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## GREETINGS TO ALL:



When you receive your copy of The Freestate Freemason, the regional meetings will have been concluded and the plans and programs as set forth by the Educational Committee will have been set in motion and adherence to them will have begun. The regional meetings were well received around the State and now we are ready to move forward. The programs have been there all the while, but some have been dormant such as the Solomon II Program and the John Coats Lodge. The Chairman chosen

in each subordinate Lodge for these two programs will be trained in a way we think will be beneficial to the Fraternity and you, as an individual Mason, can be most helpful in implementing them.

The Committees of the Long Range Planning Programs, are just about selected and should be announced by the time this communication is received. The old saying that "Rome wasn't built in a day" is quite true, but time is of the essence and we will move forward as quickly as possible.

One program of particular importance is the Grand Master's Community Relations Program. Your Worshipful Master and Lodge Secretary have copies of the program and you should familiarize yourself with the format and give some input to the program within your Lodges.

It has been said that man's failings do not stem from lack of knowledge as much as the lack of understanding. Unless one pauses to think such a statement would seem contradictory because common custom is to regard knowledge and understanding as one and the same thing. Actually they are two very different terms.

To have knowledge is to be informed, but not necessarily to the point of understanding. The latter demands, as a prerequisite, the power to apply knowledge intelligently and efficiently. It further requires the knack of accurate appraisal and a talent for timely action. One must be able to keep things in proper perspective and to get the whole picture instead of being side-tracked by a prominent or spectacular feature of it. It is an accomplishment if you can learn to do it. So many never master the art and fall victims to the subversion, that plays upon sentiment, prejudice and lack of sound self-discipline.

Think back to the days when you were a candidate for the Masonic Degrees. You were proficient in knowledge of the ritual, but you did not arrive at its understanding until you had amassed considerable experience that broadened your perspective. You were informed on the wherefor's but were a bit foggy on the why's. This is a common experience as to be almost routine in all types of human endeavors. It explains why a judicious mix-

ture of experience is excellent leavening for the bread of youth. How many of us, though we may have been members of the Craft for years, find in trying to understand Masonry that it has a depth we didn't suspect nor conceive until we ourselves had plumbed it?

Until the next time, remember . . . . .

"TOGETHER WE CAN, TOGETHER WE WILL"

Faternally,

John McWm. Smith, Jr., *Grand Master*

### GRAND MASTER'S PLANNED VISITS.

#### April

- 2 Zitta Temple, Daughters of the Nile - Installation.
- 4 Coats No. 102, Conferral of MM Degree.
- 4-7 31st Annual Session of Grand Assembly, IORG.
- 28 Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Hagerstown.
- 30 Camp Springs No. 227, Conferral of MM Degree.

#### May

- 2 Joint Meeting, Washington No. 3/Sincerity No. 181.
- 15 Susquehanna No. 130, 125th Anniversary Celebration.
- 19 Grand Lodge Religious Services, 3 p.m., Bonnie Blink.
- 20 Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, 7:30 p.m., Balto.
- 23 Strawberry & Ice Cream Night, Pythagoras No. 123.
- 28 Joppa Lodge No. 132, Fraternal Visit.

#### June

- 4 Cornerstone No. 224, Anniversary & Strawberry Festival.
- 21 Howard No. 101, Lodge of Low Vale, Streaker Farm.
- 27 Glen Burnie No. 213, Fraternal Visit.

**GRAND MASTER HONORED.** The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, Bro. David L. Dresser, PGM (Ohio) has advised Grand Master John McWm. Smith, Jr. that he has been selected by the officers of the Conference to serve as the 1992 Conference Chairman to be held in February at Arlington, Virginia.



**BONNIE BLINK BIRTHDAYS.** Take time to remember residents with a card, a note or a visit.

APRIL	NAME	LODGE
2	Reta Reid	Pythagoras 123
4	Paul Horn	Union 60
5	Lynda Belchner	Mt. Moriah 116
7	Ursula Gallaway	Concordia 13
7	Emeline Shelley	Annapolis 89
12	Ariana Schwatka	Cassia 45
13	Sarah Potter	Waverly 152
15	Susan Drisgill	Monumental 96
17	Julia Sumner	Silver Spring 215
20	Pearle Saunders	Kensington 198
30	Grace Bloedorn	Landmark 127
<b>MAY</b>		
4	Irene Wallace	Temple 128
13	Gertrude Brown	Oriental 158
13	Robert Splatt	Liberty 219
14	Janie Austen	Sincerity 181
16	Ruth Marshall	Mt. Nebo 229
19	Naomi Smith	King David 68
27	Dorothy Shirey	Doric 124
28	Emma Crosby	Joppa 132
29	Gertrude Lewis	Pickering 146
29	James Sumner	Silver Spring 215
<b>JUNE</b>		
3	Margaret Leuschner	King David 68
5	Addie Wooden	Union 60
10	Ida Covington	Mt. Vernon 151
11	John Shelley	Pickering 146
15	Elizabeth Wilson	Corinthian 93
16	Ella Driver	Millington 166
19	Luella Robison	Pythagoras 123
23	Charles Eckels	Liberty 219
23	Helen Jones	Choptank 138

**BONNIE BLINK DAYLIGHT LODGE NO. 1.** The March meeting featured the MWGM John McWm Smith, Jr as guest speaker. In discoursing on his personal philosophy as to why he is a Mason, it became apparent that his views were unanimously shared by the "standing room only" crowd who urged that copies of his talk be published to all.

Due to ill health, Bro. Joseph Melman has submitted his resignation as Secretary. Bro. James Wolfe, No. 226 accepted the appointment and is currently serving in this position. During the course of the meeting, Bro. Brian Robinson, Grand Inspector, presented Bro. Lunda W. Laird at the Altar where Grand Master Smith officially appointed him as Grand Inspector assigned to visit Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1. The popularity of the Daylight Lodge concept was reflected in the prospect that another daylight Lodge may be constituted on the Eastern Shore and also perhaps in the Western Maryland area. Lunch, as usual, was fantastic.

Following the meeting, the Grand Master dedicated two recently acquired buses equipped to raise wheelchairs. Shown below with the buses are GM Smith, PGM Koenig and Homes Administrator Bob Fish. The next meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., features Bro. Stewart M. L. Pollard distinguished Mason, raconteur and former Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association.

All you have to do to join the Bonnie Blink Lodge is to send your check for \$8 (includes membership fee of \$5; and 1991 dues, \$3); your name, address, name of your Lodge and number, and phone number to James Wolf, 1411 Fairbank Drive, Hanover, MD 21076.

Shown below is Bro. H. Arnold "Hap" Perkins, Treasurer and Organist who received a 60 year service emblem presented by PGM Harvey T. Hopkins at the February meeting attended by 174 members. Included in the photo with Bro. Perkins are PGMS Rothman & Koenig, DGM Clark, and PGMS Saunders & Hopkins.



**HONORS TO BRO. DONALD M. JETT.** The Scottish Rite Orient of Maryland and the Grand Lodge of Maryland have arranged a testimonial dinner to honor Ill. Donald M. Jett, 33rd degree, Past S.G.I.G., an Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council. The dinner will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Bonnie Blink, The Maryland Masonic Homes, 300 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

Ladies are invited. Cost per person will be \$19.00. The number of guests will be limited and reservations will be honored in the order of receipt. Tuxedo dress is optional.

Please send your check to Scottish Rite, 3800 North Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21218, by April 15th to insure your participation in this much deserved tribute to Ill. Donald M. Jett, 33rd degree.

#### **GRAND LODGE SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION & RELIGIOUS SERVICES.**

- Meeting will be held in the Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on Monday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. Agenda includes voting upon proposed amendments described in Memorandum dated March 5 to subordinate lodges. A two-thirds majority of the votes are required for adoption. These amendments, in short form, are as follows:

Art. V, Sec. 1. To provide that if a rule or edict is presented by a Grand Master at a stated Communication of Grand Lodge, it will remain in full force and effect for a period of six years and then will become automatically null and void unless adopted by Grand Lodge as an amendment to the Constitution, or as a Standing Order and Resolution.

Art. XII & XIII. To provide that no member of the Board of Managers or Board of Trustees who has served two consecutive elected terms of three years each shall be eligible for re-election or appointment for three years after his last term to either Board.

- Grand Lodge religious services will be held at Bonnie Blink on Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. Services will be conducted by W. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Leighton E. Harrell, Jr; musical program will be under the direction of Grand Organist Bro. Henry R. Kelly. Jewels and aprons will not be worn. Informal dark clothes will be in order. **FAMILY AND FRIENDS INVITED.**



**MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY.** The first meeting of the year was held at Coats Lodge Masonic Temple in Easton. The ladies of the local Eastern Star Chapter complemented the program with a hot lunch. The second meeting location will be held in Aberdeen on Friday, May 31.

The Society's newsletter is a rich source of Masonic research information and activities. For those who desire more depth concerning all aspects of Masonry, membership in the Society will be most satisfying. For membership information write or call Bro. Donald M. Miller, Secretary, 7705 E. Baltimore St, Baltimore, MD 21224 (301 285 5670).

**SUMMERTIME FAMILY EVENTS.** Among the events planned at this time for the Summer enjoyment of our Masonic Family are the following:

- **THE ANNUAL FAMILY DAY PICNIC** on Saturday, June 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Maryland Masonic Homes (Bonnie Blink). Your family, children, friends and neighbors are invited. It is not necessary that you bring food. Please bring your lawn chairs. Parking is located in the Executive Plaza - just north of Hunt Valley. Bus transportation will operate to and from the Homes. Games, music and entertainment will be provided.
- **THE MASONIC FAMILY BASEBALL NIGHT** scheduled in August **HAS BEEN CANCELLED** due to unavailability of suitable dates. It is hoped that a game can be scheduled in the new stadium in 1992.
- **A CRAB FEAST HONORING GRAND MASTER JOHN M. SMITH, JR.**, sponsored by the Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787, will be held on Saturday, August 31 at 2 p.m. at the Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Association Grounds, 5 miles north of Easton, Md on U.S. 50. Cost per person is \$12.00; no charge for children under 12 years of age. Bring your own crab knife and gavel. For further information, contact Boulton Iven, 2100 Chancellor's Point Rd, Trappe, MD. 21673, 301 476 5266 or Hans O. Wendt, 29799 Rabbit Hill Rd, Easton, MD 21601, 301 822 4652. Wanted: One or two stainless steel 55 gallon drums for the purpose of steaming crabs. Please contact either Bros Iven or Wendt.

**AUGUST SCENE TWELVE.** On August 10, 11, and 12 at Sheraton Salisbury, 300 S. Salisbury Blvd, Salisbury, MD 21801, 301 546 4400. The August Scene is an annual assembly for all Master Masons and their families, sponsored by the Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Freemasonry in Maryland. It is open to all who wish to participate in a program of fellowship and enlightenment.

The 1991 theme is "The Social Aspects of Masonry". Brochures have been distributed to all Lodges in the State and to all participants of last year's August Scene. The brochure includes forms for registration and hotel reservations together with programs, and activities for the ladies. Reservations should be made prior to June 30. For further information contact Russell E. Tazelaar, 5725 Middleton Lane, Temple Hills, MD 20748.

**HARVEST HOME DAY - 1991.** The 41st Annual Harvest Homes Day celebration will be held at the Masonic Homes (Bonnie Blink) on Saturday, October 12. Events will begin at 6 a.m. and conclude at 10 a.m. A blood mobile unit will be available on the grounds. It is the Grand Master's fervent hope that we will be able to obtain at least 150 pints of blood.

Parking is limited to the Executive Plaza of the McCormick Industrial Park. Shuttle buses will operate between the parking area and the center of activities. This affair is for **MASTER MASONS ONLY; NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.**

A donation will be greatly appreciated. The Grand Master would be very pleased to see and greet Lodge members on this occasion.

**1991 SUMMER LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.** W. Grand Lecturer Ed Kraft and his company will again present his repertory designed to amuse, amaze, instruct, and inspire. If urged, he may add aerobics, weight-lifting, dieting, and cholesterol con-

trol to the curriculum in the interest of enhancing ritual performance. Enjoy a summer evening in fellowship at any one of the following locations:

- **Masonic Temple, Baltimore** - Every Tuesday, July 9 to August 27, 7:45 p.m. in air conditioned comfort. Dues cards must be presented at the door.

July	August
9, FC Degree	6, EA Degree
16, EA Degree	13, FC Degree
23, MM Degree	20, MM Degree
30, Special Night	27, MM Degree

- **Western Maryland**

All sessions are held on Thursdays beginning at 8 p.m.

July	Location
11, EA Degree	Friendship Lodge No. 84
25, FC Degree	Brunswick Lodge No. 191
August	
15, MM Degree	Friendship Lodge No. 84

- **Eastern Shore**

All sessions are held on Thursdays beginning at 8 p.m.

July	Location
18, EA Degree	Wicomico Lodge No. 91
August	
1, FC Degree	Cambridge Lodge No. 66
22, MM Degree	Temple Lodge No. 128

- **Southern Maryland**

All sessions are held on Thursdays beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Lodge No. 174.

July	August
18, EA Degree	1, MM Degree
25 FC Degree	8, Workshop

**SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITIES.** A number of distinguished Masons were present at installation ceremonies on February 1 where PGM Bernard E. Rothman, the newly appointed Deputy in the Orient of Maryland, presided. Shown in the photo below are Ill. John McWm. Smith, Jr, 33rd Degree and MWGM of Masons in Maryland, Ill. Bernard E. Rothman, 33rd Degree, and Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.



**THE NEW NUMBER "1" FOR THE TALL CEDARS.** At their Mid-Winter Conference in January, Richard R. Baringer was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. Raised in Saucon Lodge No. 469 (Pa.) in 1961 he was Worshipful Master in 1965 and in 1968 was representative to the Grand Lodge of Pa.

Bro. Baringer is an active supporter of youth organizations. He was honored particularly by the Rainbow

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for Girls. He is a member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner. He and his wife, Arlene, have been married for 30 years, residing in Richlandtown, Pa.

The Tall Cedars is a Masonic affiliated organization with 108 Chapters or Forests, located throughout the U.S. and Canada, and is best recognized for its support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through its participation in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon. Since 1951, when the Tall Cedars became the first organization to provide continuing financial support to MDA, the Tall Cedars and their families have raised more than \$7,000,000 in the search for a cure for Neuromuscular Diseases.

**PUBLIC CORNERSTONE CEREMONY.** It's been 200 years since the establishment of the District of Columbia boundary. In celebration of this event, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, AF&AM of Virginia held a Public Cornerstone Ceremony on March 23 at Jones Point National Park in Olde Towne Alexandria, Virginia. Present were RWDGM Wm M. Clark, Jr. representing Grand Master Smith,, RWSGW Walter Harmsen and RWJGW Ted Harding; MWGM Wm F. Perdue and RWDGM Robert Dean of Virginia; and MWGM Darwin A. Brock and RWDGM Jerold J. Samet of the District of Columbia. With the aid of tents, neither rain nor wind affected the spirit of the occasion.

**MY DEAREST WHAT'S-HIS-NAME.** That's how the letter was addressed when handed to WM THOMAS J.A. KNAACK during his third installation as WM of Montgomery No. 195. The rest of the letter follows:

"I purchased this Past Master's ring for you a year ago and it has taken me all this time to find out where you were. I figured that the best way to see that you are presented with it would be to contact the Lodge Secretary, Brother Cloyd Bittner who would see you at your installation. (I knew you would be there).

"I know you have been home now and then, because food keeps disappearing from the refrigerator, so I know that as long as you are eating, you are still with us.

"I know you will wear this ring with honor and dignity and I want you to know that I support in everything you do at Montgomery Lodge.

Your loving wife,  
(signed) Mrs. What's-Her-Name.

"P.S. You can inform the members of Montgomery Lodge that as in the past two years, there will be no rent charged for the use of my den for 1991, but don't press your luck. Hopefully, I'll see you around January 1992. I'll keep the refrigerator full."

*Note:* This letter was written by Beth Knaack whose personality, sense of humor and full-hearted support of her phantom husband is reflected in her literary style. Her wit and delightfully authentic Scottish burr is perfectly matched by her husband's.



Charles served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was raised in Ohr Lodge in June 1986. He was retired from the

**BELIEVE IT OHR NOT.** On January 10, members and guests of Ohr Lodge No. 131 located in Cumberland, witnessed an unusual, if not unprecedented event. Dennis Arthur Nave was privileged to be installed and succeed his father, Charles Arthur Nave, as Worshipful Master.

In his youth, Dennis was an active DeMolay. He was raised in Louisiana while serving with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He is now manager of the Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company office in Hagerstown.

Cumberland Fire Department after 30 years service.

Geneva C. Nave, wife and mother, was Worthy Matron of McKinley Chapter No. 12, OES for the year 1989-90 with Charles serving as Worthy Patron during that period. Shown in the photo are father and son as the Gavel changes hands. Dennis is now the boss!

**CONFUSION IN THE TEMPLE?** Not really. Just a bit unusual to see MWGM John McWm. Smith, Jr. conduct Bro. Wayne C. Wiley to the East on the NORTH side of the Lodge for installation as W.M. of Temple Lodge No. 128.

Among those witnessing this event were Bro. Wiley's grandfather, Bro. Charles L. Beyer and cousin, Bro. Raymond E. Grose, Jr. Bro. Beyer, age 93, has served Masonry for almost 60 years; was W.M. of Pickering No. 146 in 1945; raised two grandsons; and served as Lodge Chaplain and Sunday school teacher and superintendent.

During the course of the evening, Bro. Beyer presented his grandson with an apron case and the Gavel used by him as W.M. of Pickering Lodge.

Masonry runs deep in Temple Lodge: The retiring W.M., Bro. Robert H. Wright, Jr.'s father, grandfather and uncle all took Masonic obligations.

Shown in the following photo is GM Smith, Bro. Beyer and W.M. Wiley.



**REGIONAL MEETINGS 1991.** Accompanied by a nine man team, Grand Master Smith met with the Worshipful Master, Senior Wardens and Secretaries of Lodges at five different locations between January 19 and March 2 to present and discuss programs and objectives which require attention. By this time, it is expected that these matters have been made known to Lodge members and are being implemented in accordance with information furnished.

Bro. Ed Foreman, Jr. acted as Master of Ceremonies and spoke on various programs and seminars planned by the new Education Committee. Bro. John B. Rogalski covered the type of systems and procedures which his experiences suggest are necessary to assure financial management and control. W. Grand Lecturer Ed Kraft provided enlightenment on the role ritual plays in our Lodges.

Bro. "Mickey" Frye, Jr spoke on the Solomon II Program which is being revived as an instrument to improve membership. RWGS Jack Frazier stressed the need for a strong Masonic Blood Program. Bro. Fred Lunn explained the importance and various types of effective Lodge programs with emphasis on family oriented events. Bro. John Naquin gave an update on various activities at the Maryland Masonic Homes.

Bro. Wayne Allen emphasized the need for greater participation in the Dr. John Coats Memorial Lodge No. 1787; and discussed the provisions of the Grand Master's Community Relations Program with mention of a feature where Grand Lodge will reimburse to Lodges, up to \$500, for charities they have supported. Bro. Larry Theis spoke on his experiences and need to

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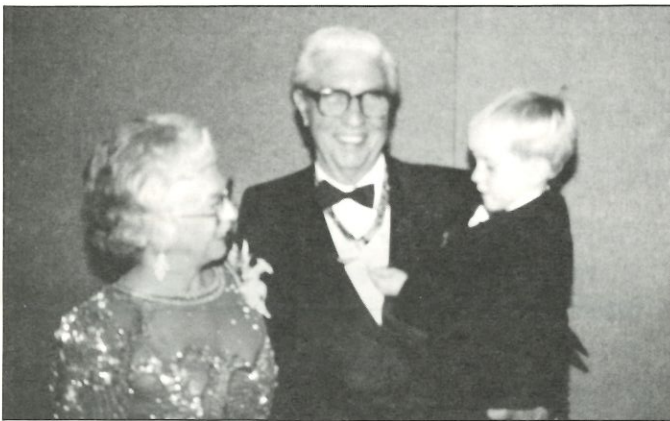


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support and cooperate with Masonic Youth Organizations.

Shown in the photo below are Bros Nunn, Allen, Naquin, Foreman, Theis, Frye, Frazier, Kraft and Rogalski.



**ONE MIGHT SUPPOSE.** . . One of the highlights during Grand Master Harrison's term was having members of his family present at various events. Captured in the following photo is a particularly appealing scene including his wife, Willa and grandson, Josh, who was allegedly heard to say: "One might suppose from the jewel about your neck, you were a Grand Master . . ." The youngster shows great promise as a future Masonic leader.



**80 YEARS A MASON.** During the latter part of his term, on November 4, GM Harrison journeyed to Sarasota, Florida where he presented an 80 year service plaque to Bro. John Wilbur Hiron, who was raised on November 1, 1910 and served as Worshipful Master of Wicomico No. 91 in 1914.

Pictured below with Bro. Hiron are the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Florida, Bro. David Esrich and GM Harrison.

**125 YEARS AND HOLDING.** One of the highlights of Bro. David B. Robinson's term in 1990 as W.M. of Maryland Lodge No. 120 was the celebration of the Lodge's 125th anniversary. The celebration, held at Boumi Temple, was replete with a dinner, birthday cake, distinguished guests and their ladies including GM Harrison, DGM Smith and GI Harry K. Cook. Also present were two members of East Gate 216 from which WM Robinson had demitted: RWSGW Paul G. Shircliff and WM Luther W. Reynolds.

Honors were accorded Bro. Harry Cook who was retiring as

Grand Inspector of the Lodge. Masonic service certificates presented to eligible members with service ranging from 25 to 60 years included Bros Andrew Balko, Warner K. Brown, William T. Elliott, James J. Gutermuth, P.M., Frederick Hagelgans, P.M., Leonard Houck, Fulton C. Kracke, Karl J. Mattheiss, Lester J. Stanley, Henry I. Wilson, Kenneth W. Withers, Sr, and Harold E. Wilmoth. Recipients present are shown in the following photo. The second photo includes GM Harrison and wife, Willa, and WM & Mrs. Robinson.



**YOU CAN'T KNOCK THE DOOR-TO-VIRTUE.** In September, Bro. R. Bruce Tanner, Worshipful Master of Door-to-Virtue No. 46, honored Bro. John A. Anders. He was presented a 60 year service emblem by GI Arthur H. Moler assisted by the WM. In turn, Bro. Anders presented the Lodge with several very old Masonic coins and memorabilia which was deeply appreciated.

In November, IOJD Bethel No. 31 had their Grand Visitation at the Lodge. Several days later, a reception was held for Kristen Schlerf, IOJD's "Miss Congeniality".

Joseph Chalker, a.k.a. "Dad" or "Mr. C." received special honors from the Lodge and extensive press treatment in the local press. It seems that the community knows Joe pretty well: For the 29 years he served as a teacher; for his volunteer work, receiving awards from State and local officials; for organizing musical events at school and church; for driving cancer patients to hospitals for treatment; and for his work as a historian for his WWII Air Force unit. He is known, more particularly, as a distinguished Mason who has served as RWSGW and as Secretary of the Lodge, an organization dedicated to community welfare and support. The photo accompanying the newspaper account shows Joe with one of his six grandchildren, Rebekah Rogers, age 4, both smiling and looking younger than springtime.

**FOR MEN ONLY.** This is a message to all men from Bro. Don M. Harry of Adherence No. 88, who speaks from personal experience . . . "Prostate cancer will strike one in 11 men at sometime in their lives. Although not apparent in prior annual exams, on April 1, 1989, a rectal digital exam revealed that I had a slightly enlarged prostate. "Cystoscopic and biopsy exams indicated early states of adenocarcinoma (cancer). Through the Grace of God and competent surgery, all cancerous tissue was removed. Subsequent medical tests have shown that 'I am clean'.

"PLEASE have your prostate checked annually - especially if you are 50 or older. IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE.

"Should you like to talk about it, call me - Don M. Harry, 301-323-4183."



**COATS LODGE HONORS 120 YEARS OF SERVICE.** WM George A. Lehman of Coats No. 102 reports participation in the presentation of service emblems by a distinguished group consisting of MWPGM Harrison, RWSGW Harmsen, Grand Inspector J. Wheeler Hicks and Secty Ernest G. Stauss. Bro. Virgil W. Hearne received a 70 year service emblem and Bro. H. Burris Atkinson received a 50 service emblem. Both presentations were made at their respective homes. Both brothers were most pleased.

**FOUND.** A Masonic Coin, a commemorative issue (1889-1989) of Hancock Lodge No. 311 AF&AM at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The coin was found last year at the Fort Meade Commissary parking lot. Considering that the coin may have sentimental value and significant to whomever lost it, the finder made extensive inquiries with no responses to date. The finder is Bro. Wendall S. Johnson of Amos No. 226 who resides at 802 Teakwood Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146, 301-647-0664. The brother who lost the coin is welcome to claim the coin by contacting Bro. Johnson.

**THIS BANK IS IN THE RED.** If Bro. Theodore Raynovich III, W.M., and members of Oakland No. 192 have anything to do with it, they will keep the Maryland Masonic Blood Bank in the red. After an outstanding 1990, they have already received contributions of 46 pints in January. The next visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on Friday, June 14th at the Oakland Armory and at Grantsville on Monday, May 6th.

When donating blood, the Group Identification Number (GIN) shown on your 1991 dues card should be given to assure that your Lodge is given credit.

**UP-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES AT PRUDENCE.** As Fred W. Isemann, WM of Prudence No. 190 put it "October was indeed a very good month for the Lodge". During this period Fellowcrafts Frank Isemann and Gary Ozmer were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason after a delicious roast beef dinner catered by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Several days later, GI Bud Kesling presented a 60 year service emblem to Bro. Lewis Jones who reflected on his 60 plus years to the pure enjoyment of all. On October 18, the widows were favored with dinner catered by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Department with entertainment furnished by the Local Spiritual Quintet.

**JACK IS BACK.** "I will be back!" were the words used by our RWGS Jack R. Frazier in announcing he was to undergo quintuple bypass heart surgery on March 11. True to his vow, this tough former Marine not only handily survived the procedure but was taking calls after two days from his hospital bed. He was even present 11 days later at Masonic Memorial Services held for Bro. Jerome J. Harris, Past President of the Board of Grand Inspectors (State Area).

On March 25, Silver Spring Lodge No. 215 honored Bro. Frazier, presenting with a plaque amid the applause of its members and many distinguished guests.

Welcome back, Jack!

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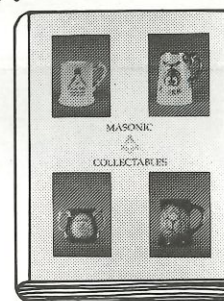
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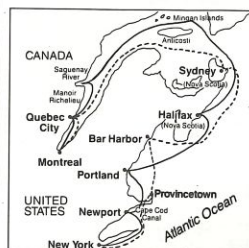
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## Northbound Cruises - Sun., July 7 & Aug. 4, '91

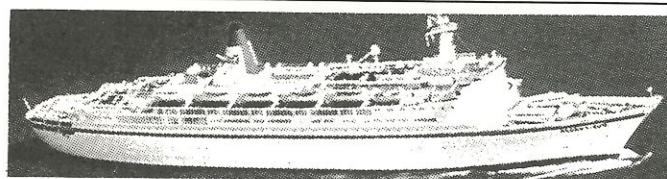
	ARRIVE	DEPART
Day 1 New York		4:30 PM
Day 2 Newport, RI	7 AM	2 PM
Cape Cod Canal		Cruising
Day 3 Portland, ME	7 AM	4 PM
Day 4 Halifax, Nova Scotia	Noon	8 PM
Day 5 Anticosti Island		Cruising
Day 6 Saguenay Fjord		Cruising
Day 7 Quebec City	8 AM	6 PM
Day 8 Montreal	9 AM	

## Southbound Cruises - Sun., July 14 & Aug. 11, '91

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Day 1 Montreal		7:45 PM
Day 2 Quebec City	7 AM	4 PM
Manoir Richelieu		Cruising
Day 3 Anticosti Island, Perce Rock		Cruising
Day 4 Sydney, Nova Scotia	9 AM	4 PM
Day 5 At Sea		Cruising
Day 6 Bar Harbor, ME	7 AM	4 PM
Day 7 Provincetown, MA	8 AM	2:30 PM
Cape Cod Canal		Cruising
Day 8 New York	8 AM	

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- Free Round trip air transportation plus transfers to and from the pier.
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- Superb continental cuisine prepared each day by French masterchefs, including breakfast, mid-morning bouillon, lunch, afternoon tea, full course dinner and sumptuous midnight buffet.
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CAT.	CABIN DESCRIPTION	REG. PRICE	SPECIAL PRICE
1	Deluxe, outside, 2 lowers with bath or shower. RIVIERA, PROMENADE	\$1960	\$1560
2	Deluxe, outside, 2 lowers with bath or shower. RENDEZ-VOUS, MARINA	\$1890	\$1490
3	Superior, outside, 2 lowers with shower. RIVIERA, MARINA, LAGUNA	\$1830	\$1430
4	Superior, outside, 2 lowers with shower. LAGUNA, CORAL	\$1770	\$1395
5	Outside, 2 lowers with shower. CORAL	\$1710	\$1355
6	Outside, 2 lowers with shower. DORADO	\$1650	\$1295
7	Inside, 2 lowers with shower. RIVIERA, PROMENADE, MARINA	\$1530	\$1235
8	Inside, 2 lowers with shower. LAGUNA	\$1430	\$1145
9	Inside, 2 lowers with shower. LAGUNA, CORAL	\$1340	\$1065
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If this reservation is for more than one person, attach a separate list of full legal names and addresses/phone numbers if different.

I would like the following date (check one):

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Departure City \_\_\_\_\_

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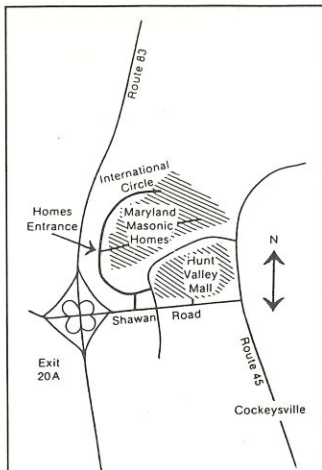
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