 6 GM and Wife. Ladies Night, Ali-Ghan Shrine Club
- 13 GM and Wife. Bicentennial banquet. Maryland Commandery No. 1.
- 15 GM visits Evergreen No. 153 honoring Bros Carroll Holland and Lloyd Warren.
- 16 Representing GM, PGM Hopkins and wife visit Zitta Temple No. 27, Daughters of the Nile.
- 17 Meeting of Board of Trustees.
- 17 GM & GL visit Stevenson No. 135. Presentation of 50 year Emblem.
- 19 Meeting of Board of Managers.
- 20 Harvest Home Day, Bonnie Blink, 6 a.m. - Blood Drive.
- 23 GM & GL visit Warren No. 51 - Worthy Charities Night.
- 25 GM & GL visit Esdraelon No. 176. Bro. Austin Rowan honored.
- 27 GM & Wife. Maryland No. 120 - 125th Anniversary Dinner.

#### November

- 2 DeMolay Legion of Honor Awards, Baltimore Masonic Temple to MWGM Harrison, RWGS Frazier, Bro. & Gov. Wm Donald Schaefer, Stephen Ponzillo 111, Philip Shortt and Gilbert Monk.
- 3 Annual Pancake Day, Balto Forest No. 45 TCL, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2501 Putty Hill Ave, Parkville.
- 7 GM & GL visit Granite No. 177. MM Degree.
- 8 GM & GL visit Door-to-Virtue No. 46. Fraternal visit.
- 9 GM attends Masonic Youth Night at Boumi Temple.
- 12 GM visits Masonic Veterans Association.
- 13 GM visits Warren No. 51. Table Lodge.
- 14 Meeting of Board of Trustees.
- 14 GM & GL visit St. John's No. 34. Knights of Mecca confer MM Degree.
- 16 Meeting of Board of Managers.
- 18 GM & GL attend Grand Lodge Religious Services, 10 a.m., Bonnie Blink.
- 19 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, 2 p.m., Baltimore.



**VISITATIONS** HARVEST HOME DAY. Saturday, October 21 at Bonnie Blink. Registration at 6:00 a.m. All parking only at the McCormick Industrial Park. All chartered "Lodge Busses" must discharge passengers on the McCormick lot. Transportation will be available for the handicapped. Shuttle busses will operate between the parking area and center of activities which will be readily located by following the rich fragrance of grilling sausages. All goodies in the food department will be available until 10 a.m.

Commemorative "Pennies" will be available when you arrive; your generous donation is appreciated to offset the cost of the event.

Tours of the Homes will be conducted by Grand Inspectors.

A BLOOD DRIVE will operate from 6 to 10:30 a.m. Additional space and personnel will be available to insure that donations are made on a timely basis. Numbers will be provided to that first come will be first served. Our goal is 150 units of blood.

Steve Ponzillo, Jr. and Walter T. Peregoy, General Chairman and Co-Chairman, and the 22 members of the 14 committees have been laboring since June to assure the success of the Harvest Home Day event.

Ted Harding of Waverly No. 152 includes the following timely poem in his current bulletin: Harvest Home Day  
"October 20, once a year, A time for friendship and good cheer,

To meet with friends new and old, You don't have to be shy or bold.

Come early and receive a penny, lots to eat and fun aplenty.

The golf clubs are here for fun, Try your skill for a hole in one.

Walk around, stop and roam, Take a tour and see the HOME."

**CURRENT GRAND LODGE CORRESPONDENCE.** These include the following:

- Notice of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at the Baltimore Masonic Temple on Monday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.; and Grand Lodge Religious Services at Bonnie Blink, Sunday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. Master Masons, family and friends are invited. Dress is dark business suits.
- In memory of our late PGM Charles H. Cover, who passed away on July 5, Lodge Altars will be draped in black for 30 days. This will be effective on July 18 for Lodges meeting during July and August; for Lodges reconvening during September, the effective date is from the first stated communication in September.
- As prescribed in Article VII of the Grand Lodge Constitution, Master Masons who feel they are qualified and desirous of serving on the Board of Managers or Board of Trustees will request Nominating forms from the Grand Secretary's Office. These forms must be completed and submitted to the Grand Secretary's Office no later than Oct. 20.
- Petition forms for Plural Membership in another Maryland Lodge have been sent to Lodge Secretaries together with instructions.
- The Chairman of the Masonic Blood Program has forwarded a listing of Blood Donor Numbers for each Lodge. These new Group Identification Numbers (GIN) are printed on 1991 dues cards and are effective as of August 1990. These numbers should be used when blood is donated by Lodge members, their families and friends.
- A reminder was sent to WMs indicating to the date for submission of their plan of accomplishments for the Grand Master's Awards Program described in previous correspondence. Plaques will be presented at the forthcoming Annual Communication.

**BONNIE BLINK DAYLIGHT LODGE NO.1.** With all due form and ceremony, 155 members saw MWGM B. Hope Harrison present the Lodge Charter at the stated communication on Tuesday Sep. 11. An outstanding lunch was served following the meeting. Bro. Wilbur M. Penley, Secty of the AASR in Baltimore presented Masonic Books to the Grand Master for the Bonnie Blink Library for use by the residents.

In addition to regular business, the meeting of Oct. 9 at 10:30 a.m. will feature RWGS Jack R. Frazier whose subject is: "Stand Up And Be Counted." A discussion will follow on "What do you think of Your Daylight Lodge?" A light lunch will provide the energy to make it home.

A Reminder: Membership until Dec. 31 is only \$1.00. After that date, there is an affiliation fee of \$5.00 in addition to annual dues of \$3.00. Residents of Bonnie Blink are exempt from dues. Also, the last Lodge Bulletin contains the 1991 Dues Bill and Notice. Your check for \$3.00 made payable to BONNIE BLINK DAYLIGHT LODGE NO. 1 should be sent to Joseph Melman, P.M. Sect., 1190 W. Northern Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21210. Re-up!

It is now reported that membership stands at close to 2,000.

**MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY.** The third meeting of 1990 on Sep. 27 at Door-to-Virtue Lodge No. 46, Westminster, MD, features Bro. & Dr. S. Brent Morris who speaks on "Landmarks and Liabilities". Questions and suggestions follow on "Should the Society be changed to a Research Lodge?" which would mean having a complement of officers as in a regular Lodge. Presiding is Pres. Milton R. Wheatley. For further information contact Donald M. Miller, Secty, 7705 E. Baltimore St, Baltimore, MD 21224, 301-285-5670.

The "DID YOU KNOW?" section of their bulletin reports that a new national newspaper, "Blue Lodge News" for, all Masons is being published six times a year. It's free but contributions will be accepted to help defray expenses. Write Louis A. Chasmer, Box 3163, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

**BALDRIC CLUB.** The first Fall meeting was held on Sep. 11, 12:15 p.m. at the Cafe Royale located on the ground level of the Lord Baltimore Hotel. A great way to enjoy lunch. For information on programs and dates write to Clint Larmore, Secty, 1101 N. Calvert St, 1602, Baltimore, MD 21202.

**CONTROLLING THE CRAB POPULATION.** Some 220 gathered on Aug. 25 at the Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Assn grounds to honor Grand Master Harrison while putting a dent in the Chesapeake Bay's bounty of crabs. Proceedings were interrupted momentarily for the following photo of the Grand Master, his wife Willa holding the evidence, and RWDGM John M. Smith, Jr. Bon Appetit!





**BONNIE BLINK BIRTHDAYS.** Wish these special people a happy birthday - show them they are still part of your Lodge family.

OCTOBER	Name	Lodge
1	Emma Lambert	Highland 184
5	Henry Leuschner	King David 68
8	Howard Walters	Pickering 146
9	Albert Mohr	Mt. Vernon 151
11	Emma Bell	Liberty 219
16	Addie Hayman	Manokin 36
21	Agnes Johnson	Palestine 189
22	Rhoda Geiman	Door-to-Virtue 46
24	Horace Belcher	Mt. Moriah 116
26	Mildred Rupprecht	Ben Franklin 97
28	Lillian Anderson	Thomas J. Shryock 223

#### NOVEMBER

3	Edward R. Saunders	Kensington 198
5	Elizabeth Slagle	Sharon 182
6	Annette Baxter	Tuscan 202
6	Lillian Voris	Highland 184
10	Elizabeth Anders	Howard 101
11	Florence Sanders	Adherence 88
12	William Dols	Concordia 13
13	Blanche Messner	Doric 124
15	Thomas Williams	Liberty 219
21	George Frank	Arcana 110
22	Harry Wirtz	Oriental 158
22	Evelyn Wynn	Charity 134
25	Irving Curry	John H. B. Latrobe 165
26	Dorothy Eckels	Liberty 219
26	Helen McLaughlin	Arcana 110
30	Rose Woods	Millington 166

#### DECEMBER

3	Ethel Fairall	Laurel Wreath 149
4	Nina Bready	Adherence 88
4	Daisy Gue	Millington 166
7	Freida Wewerka	Mt. Vernon 151
8	Irma Cummings	Doric 124
17	Mae Gaver	Ben Franklin 97
21	Thelma Rohlfing	Joppa 132
25	Maurice Carter	Mystic Circle 109
26	Frederick Reis	Oriental 158
28	Letitia Ford	Mt. Hermon 179
29	Oliver Shane	Tuscan 202

**REUNION AT THE STATE HOUSE.** On a pleasant day in July, members of the 1989 Grand Line enjoyed lunch, toured and admired the State House in Annapolis and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet once again. Grand Master Harrison was presented with a certificate signed by Bro. & Governor William Donald Schaefer. Making the presentation was Bro. William H. Jones, an aide of Governor Schaefer.

As can be seen in the following photo, the group and the setting are in perfect harmony.



**JOHN McW. SMITH, JR. APPRECIATION NIGHT.** On September 24, the Susquehanna Shrine Club sponsored a banquet honoring their first Past President and first from the area to be in line to become the MWGM.

Attending were over 300 Masons and their ladies including leaders representing Grand Lodge, Shrine Scottish Rite, York Rite, Tall Cedars, National Sojourners and others.

#### YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA.

The General Assembly of this organization held in Baltimore in July included proceedings reflecting favorably on members of the Maryland York Rite College. MWGM B. Hope Harrison was presented with the very prestigious Order of the Purple Cross by Bro. Edward R. Saunders, Jr., Chancellor General and S. Flory Diehl, Grand Governor General-at-Large.

Bro. Norman G. Williams is now Grand Governor of the Maryland York Rite College, which hosted the event, and Bro. Thomas E. Weir is Deputy Grand Governor. The Maryland York Rite College has been recognized many times as the premier College in North America.

Bro. Harold Elliott II, Past Grand Master of New Jersey was installed for a two year term as Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign of North America which has as one of its principal purposes to foster a spirit of cooperation and coordination among all bodies of Masonry and particularly the bodies of York Rite Masonry.

On the Sunday following, Francis Scott Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honor sponsored a KYCH brunch. Present was Eminent Prior, PGM Edward R. Saunders, Sr.

**WHO SAYS MASONS ARE DYING OUT?** Here are two views on the subject: The first is from the August 90 issue of the "Masonic Light" issued by the Grand Lodge of A.F.M. of South Carolina as follows:

#### Who Belongs To What Fraternity?

"When Standard and Poors, the financial statistical giant comes out with any kind of survey or evaluation, everybody sits up and takes notice. In fact, Wall Street watches the S&P Stock Index as closely as the Dow Jones Averages.

"Thus, real significance can be attached to a recent S&P survey which was titled 'Who Belongs To What Fraternity?' They concentrated only on the presidents, board chairmen, chief executives and vice presidents of large corporations. Of 25,500 executives responding, the following are the 20 named most often:

Masons.....	10,199	Moose.....	199
Elks.....	3,394	Odd Fellows.....	159
Knights of Columbus.....	941	Eastern Star.....	88
Lions International.....	415	Eagles.....	58
Knights of Pythias.....	199	Woodmen of the World....	31

"It is indicative of the quality of the Masonic organization that the top executives in the country have selected Masonic affiliation 2 to 1 over all other fraternal organizations combined."

The second view is from Bro. James R. Shafer, W.M. of Oakland No. 192 and is titled: "TURNING AROUND THE TREND".

Many people say Masonry is dying and will soon be just a memory. In Oakland Lodge No. 192 that memory lives on . . . and is growing strong! On January 1, 1966 the membership of Oakland Lodge was 98. Today the members number 147 with five candidates soon to be raised Master Masons and petitions still coming in at almost every meeting. In addition, the average age of the Officers, excluding the Secretary and Treasurer, is 32! How does Oakland Lodge do this? It's really very simple: Be positive and open about Masonry!

How do you answer these questions "What do Masons do?" If you are silent you're losing potential brothers. When you do answer I hope you're saying this: "Masonry takes a good man and makes him better. We promote mankind not individual men. We try to comfort and relieve the distressed. We are everywhere in the community, but you will recognize us by our deeds not our actions. We are leaders, not followers. We believe in God, in justice, in our country and in each other. A Mason is just like

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any other man with one exception: He won't make excuses and doesn't lay blame. He just does what is right and lives what he believes."

And what about those secrets you have? Why do you need secrets? Don't fear this question. Just calmly say: "A secret to one person may be foolish and trivial to another. Our secrets don't hold the keys to life or life everlasting. Our conduct in life is no secret, it's something we are proud of. These 'secrets' just allow us to travel through life without visible means of identification. A Mason doesn't recognize jewelry, dues cards or emblems which are easily obtained. Our secrets are the only true means of distinction from those charlatans who discredit our organization. They are really only a means of identification and by their use we are able to identify ourselves to other Masons all over the world." The questions are the hardest part of promotion; but an informed Brother properly dealing with them, can remove the mystery from Masonry.

Our attitudes also need some adjustment. Don't make your Temple "that big building on the corner.. Let your community know who and where you are. Lend your Temple and the services of the Brethren to community events and celebrations. Uninformed members of your community will be able to see for themselves that "weird things and devil worship" just are not possible there. Make sure that your "informed" Brethren are there to answer any questions.

Contribute to other organizations in your town, either monetarily or through actual involvement. Remember your lodge can also work with Lions, Rotarians and other community groups. Make sure our collateral bodies are also visible. Their growth depends on our growth. Masonry is very visible if the Scottish and York Rites assist you. How much good comes from an active Shrine Unit? Well, 60% of our Officers are also active in the Harige Clown Unit of Ali Ghan Shrine. Educating your membership is probably the most important. At least annually, devote a meeting to the Solomon II program. Mail each Brother a brochure and invite them to your meeting to explain the program and its purpose. Only as they understand can they promote the program.

Five years ago I didn't even know that what our Temple Building represented. One year later an Oakland Lodge Past Master listened to my questions and started me on my journey. Today as Master of Oakland Lodge, I can testify to how wonderful Masonry is for the development of a man. Masonry was a turning point for me and be for many other fine young men if we will just let them know who we are and what we do. Masonry, after all, is a "Builders' Trade".

**SERVING YOUTH.** Proud and precious moments were captured in photos on two occasions: The first (on left) was taken at the Milwaukee Grand Sessions on Aug. 3 with the Grand Master standing between Miss Lonna Seibert, newly crowned Miss International Job's Daughter for 1990-91 and Miss Linda Perry, the Supreme Honored Queen for 1989-90.

The second photo (on right) was taken at Wild World on July 22 when over 1,800 youth, family and friends were present. The Grand Master looks rather pleased with the publicity given this Masonic sponsored event.



**CHANGE IN RAINBOW LEADERSHIP.** After 32 years of devoted service to Maryland Rainbow, Miss Miriam T. Kirby has resigned as Supreme Inspector. Through her vision, dedication, and hard work Maryland Rainbow was transformed from an isolated group of assemblies into a Grand Assembly. Many young women - and men - first learned about fraternal organizations through Mom Kirby's efforts. Indeed Maryland owes her a debt of thanks. A special honoring will be held at a later date.

The Supreme Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Edna McLaurin, has appointed Mary Adeline Bradford as the new Supreme Representative. Mary Adeline is a Past Worthy Advisor of Berlin Assembly No. 7, a Past Grand Worthy Advisor in Maryland and, at the time of her appointment, was Chairman of the State Executive Board. She is also member of Holly Chapter No. 45, OES.

At the Grand Reception held on August 11, 1990 at Salisbury, Mary Adeline outlined her plans for Maryland Rainbow. The State has been divided into four districts with a Grand Deputy appointed for each district. All persons, lodges, or chapters interested in learning more about Rainbow, receiving a brochure, or witnessing the degrees should contact the Deputy in their area. Rainbow also has a short twenty minute Promotional Program suitable for presentation to a Masonic Lodge on Youth Night or other special event. Again, please contact the District Deputy.

The Rainbow ritual was written by Rev. Mark Sexton, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Rainbow is open to all girls between 11 and 20. To be a member, a girl must be recommended by a Master Mason or Member of the Eastern Star but does not need direct Masonic affiliation to join. The lessons of Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism and Service, Rainbow are taught at initiation. In addition, Rainbow offers a character building foundation, leadership opportunities, a chance to develop organizational skills, participation in service, charity and social activities and the chance to form lasting friendships.

Rainbow has adopted a theme: "RAINBOW - An Organization for the 90's; A Foundation for Life". In a time when our young people are being tempted by many outside influences, our three youth organizations are needed now more than ever. We urge you to visit an assembly, ask about Rainbow and get involved - for our youth are our future!

The District Grand Deputies are as follows:

- DISTRICT No. 1, BALTIMORE. Mrs. Marion Welsh, 6717 Linden Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206. 301-665-4477. Includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Cecil Counties; and Baltimore City.
- DISTRICT No. 2, EASTERN SHORE. Mrs. Gail Timmons, Rte 8 Box 55, Salisbury, MD 21801. 301-749-3963. Includes Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties.
- DISTRICT No. 3, WESTERN MARYLAND. Mrs. Chris Roby, 25 Humbird St., Cumberland, MD 21502. 301-777-7370. Includes Carroll, Frederick, Washington, Allegheny and Garrett Counties.
- DISTRICT No. 4, WASHINGTON. Mrs. Jacquelynn Black, 14573 MacClintock Dr, Glenwood, MD 21738. 301-854-6435. Includes Howard, Prince Georges, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties.

**FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.** Some 425 Masons got themselves into a hole - and enjoyed it. The occasion was their visit to Eblen Cave at Kingston, TN on August 18 to witness the conferral of a MM degree on Bro. Peter Carroll Tinley of No. 134 by officers of our own Pythagoras No. 123 and Charity No. 134 with Grand Master Harrison raising the brother.

The largest crowd ever attended with some 21 States represented, three countries - Germany, Canada and Mexico - 165 Lodges and five sitting Grand Masters. Over 500 Masons and their wives attended the weekend banquet.

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The Mayor of Kingston presented the keys to the city to GM Harrison, the GMs of Delaware, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee as well as the WMs of Pythagoras, Charity and Union Lodge No. 38 (Kingston, TN). Other gifts and tokens were exchanged among the Lodges..

The tremendous task of coordinating travel (three busloads) and accommodation arrangements as well as putting Maryland ritualistic proficiency on display can be attributed to the efforts of Vernon Vanneman, WM of 123, Karl Knouse, WM of No. 134, Bernie Worrel, Fred Laser and the willing participants of these Lodges.

Shown below are Vernon Vanneman, Everett Massengill, WM of Union No. 38 at Kingston, and Karl Knouse.



**HIGHLAND NO. 184 CELEBRATES ITS 100th.** Beginning with a divine service in Baltimore on May 19 at the Salem United Methodist Church officiated by the Rev. Dr. Bruce K. Price, fanfare and music heralded in the second century for Highland Lodge. Following the service, the Boumi Temple Highlanders led a parade of Grand Lodge Officers, Highland Lodge Officers and Brothers with their families and friends to Highland Temple for the ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating this joyous event.

Grand Lodge Line Officers attending included RWDGM John M. Smith, Jr; WGM Wayne F. Allen; WSGD Charles J. Dukehart, II; WGStdB Larry L. Theis; WGSwdB Charles C. Gordon; WGDC John F. Buchanan; and Asst GC Lunda W. Laird. Acting on behalf of Bro. & Governor William Donald Schaefer, was Bro. William H. Jones, Pres., Bd of Grand Inspectors (Balto City & County).

Pictured below from left to right are Bro. Jones, W.M. William F. Stenzel and RWDGM William M. Smith, Jr.



**A LANDMARK HISTORICAL NOTE.** Members, family and friends gathered the home of Bro. Anthony Primus, the oldest Past Master of Landmark No. 127, to see him receive a 60 year Grand Lodge Service Emblem. The presentation was made by the Worshipful Master, Larry L. Theis, PM and W. Grand Stan-

dard Bearer acting for GI Karl Ballwanz.

Three generations of Masons were present including PM Primus, his grandson, Bro. Richard P. Naegele, PM, and W.M. of Mt. Nebo No. 229; and his son-in-law Bro. Richard Naegele of Mystic Circle No. 109. Others present sharing in this joyful occasion were daughter, Marlene; granddaughter Toni, her husband Randy, and son Randy; PM Philip S. Kostkowski of 127; a neighbor, Linda; and Irish, a cocker spaniel.

Past events were recounted with all being drawn into the spirit of the occasion by sharing in the warm memories of a bygone day.

**THOMAS J. MORTIMER, ANNAPOLIS NO. 89, 50 YEAR MEMBER.** In ceremonies held at Annapolis No. 89 on Thursday, July 21, Grand Master B. Hope Harrison presented PM Thomas J. Mortimer with his Grand Lodge 50 Year Service Emblem. The presentation was made at a meeting of the High Twelve Luncheon Club of Annapolis Lodge.

Grand Master Harrison congratulated Bro. Mortimer on his long years of devotion to the Fraternity, noting that he had served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1980 and was a presiding officer of all the York Rite Bodies. Bro. Mortimer has also been a staunch supporter of youth organizations including the Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters. He is presently serving as Ritualist of Annapolis Lodge as well as the York Rite Bodies. A large delegation of Bro. Mortimer's Masonic friends were present to offer their congratulations.

Pictured below are MWGM Harrison, Bro. Mortimer and Bro. John L. Ashby, Grand Inspector.



**180 YEARS OF MASONRY.** Here is the photo to match the item in our last issue concerning three brothers, raised on May 21, 1930, who received 60 year service emblems from GI Wm F. Soper, Jr., assisted by WM Harold E. Matter of Bethesda No. 204.

Still hale and hearty, of these former carpenter/builders, one walked to Lodge, one drove and one was brought by friends. Included in the photo are Bro. Soper, Bros Harold L. Jenkins, T. Calvin Owens, PM, Abraham M. Morrison and WM Matter.





**SUCCESS DEFINED.** (A quote attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson extracted from the Patuxent River N.A.S. newspaper, The Tester.) "To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.** Everything is farther away than it used to be. It is twice as far to the corner, and they have added a hill, I've noticed. I have given up running for the bus, it leaves faster than it used to. It seems to me that they are making steps steeper than in the old days, and have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspaper? There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud. Everyone speaks in such a low voice that I can hardly hear them. The material in dresses is getting so skimpy, especially around the waist and hips. Even people are changing; they are so much older than I am. I ran into an old teacher friend the other day, and she had aged so much she didn't even recognize me. I got to thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning, and in so doing I glanced at my reflection and "confound it", they don't make good mirrors like they used to!! I keep telling myself I'm really only 35, because I take birthday control pills. (Submitted by Glenn W. Cropp and published in the "Masonic Light" of the GL of AFM of SC.)

**AUGUST SCENE ELEVEN - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT.** Bro. Don Miller, Chairman of this event held at Cumberland, August 10-12, reports that 43 brothers enjoyed hearing about a variety of topics from Bros William J. Atkinson, MIGM; Robert R. Eckell, REGC; H. Lester Long, Jr., Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of MD, AASR; Rev. Thomas E. Weir, MEGHP; and Dawn Cornachia, Past Grand Charity, IORG.

MWGM B. Hope Harrison spoke to the group about "Masonry in the 21st Century, as I See It". Activities included a delightful ride on the Western Maryland Railway to Frostburg and return enjoyed by 64 Brothers and their ladies; a fine feast prepared and served by the McKinley Chapter No. 12, OES; and divine services at the LaVale Baptist Church before starting the journey home.

**AUGUST SCENE TWELVE** will be held on the **EASTERN SHORE** on **AUGUST 9-11, 1991**. Mark your calendars. Details will be published in sufficient time to make your plans.

## CEMETERY LOTS FOR SALE

Located in Meadowridge Memorial Park, Masonic Area, 7250 Washington Blvd at Dorsey Rd, Balto. MD 21227.

2 Lots, 8 Sites and 2 Interment Chambers: \$4,500.00  
or 1 Lot, 4 Sites and 2 Interment Chambers: \$2,300.00  
or 1 Lot and 4 Sites.....: \$2,000.00

Call or write Ms. Gladys D. Hambright, P.O. Box 304, Woodbine, MD 21797-0304. 301-489-7062.

## THE MASONIC CLOCK.



Soon to be available for delivery is a handsome Masonic clock which has passed the test for design, function and cost with flying colors. Pictured above in the hands of an expert watchmaker, it has a circular blue dial mounted on a square white plate. Numbers and Masonic symbols in gold color mark the time on the blue dial. Against the white area within the dial appears the American Flag in rich colors, the letter "G" encompassed by the square and compasses, and the words "Brotherhood - God - Country" bordering the dial. As a representation of Masonic ideals, the clocks make ideal gifts and presentations to both Masons and non-Masons. The expert watchmaker is Bro. Alex Tobey, a Past Master and member of Cornerstone No. 224 who conceived the idea some time ago of a unique Masonic clock to be sold with the proceeds being used for charitable and other beneficent purposes. It was only after teaming up with Bro. John Nutter, a Past Master of Silver Spring No. 215, that a design was developed. The purpose of the project and the clock design was presented to the Grand Master who was enthusiastic about the idea and otherwise suggested a slight design modification. The Board of Managers was also briefed; it suggested that several Lodges join to fund the project. The seven Montgomery County Lodges were approached and readily responded. Paperwork has been approved to form Brotherhood Clocks, Inc. and a copyright obtained for the clock. Clocks have been assembled and ready for delivery of orders already taken.

The precise quartz movement is powered by one AA battery (not included). The cost of each clock is \$18.00; \$20 if being shipped. Please use the following order form:

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**CORN HUSKING MEMORIES.** Now referred to as Harvest Home Day, this event started during the administration of Grand Master Warren S. Seipp. During the Grand Lodge Communication he described the first corn husking party as follows:

"On November 12, 1928, we had a husking party, and while this may not be of general interest, I mention it here to show our friends what cooperation will do. We had 70 acres of corn that needed husking, and we thought it would be a wonderful thing if we could get at least one hundred men to go into the field and give us a day's work for the cause.

Our plans were made; the idea met with such favor that it passed very rapidly our conception of a husking party and developed into a real gathering of fraternal spirits; the husking was a secondary consideration. 1,250 men were in the field that day, and in three hours the husking was over. Not having a crib large enough to hold the quantity of corn we expected, the preceding week we built a double crib to hold 400 barrels, and this with this space at our disposal housed the crop of 600 barrels."

"Notwithstanding the snow in the early morning, the men worked with a will; made their own fun, chased the rabbits, enjoyed the barbecue, secured their prizes, were paid their penny, which was especially struck for the occasion; movies were made, and they went home in the early afternoon, having had one of the happiest days of their experience. The Lodge that won the prize for being first on the grounds in the morning had 21 men in the field at 1:30 a.m. They husked by lantern and flashlight. Another Lodge sent men over 200 miles. Everybody voted it on of the greatest days and one of the biggest advertising stunts that we have ever managed. Incidentally, the cost of the whole affair was very little in excess of what the actual cost of husking would have been."

The souvenir penny was furnished by Bro. Jacob F. Obrecht, of Oriental Lodge No. 158; it was the wages of each Brother who took part, and was the evidence needed to participate in the barbecue which followed.

In 1936, steps were taken to revive the custom of annual corn husking parties at Bonnie Blink. *The husking parties were discontinued probably because of their expense*; many of the helpers were more willing than expert, and the "wages" they received entitled them to a bountiful lunch were not legal tender. The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution that a corn husking be held annually at Bonnie Blink on Armistice Day, November 11th, *the cost not to exceed 50 cent per person*.

In 1938, 2,300 brothers came out to help, and in a short time had about 6,000 bushels of corn in the cribs. The brothers from Edgewood Arsenal again prepared a barbecue lunch for all. The broken drum which had served so well for a collection plate in 1937 was used once more, and \$340 was contributed to the barn fund.

In 1945, after having been discontinued for three years because of restrictions on travel and the scarcity of food, the annual corn husking party revived. A crowd of 2,000 Masons attended.

In 1948, the corn husking party was held on the first Saturday in November, rather than on Armistice Day, in the hope that a greater number of the Craft would be able to attend. The change was justified, for an estimated crowd of more than 4,000 Masons attended the event. As usual, a devotional service and a barbecue luncheon completed the day's activities.

In 1950, some 4,000 Masons gathered for the annual corn husking on Armistice Day, November 11, 1950. Highland Lodge No. 184, with 357 members attending, won the prize for the largest number of members present. Jephthah Lodge No. 222 had 65% of its membership present. Granite Lodge No. 177, of St. Michaels, Talbot County, won the prize for having five or more members present from the longest distance.

At the last Harvest Home Day in 1989, over 6,000 Masons attended including our Governor, Bro. William Donald Schaefer. At that time Glen Burnie 213 was recognized for the greatest number of members present (414) followed by Mt. Moriah 116

(300). Traveling the longest distance was Oakland 192 (199 miles) followed by Mountain 199 (161 miles). The lodge with the largest percentage of its membership was Charity 134 (38.1%) followed by Esdraelon 176 (30.5%).

October 20, 1990 marks the 40th year since the inception of this event. Although there is no longer any corn to husk, the fragrance of mouth-watering sausage, hot pancakes and other goodies is still there as is the opportunity to meet and greet Masons from far and wide.

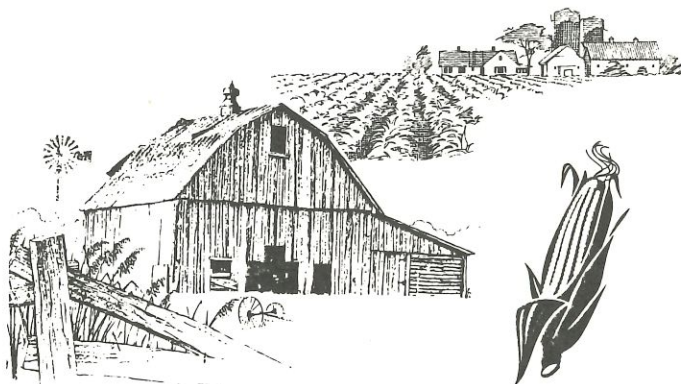
**VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW.** Most Brethren are well aware that the Old Testament of the Holy Bible is the Volume of the Sacred Law of both Christian and Jewish Brethren but it is not so widely known that Brethren of other faiths use different books. The term "V.S.L." therefore does not only distinguish the Bible. A description of these other books is provided by the Singapore Lodge, No. 7178, E.C., for the information of members and visitors. It is not uncommon for Lodges in Singapore, India, and other places for several Vs.S.L. to be placed on the Lodge Altar.

The Sacred Volumes resposing in Lodge Singapore at the present time number six and comprise the following:

1. The Holy Book of the Sikhs, the Sri Guru Sahib.
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3. The Khordeth Avesta of the Zoroastrains, the Holy Book of the Parsees.
4. The Holy Koran of the Moslems. Customs vary in different countries as to how this book is to be treated. The Imam of Kehah has stated that the Holy Koran should be held above the head of the person taking the oath but he may neither touch nor seal it. Otherwise it can be treated as is the Holy Bible.
5. The Holy Bible of the Christians, the Old Testament which is also the V.S.L. of the Jews.
6. There are two sects of Buddhists, the Hinayana who come from India, Ceylon, Burma, Cambodia and Thailand, and the Mahayanb who hail from China, Korea and Japan. The former do not recognize a Supreme Being but the latter do and regard the Phammapada as their sacred book.

--Masonic Bulletin, Singapore, India.

**VISITING THE SICK.** The latest issue of "Your Masonic Hospital Visitor" published by the Masonic Service Association makes note that MWGM Harrison has visited all the Veterans Administration Medical Centers in Maryland during his term. In photos taken at the Ft Howard and Loch Raven VAMC, he is shown with the top hospital staff, the MSA representative and MWPGM Harvey T. Hopkins, the MSA Coordinator for the state of Maryland. The MSA rep at Ft Howard is Bro. Fred Barnes; at Loch Raven, George Schwarz.





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