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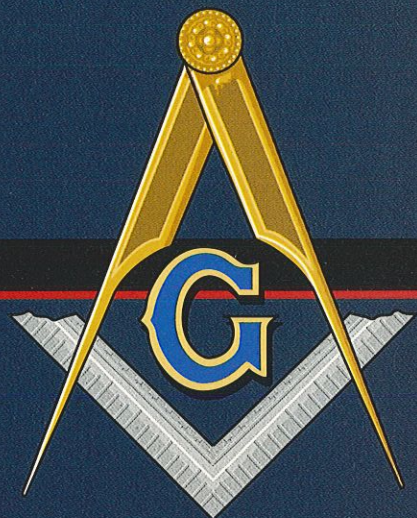
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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

The individual brother does not request amnesty to the MWGM, it is the Worshipful Master, who at the behest of his Lodge, requests the dispensation from the MWGM in the name of the suspended brother.

THE FREE STATE FREEMASON

You will of course notice that this publication has taken on a new appearance. We trust you will like this new format, but more importantly, see the *Free State Freemason* as more readable due to this format and more interesting to read because of its contents.

GRAND MASTER'S CONFERENCE

Finally, as this column is being composed, the Maryland delegation is returning from the annual *Conference of Grand Masters of North America* held in Denver, Colorado. We return with new ideas, affirmation that we are on the right track, and new friendships. It was my honor to serve as chair of the 2011 Planning Committee of the *Conference of Grand Masters of North America*. To my surprise, I was elected General Chairman for the 2012 Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. In recent years, Maryland has been quite active in this organization. In 2005, then MWGM Bélanger served as Conference Chair, in 2010, then MWGM Velvin served as Time and Place chair. In 2011 our current MWGM served as Planning Committee Chair, and in 2012 our MWGM will serve as Conference Chair. Thus in 2014 when the *Conference of Grand Masters of North America* is held in Baltimore for the first time, we should be experienced in the requirements to host a successful conference. Our then MWGM will serve as host Grand Master.

As winter has ended and spring begun, may all of you and your families find time for renewal and rejuvenation. Thank you to all who helped make our *Open House* on April 2nd, 2011 such a wonderful day. All the hard work and dedication made this an event one of which we all, all of us, can be proud.

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

THE OPEN HOUSE

My brothers, this issue is brought to you at a time when throughout the jurisdiction we have completed our first statewide open house. The event was the culmination of ninety days of a media or public awareness campaign that told the men of Maryland that to be a member of our fraternity you need to "ask a Freemason". Indeed, many good men did ask, and are continuing to do so. Our Lodges needed to be ready for this increased interest generated, not by others such as Dan Brown, etc., but by our own efforts. A renewed sense of pride in being a Freemason was created by these labors. Lodges cleaned, painted and renovated their buildings. In a sense, the buildings were made "company ready" for the big day. Turnout for the Open House was tremendous. It provided a tremendous opportunity for Maryland Freemasons to tell the Masonic story.

These past ninety days have seen brothers who had been suspended for non-payment of dues request a return to active status. Our amnesty program, which sees about 20 requests a year for return to active status, now has twenty per month wanting to once more become active. Without question, this interest in the amnesty program was influenced by the prevalence of our media campaign.

AMNESTY PROGRAM

Initiated by PGM Bélanger, this amnesty program permits a Worshipful Master to request that the MWGM allow a brother, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, to return to active status by paying one year's dues and earn reinstatement.

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THE MERCER BOWL

By Edward Heimiller, Curator

Many may wonder what the purpose of a museum is and why items are placed in its care. Museums exist in order to tell the story of various artifacts through their preservation. Often, exhibiting the items fulfills this goal. Among the many items in the museum's collection is a punch bowl decorated with several American patriotic symbols which has a remarkable history of ownership, or provenance, prior to being given to the museum.

Unlike what many of us are familiar with today, punch was initially a highly intoxicating beverage made from a simple mixture of five canonical ingredients: lemon or lime juice, sugar, water, "spice" (usually nutmeg), and liquor. Gentlemen, and sometimes ladies, in London and throughout the British colonies would gather in private homes and in "punch houses" to indulge in drinking this intoxicating mixture. Often large bowls, such as the one in the museum's collection, would be placed on the floor rather than on a table to prevent the bowl from being broken during these gatherings. Among the earliest records of Masons in Maryland from 1759-1764, the records of the Old Leonardtown Lodge, St. Mary's County (which meets on Sundays), are receipts for the purchase of the various liquors and other ingredients used to make punch.

Produced in England around 1795, this bowl also represents a group of objects made after the American Revolution during the Federal Period, roughly 1788-1825, when British manufacturers, anxious to retain the American market after the war, produced a variety of wares designed to appeal to the new American Republic. These items were often decorated with American patriotic symbols, which were still being developed during the period. On the outside of this bowl there is an American eagle with a shield decorated with the stars and stripes and two depictions of George Washington. Ironically, this bowl with its depictions of Washington was presented by George Washington while he was President to Brigadier General Benjamin James

Mercer, whose name appears on the outside of bowl, upon his retirement from the United States Army in 1795.

Benjamin Mercer, listed in the first Baltimore directory of 1796 as both constable and innkeeper—with his address at 34 Light Street, was Baltimore City's first policeman. He was appointed constable in 1798, a year after Baltimore was incorporated as a city, after the City Council passed an ordinance calling for the appointment of a constable "whose duty it shall be to walk through the streets, lanes and [alleys]

of the city daily with his mace in his hand, taking such rounds that within a reasonable length of time he shall visit all parts of the city." He retired from this post in 1799 when the City Council, finding that keeping law and order in Baltimore was too large of a task for one man, appointed one constable for each ward. The last record of Benjamin Mercer is in 1802, when he renewed his tavern license.

This bowl was inherited by Brig. Gen. Mercer's daughter, Mrs. Jury, who bequeathed the bowl to the Museum in the 1830s. Unfortunately, when the husband



of a cousin of Mrs. Jury, who was a Mason, went to collect the bowl to present it to the museum, his wife took a liking to it and took it home. The bowl did not resurface until after their deaths when the bowl came up for auction in 1896 as part of their estate. Hearing of this and aware of Mrs. Jury's initial wishes, Miss Connie Jury, a great niece of General Mercer, informed Bro. William H.

Nicholson, Grand Tyler at the time, of the pending sale. With approval only a few hours before the auction commenced, Nicholson was able to bid for the bowl on behalf of Arcana Lodge No. 110. The Lodge presented the bowl



to the Museum on October 13, 1896, thereby getting it to its intended destination.

The history of this bowl represents the best and worst of people and touches an aspect of American history which could otherwise have been easily forgotten. In keeping with the new museum displays, a new label, giving a synopsis of the bowl's history, has recently

been placed with the bowl. Many of the items in our collection are being more fully labeled to give visitors a better understanding of the items and the reason for their display.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

By Linda Ward

*With his top hat on, and his gavel in hand,
The Worshipful Master has taken command.
He has just made his pledge, so that everyone knows,
With a kiss on the Bible, a commitment he shows.
The journey was long to be where he stands;
The time and the focus, the memory demands.
And just when he thinks he has come near the end,
Please be assured, "It's just starting, my friend."
With God by his side to lead and to guide,
The Worshipful Master will gladly preside.
Representing his Lodge, and every Mason, too;
He exemplifies freemasonry, in all he will do.
There are meetings, degree work, family dinners and more,
Memorial services, visitations – it's hard to keep score.
With a smile on his face, he greets one and all.
A pleasure to be with, sending warmth through the hall.
Time and again, he'll show brotherly love.
Forgetting himself, He'll place others above.
By the time his year ends, he will learn to withstand.
Through challenges and growth, he's a much better man.*

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My Passion is writing poetry, with the hope of sharing it with others in some meaningful way. Of course, I am not a Mason; and my husband, **William C. Ward, Jr.** was not a Worshipful Master. He was Tyler of Mt. Moriah Lodge when he died suddenly in July 2009. But we did help to take care of Brother Mason **William Boone**, who was ill with terminal cancer, while he was Worshipful Master of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 116. I saw the duties and life of a Worshipful master from the sidelines during that time. Mr. Boone's dream was to be a Past master. He was blessed to realize his dream, plus nine months. Perhaps this experience, plus being in the company of several fine Worshipful masters during their terms of office, embedded the concepts of what it actually means to be a Worshipful Master in my mind.

Linda Royahn Ward

Odenton Lodge No. 209

SPRUCED UP FOR THE OPEN HOUSE

Much as what occurred at Lodges across the State of Maryland, **Odenton Lodge No. 209** went out of their way to prepare their building for the Open House on April 2nd. They worked diligently for several months in conjunction with **Sincerity Lodge No. 181** in anticipation of the event with Senior Warden Patrick Culver leading the charge.

On Sunday, March 6th, 2011 they held a painting party to give the Lodge a much-needed face-lift. A great turnout was reported; with Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Fran Larrimore, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Tom Keller, Senior Warden Patrick Culver, Past Master Logan Starr, Jr., Past Master Howard Culver, Junior Deacon Paul Romer, Junior Steward Roy Stevens, Secretary David Siler, Brother Daniel Alvear, Mr. Cort J. Bossert (a new petitioner) and Amanda Siler (daughter of the Secretary) in attendance.

Senior Warden Culver ordered polo shirts to be worn at the Open House by the Lodge members, as well as new staves, tops and tapers. He also located creative Masonic light bulbs for use in the tapers.

Final preparations also involved a floor stripping and waxing party in which Junior Warden Luis Gonzalez kindly donated all the materials needed.

Sincere thanks are passed along to all who helped to prepare the building for the big day.



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Maryland Masonic **MEN'S CHOIR**

By RW Bro. Jerry Piepiora, DGM

Well, maybe not quite yet, but who knows what the possibilities are? At various times in Maryland Masonic history, we have had quite prominent choirs that sang in Communications as well as various public functions. I have been wondering if we could re-create such a group.

This would be a wonderful addition to Grand Lodge Semi and Annual Communications. It's probably safe to say that other than our *National Anthem* and maybe *God Bless America*, the brethren in general do not consider their musical talents to be their strongest attributes. What a treat it would be to feel the walls of the Grand Lodge reverberate with the inspirational sounds of a men's choir!

As difficult a task as it seems to get started, we have already heard from a number of brothers already who would be willing to be part of such a program. Although 8-10 men may not be the total we're hoping for, it certainly is a good start. We would like ultimately to have 30-40 brothers from all over the State be part of this. Our plan would be to have regional groups practice

Masonic Charities Of Maryland, Inc.

UPDATE

By Bro. Mike Codori, President of MCM, Inc.

The Maryland Student Assistance Program (MSAP) completed its second Masonic Model Student Assistance Program training this year on February 14 & 15, 2011, in Elkton, MD. Sixty-two educators, health care professionals, security staff, and others participated in the new and expanded training model, which addresses not only alcohol and other drug use, but also violence, bullying, depression, suicide, and other factors affecting our school-age youth. Masonic Charities of Maryland (MCM) continues to support this much-needed school-based intervention program for our at-risk Maryland students through total funding for each training event. Evaluations from participants were highly positive and thankful to the Masons of Maryland for their unflagging sponsorship of MSAP since 1987.

In other news, high school seniors across the state have completed their applications for the 2011 MCM scholarships which were due at the end of March. After each Lodge has collected the applications from their respec-



without having to travel long distances. When special occasions occur, the choir will then blend together.

Brother Andy Tinio of **Birmingham Lodge No. 188** has agreed to be chairman of this undertaking. Brother Andy has some wonderful ideas about how we can develop the group as well as a selection of patriotic, inspirational, and religious songs.

If interested, please contact Brother Andy, the writer, or the Grand Lodge. We know this will take some time to develop. I am hoping that by the Semi Annual in May of 2012 (or maybe the 2011 Annual) we will have the beginnings of a truly fine ensemble. ♣

tive high schools and selected the top three candidates, they are sent to the Grand Lodge, where they are given a final review by the MCM Scholarship Committee, who selects the final forty-eight winners. They will be recognized on June 5 at a banquet in their honor at the Grand Lodge. Your timely submission of all applications is greatly appreciated and will make the final stages of this annual event run smoothly. Thanks to all of you for your help in this project.

The Maryland Child Identification Program (MD CHIP) continues to protect children throughout Maryland by the generosity of Masons in many Lodges, who donate their time and talent to conduct MD CHIP events at schools. Now under the umbrella of MCM, whose mission has always been to support, protect, and assist Maryland youth, the MD CHIP continues to shine as an obvious illustration of our Masonic commitment to Charity for all. Through the work of MCM, you demonstrate your love and support for the students of Maryland. ♣

HIGHLAND LODGE NO. 184

Brethren, I thought you might enjoy seeing this picture from a Raising at Highland Lodge. It was the first time we have done a multiple-raising using the permitted 3rd Degree in short-form. Pictured are Bro. Robert Nisson, Bro. Joseph Schap, WM Jim Landerkin, Bro. GI Jules Poston, Bro. Ben Cone and Bro. Scott McCauley.

After a successful catechism exemplification, each of the first three Brothers were Raised in short form and then asked to sit on the side and observe their Brother Fellowcrafts being Raised. The fourth candidate was Raised in full-form.

Assisting Highland's officers last night were Bro. PM Eric Binnie from **Jephthah Lodge No. 222**, Bro. Grand Inspector Julius Poston from Patapsco Lodge No. 183 and Bro. Drew Taylor.



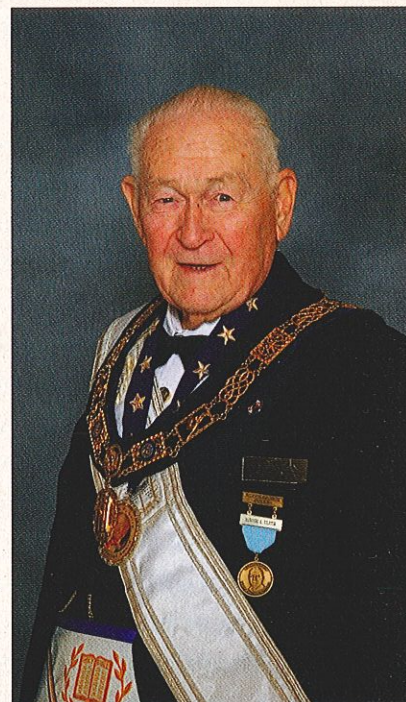
REVEREND ELLWOOD ULMER

Whoever said that you get to slow down when you retire certainly did not know Reverend Ellwood Ulmer. Reverend Ulmer has such an extensive social calendar, it is exhausting just trying to keep up with him for a day. Although he "retired" years ago, Reverend Ulmer has since served 5 times as an interim Pastor, works as the Interim Director of Inner Harbor Ministry of Baltimore and gives gracious amounts of his time to the Feeding Ministry at St. Paul's Evangelical of Curtis Bay. In Reverend Ulmer's "spare time" he may tie up to 1,000 balloons as Clown for Delaware Baptist Raceway Ministry, Dover Downs or as Chief Clown for Tall Cedars.

Reverend Ulmer was often away from home, and began to worry about his wife and her well-being. He wanted the peace of mind, knowing that she was in a place where she could be taken care of and where there would be help if she needed it. Also, he was ready for a break from the cooking, cleaning, laundry and home maintenance that he was still responsible for. Previously Chaplain of the Maryland Masonic Homes, and an extremely active Mason, Bonnie Blink was his first and

only choice. "I have visited and observed many facilities in my line of work," he states, "but none come close. Maryland Masonic Homes is number one as far as I'm concerned."

As luck would have it, an apartment was available which suited their needs, and with an affordable Entrance Fee, they were able to move in even before their house was sold. Now Reverend Ulmer's only regret is not having enough time to get involved with all of the activities available at the Homes. He would love to participate in the computer classes, walking club and exercise group but there isn't enough time to do it all. When he has time to reflect, he will tell you that, "the friendly, loving, family atmosphere and the quality of healthcare at the Masonic Homes are second to none." ❖



LEADERSHIP 2011 EDITION—A REVIEW

For those with a hope of one day being the best Worshipful Master they can be, the Leadership 2011 seminar was a training experience not to be missed. Indeed the turnout was extraordinary.

We all know that the mission of our Fraternity is to make good men better. On March 25th, we provided the opportunity to help make our future leaders become better. One of the ways we become better men is by helping those around us to become better men and brothers. This seminar accomplished just that. The more we, as the instruction group can help our future Masters, the better and more active the members and Lodges will become.

Those who have never attended Leadership may wonder just how completing this proven effective program may benefit you and the officers and members around you. Let's review what the seminar offered:

First and foremost, the weekend of training betters the man by improving his skills in leading the brothers of his Lodge, more effectively managing the several committees, developing existing and new Lodge programs, improving membership and retention programs, and gaining a better understanding of his role as Worshipful Master. Of course, all while accomplishing this in a fiscally responsible manner.

By understanding how to undertake and accomplish the above tasks, the Master will see attendance improv-

ing both at regular and special meetings. Where this is already happening, the increased attendance is translating to even more new active members.

Certainly, if we ask any new (or potential) brother why they want to join Freemasonry, somewhere in their responses will be the comment "*to belong to something greater than themselves*".

We have also seen that in Lodges where ALL the officers are active in the workings of the Lodge, there is better degree work (officer pride and the desire to put out that extra effort). When new candidates experience memorable degrees, they are more apt to express a desire to become active somewhere in the Lodge, whether in the officer rank or in a committee. A certain number will become officers and Worshipful

Masters will worry less about having to repeat.

Further, with a regular schedule of Lodge programs and functions, there will be increased awareness and involvement within the community. Men join Masonry to get involved SOMEWHERE!

We also demonstrated that these tasks cannot be accomplished by the Worshipful Master himself. Not only are you provided with the tools to get more members involved, but with the realization that there is an entire support staff at the Grand Lodge to assist where needed.

So let's review—a dramatic improvement in the skills of the Worshipful Master, better officer ritual work, an increasing number of new and active members, more community involvement, and a financially sound operation. Truly, Leadership 2011 provided the future leaders of our Fraternity with the toolbox for success.

*On March 25th,
we provided the
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become better.*



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RÉSUMÉS for Brothers Running for Elected Offices in 2012

STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, III

For Re-election to the Office of
Most Worshipful Grand Master

GERALD E. PIEPIORA

For Re-election to the Office of
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

HERBERT Y. HOLCOMB, III

For Re-election to the Office of
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

WILLIAM E. GYR

For Re-election to the Office of
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer

GENE L. PURKEY

For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior
Grand Warden

Masonic Background: Potomac Lodge No. 100 - Past Master 2005-2006; Treasurer -2007; Secretary - 2008 to present. *Education:* Executive MBA (emphasis: Marketing and Finance), Fairleigh Dickenson University. BA in Biology, Chemistry minor, University of Denver. *Professional Experience:* IBM Corporation (retired): 30 years, 15 years in operational and middle management, corporate wide (all divisions) crisis management for last 5 years employed. Owner/President of Perky Vettes, Inc., General Motors Corporation licensee, for 21 years. Substitute teacher for Mineral and Hampshire counties, WV. *Masonic History:* Worshipful Grand Pursuivant 2006-2007; Vice President Board of Grand Inspectors, Western Region, 2008 - 2010; Grand Inspector, Mountain Lodge No. 99, 2005 - current; Lodge Renewal Committee Chairman; Board of Trustees member; Budget Committee Chairman; Investment Committee member; Lodge Leadership Committee member; Grand Lodge Hospitality Committee member; 2025 Long Range Planning Committee member; Co-Chairman, 2011 Maryland Masonic Open House. *Masonic Affiliations:* Scottish Rite; Board of Trustees member, Scottish Rite Foundation, Cumberland Consistory; Past Member Scottish Rite 32° team; York Rite; Ali Ghan Shrine Railroad Unit; Warren E. Seipp award - 11/2010.

RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

JOHN M. LISTER

For the Office of
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Masonic History: Annapolis Lodge No. 89 - Raised 1994, Worshipful Master 1998 & 2004; Secretary 1999 & 2000, Annapolis Lodge Board of Trustees, 1996 thru 2000. Grand Lodge of Maryland - Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer, 1999; Grand Master's Steering Committee 1999, Board of Managers, appointed to vacancy 2000, elected thru 2005; Worshipful Grand Marshal, 2001 & 2002; Deputy Grand Lecturer, 2001 to present. *Masonic Affiliation:* Scottish Rite, Valley of Baltimore - Member, 1996, Diplomat, 1997. A.A.O.N.M.S., Boumi Temple - Member, 1996. Annapolis Shrine Club - Member, 1998. Central MD Past Masters Assoc. - Charter Member and Chaplain 1999, President 2004. York Rite - Mr. Vernon Chapter No. 25, Member 1999, Past High Priest; Harmony Council, No. 20, Member 1999; Palestine Commandery No. 7 - Member 1999. *Civic Activities:* Volunteer Fire Fighter, Baltimore County; Hydroplane Racing Rescue Team

R. CRAIG WEHRLE

For the Office of
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Raised as a Master Mason April 12, 1999, Liberty Lodge #219. Past Master Liberty Pickering Lodge #219, A.F. & A.M. Presently JD and Chair of Membership Committee Plural member of Charity #134 (Grandfather) and Jephthah #222 (Father) Member of York Rite (Druid Chapter, Hiram Council and Monumental Commandary) Shrine, Boumi Temple (Legion of Honor) Past Grand Sword Bearer 2007

WILLIAM D. HOOPER, JR.

For the Office of
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden

Masonic Resume: Master Counselor of Belvedere Chapter - DeMolay 1957; Past Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 202 - 1990, 1994, and 2007. Trustee for Tuscan Lodge No. 202 - 1989-present. 32° KCCH Scottish Rite. Member of Phoenix Chapter No. 7 RAC, Jerusalem Council No. 2 RSM, Crusade Commandery No. 5 KT, and Maryland York Rite College No. 58. Member of Boumi Shrine - Knights of Mecca Ceremonial Team, Golf Club Treasurer and Past President, Ambassadors, Towson Shrine Club, Co-Chairman of Boumi Golf Classic - 2009. Appointed Grand Marshal 2003-2004; served as Grand Inspector from 1993-1999; Chairman of the Grand Lodge Trial Committee 2007-present; Counsel to the Board of Managers & Trustees 2003-present. Counsel to the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum. Member of the Past Masters Association of Baltimore from 1991-present. *Professional:* During Law School, I worked for the Travelers Insurance Company as a multi-line claims adjuster. Since 1963 I have been in private practice in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. From 1972-1975, I was County Attorney (chief legal officer for both branches of government) for Harford County, Maryland. From 1975-1979, I was a member of the Harford County Board of Education.

DAN B. LANE

For the Office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden

Masonic Resume: I was raised to Master Mason in 1991 and joined Kensington-Bethesda Lodge No. 198 in 2005. Served as Worshipful Master of Kensington-Bethesda Lodge No. 198 in 2006 and Worshipful Master of Silver Spring Lodge No. 215 in 2009. Currently Treasurer of Silver Spring Lodge No. 215 and president of the Silver Spring Temple and Library Association. Member of Past Masters Association and will be appointed Junior Warden this coming December. Appointed Worshipful Junior Grand Stewart in 2008 and appointed Grand Inspector in 2009-2010 for Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge No. 195 and Wheaton Lodge No. 228. District No. 5 Coordinator for MDCHIP Program. *Masonic Affiliations:* Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (2008) (Knights of St. Andrew), Member of the 5th Degree team, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine (2006) (Legion of Honor) and the Free State Shield and Square Club (2009); and National Sojourners' (2009). *Education:* Currently working on B.A. at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD, 2005 Culinary Program, L'Academie De Cuisine, Gaithersburg, MD and 1997 Campbell University (A.A.). *Non-collegiate:* Certified Food Service Manager, Supervisor's Instructor Training Course, Education Training Course for Formal Schools, Emergency Medical Technician, Environmentalist Course and Public Speaking Course.



CLIFTON FRIEL

For Election to the Board of Managers

Masonic Resume: Clifton began his Masonic career at Temple Lodge No. 128 in Denton, Maryland on November 28, 1967, Worshipful Master in 1974, Secretary since 1985 and Treasurer of the Mid-Eastern Shore Past Masters' Association since 1975. In 1991, Clifton was the first recipient of the Grand Lodge's Warren S. Seipp Medal for Meritorious Service and has served as Grand Inspector for six years. In the York Rite, Cliff has served as the presiding officer of all York Rite bodies in Denton earning him Knight of the York Rite Cross of Honor. Cliff has also served as presiding Grand Officer of three York Rite Bodies and received the order of the Purple Cross. He has served as Sovereign Master of the Allied Degrees, and is an officer in St. Cyprian Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Francis Scott Key Priory Knights York Cross of Honor and belongs to the Masonic Rosicrucians. Cliff is a member of Chesapeake Consistory of the Scottish Rite as well as the Royal Order of Scotland. He joined the Caroline Chapter OES in 1975 and has served as Worthy Patron nine times. If elected I will bring my activity in Masonic leadership positions to continued service to the Grand Lodge and to our Grand Master.



RAOUL L. FREVEL, SR.

For Election to the Board of Trustees

Masonic: Member of Concordia Lodge No. 13, raised in 1972. "Mason of the Year" award in 2004. Served as Potentate of Boumi Shriners in 1992. He received the 33rd Degree in October 1997. Frevel is a member of Scottish Rite, Past Director of Royal Order of Jesters of Baltimore Court No. 82, Baltimore Forest No. 45 TCL, the Order of Quetzalcoatl, Mile Hi Teocali No. 69 and Chesapeake Teocali No. 100. Frevel served as the chairman of the Masonic Youth Committee in Maryland and as chairman of the Grand Master's Masonic Youth Day from 1983-1997. Serving on the Shriners Hospitals for Children Board of Trustees during the Shriners' since 2006. Served as Imperial Potentate (president and CEO of Shriners of North America) in 2004-2005. Member of DeMolay, serving on the Supreme Council, executive officer of Maryland from 1995-1997, the 5th Past International Master Councilor, Past State Master



Councilor of Maryland and Past Master Councilor of Tuscan Chapter. Served as president of the DeMolay Foundation of Maryland from 1986-1992, holds the Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor. Inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame in June 2004. Honored with the DeMolay Supreme Council Member of the Year Award in June 2005. *Professional:* Consultant of operations and CEO of Atlantic Caterers Inc. from 1977-1997. Active in the National Association of Catering Executives in Maryland.

C. EDWARD POARCH

For Election to the Board of Directors for the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum

Masonic: Member of Howard Lodge No. 101. Past Master 1998, 1999 (Mystic Circle No. 109), Past Grand Inspector (2002-2008), W.J.G.D. in 2009, Grand Commandery York Rite. *Professional:* 1999 to the present - Foreman Superintendent - Banner Masonry Inc. Involved in projects requiring secret service clearance. 1994 to 1998 - Executive Director - Maryland Foundation For Fair Contracting, Inc. Prevailing wage monitoring for Davis-Bacon, Maryland State Prevailing wage under COMAR and Baltimore City to prevent fraud and misclassification of employees as independent contractors. 1990 to 1994 - Business Manager for Local No. 1 Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen of Maryland. Run the day-to-day operations of the hiring and referral hall, representing the members of the local union. Trustee for Pension Fund for BAC Local No. 1. Trustee for the Annuity Fund for Local No. 1. Trustee for the Health & Welfare Fund for Local No. 1. Trustee for the Vacation Fund for Local No. 1. Trustee for the Joint Apprenticeship & Training Council for Local No. 1. Trustee for The Baltimore Building and Construction Trades Council (12 affiliated unions) in Maryland. *Education:* Teaching Certificate for apprenticeship in 1976 from Essex C.C. BS Degree from UMBC in 1984. Attended George Meany Center for Labor Studies form 1978 to 1997.



SPYRIDON G. TREKLAS

For Election to the Board of Directors for the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum

Professionally, I have received a Bachelor's Degree from Towson State University and a Master's Degree in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University. I have been employed by Baltimore Aircoil Company Inc since 1988. Currently I am the System/Database and Security Administrator for the company's Oracle-PeopleSoft Enterprise Resource Planning system. I have been a Mason for twenty five years in Amicable-St. Johns Lodge #25, I am Past Master of St. Johns Lodge #34. I have served in numerous Grand Lodge positions and I was the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden in 2008. I hold the 33° in the Scottish Rite and have served as Wise Master for the Lodge of Rose Croix and involved in multiple Scottish Rite administrative and ritualistic degree teams. I am also Past High Priest of Tuscan RAC #42, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Hiram Council #5 and Captain General of Monumental Commandery #3. I am member of Tall Cedars, Royal Order of Scotland, Scottish Rite Research Society, the Allied Masonic Degrees, and Maryland York Rite College.

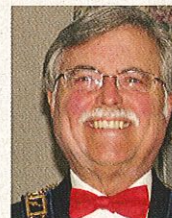


MICHAEL P. CODORI

For Election to the Board of Directors for Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.

Masonic: Member Masonic Charities of Maryland (MCM) Board of Directors since 2005(current President); Past Master & current Worshipful Master, Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge # 195; Member, York Rite of Montgomery County (chapter, council, commandery).

Professional: Career Educator: Science teacher, grades 7-12 (14 years), Zoology professor, Montgomery College (2 years), secondary administrator, grades 7-12 (15 years), Intervention Specialist, Montgomery County Public Schools Safe & Drug-Free Schools (10 years). Currently, consultant and trainer, team organization and



development. Member: National Association of Secondary School Principals, MD Association of Secondary Schools Principals, Maryland Student Assistance Program Professionals Association (president, 2000-2006). Presenter, national, state and local conferences, on a wide range of educational and organizational topics. If re-elected to the Masonic Charities, I will continue to act in the interest of Maryland youth, through the programs sponsored by MCM, which include the Maryland Student Assistance Program, MCM Scholarships, and MD CHIP.

JAMES B. COKER

For Election to the Board of Directors for Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.

Masonic: Member of Patmos Lodge No. 70; Worshipful Master - 1999; Secretary 2000-Present. Grand Lodge: Senior Grand Deacon - 2001; Member of Board of Managers (by appointment) 2002-2004. Collateral Bodies: M.E. High Priest, St. John's Royal Arch Chapter No. 19 - 1995, 2007-2010; Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Grand Chapter RA Maryland - 1995, 2008; Grand Master of the 1st Veil, Grand Chapter RA Maryland - 1996; Sovereign Master, Freestate Council No. 308 Allied Masonic Degrees - 1998; Eminent Commander, Crusade Commandery No. 5 Knights Templar - 1998; Grand Inspector, Grand Chapter RA Maryland - 1996-2006, 2008-Present; Secretary, Freestate Council No. 308 2002-Present; Thrice Illustrious Master, Concordia Council No. 1 RSM 2003; R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Maryland 2005-2006. Business Experience: Retired from Yuasa Inc. (March 2000) - With my wife, formed Gator Power Enterprises, Inc. and work as a manufacturer's representative for Enersys Inc. and a consultant to the Federal Government. Director, Govern-

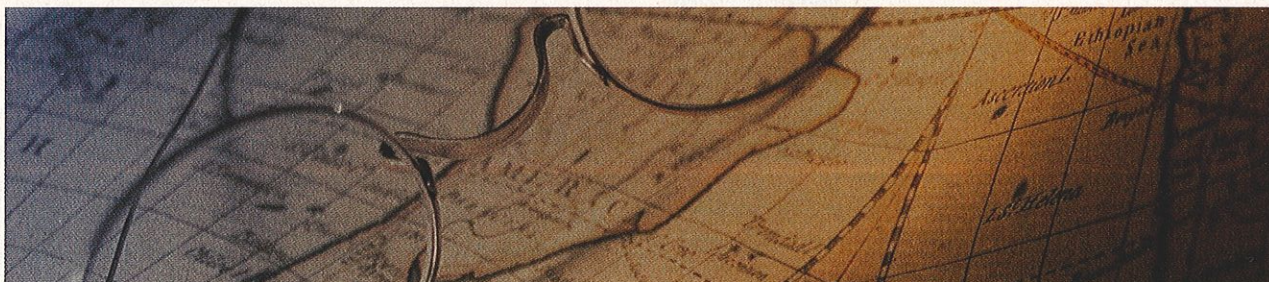


ment Marketing & Sales (January 1979-August 1983 and April 1986-March 2000) - Organized and managed a corporation-wide government marketing and sales department, reporting to the vice-president of marketing. Education: Florida Public School System, graduating high school in 1951 Electrical Engineering (three years), University of Florida Business, Management, Accounting and Law courses, Drexel University Bachelors Degree, Business Administration, University of Maryland Nine semester hours toward MBA Certificate in Government Contracting, George Washington University Managerial Grid, Princeton (corporate sponsored)

LAURENCE H. GERBER, SR.

For Election to the Board of Directors for Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.

Masonic: James W. Bowers Lodge No. 173, 1970, 40 Year Member Valley of Martinsburg, AASR - 1970 Ali Ghan Shrine, AAONMS -1970 Ali Ghan Shrine Club Board of Directors - 2003, 2004, 2005; President - 2004-2005 Ali Ghan Directors Staff - 1990; President - 2004-2011 Ali Ghan Shrine Finance Committee - 2010-2011 Mid-Atlantic Shrine Directors Staff - President -2011 Masonic Charities of Maryland, Board of Directors - 2006-2011 Royal Order of Jesters Court #117 - 1989 Jester of the Year - 1992 Director - 1996 National Court Representative - Emeritus National Court General Registration Committee - 1996-2011 Vice Chairman - 2001-2011 Mid-Atlantic Association of Jester Courts - President - 2002 Kachina Klub - Officer and Life Member Education: Charlotte Hall Military Academy (MD) Shepherd University (WV) - B. S. - Economics and Journalism Military: WV Air National Guard -1964-1970



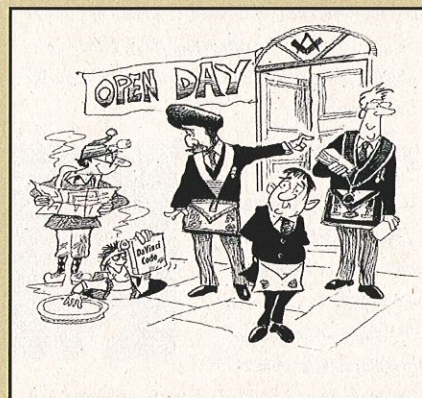
The Festive Freemason

By Bro. Steve Chadburn

They must have something to hide...
they wouldn't let us in...



People however still get the wrong idea...



So where we can, we've adopted a
more open attitude.

BOUMI SHRINERS

By Charles L. Johnston, Jr., Potentate

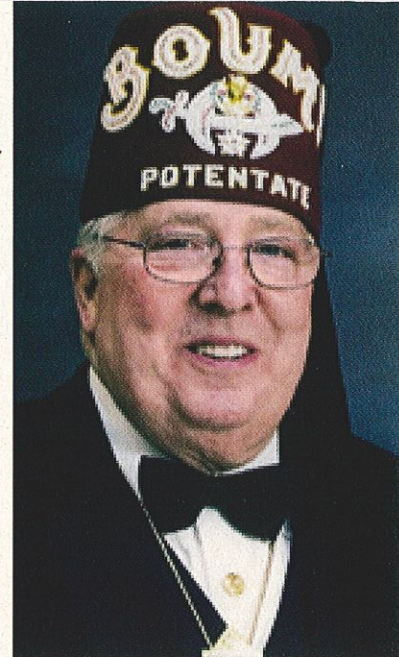
It's hard to believe that almost one half year has gone by already. The year started on a high note, the Potentate's Inaugural Dinner/Dance was a great success. Many other events followed and all have been well attended. It is good to see Boumi getting back on track.

I want to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland for opening all the lodges so we could present the Shrine story and explain our great philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is wonderful to see all branches of Masonry working together for the betterment of the Fraternity.

The Imperial Shrine Convention will be in Denver July 4th through 7th. The MidAtlantic Shrine Convention will be in Virginia Beach September 7th through September 10th. Please contact Boumi at 410-391-6400 for information on these and other great events for the remainder of the year.

Join us on Boumi's European Cruise from August 14 through August 28, 2011. We will fly direct from BWI to London. We will enjoy one day touring London. Then we board the Princess Cruise Line's *Crown Princess*. Then we sail to Guernsey, then Cobh and Dublin in Ireland, then Liverpool and Belfast in Northern Ireland. Scotland is next with stops at Glasgow and Inverness/Loch Ness, then Paris/Normandy, France before returning to Southampton for our flight home. Prices start at \$3419 per person. Contact Charles Johnston at 410-529-5122.

In closing, Lady Sharon and I wish everyone continued success and happiness throughout the rest of 2011. ♣



GREETINGS FROM THE HILL

By Paula O'Neil

We have survived another winter and are anxiously awaiting Spring with its warm days and blossoming flowers.

Few communities offer the tranquility of such a perfect setting as we do on the Hill. I had a conversation with a resident the other day and felt so blessed to be a part of this magnificent fraternity. She shared how she and her husband, recently deceased, thought of moving to another community, much larger than MMH. At a Day Light Lodge meeting he heard us speak about Maryland Masonic Homes and they decided to take a tour and see what it was all about.

Soon after, the couple moved into our Independent Living apartments and as she expressed, "I am so thankful to be part of this family. Residents and staff know each other; unlike other communities that are so large and you don't know anyone. I have never regretted one day that we came here to Bonnie Blink."

What a testimony to this Home! Stellar quality care and services – unmatched by any in the State of Maryland and an environment that offers a brotherhood and fellowship few can provide.

We would love to show you what is going on in this retirement community. Call Stacey Sedesse and schedule a

tour or attend one of the many events that we have. We also have opportunities for you to volunteer.

We also participated in the *Open House* event at the Grand Lodge with a table and display. We enjoyed talking with new members and visitors and let them know what is available to them when they join the fraternity.

As we proceed into 2011, please remember the residents. We have a variety of needs and would appreciate any monetary donation towards one of the following:

- EKG Machine—\$5,000
- Pressure relief and air mattresses for Health Care beds—\$2,000 and up
- Large wheelchairs—\$1,500
- Ophthalmology Chair—\$5,000
- Patio Furniture/Outside Benches—\$2,500
- Laptop Carts (for the Health Care units)—\$1,500

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Easter holiday and enjoy the Spring! ♣



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