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FREEMASONRY is the oldest fraternal organization in the world. It is dedicated to promoting improvement in the character of its members. A Mason is taught to be a good citizen, to be of good character, to care for those less fortunate, and to give back to his community.

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

The making of quality Masons is the number one duty of every Blue Lodge. In order for our fraternity to grow, we must provide interesting and informative activities both inside and outside our lodges.

Constituent lodges must provide quality programs in order to keep our current members interested in attending lodge meetings. Educational programs that include Masonic and non-Masonic topics can be used to encourage our brothers to give up their television remotes and attend lodge. Events and activities that include the entire family are an exceptional method of promoting the members' interest in the lodge. The ability of a brother to spend quality time with his family in a Masonic setting demonstrates that we are a family organization.

My Brothers, we have all knelt at the altar and assumed the same obligations. We have promised to be men of good moral, spiritual, and social character. We have promised to help our brothers and their families whenever possible. We have promised to protect and defend our nation, if necessary, and we are bound by these sacred promises.

We are a very diverse group of men. We are professionals, blue collar workers, farmers, government workers, police, firefighters, paramed-

ics, and military members. We are men of all races and creeds. Even with all of this diversity, we have one thing in common; we are brothers in this "The Greatest Fraternity in the World".

Freemasonry must show the world outside our doors that we are not a secret society. We are a Fraternity desiring to help our fellow man to live better and fuller lives through our various Masonic Charities. Our fraternity presents academic scholarships to students who wish to better themselves academically and socially and become contributors to our society. We donate millions of dollars a year to medical research in order to help those afflicted with debilitating diseases to lead a more normal life. We donate to the homeless so that they may eat a hot meal and have a place to sleep at night. My Brothers, this is why we are Masons and it is our duty to make the world a better place in which to live.

The tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are needed in the world today more than any other time. With oppression and hatred running rampant throughout the globe, it is organizations such as ours that will ultimately survive by spreading the message of peace and acceptance throughout the world.

There are three types of Masons among us. One is the **Reactionary Mason**; he insists that he is always correct. It is either his way or the highway. He is inflexible and unwilling to listen to another point of view. Second, there is the **Conventional Mason**. He has no particular conviction and

no vision of the future and is perfectly satisfied with the status quo. He says "that we have never done it like that before so, why should we do it now" and only serves when it is convenient for him to do so. Third is the **Dynamic and Cre-**

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ative Mason. He sees that we are just drifting on the still water and he seeks ways to make that water flow. He looks for new directions and ways to expand and grow and reach out to the uninitiated and make them productive members of the Craft. Now, I ask you, which one of these three characteristics is essential for our Fraternity to continue to withstand the tests of time and endure?

These words were written by Most Worshipful Grand Master B. Hope Harrison in the winter issue of the Freestate Freemason published in 1988 and are still relevant today.

We are at the point where our Fraternity must look to the future. By adopting "dynamic and creative" programs, we can retain our current members' interest, while gaining the interest of new members in our craft.

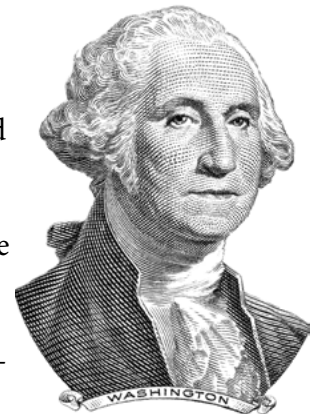
At the turn of the century, the Grand Lodge of Maryland had a membership of approximately twenty-four thousand. As of this writing, our membership is approximately thirteen thousand. We, as a membership, cannot stand by and watch our beloved Fraternity wilt away to nothing. I urge everyone to become a spokesman for the Craft. Find a man that you believe would make a good Mason and lead him to our doors.

In this issue of the Freestate Freemason, you will find another financial report of the Grand Lodge. I hope that you will look at it carefully so that you can make an informed decision

concerning the raising of the Grand Lodge Assessment on which you will be voting in May. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Brethren, please attend the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on May 19th. You will be electing the leaders of our Fraternity for the next term and voting on important pieces of legislation.

Sunday, April 29th, will be an exciting day on the hill. The maintenance building will be dedicated and named "Artisans Hall." The festivities will begin at 2:00 PM with a precession from the Grand Lodge to the maintenance building. The Tall Cedars' Color Guard will lead the parade, along with the Knights Templar. Also in attendance will be

Brother George Washington himself. Brother Dean Melisa, who has performed at the Grand Lodge on several occasions, will take part in the dedication. After the dedication, we will retire to the ballroom for a reception. Immediately following the reception, Brother Melisa will again be portraying Brother Washington in the Corinthian Room.



This event is open to families and friends. It will be a very momentous occasion. I hope to see you there.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and keep you and our entire Masonic family as we go forth "Spreading the Light of Masonry" throughout this great nation.

Kostas Vourvoulas
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

MESSAGE FROM THE RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

by Richard Philip Naegele, RW Deputy Grand Master



“To attain and sustain positive growth in membership in the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland in engaged family oriented Lodges actively teaching the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.”

The mission as stated above needs to be focused on by all members in order for us to be a viable organization 300 years from now. While on this topic what might Freemasonry be like in the future?

the same time, new Lodges will be developed in various locations. Some in large metropolitan areas while many in small towns and cities. Lodge membership will probably be 100 to 200 brothers. A few will still top 300 or more.

The biggest difference will be in the movement which is currently taking place, that of bringing back the traditional observance lodge. This along with greater emphasis on educational experiences at lodge meetings will become the norm. The days of reading minutes, paying bills, and having donuts will be replaced. Taking their place will be electronic transmittal of proceed-

social period to converse and unwind from the day's normal tasks. They will then proceed to the lodge room in a solemn and dignified manner with music playing and lights dimly lit. The officers will then open Lodge in normal fashion. A pre-printed agenda can be used to keep the meeting on-track. The minutes will be approved without reading, having been distributed in advance. The group will then proceed to a short discussion on a masonic topic of the Master's choosing. Following the meeting, they will gather for a nice three or four course meal with wine or other beverages. A guest speaker will share a topic of interest which can lead into further discussion on the subject. Everyone will then venture home having a head filled with masonic knowledge and brotherhood.

These stated meetings will probably take place 3 to 4 times a year. Degree work, when needed, will take place at the call of the Master in usual ritualistic form with variations in delivery.

Attracting new members to the fraternity will probably still be a multi-pronged approach. The traditional way of talking to a family member or friend will always take place. The public awareness campaign will focus on one month for television advertisement and be enhanced with a "Getting to Know Us Day" held every few years.

All interested in the fraternity will go through a few months waiting period while the craft gets to know them better. Several social,

family oriented events will be held in a timely, well organized manner. This will give a period for proper vetting to take place prior to an actual petition being received. Once received there should be little delay in processing, balloting and beginning the degree work. Catechism could take a different approach much like schooling does with an academic (college bound) and vocational track. This could be the traditional for those interested in the ritual and becoming officers. A different version may be used for those looking towards the charitable side and just participating as able.

Every lodge will have a strategic or business plan that will be reviewed quarterly and updated annually. Components will consist of looking at how to attract new members, retaining those that currently exist and bring back those who may have left for their own reasons. The plan will also cover ways to enhance programing at the lodge whether ritual, education or family involved social activities. The third area will deal with the finances by reviewing the initiation fee and dues periodically.

The future of freemasonry is definitely in our hands. Where it will be in the future is only determined by what we do in the present. As my mentor once told me, "do something, do something different and do it NOW."

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Richard Naegele, RWDGM



Our core principles will never change – an individual's character will be the primary factor in someone becoming a member, our ritual will remain strong, and our family and community involvement will be strengthened.

So how might things look 10 to 20 years from now? The number and location of lodges will probably be different from today. Some current lodges will probably go the way of King Solomon's Temple and become a part of antiquity, like so many other lodges have before. At

ings, budgets to pay normal expenses, and meals of higher quality. These changes will also require more money for a lodge to function. Dues and initiation fees will need to be increased. Use of costuming for degree work may become common place. Innovative ways of conducting the degrees will become a standard practice.

A typical meeting may look something like this:

Brethren arrive at appointed time for a

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A TEMPLE IN RUINS; YET SAVED FROM FIRE

By: Edward Heimiller Curator The Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum (MDMasonicMuseum.org)

On Christmas Day 1890 in spite of deep snow and icy sleet a large and curious crowd gathered to gaze at the Masonic Temple on Charles Street in Baltimore. The mortgage of \$200,000 on the building having only been paid off in November of that year (total cost of construction having been approximately \$370,000 in 1866), the Masonic Temple now sat gutted after a fire broke out the previous evening, Christmas Eve. The exact cause of the fire is uncertain. Exposed electric wiring above the ceiling of the main auditorium occupied by the Forepaugh's Theatre, who leased the space, was one explanation with another being an accident where the stage curtains caught alight being another.

Masons who had their regalia and jewels stored in the building clamored for admission to the ruins. The stately marble façade showed no evidence beyond broken windows of the fiery furnace that had savaged the building over the course of six hours. The ground floor was practically unharmed by fire, but water used in fighting the flames caused the frescoed ceilings to collapse. Snow that had fallen overnight created white patches of spotlessness in the twisted ruins of charred timbers. Anything that might have been salvageable was covered in soot and melted tar, which dripped from the roof. On one side of the auditorium the gallery had collapse. However, the place everyone dreaded to look upon was the fourth floor, where the Chapter room, library, and several of the smaller Lodge rooms, including those of Union No. 60 (merged with Jephthah No. 222 in

2004), Pythagoras No. 123, and Germania No. 160 were located. Discovered in the rubble was a chaos of desks, chairs, and tables completely exposed to the wintry elements. Masters of Lodges poked around in the debris looking for records, jewels or anything salvageable, alongside firemen who continued to prowl the ruins looking for some unextinguished sparks. Remarkably the Masonic library situated in the front of the building miraculously escaped. The lending library located on the south side consisting of the classics and contemporary novels valued at \$10,000 gone, but easily replaced. The Commandery rooms situated in the upper story were entirely destroyed and their magnificent paraphernalia lost. More regrettable was the loss of countless relics spread throughout the building adorning hallways and meeting rooms. The greatest single causality of the fire was the loss of the portrait of George Washington painted by Charles Wilson Peale that formerly hung in the lodge room used by Concordia Lodge, No. 13.

While numerous articles were lost several members dedicated to the Craft risked the inferno and scrambled to save prized possessions – the museum's vitrine that sat outside the Grand Lodge room full of 'ancient' Masonic jewels and other relics and the first Grand Master's Chair being the most notable. The large carved wood cornucopia carried in the 1814 Masonic procession leading to the Cornerstone Laying of the St. Paul Street Masonic Hall and carried in the procession the following year for the Cornerstone Laying of the Washington

Monument in Baltimore and the five gallon circa 1805 Masonic pitcher presented to the museum in 1866 were also rescued unharmed. Other items removed during the fire included the Grand Master Chair (now Senior Grand Warden Chair), and Senior Grand Warden's Chair (now Junior Grand Warden Chair), and the marble bust of Past Grand Master Anthony Kimmel taken from a wall niche on the staircase (its companion depicting Past Grand Master Coates in the adjacent stair reduced to lime).

Moving swiftly Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock telegraphed William Windom, the then Secretary of the United States Treasury, for the temporary loan of the vacant old United States Court House building in Baltimore to serve as the quarters for the homeless lodges. Baltimore City Mayor Robert Davidson sent another telegram to Secretary Windom: "Owing to the destruction by fire of the Masonic Temple the Masons of Baltimore have desired me to wire and ask you consent for their temporary use of the old United States Court House. I cheerfully make the request, and trust it may be agreeable to you to comply therewith."

Between 1891 and 1893 the fraternity found refuge in the old United States Court House. On September 12, 1893 Grand Master Shryock unveiled the new Masonic temple and oversaw the dedication of the new building. The new building featured some of the finest interiors in Maryland with marble walls, sculpted plaster, stained-glass windows, tooled leather wall coverings, electric lighting, and one of the first elevators in Baltimore all in a new steel and concrete fireproof frame. Unknown by many who attended the dedication ceremonies, Grand Master Shryock personally financed a large portion of the construction costs of the new temple in an effort to alleviate the burden on the fraternity. Grand Master Shryock remained deeply involved and dedicated to Masonry for the rest of his life. In acknowledgement of

his contributions and dedication to the Craft, after his death in 1918 a new lodge was formed and named in his honor, Shryock Lodge, No. 223 in Hollywood, Maryland. While many of the items initially saved from the fire remained in use for a number of years they were later retired and are now preserved in the museum along with other treasures from the fraternity's past including a large collection of Masonic mementos and Masonic jewels & badges collected by Grand Master Shryock.

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GRAND LODGE FINANCIAL COMPARISON UPDATE

The following spreadsheet contains a summary of the information that we presented at the Regional Meetings this year. It presents the 3-year average income and expenses for 2014, 2015 and 2016 (the actual amounts for all three years were presented in the Summer 2017 edition of the Free State Freemason), and the income and expenses for the year ending November 2017. The income includes the current annual assessment of \$18 per Master Mason. The Net Ordinary Income (Loss) is about halfway down the chart, and shows an average annual loss after investment income of (\$408,638.90). As of May 1, 2016 Maryland had 13,643 Master Masons. If the average operating loss after investment income was allocated, it would come to an additional assessment of \$29.95 per member. To break even based on this 3-year average, we would need to increase the annual assessment from \$18.00 to \$47.95 per member and maintain our membership level.

Nobody wants to increase the assessment more than is absolutely necessary; but we also don't want to "nickel and dime" the membership by proposing a too small increase now, and in a couple of years ask for another increase, and so on, and so on. Based on our analysis of the financial and membership positions of the Grand Lodge, and with input from the Board of Managers and Past Grand Masters, the executive team (MWGM, RWDGM, RWGS & RWGT) is proposing a \$20 increase in the annual assessment per member for the operation of Grand Lodge. This increase is proposed in two amendments which were presented at the November 2017 Annual Communication; they will be voted upon at the May 2018 Semi-Annual Communication. The first version proposes to increase the assessment by \$20 effective for

2019. The second version phases the increase in over two years (\$10 in 2019 and the remaining \$10 in 2020). If Amendment No. 1 is adopted, Amendment No. 2 will be withdrawn. The text of the amendments is provided in a separate text box.

The bottom section of the financial spreadsheet shows the investment income and the realized/unrealized gains & losses with the 3-year average for 2014, 2015 and 2016, with that of 2017. In 2015 and 2016, even after the net increase in the value of the underlying investments, we had to draw and reduce our investment balance from just over \$16M in 2014 to under \$14.5M for 2016. This loss is funded by drawing down from the principal of our investments; which you can only do until they run out. Thanks to record-breaking Market performance and our investment strategies, the year ending November 2017 was more favorable for our investment balance—it ended with a \$761,333.47 increase over the previous year at just over \$15.2M. Due to the timing of changing our investment broker, we had higher gains in the investments' values to offset lower income paid out. Instead of the net loss in total investments due to draws exceeding gains, which we saw in 2015 and 2016, we realized a 5.3% increase in investments after draws to cover the operating losses. If these draws to cover the (\$1,137,292.38) Net Income (Loss) Without Depreciation hadn't been made, our investments returned over 13% for the year. Please remember that this financial analysis is only for the Grand Lodge operation. The Maryland Masonic Homes (MMH), Masonic Charities of Maryland, and the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Library & Museum are separate entities and each has its own set of financial records. The MMH is undergoing its own initiatives for controlling costs and enhancing revenues

GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED AT THE NOVEMBER 2017 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

(To be Voted Upon at the May 2018 Semi-Annual Communication)

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1

A proposed Amendment to Article X Revenue of Grand Lodge, Section 1. Revenue subsection D. 1. to increase the Annual Assessment per member by \$20, from \$18 to \$38, by changing the highlighted words as follows:

The revenue of Grand Lodge shall be derived as follows:

D. From dues and assessments, which each Lodge shall pay in the following amounts when making its return to the Grand Secretary, as provided in Article XVI Section 11:

1. For each member, effective January 1, 2019, semiannual dues, **Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00)**, except that no Lodge shall be charged any dues for the following members:
 - a. Clergymen who are exempt from the payment of dues by virtue of the Lodge By-Laws;
 - b. Members who are guests of The Maryland Masonic

- Homes; and
- c. Members who are determined legally to be mentally incompetent;

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 2

A proposed Amendment to Article X Revenue of Grand Lodge, Section 1. Revenue subsection D. 1. to phase in over two years an increase of the Annual Assessment per member by \$20, from \$18 to \$38, by striking the entire section and inserting in lieu thereof the following new section:

1. For each member, semiannual dues, effective January 1, 2019, **Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00)**; effective January 1, 2020, **Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00)**, except that no Lodge shall be charged any dues for the following members:

GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. OF MD					
FINANCIAL COMPARISON OF 3-YEAR AVERAGE FOR YEARS ENDING 2014, 2015 & 2016					
From Audited Financial Statements (2017 Information Not Yet Audited)					
Master Masons as of 5/13/2017 AND 1/01/2018:	13,643	13,377			
	3-Year Average	Dec '16 - Nov '17			
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Total 4001 - Grand Lodge Dues (\$18 year)	\$249,745. ⁸⁹	\$244,249. ⁹⁰			
Total 4300 - Sales	\$33,890. ⁶¹	\$31,646. ²⁸			
Total 4400 - Program Revenues	\$80,934. ¹⁸	\$81,348. ²⁶			
Total 4500 - Coats Fundraising Program Inc.	\$12,746. ²⁶	\$17,828. ⁴³			
Total 4800 - Miscellaneous Income	\$33,905. ⁵³	\$24,514. ²⁷			
Total 4900 - Contributions Received	\$17,400. ⁶⁷	\$361. ¹²			
49900 - Uncategorized Income	\$528. ²⁸	\$2,436. ⁸⁹			
TOTAL INCOME	\$429,151.⁴²	\$402,384.⁷⁵			
Expense					
Total 5200 - Meetings/Conferences/Convention	\$146,200. ⁵³	\$122,291. ⁸⁹			
Total 5300 - Masonic Materials-Cost of Sales	\$29,584. ⁶¹	\$17,926. ⁵³			
Total 5470 - Advertising Expenses	\$235,500. ⁵²	\$407,424. ¹⁵			
Total 5400 - Program Expenses	\$313,384. ⁹²	\$461,667. ⁹⁸			
Total 5500 - Coat Fundraising Expenses	\$13. ²⁵	\$32. ⁶⁸			
Total 5600 - Travel Expenses	\$14,282. ¹³	\$12,025. ³⁷			
Total 5650 - Supplies/Reimbursements	\$20,986. ⁷⁵	\$25,080. ⁷⁷			
Total 5700 - Publications	\$33,003. ⁵¹	\$23,740. ⁴¹			
Total 5800 - Service Emblems & Jewels	\$17,378. ⁷¹	\$947. ⁷⁴			
Total 5900 - Contributions Paid	\$8,815. ⁰⁰	\$8,338. ³⁸			
5950 - Special Events Expenses	\$0. ⁰⁰	\$110. ¹¹			
Total 6000 - Salaries & Wages	\$307,590. ⁵⁰	\$330,770. ⁹⁰			
Total 6050 - Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$104,476. ²⁷	\$144,764. ⁸³			
Total 6200 - Office Expenses	\$100,721. ⁵⁰	\$93,454. ⁹⁷			
Total 6300 - Miscellaneous Expenses	\$18,021. ⁵⁸	\$(11,627. ⁹⁹)			
Total 6400 - Professional Fees	\$39,918. ⁴⁹	\$89,909. ⁴⁶			
Total 6500 - Insurance Expense	\$54,327. ⁴⁶	\$61,418. ⁴²			
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,208,705.²²	\$1,386,623.⁹⁹			
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	\$(779,553.⁸⁰)	\$(984,239.²⁴)			
Total 7100 - Investment Income	\$370,914. ⁹⁰	\$103,891. ¹⁴			
Net Income (Loss) After Investment Income	\$(408,638.⁹⁰)	\$(880,348.¹⁰)	Average Loss Prorated by Members:	\$29. ⁹⁵	
			Current Assessment:	\$18. ⁰⁰	
			Assessment Needed for Breakeven:	\$47.⁹⁵	
Rental Income & Expenses for Operation of Grand Lodge Buildings (302 & 304)					
Total 4200 - Rental Income	\$317,481. ³³	\$270,660. ²⁷			
Total 6100 - Banquet Expense	\$119,071. ¹⁴	\$98,400. ⁸¹			
6630 - Electricity	\$145,566. ⁸¹	\$190,087. ⁸⁴			
Total 6600 - GL Buildings Expense (302&304)	\$405,062. ¹¹	\$429,203. ⁸⁴			
Net Cash for Operation of Grand Lodge Buildings (302 & 304)	\$(206,651. ⁹²)	\$(256,944. ²⁸)			
Total 6900 - Depreciation Expense	\$583,782. ⁵⁶	\$500,000. ⁰⁰			
Net Income for Operation of Grand Lodge Buildings (302 & 304)	\$(790,434. ⁴⁸)	\$(756,944. ²⁸)			
Net Income (Loss) for Grand Lodge Operations	\$(1,199,073. ³⁸)	\$(1,637,292. ³⁸)			
Net Income (Loss) Without Depreciation	\$(615,290. ⁸²)	\$(1,137,292. ³⁸)			
Investment Gains/Losses					
Total 7100 - Investment Income	\$312,574. ³⁶	\$271,072. ⁸⁴	Dec 2013-Nov 2014	Dec 2015-Nov 2016	3-Yr Avg 2014-2016
Total 7200 - Realized Gains/Losses	\$199,541. ³⁰	\$465,270. ⁹⁰	\$529,097. ⁶⁹	\$1,503,155. ⁸³	\$370,914. ⁹⁰
Total 7300 - Unrealized Gain/Losses	\$518,453. ⁵⁶	\$(603,146. ³³)	Dec 2016-Nov 2017	\$722,656. ⁰¹	\$720,844. ⁸⁹
Total Investment Gains/Losses	\$1,030,569. ²²	\$133,197. ⁴¹	Dec 2015-Nov 2016	3-Yr Avg 2014-2016	Dec 2016-Nov 2017
Investment Balance	\$16,175,645	\$15,024,676	\$1,468,611.65. ⁶⁵	\$(517,768. ¹⁴)	\$1,088,742. ⁵⁷
Change from Previous Year			\$(571,201)	\$575,802. ⁷⁷	\$1,913,478. ⁶⁶
			-7.1%	-3.8%	5.3%

A Good Life



Attached by a promise
Held to a vow
First was a vote
That couldn't be foul

Hundreds of men
Chose you from a crowd
Earned never given
You're right to be proud

Entered the youngest
You took time out to learn
The best things aren't free
Those you must earn

You allowed it to season
Honed up the craft
Eyes and ears open
This a rough draft

The final approach
Permission to land
You practiced your lines
It's now time to stand

You were raised in our Lodge
Stood up and were clear
Now you are raised
The sideline would cheer

Student to master
You've now changed your role
Not on the outside
But deep in your soul

Born to serve
An eternal strife
You made the right choice
A Mason for life

*Bro. Jim Hart
Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44*

THE SUN AND FREEMASONRY

By David R. Sandy, PM

The sun is another Masonic symbol we refer to as one of the lesser lights. To ancient pagan people, the Sun was worshipped as a personified, life-giving deity. Scholars find evidence of this in Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Babylonian civilizations. It is from these origins we might trace the modern depiction of the sun with a face. Past Master jewels and emblems include the sun, where it serves as a representation of the source of light or wisdom and knowledge the Worshipful Master is to his Lodge. The jewel of the Senior Deacon, the messenger of the Worshipful Master, contains an image of the sun.

There is a common astrological, and now astronomical, symbol for the Sun. It's a circle with a dot in the center of it, also known as a "circumpunct." In addition to its Masonic usage representing boundaries, this special image was also the symbol of gold, considered the perfect metal. To the alchemist, it represented perfection, including that of the mind, spirit, and soul. Evidently, the circumpunct's usage as a symbol for both the sun and gold is even older than the study of alchemy. It's use to symbolize the sun can be traced to ancient Egypt. The connection between perfection, the sun and gold can also be traced to the Latin word for gold, aurum. This word was derived from the Greek name Aurora, who was the goddess of dawn. And the dawn, of course, is that time when the sun rises in the East to open and govern the day.

The sun is a source of measurable light, and to the Freemason, it serves as a reminder of the intellectual light of which he is in constant pursuit. The Worshipful Master who rules and governs his Lodge is said to be the symbol of the rising sun in the east. The sun, can thereby be interpreted as a symbol of authority or sovereignty. As the sun rules the day, so does the moon govern the night. This happens with such regularity, that since ancient times, man has looked to the sun for regulation of years just as he looked to the moon to mark the passage of months.

Throughout history, philosophers and theologians have taught the balance in life. The Yin and Yang of Eastern philosophy is an example. Similarly, the sun and moon are symbols of balance and equality. This is evidenced by the observation of how, when viewed from earth, the sun and moon appear the same size in our sky. You may recall the recent eclipse and how the moon covered the sun precisely. Even though the sun is actually 400 times larger than the moon, when we look at them there appears to be no difference in their size. This indicates that their position in the heavens results in their appearance from the earth to be the same! Coincidence, perhaps? How exceedingly unlikely is that, my Brothers?

RÉSUMÉS for Brothers Running for Elected Offices in 2018



BRO. RICHARD P. NAEGELE For the Office of Most Worshipful Grand Master



BRO. KENNETH R. TAYLOR For Re-election to the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

RUNNING FOR
RE-ELECTION

For the Office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

BRO. ROBERT W. CHASE



Blue Lodge History: Raised in Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116 in 1996. Worshipful Master in 2002. Also affiliated with Perry Hall Lodge No. 235 (served as Junior Warden).

Grand Lodge Leadership: RW Junior Grand Warden in 2011. W. Junior Grand Deacon in 2004. Grand Inspector from 2006-12. Board of Managers from 2005-08 and 2015-18, served on Employee Policy Committee. Vision 2025 Lodge Growth Committee Chairman 2011-12.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, KCCH in 2005, Coroneted 33° in 2009. Wise Master Chapter Rose Croix in 2009. Former Degree Master of 30th Degree and Former Participant in 5th and 32nd Degree. York Rite – Druid Chapter No. 28/Tuscan Chapter No. 42, MEHP of Druid Chapter in 2016-17, Principal Sojourner of 2018 Royal Arch Chapter Grand Line, Breast Plate Award for Most Excellent Grand Chapter in 2017, Banner Chapter Award in 2017. Hiram Council No. 5. Crusade Commandery No. 5. Elected to Receive York Rite College Degree. Shriners International - Boumi Shrine. Knights of Mecca (President in 2017). Director of Ceremonial Team. Other Affiliations: Past Master's Association of Baltimore.

Professional: Graduate of Mechanic Falls High School, ME in 1961. U.S. Army 1961-64, Rank of E4. University of Louisville 1965-67. Twenty-plus years in Business to Business Sales and Sales Management with 8 consecutive years over \$1,000,000 in sales. Promoted to Regional Sales Manager in 2009. Managed 5 salespeople responsible for attaining a five million dollar budget.

Personal: Resident of Parkville, MD. Married to Debra Ann. Three sons and two grandchildren.

BRO. FREDERICK A. SPICER



Blue Lodge History: Raised in Cassia Lodge No. 45 in 1990 (merged with Amicable-St. Johns Lodge No. 25 in 2000). Worshipful Master in 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Grand Lodge Leadership: RW Senior Grand Warden in 2016. President of the Board of Grand Inspectors in 2014. W. Senior Grand Steward in 2008. Grand Inspector from 2006-12. Served on Committee on Masonic History. Recipient of Warren S. Seipp Medal for Meritorious Service.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° in 1998, KCCH in 2003, Coroneted 33° in 2007. Wise Master of Chapter of Rose Croix in 2008. General Secretary from 2010 to present. Received the Grand Cross of the Court of Honor in 2017. York Rite – Concordia Chapter No. 1, Grand Royal Arch Captain in 2005, Triple Tau Award in 2007, Ephraim Kirby Award for Continued Outstanding Service from the General Grand Chapter, Current Secretary. Concordia Council No. 1, served as Thrice Illustrious Master, Named Cryptic Mason of the Year by General Grand Council in 2006, Current Treasurer. Maryland Commandery No. 1, Served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Maryland in 2012, Received Knights Templar Cross of Honor in 2005, Received Knight Commander of the Temple in 2016, Current Grand Inspector General of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Maryland. Maryland York Rite College No. 58 – Current Grand Governor of Maryland. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis – Past Celebrant. Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland – Past Excellent President. Francis Scott Key Priory No. 14 – Knight York Cross of Honor – Past Prior. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Knights of Mecca (President in 2010). Tall Cedars – Annapolis Forest No. 126, Grand Tall Cedar in 2009. Eastern Star – Daughters of Job Chapter No. 74. Other Affiliations: Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland – Past President. Tidewater Council – Allied Masonic Degrees – Past Sovereign Master. Templenoe Council of Knight Masons – Past Excellent Chief. Neap Tide Lodge – Royal Ark Mariners – Past Commander. Euclid Council – United Council Craftsmen Engineers – Past Chief. Kallipolis Grotto.

Professional: Graduate of Glenbard South High School in 1978. Graduate of Winona State University in 1982. Commercial Roofing Business from 1999 to Present.

Personal: Resident of Columbia, MD. Married to Lori for 32 years. Two children.

RANDALL L. WATSON



Blue Lodge History: Raised in Nanticoke Lodge No. 172 in 1979. Current Home Lodge is Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge No. 195. Member of Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 234. Worshipful Master of Cornerstone Lodge No. 224 in 1986 and 1990. Worshipful Master of Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 234 in 2014 (currently serves as Marshal).

Grand Lodge Leadership: RW Grand Treasurer in 2017-18. RW Junior Grand Warden in 2014. W. Senior Grand Deacon in 2011. Vice President of the Board of Grand Inspectors for Baltimore-South from 2012-17. Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland from 2009-16. Chairman of Grand Lodge Committee on Dispensations and Charters from 2011 to present. Awarded Membership in King Solomon's Society in 2017. Recipient of the John C. Naquin Youth Service Award in 2014.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° in 1985, KCCH in 2013. Commander of Maryland Council of Kadosh in 2016. Current Degree Master of 21st Degree as well as Cast Member of 21st and 32nd Degree. Cast Member of KCCH Investiture. Member of Scottish Rite Holding Company from 2017 to present. York Rite: Druid Chapter No. 28 and Piscataway Chapter No. 46, M.E. Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Maryland 2014-15 and 2015-16, High Priest of Druid in 2008 (currently Treasurer), Charter High Priest of Piscataway in 2013, Maryland's Grand High Priest Award for 2008, Breastplate Award in 2013, General Grand Chapter's "Without the Hope of Fee or Reward" Ritual Award, General Grand Chapter's Bronze Medal for Distinguished Service for Maryland in 2011. Hiram Council No. 5, Current R.I. Deputy Grand Master of Grand Council of Maryland, Thrice Illustrious Master in 2011 (current Treasurer), Maryland's Ish Sodi Award in 2009, General Grand Council's Cryptic Mason of the Year for Maryland in 2014. Crusade Commandery No. 5, Current E. Grand Treasurer of Grand Commandery of Maryland, Commander in 2014 and 2015 (Current Captain General), Warrior Level Ritual Award in 2017, Officer in Maryland Association of Past Commanders. Governor of Maryland York Rite Sovereign College in 2017, Gold Honor Award, Order of the Purple Cross in 2017, Current Officer of Maryland Council of Anointed High Priests, Knights of York Cross of Honor in 2015 (Current Officer in the Priory), Red Cross of Constantine & Appendant Orders in 2017, Order of Holy Knights Templar Royal Arch Priests in 2017. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Knights of Mecca. Tall Cedars – Baltimore Forest No. 45. Eastern Star – Gleaner Chapter No. 49, Current Worthy Patron, Past Patron of Gleaner Chapter in 2011. Past Patron of Henry Brecht Chapter No. 43 in 1990 and 1992. Grand Representative for South Dakota 2016 to Present. Grand Chapter Parliamentarian in 2017. DeMolay: Initiated in Nanticoke Chapter in 1975, Master Councilor in 1976. Grand Commander of Maryland Court of Chevaliers in 1984 and 1989 (Currently Grand Secretary). Dean of Maryland Preceptory of the Legion of Honor in 2007 and 2008 (Current Secretary). Current Secretary of the Maryland DeMolay Foundation. Previous Advisor to Nanticoke, Cornerstone, Overlea, Baltimore and Dundalk Chapters. Active Member of the International Supreme Council since 2013 (Deputy in 2009). Representative DeMolay Award in 1976. Chevalier in 1979. ISC's Guild of the Leather Apron (Advisor of the Year) for Maryland in 1989. Cross of Honor in 1992. Legion of Honor, State Staff (Currently Executive Secretary and Ritual Director, Previously Communications Director, Award Director and Treasurer). Other Affiliations – Worthy Chief of Euclid Council. Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers (Current Treasurer). Sovereign Master of Tidewater Council. Allied Masonic Degrees in 2012. Commander Noah of Neap Tide Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in 2014. Excellent Chief of Templenoe Council of Knight Masons in 2013. Current Officer in Maryland College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. Royal Order of Scotland. Montgomery County Past Masters' Association.

Professional: Graduated Colonel Richardson High School in 1976. Washington College 1976-80, B.A. from Excelsior College in 2001. MBA from Mount Saint Mary's College in 2004. Retired as Assistant Com-

missioner with the Maryland Division of Correction at the end of 2015. He began his career as a Correctional Officer I and progressed up the ranks through Major, Security Chief, Director of Security Operations at Headquarters, and Interim Warden at the Maryland Correctional Institution in Jessup. As Assistant Commissioner, he had five assignments: Security; Western Region; Administration & Finance; Eastern Region; and Program Services. As Assistant Commissioner for Administration & Finance from July 2006 through August 2009, was directly responsible for the preparation and oversight of the annual operating budget of approximately \$700 Million and management of food services, employee relations & grievances, and all administrative and financial services. As Assistant Commissioner for Program Services from March 2011 through March 2015, was responsible for victim services, inmate grievances, education, religious services, and all classification and re-entry services. As a Regional Assistant Commissioner, provided management and budget oversight for the correctional institutions in the region.

Personal: Resident of Windsor Mill, MD.

MICHAEL A. YOUSE



Blue Lodge History: Raised in Wicomico Lodge No. 91 in 2005. Worshipful Master in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Current Lodge Secretary. President of Masonic Temple Foundation. Named Wicomico Lodge Mason of the Year Several Times.

Grand Lodge Leadership: RW Junior Grand Warden in 2017. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2014. Vice President of Board of Grand Inspectors, Southeast Region. Member of Grand Lodge Youth Committee.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Salisbury, KCCH in 2017. Lodge of Perfection Master of Ceremonies in 2017. Wise Master of Chapter of Rose Croix in 2017, Almoner from 2016 to Present. York Rite – Chesapeake Chapter No. 17. Giblim Council No. 12, Recipient of Youth Leadership Award. Thomas J. Shryock Commandery No. 11, Generalismo. York Rite College. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine, Secretary of Eastern Shore Shrine Club. Tall Cedars – Evergreen Forest No. 48, Grand Tall Cedar in 2017. Eastern Star – Wicomico Chapter No. 91, Worthy Patron in 2015 and 2017. Grand Representative to Florida. Rob Morris Award. Chapter Trustee. DeMolay – Salisbury Chapter, Chapter Advisor and Chairman of the Board. Rainbow for Girls – Salisbury Assembly No. 5. State Executive Board Member. Grand Cross of Color in 2007. Other Affiliations – Royal Order of Scotland. Wicomico County Past Masters' Association (Past President and Current Secretary).

Professional: Graduate of Schuylkill Valley High School in 1976. Penn State University, Business Administration. Employed as General Manager of Groff Tractor Mid Atlantic in the Greenwood location, a full service construction equipment dealership from 1997 to Present. Employed as Sales Manager of Heitzman Equipment from 1990 to 1996. Employed as Accountant with Marc Fineberg CPA Firm from 1988 to 1989. Employed as Service Manager, Office Manager and Comptroller of American Materials Handling from 1980 to 1988.

Personal: Resident of Greenwood, DE. Married to Linda for 40 years. Two children and two grandchildren.

For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

DAN B. LANE



Blue Lodge History: Raised in Kensington-Bethesda Lodge in 1991. Worshipful Master in 2007. Current Member of Silver Spring Lodge No. 215. Worshipful Master in 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Current Lodge Secretary. Served as Treasurer in 2010. Name by Lodge as Most Distinguished Mason of the Year in 2009, 2011 and 2014.

Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Junior Grand Steward in 2008. Grand Inspector from 2009 to 2015. Named Outstanding Worshipful Master by the Grand Lodge in 2007. Francis E. Larrimore Medal for Meritorious Service in 2016.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° in 2008. Knights of St. Andrew. Shriners International – Almas Temple. Legion of Honor.

Professional: Earned GED in 1978. United States Marine Corps. (Retired) 1978 – 1998.

Personal: Resident of Silver Spring, MD. Married to Natividad for 35 years. Two children. Montgomery County Police Explorers Advisor from 2012 to Present. VP of Meals on Wheels from 2009 to 2014.

CHARLES J. MATULEWICZ IV



Blue Lodge History: Raised in Palestine Lodge No. 189 in 2008. Worshipful Master in 2013, 2014 and 2018. Awarded Grand Master's Award with Distinction in 2014. Member of Maryland Masonic Lodge of Research. Worshipful Master in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Senior Grand Steward in 2015. Grand Inspector from 2014 to Present. Board of Directors of SJP Jr. Memorial Library and Museum from 2017 to Present. Grand Lodge Leadership Academy Instructor in 2015. Grand Lodge Membership Development and Retention Committee in 2015-16. Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education from 2016 to Present (Chairman in 2017 and 2018). Dean of Maryland Masonic Academy from 2017 to Present. Recipient of Warren S. Seipp Medal for Distinguished Service in 2017.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, KCCH in 2016. Orator of Maryland Council of Kadosh. Contributing Author for Scottish Rite News from 2012 to Present. York Rite – Piscataway Chapter No. 46, Excellent High Priest in 2016, 2017 and 2018. AMD Freestate Council No. 308. Maryland Council No. 9 Knight Masons. Maryland College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. Tall Cedars – Baltimore Forest No. 45.

Professional: Graduated Central York High School in 1995. Graduated Temple University in 1999. MBA from Texas A&M University. Post-Graduate Certificate in Marketing from Harvard University. Employed as Key Account Manager for Advantech Corporation. Formerly held VP and Director Level sales and marketing roles at Tricerat, Inc. and Eurotech Group S.p.A.

Personal: Resident of Ellicott City, MD. Married to Amanda for 16 years. Member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Member of Temple University Alumni Association.

MARK E. PEARLSTEIN

Blue Lodge History: Raised in Amicable Lodge No. 25 in 1980 (currently Amicable-St. John's Lodge No. 25). Worshipful Master in 1985, 2006 and 2012. Currently serve as Membership Chairman and Council to Worshipful Master. Served as Secretary in 2007. Honorary Past Master of Millington Lodge No. 166. Waltham Triad AF&AM Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 2017. Chaired the successful merger of St. John's No. 34 and Amicable No. 25 in 2006. Coordinated the Lodges of Hunt Valley Towson Fair Open House in 2014. ASJ Man of the Year in 2016.

Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Junior Grand Steward in 2015. Grand Inspector from 2005-11 and 2012 to Present. Grand Representative of Massachusetts since 2014. Committee on Membership Retention in 2013-14. Chairman for Social Media in 2015. Solomon II Gold Pin in 1985 and 2016.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° in 2011. York Rite – Druid Chapter No. 28. Hiram Council No. 5. Maryland Council No. 9 Knight Masons (Priest). Tall Cedars – Charter Member of Patapsco Forest No. 219 in 2018. DeMolay – Adult Support for George Fleming Moore Chapter from 2013-16. Aided in the re-establishment of the Chapter in 2013. Job's Daughters – Certified Adult Volunteer for Bethel No. 36 and Bethel No. 16 from 2012 to 2015. Bethel No. 16 Representative to District Masonic Lodges and to the Grand Lodge in 2014. Other Affiliations – Masonic Veterans of Maryland, Junior Steward.

Professional: Graduated Randolph High School, MA in 1967. Graduated Bryant College (now University) in 1987. Retired TSgt USAF 1971 to 1991 Combat Communications, served TAC, MAC, AFCS and AFCC. Employed as President of MSOM Communications since 2012 providing video cloud hosting and video conferencing services. Over a decade of Sales and Design of communication equipment and applications. Retired Eastman Kodak BSMD with 16 years copier/duplicator sales. BNI Regional Director of the Year. Nominated Marquis Who's Who 2018.

Personal: Resident of Owings Mills, MD. Married to Elaine for 27 years. Two children. Past President of Waterwheel Home Owners Association 1989-90. Past President Temple Beth Shalom Carroll County 1991. Regional Director BNI Howard County 2005-09. Regional Director BNI Carroll County 2010-14. Chabad of Owings Mills since 2010.



For the Office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden

BRADLEY D. ANDRUKITIS

Blue Lodge History: Raised in Centennial Lodge No. 174 in 1999. Worshipful Master in 2004. Charter Member of Terrapin Lodge No. 241. Charter Worshipful Master in 2016 and in 2017, Current Senior Steward. Received Connie & Laura Bell Award for Outstanding Masonic Service at Centennial Lodge in 2016. Centennial No. 174 Holding Corporation Treasurer.

Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Junior Grand Steward in 2018. W. Grand Standard Bearer in 2005. Grand Inspector from 2009 to 2015, VP of Southern Region in 2015. Assistant Deputy Grand Lecturer from 2006 to 2008. Grand Lodge Leadership Academy Instructor in 2016. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Indiana – Appointed in



2005. Maryland Masonic Academy Master of the Craft and Fellow of the Craft.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington, KCCH in 2013, Coroneted 33° in 2017. Venerable Master of Kadosh in 2017, Albert Pike Consistory. Director of VMAP. Chairman of DCSR Mentoring Program. Scottish Rite Fellow. Member of the Strategic Planning Committee. 30th Degree Cast. Member of Class Registration Committee. York Rite – Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 25. Harmony Council No. 20. Palestine Commandery No. 7, Eminent Commander from 2014 to 2016. Eminent Grand Sword Bearer for Grand Commandery in 2018. Maryland Council No. 9 Knight Masons. Sovereign Master of Chesapeake Bay Council No. 278 Allied Masonic Degrees. Association of Past Commanders Knights Templar of Maryland. Shriners International – Almas Shrine. Other Affiliations – Southern Maryland Past Masters Association, Current Senior Steward.

Professional: Graduated Thomas S. Wootton High School in 1984. Graduated from University of Maryland College Park in 1989 with BA in Economics. Employed as Vice President of David L. Andrukitis, Inc. Printing and Mailing Services.

Personal: Resident of Gaithersburg, MD. Married to Christine for 24 Years. Two children. Member of Faith United Methodist Church. Member of University of Maryland Alumni Association.

IAN M. MCINTOSH

Blue Lodge History: Raised in Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge No. 195 in 2012. Worshipful Master in 2015 and 2016. Assisted with Ritual and Catechism Instruction. Served on and acted as Chairman of Various Committees.

Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2016. Deputy Grand Lecturer (Current). Grand Lodge Committee on Conference in 2017. Grand Lodge Leadership Program Instructor in 2016. Assisted in Revision of Module 2 of Fellow of the Craft for Maryland Masonic Academy. Awarded Membership in King Solomon's Society in 2017.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington and Valley of Baltimore. Lodge of Perfection Captain of the Host (Valley of Baltimore) in 2018. Assist with Sound Engineering for Reunion Weekends and other Ceremonies as needed. York Rite – James F. Allen Chapter No. 33, Captain of the 1st Veil. King Solomon Council No. 13. Montgomery Commandery No. 13. Maryland Council No. 9 Knight Masons. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Knights of Mecca. Tall Cedars – Montgomery Forest No. 134, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar. Maryland Masonic Research Society.

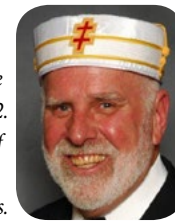
Professional: Graduated Smithsburg High School in 2002. Graduated University of Maryland College Park in 2007. Graduated University of Maryland University College with MS in Finance in 2014. Employed as a Senior Financial Analyst on the business development team at Sinclair Broadcasting Group. Previously employed in Advertising Technology at AOL for two years and as a Paralegal at Steptoe & Johnson, LLP for seven years.

Personal: Resident of Columbia, MD. Married to Cayli for 6 years. One child.



For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer

T. SCOTT CUSHING, SR.



Blue Lodge History: Raised in Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 in 1981. Worshipful Master in 2012. Treasurer from 2013 to 2017. Also a member of Community Lodge No. 292 in Tampa, FL.

Grand Lodge Leadership: Board of Managers. Chairman of Audit Committee, Budget Committee and Investment Committee.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Susquehanna, KCCH in 2007, Coroneted 33° in 2015. Current Treasurer. York Rite – Aberdeen Chapter. Phoenix Council. Crusade Commandery. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Marshall in 2017. Member of Highlanders, Big Rigs and Motor Corp.

Professional: Graduated Kenwood High School in 1967. Graduated University of Tampa in 1971. Certified Public Accountant. Employed as a Partner with Bel Air C.P.A. Firm from 2003 to 2016. Sole C.P.A. Practice from 1987 to 2002. Prior to this was CFO of a Baltimore-based Company. Served in U.S. Naval Reserves from 1971 to 1980.

Personal: Resident of Forest Hill, MD. Married to Joanne for 36 years. Two children and two grandchildren. Treasurer of Emmorton Recreation Council.

Candidates for Grand Lodge Boards

(3 Seats Open on Each)

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Robert C. Candler, PM
Pythagoras Lodge No. 123

Jon C. Simpson, PM
Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Frederick Laser, Jr., PM
Charity Lodge No. 134

Cameron B. Newman
Mountain Lodge No. 99

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, MWPGM
Liberty-Pickering Lodge No. 219

STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Thomas G. Heimiller, PM
Perry Hall Lodge No. 235

Albert C. Kaestner, Jr., PM
Corinthian Lodge No. 93

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ent gun, or trade up paying the difference. No refunds will be given on guns of a lesser value. Winners unable to pass the background check will receive the cash option, less any fees. Winners will be confirmed on December 1st. Any prizes not claimed by January 31, 2018 will revert back to Stephenson Lodge. Tickets are now available by calling 410-459-4836, 443-252-0548 or contacting any Stephenson Lodge Officer.

PRIZE NO. /DAY	MAKE	MODEL	CAL	CASH OPTION
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02	Henry	H003M	22Mag	\$340 ⁰⁰
03	Mossberg	500	20GA	\$36 ⁰⁰
04	Winchester	SXP	12GA	\$340 ⁰⁰
05	Ruger	American	6.5	\$320 ⁰⁰
06	Remington	700	22-250	\$560 ⁰⁰
07	Marlin	336	30/30	\$460 ⁰⁰
08	Browning	A-Bolt	243	\$450 ⁰⁰
09	Del-Ton	316	223	\$450 ⁰⁰
10	Savage	93R17	17HMR	\$230 ⁰⁰
11	Henry	Long Range	308	\$675 ⁰⁰
12	Savage	11	204Ruger	\$500 ⁰⁰
13	Marlin	XT	243	\$390 ⁰⁰
14	Hi-Point	4895	9mm	\$250 ⁰⁰
15	Remington	870	12GA	\$390 ⁰⁰
16	Benelli	SBE	12GA	\$1,450 ⁰⁰
17	Thompason	Compass	270	\$420 ⁰⁰
18	Beretta	Outlander	12GA	\$675 ⁰⁰
19	Charles Daly	204X	12GA	\$560 ⁰⁰
20	CZ	712	12GA	\$450 ⁰⁰
21	Century	JW-2000	20GA	\$250 ⁰⁰
22	Remington	SXP	308	\$450 ⁰⁰
23	Henry	H003T	22LR	\$325 ⁰⁰
24	Savage	555	410	\$500 ⁰⁰
25	Weatherby	PA08	20GA	\$325 ⁰⁰
26	Henry	All Weather	45-70	\$720 ⁰⁰
27	Remington	770	7mm	\$325 ⁰⁰
28	S&W	MP15	22LR	\$390 ⁰⁰
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30	Henry	Freemason	22LR	\$725 ⁰⁰



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The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Maryland, will meet for the 231st Semi-annual Communication of Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 AM, in the Corinthian Room, at the Grand Lodge, 302 International Circle, Cockeysville. Coffee and donuts will be available beginning at 9:00AM. Lunch will be served around noon in the Grand Lodge Ballroom. You **MUST** have a ticket prior to attending the lunch. Attire for all elected Lodge Officers attending is tuxedo, Lodge apron, collar and Past Master Jewel, if applicable. Attire for Master Masons is a dark suit, Past Grand Masters are to wear tails.



The Maryland Masonic Lodge of Research, No.239

is unique in the history of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, both in purpose and in practice. It was formed with the intent of filling a need expressed by Maryland Masons who wanted to explore Masonic topics within a tiled Lodge. This is a Lodge devoted to Masonic Study and any Master Mason in good standing from either a Maryland Lodge or a Lodge from a Jurisdiction in amity with the Grand Lodge of Maryland is eligible for membership.

In 2018, we meet at 7:30 PM in the Mt. Moriah Masonic Temple at 507 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson MD 21204. Here are the meeting dates for 2018:

April 11, May 8, June 13, September 11, October 10, November 13, December 12

Lodge meetings are opened and closed in the third degree with the traditional ritual and the Lodge Officers are the same as any other Maryland Lodge. While this Lodge does not confer the three degrees of ancient craft Masonry, its members pursue further light through their scholarly research, original papers and presentation of Masonic topics. As a research Lodge, there are many opportunities for its members. Some will distinguish themselves in their scholarly works and perhaps be awarded the title of Fellow. Others may participate in a Speakers Board and accept invitations from Lodges to present lectures on selected topics. There will be the opportunity to have their work included in the publication of an annual journal. Perhaps this kind of Masonic experience appeals to you. If I can answer any questions or provide more information, I am at your service.

David R. Sandy, Worshipful Master 443-823-9094 <http://www.mmlr.org/>

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- ✓ The HECM is a government-insured FHA Loan
- ✓ Ability to increase your retirement spending
- ✓ Ability to delay Social Security**
- ✓ Contingency plan for the unexpected
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York Rite Festival in Honor of Companion and Sir Knight Carl J Wisner

The York Rite of Freemasonry extends to you the warm and sincere hand of Fraternal Greetings. As we all know in January 2017 we lost a true friend of Masonry when Sir Knight and Companion Carl J. Wisner passed away. To honor him and his memory as a truly outstanding Man and Mason we would like to invite you to become a York Rite Mason. The Grand Commandery, Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Maryland are planning a York Rite Festival in Sir Knight and Companion Carl Wisner's honor and our mission is to form a class with as many candidates as possible to show all of Maryland what our Masonic Family thought of our departed Brother, Companion and Fratere. Remembering him and honoring him by being involved in this glorious celebration of York Rite Masonry will truly be a memory of a lifetime.

We sincerely hope that you will want to receive further Light in Masonry by filling out the enclosed petition and becoming a member of this Historic Class (The York Rite requires no memory work of candidates and all that is needed to attend meetings are current Blue Lodge and York Rite dues cards). The first two Chapter Degrees, Mark Master and Past Master will be in the Candidates "home" Chapter with the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees and both Council Degrees given in Cockeysville on Saturday October 6, 2018. The Commandery Orders will be held in Cockeysville on Saturday October 20, 2018. It presents the Master Mason who is a busy professional, one with a difficult work schedule or one who could never find the time to attend the Degrees and Orders over time the perfect opportunity to become a member of this outstanding Fraternity.

We would like to receive all petitions by July 1, 2018

MEDICAL ALERT

SHOULDER IMPLANT FAILURE & RECALL

- Have you or someone you know had reverse shoulder replacement surgery between the dates of October 2008 and September 2015?
- Have you received a letter from your hospital, including St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, or from your orthopedic surgeon about this Class I Zimmer Biomet recall?

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Full Name (Print) _____					
Residence Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____					
Occupation _____ Firm _____ Email _____ Cell Phone _____					
Have you ever been rejected by any York Rite Body No ____ Yes ____ If yes, name of body and date _____					
I am presently a member in good standing of _____ Lodge No. _____ located in _____ and have passed a satisfactory third degree examination. Date raised _____					
I am currently a member of or have petitioned _____ Chapter No. _____ RAM at _____ State _____					
I am currently a member of or have petitioned _____ Council No. _____ R&SM at _____ State _____					
I am currently a member of or have petitioned _____ Commandery No. _____ KT at _____ State _____					

Petition is hereby made on this date _____ to the officers and members of the body or bodies named below.

To _____ Chapter No. _____ RAM at _____ Petition Fee \$50 Current Dues \$ _____ (fee must accompany petition)

Recommended by Companion _____

To _____ Council No. _____ R&SM at _____ Petition Fee \$50 Current Dues \$ _____ (fee must accompany petition)

Recommended by Companion _____

To _____ Commandery No. _____ KT at _____ Petition Fee \$150 Current Dues \$ _____ (includes KTEF) (fee must accompany petition)

Recommended by SK _____

SK _____

The Undersigned represents that all of the above statements relating to his current membership status in the body (or bodies) named are true and correct. That he is desirous of receiving the Degrees and Orders as conferred in the specifically named body (or bodies) listed above. Further, that if he becomes a member of that body (or bodies) to which this petition is directed, he will cheerfully conform to all the laws, ancient customs and usages of each such body. The Undersigned further confirms, that insofar as his petition relates to his becoming a member of the named Commandery of Knights Templar, he is a firm believer in the Christian Religion.

Signature in Full _____

Do Not Write in this space below

Chapter _____

Petition Received _____
Amount Accompanying Petition _____
Investigation Committee _____

Report _____
Elected to Receive Degrees _____ (or Rejected) _____
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Council _____

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Report _____
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