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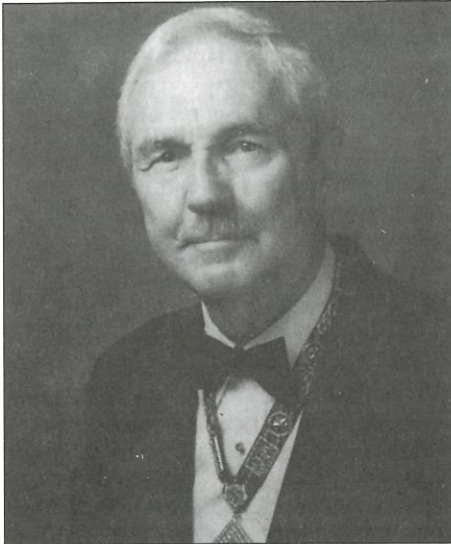
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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

BRETHREN:



After November 21, 1994, I will be history. And, it will be history that will judge whether I have been an effective link between the past and the future of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The past two years involved challenges, commitments and personal sacrifices that can only be appreciated by those who serve

in the Grand East. I have had to deal with profound changes which I inherited and some of which I initiated for good cause.

Fortunately, these past matters are under control as a result of the collective efforts of my able brothers, particularly our RWDGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Being of a generous disposition, having run out of time, the baton will be passed to Steve who has been a solid partner in all matters of state.

Of the various articles in this newsletter, I urge you to read and act on "The Blue Lodge Service Program" which provides savings for our members, lower operating costs to our Lodges and income for our Grand Lodge.

I'm sure you will take pride in reading the glowing tribute by Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools in Maryland, to the Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. (MCM) for the "tremendous support and financial assistance given to the Maryland Student Assistance Program over the past seven years." You will appreciate these words as you read the history and accomplishments of MCM.

We will be celebrating Dr. John Coat's Day in Easton, MD on Saturday December 3, 1994 to which you are all invited. Details

are enclosed. I'm sure you will agree that he started something special which we are committed to perpetuate.

In this connection, we have been through some challenging times such as the recent attack by religious extremists. What we found was that the public generally has no idea of what Freemasonry is or what it does. As a result the public is susceptible to distortions and lies. To test where we stand on our relationships with the public, we asked our Lodges to submit accomplishments in 1994 on such activities as participation in community events, charities, support of youth activities, media relationships, Lodge attendance, Friend to Friend, and Masonic information and information programs.

While many Lodges were outstanding in these areas, a determined effort along these lines by all lodges is vital to the integrity of our future.

In March of next year I will be celebrating my 50th year as a Master Mason. These have all been golden years I will always cherish, having done my level best in my support and devotion to the Fraternity.

Bless you all, my Brethren, and thank you.

William M. Clark, Jr., Grand Master

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN MARYLAND CORDIALLY INVITES YOUR MEMBERS AND THEIR LADIES TO ATTEND

DR. JOHN COATS' DAY

In Easton, Maryland
Saturday, December 3, 1994

Dr. John Coats, the first Grand Master of Masons in Maryland opened the first Grand Lodge Stated Communication in Easton on September 3, 1787. To honor Dr. Coats, who died November 30, 1810, a wreath-laying ceremony will take place at his graveside on December 3, 1994

Schedule of Events for December 3, 1994:

- 10:00-10:30 A.M. Assemble in the parking lots of Coats Lodge No. 102, 114 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland
- 10:45 A.M. March in procession to Springhill Cemetery
- 11:00- A.M. Wreath-laying ceremony. Remarks by the Grand Master
- 11:15- A.M. Proceed to Trinity Cathedral Church
- 12:00- Noon Oration by Rev. Thomas E. Weir, Past Grand Chaplain
- 12:30- P.M. Hot luncheon at Trinity Cathedral Fellowship Hall

OTHER MASONIC BODIES

- THE BONNIE BLINK LODGE NO. 1.**
The next communication on Tuesday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. will feature the Election of Officers for 1995 with a light lunch following the meeting. Please note that meetings are now held in the Grand Lodge Room of the new Activities Building at Bonnie Blink. Current and past dues (\$3.00 a year) and changes of address should be sent to Norman L. Collison, 1960 Sidnee Drive, Edgewood, MD 21040-1242 (410-679-3173).
- MARYLAND MASONIC RESEARCH SOCIETY.**
Alive and well, the next meeting of the Society is scheduled for November 30 at Elkridge. Details are available from Bro. Donald M. Miller, 7705 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21224-2005 (410-285-5670). The meetings and Bulletins of the Society provide a full measure of fascinating information generated by major research sources.
- MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION (MSA) HOSPITAL VISITATION PROGRAM.**
PGM Harvey T. Hopkins, Coordinator for the MSA Hospital Visitation Program needs additional Masons to

volunteer four hours or more, one day a week on this community support project at Ft. Howard, Perry Point and Loch Raven VA Hospitals. *Interested?* Contact PGM Hopkins at 6205 Eunice Ave. Baltimore, MD 21214 (410-426-2711).

Grand Master Clark has been making rounds—he visited Charlotte Hall Veterans Home with PMs Homer Revis, No. 174 and Ken McCoy of No. 150. He also visited Ft. Howard where the WM and members of Cornerstone No. 224 presented a TV set for the benefit of the veterans. Shown in the following photo clockwise are PMs Lipshitz, GM Clark, B. Moorin, Freidman, WM Gregory F. Moorin (a Vietnam veteran), PGM Hopkins, Tobey and Bro. Goldman.



- THE BALDRIC CLUB.**
Has resumed having meetings every Tuesday, 12 noon at Cafe Royale, Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore and Hanover Streets. The Club has existed for 65 years. Annual dues are \$8.00. Meetings are open to all Masons and their guests. For details contact Clinton S. Larmore, 1101 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

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PERSONALITIES

BASIL W. HOLMAN. Community recognition came to Freemasonry and to Bro. Basil W. Holman through "THE AVENUE NEWS", a local newspaper, as a result of his efforts on behalf of David Lee, Jr., a 19 year old who had accidentally lost his legs when he was 16. Through Bro. Holman who arranged to obtain orthopedic care from the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital, Lee has been rehabilitated to where he earned a gold medal in the slalom ski run for two consecutive years at the Disabled Olympics.

Bro. Holman (also known as "Uncle Bas") was honored with a plaque presented by Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116 in April for his dedicated service and fellowship.

THE MOSLEYS. It's not very often that a father witnesses three of his sons being raised by the Grand Master and the Grand Line. As shown in the photo to the right by RWPGT Carl J. Wisner are Bros

Richard & Douglas Mosley, Scott W. Wilson, Worshipful Master of Door-to-Virtue No.46, GM Clark, Edward and father "Bill" Mosley who teaches the third degree catechism.

Bro. Terry Robbins is another father who also has three sons who are Master Masons. In addition to the three Mosleys, WM Wilson has recently raised four other new Master Masons: Bros Xavier V. Bisin, Robert E. Robbins, David A. Wean and Jeffrey S. Bangerd.



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THE BLUE LODGE SERVICE PROGRAM

The following programs include those now in service and those planned for the immediate future. They have been approved and sponsored by the Most Worshipful Grand Master "TO HELP OUR FRATERNITY HELP ITSELF".

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- **AUTO TAG.**
A tag with a blue and gold compass and square preceding the letters F and A (free and accepted) and the words Master Mason are featured on our new Masonic license plates. For information on availability of your favorite numbers, call Bro. Raymond Vogel 410-752-1198. Details are also available with your Lodge Secretary. Holding the new plate in the photo to the right is Mr. Patrick R. Meteallo, Asst. Dir. of Investigative Div., MVA and GM Clark.



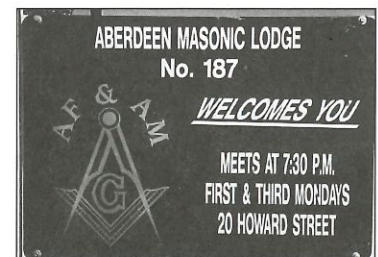
Programs available in the near future:

- **PERSONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM.**
Provides insurance coverage for auto and home at the lowest rates available to all Maryland Masonic families.
- **MASONIC BLUE BOOK.**
A discount program for restaurants, merchandise, entertainment, travel, etc. This book will advertise those merchants that will offer discounts to our Masonic Family.
- **MASONIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (M.A.P.).**
Offers immediate assistance on death of brother or spouse when Grand Lodge is notified. M.A.P. staff contacts surviving spouse and with assistance of local banking and real estate facilities provides immediate financial relief. Also arranges sale or purchase of property at a reduced commission schedule.
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MASONRY LIVES HERE

You are driving along and there on top a signpost is a notice - shown right - attesting to the pride of Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 and its close ties with the community. This is the same city where various Masonic units paraded and welcomed in celebration of the community's anniversary. (Photo furnished by PM Tom Hale.)

Grand Master Clark encourages this type of display as well as publication of general news items; social events; burial, memorial or divine services; and information stating the date and meeting place of a Lodge and the degree, if any. Information shall not be released for publication regarding the esoteric work of Masonry or regarding business matters of a Lodge.



MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND: EARNING ITS' TAX DEDUCTIBLE STATUS

Masonic Charities of Maryland (MCM) was approved by the Grand Lodge at the Semi-Annual Communication of May 19, 1986. The Internal Revenue Service approved MCM's application for 501.C.3 status (income tax deductible) on November 12, 1986. At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on November 17, 1986 two significant contributions were made. The first was a pledge of \$250,000 to establish an endowment fund for Masonic Charities of Maryland and a contribution of \$82,000 to be used for scholarship awards to be made through the first Education Grant Program in the Spring of 1987.

In 1987 the first Education Grant Program (EGP) was implemented with the awarding of 127 scholarships (\$63,500). In 1988 the program was delayed for approximately 5 months which caused a significant decline to only 91 scholarships being awarded (\$45,500). Due to actions beyond the control of MCM, it was necessary to discontinue the EGP on the summer of 1988.

Masonic Charities of Maryland embarked on a program for the education, prevention and intervention of drug abuse for our youth in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Education and with the support of the Governor of Maryland. The first training seminar for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) was conducted at Washington College from August 16-21, 1987 with representatives from the three Departments of Education representing Baltimore, Kent and Queen Annes Counties. The immediate success of this program was so startling that it was immediately adopted by the National Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. This program is currently operated by more than 36 Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

Since this program's inception, MCM has contributed more than \$300,000 toward its operation. It has become a vital part of all 23 county and Baltimore City Departments

of Education and operates in every high school in Maryland as well as a very significant number of middle schools. In some areas, it has been established even in elementary schools. The success of these programs has resulted in the adoption by many other state Departments of Education throughout the country. They have modeled their programs after Maryland and rely upon Maryland for initially implementing their programs. The Grand Lodge of Maryland has been the recipient of notable recognition and the public perception of Maryland Masons has improved significantly. Please read the copy of a letter from the Maryland Department of Education which is printed on the reverse side of this report.

In the Spring of 1994, the Maryland Department of Education requested Masonic Charities of Maryland to sponsor and initially fund a similar program to cope with Child Abuse. This is a natural extension of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program which is now an integral part of the state's school program.

The Masons of Maryland are credited with the wisdom and generosity to not only initiate these programs, but to make certain that they are funded adequately to assure their success. What better proof can Maryland Masonry use to demonstrate it is truly earning its tax deductible status every day?

Finally, Masonic Charities of Maryland played a substantial role in making the Biennial International Session of the Rainbow for Girls possible in July, 1994. This combined assemblage has again allowed Maryland Masonry to gain national recognition for its work with our youth.

Masonic Charities of Maryland needs the endorsement and financial support of all our Masonic Family in order to continue this important work through your gifts and bequests. We cannot measure the untold success of these programs, but we can share in the combined effort to do so.

YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

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February 16, 1994

Mr. William M. Clark, Jr.
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Maryland
225 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21012

Dear Mr. Clark,

On behalf of the Maryland State Department of Education, I want to thank the Masons and the Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. for the tremendous support and financial assistance you have given to the Maryland Student Assistance Program (MSAP) over the past seven years. Your continuous backing of our intervention efforts in schools to help young people overcome alcohol and other drug problems has been catalytic to the institutionalization of the program.

As you know, the Maryland Student Assistance Program has experienced continued growth. The program is in every school system in the state. Over 2000 individuals participate in the intensive training and teams are currently operating in 215 schools. MSAP also has expanded to a training of trainers model in order to meet the demands from locals to have more teams trained. All of this could not have happened without the collaborative partnership forged between our Department and the Masonic Charities.

The model that was developed in 1987, piloted over two years, and then implemented statewide is dynamic and effective. We appreciate and recognize the significant investment the Masons made in Maryland's youth and their families through this powerful program.

The partnership between the Masons and Education was so helpful in providing the seed money and impetus for the Maryland Student Assistance Program that we would like to propose a new area that needs attention -- child abuse and neglect. We will be forwarding a proposal for your consideration and hope that you will look upon it favorably.

Again, thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Maryland's young people.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Grasmick
State Superintendent of Schools

HARVEST HOME DAY 1994


Almost 4,000 Masons came to collect their "pennies"; eat sausages, pancakes, pie, etc.; patronize goodies produced by residents of the homes; gave blood; toured the new Grand Lodge Activities Building; saw the Boumi Temple auto classic; observe the kilted Highlanders perform; and witness the cornerstone laying of the new "Freemasons' Hall" by the Grand Lodge Officers with the blessing of Roger V. Hayden, the Baltimore County Executive who had issued a proclamation designating October 17 as "Harvest Home Day". Chairman of the Harvest Home Day committee was Robert C. Schweitzer. The photos to the right illustrate some of the day's activities.



KEY FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY


Here are some key facts which will assist you in answering questions or acquainting non-Masons with information about Freemasonry:

- Freemasonry is a fraternity, not a religion or a substitute for religion. We respect the religious beliefs of all our individual members.
- Masonic charities - over \$525 million each year with 58% to the general public - express Freemasons' desire to be of service to mankind.
- Freemasonry is an open, not secretive, society. Our only "secrets" are traditional passwords, signs of recognition, and dramatic presentations of moral lessons.
- Freemasonry is open to all men of good character who believe in God.
- The Masonic family of organizations is open to all, and includes women's groups and organizations for boys and girls.
- Freemasonry does not require improper oaths. The so-called "ancient penalties" are strictly symbolic. They refer only to the pain any honest man should feel at the thought of violating his word.
- Both the famous and common man have been Freemasons over the past 300 years. These include statesmen, military leaders, entertainers and churchmen.
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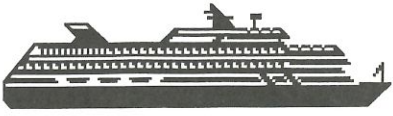
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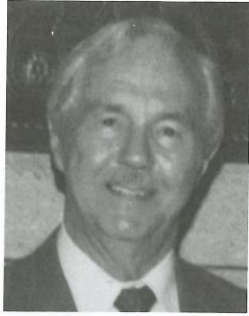
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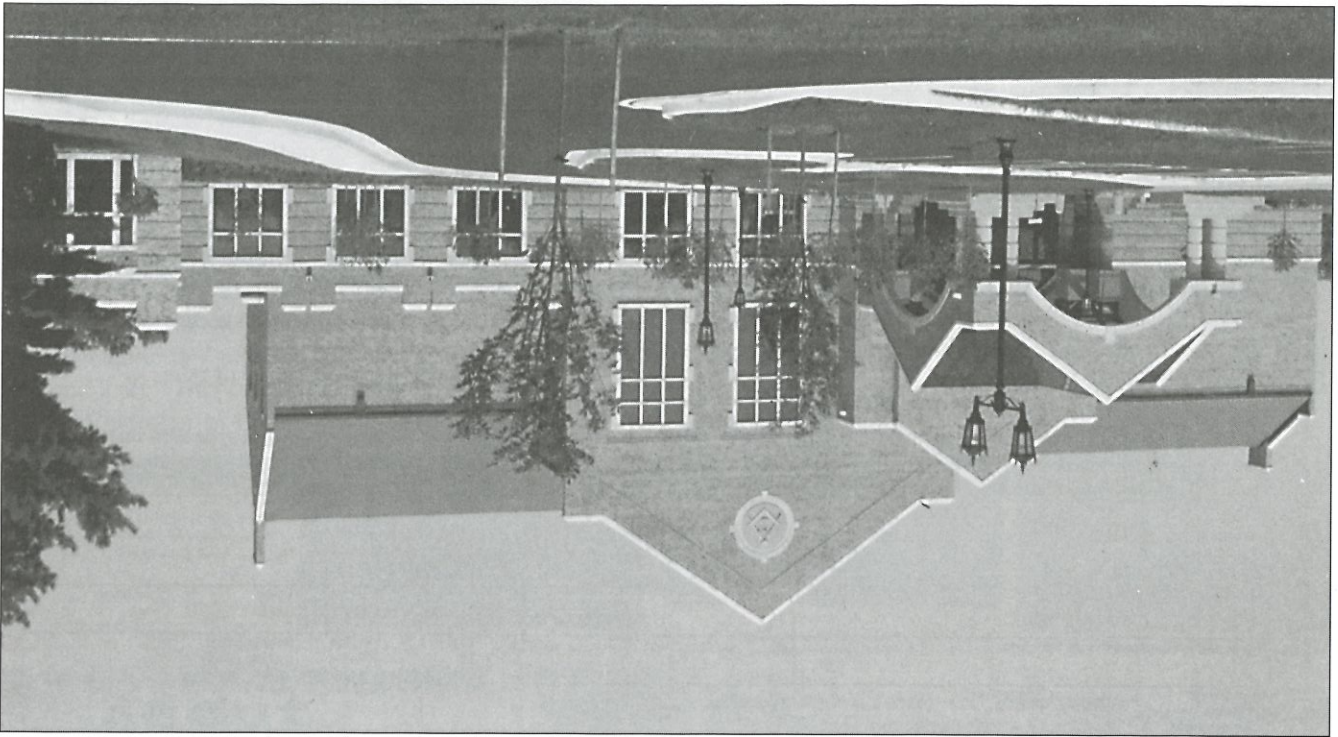
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