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is installed Grand Master on
November 17, 2018.



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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

“And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’”

(1Kings 9:4-5)

These are the words of the Supreme Architect to Solomon on how to live his life. We as Masons should also follow in these footsteps laid down.

Masonry has evolved since its formalization 300 years ago. However, the basic tenets have not changed nor will they ever. We believe in the goodness of man as a fundamental philosophy. Living our lives with integrity in our hearts is of paramount importance.

Integrity is defined as being honest and having strong moral principles. This is a personal choice of standards to which we should hold ourselves. When you commit to doing something and follow through, that is a demonstration of one's integrity. “Your word is as good as your bond” is an old expression that could be synonymous with Masonry. We, as Masons, need to strive toward this goal. Our integrity is all we have that we can control. We are judged by it every day. Friendships are formed and maintained based on our actions.

Uprightness has similar characteristics; that of righteousness as a consequence of being honorable and honest. This also describes what we as Masons strive for in our daily life. Keeping your honor is a personal attribute. We work to maintain our honor no matter how difficult. When we talk about making men better, I believe these two attributes are what we must constantly work to improve. So when you think about improving yourself in Masonry, think about your integrity and uprightness.

These two attributes hold true for every Mason. When a commitment is made it must be followed through especially for anyone seeking a leadership position. When you become Master of your Lodge or even Grand Master, you must focus your attention on the organization. You cannot do a credible job if you are spread too thin.

When a person spreads himself too thin, he, without knowing, can indirectly hurt his Lodge or if he is active in the Grand Lodge, harm could



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be caused there as well. Prioritizing roles is a great way to ensure that no harm can come and should be done for the sake of the body. For example, trying to serve in multiple Lodges as a Master or Wardens can affect the Lodge because the focus is not on a singular goal for the Lodge. This also holds true for the Grand Lodge. The fact of the matter is that the focus of the presiding officer should be to the promotion and prosperity of their respective Lodge or to an extent, the Grand Lodge.

Switching to less heavy topics, many events are planned for the coming year. Committees have been formed to organize the Wellness Day (May 5th), Family Day Picnic (June 1st), Grand Master's Gala (July 27th) and Harvest Home Day (October 5th). We will also be celebrating with the Order of DeMolay for their Centennial Year.

Two festive boards will take place in March. On Thursday, March 21st we will gather as Masons and Senior DeMolays to toast the founding organizations of the Order. On Sunday, March 24th, following a Church Service, we will have our youth join us to commemorate individuals who were instrumental in its success over these 100 years. I hope many will be able to join us for one if not both great events. More information will be available in the “Compass Points” email and “Common Gavel” podcast as we get closer to the events.

Our Membership Awareness Committee recently held a focus group of newer Masons to get their opinions on a variety of topics. As a result I have decided to hold a Masonic Awareness Day on

Wednesday, May 1st, 2019. On that day all Masons and members of Masonic-related organizations should wear clothing appropriate to show their pride. A Lodge shirt or hat, youth organization polos, Eastern Star or other ladies groups appropriate clothing. Share our Masonic family and the pride we have for it on that day. If you would like a shirt special for you or your Lodge we have some available for purchase with 30 days' notice. We hope you support this endeavor and be proud of our Masonic heritage.

You should be reading this prior to our regional meetings scheduled around the state. The dates and locations are: February 2nd—**Grand Lodge**, February 9th—**Cambridge**, February 23rd—**Upper Marlboro** and March 2nd—**Ali Ghan Shrine** all beginning at 8:00AM. Part of what will be discussed is Lodge Strategic Plans and what works, ideas for dealing with referrals, and updates to the Membership Manager. Lunch will be provided that day. All Master Masons are invited and every Lodge must be represented.

I look forward to seeing many of you around the state as we keep moving through the millennium while maintaining our integrity and uprightness as Masons.

Richard Naegele
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons

MESSAGE FROM THE RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

by Marlin L. Mills, RW Deputy Grand Master



I hope my first article of the New Year will find you all well and reflecting upon a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

I must say I am very humbled to have been elected to serve as your Deputy Grand Master. I pledge my support not only to each of you and our Grand Master, Richard Naegele, but to each of our Lodges as well. This is a responsibility that I do not

take lightly and I will endeavor to represent you, our Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland with the utmost transparency and integrity.

As our Grand Master continues to refine and fine tune the "Vision 25" long range plan we are all encouraged by the number of "new" Masters and petitions for membership that we have seen. Installations have been almost non-stop since January 2nd and his focus continues to be on membership retention, Lodge ritual, and membership growth. New Masters and officers who want to help grow their membership, improve the ritual work, and find new and interesting programs for the membership are being seen all across our jurisdiction.

Membership is the lifeblood of every organization, especially this of ours. We can no longer open Lodge, read the minutes, pay the bills, close Lodge, and go down for coffee and a piece of cold pie and

expect to grow our membership. The Mission of the Grand Lodge is to help all Lodges attain and sustain positive growth, support family activities, and reach financial stability while reducing nonpayment of dues. Activities that involve the community and assist local charities help to convince men of the goodness of our gentle fraternity. Perhaps they may consider being a part of it.

I encourage all Lodge officers to attend the upcoming regional meetings, each running from 9AM to 1PM. The first will be held on February 2nd at the Grand Lodge: 302 International Cir. Cockeysville, MD 21030. The second will be February 9th at Cambridge Lodge No. 66: 439 Race St. Cambridge, MD 21613. Following the Conference of Grand Masters in Rapid City, South Dakota, the regional meetings will resume on February 23rd at Centennial Lodge No. 174: 6110 Croom Station Rd. Upper Marlboro, MD 20778 and then on March 2nd at Ali Ghan Shrine Temple: 13100 Ali Ghan Rd. Cumberland, MD 21502. Effective leaders who accept the responsibility of those important duties annexed to their election are vital for a growing and successful Lodge. If our Grand Master or I can be of assistance to you or your Lodge, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are there for you and your membership. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future and working together to improve our Lodges and member experience.

THE PIN YOU ARE WEARING

by Jerry R. Arnold

One decision a newly elected Deputy Grand Master has to think about is the design of his Grand Master's pin. Even though it is over a year before he become Grand Master, he has to decide on the general theme of his term of office. Usually the Grand Master's pin design will reflect what he wishes to be known for and it is a very personal matter for him. Once he become Grand Master his pin will be his embassy for all of Maryland Masons and any other Mason the Grand Master might meet while in that capacity. Sometimes the pin's design will offer a Maryland feel to it.

I have designed quite a few of the Grand Master's pin over the recent years and it is always exciting to see what the newly elected Deputy Grand Master has as his vision. It can sometimes be a challenge to convert the vision into a design that's about an inch in diameter. Sometimes I'll get a rough sketch, other times the concept is communicated verbally. They usually have specific elements they want to include



Grand Master Piepiora's pin with black and white original design on left and final color rendition on right.

in the design, for instance, our current Grand Master's pin required seven stars in the design to represent seven past Grand Masters whom Grand Master Naegele wished to honor. Once the information is gathered, I'll make a sketch of what I think the Deputy Grand Master is looking for. I'll then consider the metal and what colors might be included. Often we'll go back and forth with revisions until the Deputy Grand Master is satisfied. At that point, I'll provide the file, which will be an Adobe® Illustrator file, or EPS which will be sent to the company that actually produces the pins. It's usually months after submitting the final design before I get to see the actual Past Master pin. It's always exciting to see what modification the company made to produce the actual pin.

The design of the Grand Master's pin is always a big secret before it's unveiled. I always enjoy seeing my Masonic Brothers wearing a design I created.



Grand Master Naegele's pin final color rendition.



Grand Master Ponzillo, III's pin final color rendition.



I also get to design the Ladies pin as in this final color rendition for Lady Deneise Piepiora.



Grand Master Vourvoulas's pin final color rendition.



Grand Inspector's pin final color rendition.



Grand Master Bigg's pin final color rendition.



Grand Master Wyvill's pin final color rendition.

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Wish List for Maryland Masonic Homes

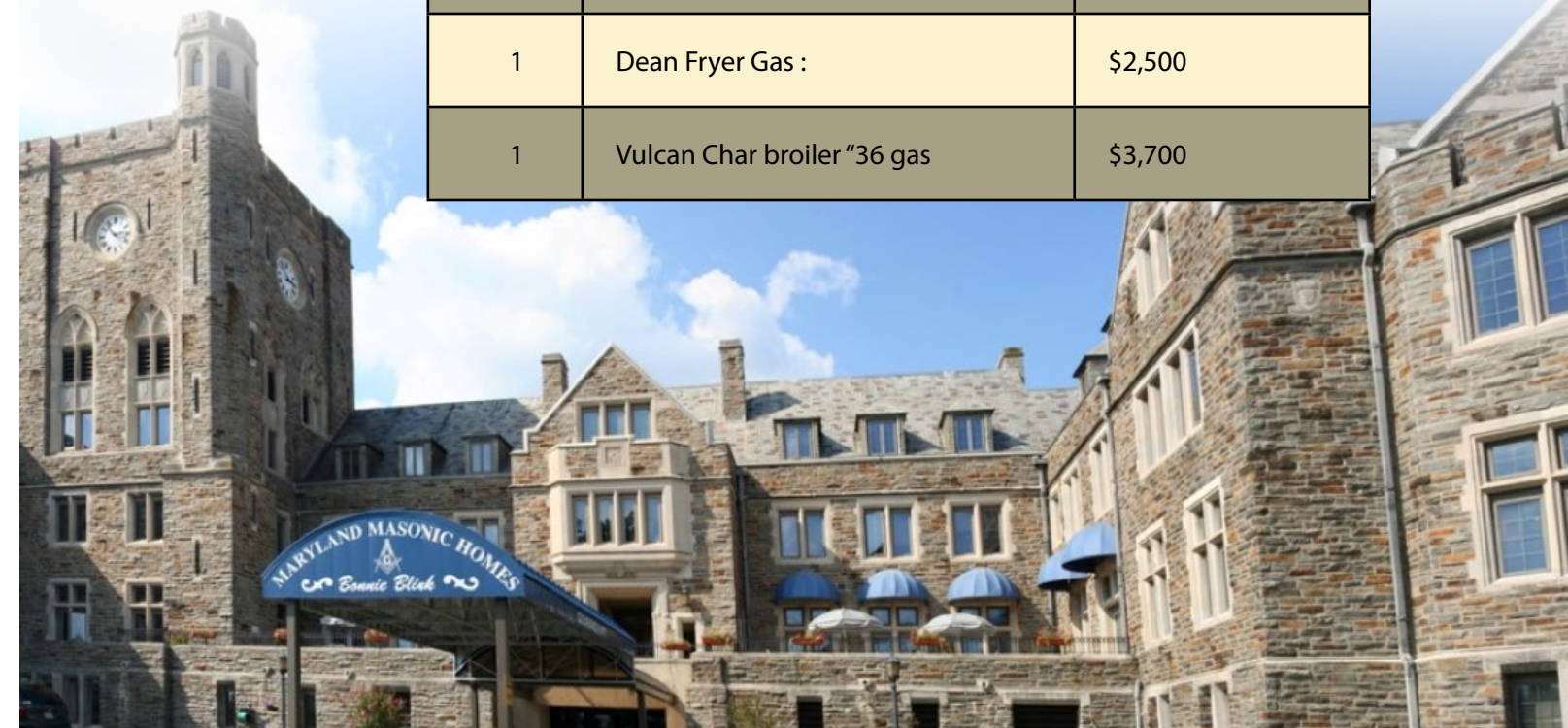
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1	1-Patient Lift Bariatric	\$4,000/lift
2	2-Patient Lift w/Scales	\$5,000/lift
2	2-Vital Sign Monitor w/cart	\$2,200/monitor
8	8-Wheelchairs	\$105/wheelchair
10	10-Overbed Table	\$66/table
8	8-Patient Power Recliner	\$1,055/recliner
6	6-Desk Computers	\$1,000.00/computer
1	An upgraded audio system for Chapel	\$10,000
3	3-CD Players	\$50/Player
1	Double stack convection oven	\$7,500
1	Dean Fryer Gas :	\$2,500
1	Vulcan Char broiler "36 gas	\$3,700

Brethren – Let me begin by wishing you and your families happiness and health for the new year. I'd like to take a moment and make you aware of a program that has fallen by the way-side recently but we are going to resurrect.

In the not too distant past, our Maryland Masonic Homes would publish a "Wish List" of items that are needed for the operation of the homes. This was provided at the request of Lodges and individuals looking to donate to the Homes but would like their donation to be earmarked for something special and not just be put in a general fund. I have asked Executive Director Tammie Houck to once again prepare a list of such items that could be sponsored by the individual lodge or Brothers looking to provide a charitable gift to the Maryland Masonic Homes, Ltd. Please review the list and consider helping our Masonic Homes. Thank you, Brethren!

Fraternally, Kenneth R. Taylor,
Grand Secretary



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FOUR DIMENSIONS OF MASONRY

by Charles Matulewicz, PM



Why is Geometry most revered by Masons?

For two millennia the two most influential works in the Western world have been the Holy Bible followed by a text called *Elements* written by a mathematician we have heard of before: Euclid. This second text gave the world the rules that built cathedrals, the basis of the art of artillery that a young Corsican mastered before he became Napoleon the Emperor. Euclidean geometry is the basis of a short presentation on Geometry and Experience that a young physicist presented to the Prussian Academy of Sciences that was formative in his connection of time and space... when he was still a young man named Albert, all those years before he became Einstein. Our second degree of Masonry marries together time and space in a most elegant way, let us examine.

Masonry borrows from the greatest of the world's traditions in order to impress its lessons on the minds of the Brethren. Sitting through the degrees the observant can pull quotations from the great written works from across the

western world. One of my favorites is a line from Shakespeare

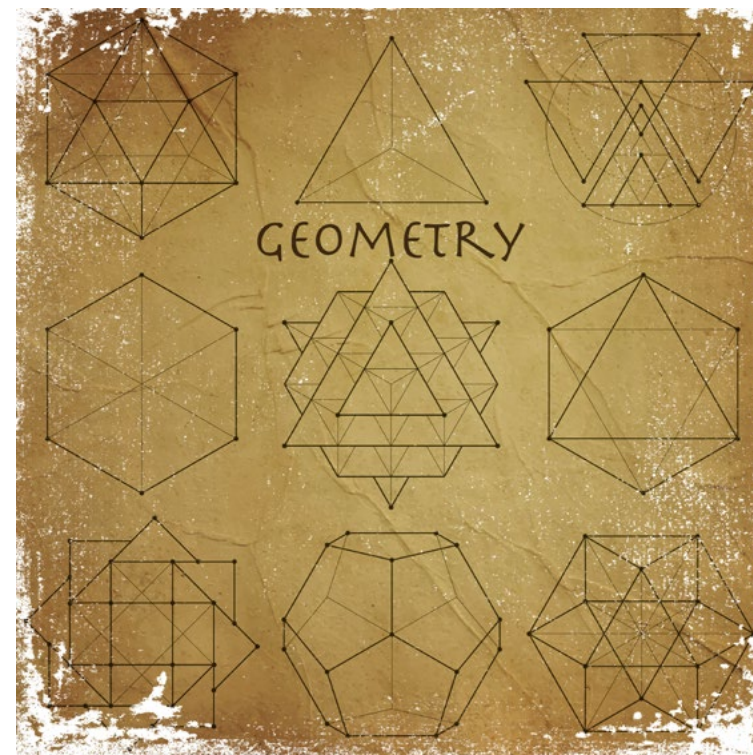
"... to that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns."

(Shakespeare: Hamlet Act III, Scene I)

When combined with the Euclidean description of the components of geometry we have a template of how we perceive and experience the world we reside in as well as the foundations of modern physics.

As we move along the winding stair guided by the Senior Deacon he explains Geometry to us in its component parts:

Geometry treats of the powers and properties of magnitudes in general, where length, breadth, and thickness are considered, from a point to a line, from a line to a superficies, and from a superficies to a solid. A point is a dimensionless figure, or an indivisible part of space. A line is a point continued, and a figure of one capacity; namely, length. A superficies is a figure of two dimensions; namely length and breadth. A solid is a figure of three dimensions; namely length, breadth, and thickness.



The Senior Deacon here has worked hard to memorize a description of how we perceive the world we reside in and has illustrated the component parts that make up every physical object we see. Euclid expanded on this explaining that these are the only three dimensions that exist. Aristotle in his *On Heaven* went a step further: The line has a magnitude in one way, the plane in two ways, and the solid in three ways, beyond these there is no other magnitude because the three are all. It wasn't until the 19th century when Georg Bernhard Riemann opened the possibility of other dimensions which we could interact with which directly lead to the work of Einstein who then linked geometry to time in his general theory of relativity:

Not only the practical geometry of Euclid, but also its nearest generalization, the practical geometry of Riemann, and therewith the general theory of relativity, rest upon this assumption...

We first receive exposure to the idea of time as we are explained the working tools of a Fellowcraft when The Master admonishes to remember that we are traveling upon the level of time, to that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns. This is working to impress upon us the universality of experience of time; that we are all subject to its flow. The level as a working tool is used to measure horizontal planes and mathematically we find a plane

to be a level surface that extends infinitely into space in two dimensions. We live our lives along the segment of the line of time which we are allotted and the blessed are called to the Celestial Lodge above.

The Master explains the universality of the experience we have here on Earth borrowing the words from the greatest of playwrights and then the Senior Deacon takes the time to explain to us the mechanics of Euclidean geometry. Geometry is most revered by Operative Masons because it is the means by which their buildings are designed, Speculative Masons on the other hand are given the opportunity to be taught that Geometry is the basis of the way we perceive the world, and the level of time is the way in which we experience the world we find ourselves in. Freemasonry has always had scientific luminaries among its fellowship but its lessons are not limited to men of science. To the Craft the second degree gives us an opportunity to see... *the rules and designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in the great books of Nature and Revelation, which are our spiritual, moral, and Masonic trestle-board.* If you are interested in learning more about the craft consider the Grand Lodge's education program, one of our two Research Lodges, and consider picking up the next step in the Grand Lodge's program: The Liberal Arts & Sciences.



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HONORING WORLD WAR II MARYLAND MASONIC VETERANS

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War leaves a lasting impact on civilization. Memorials are one way to honor and cope with loss following a conflict. As time lapses and memory of those who had fallen fade, memorials remain as a reminder of their ultimate sacrifice. Both World War I and World War II engulfed the world in a way unseen in world history. World War II, seen as an extension of the First World War, would result in numerous Masonic memorials being erected in memory of fallen brethren. After the conclusion of World War I the United Grand Lodge of England erected a new Masonic Temple in London, England. Constructed between 1927 and 1933, designed by architects: Henry Victor Ashley and F. Winton Newman, the Masonic Temple features a tower intended as a memorial to the Freemasons who died in active service during World War I. The edifice was initially known at the Masonic Peace Memorial. With the outbreak of World War II in 1939 the name was changed to Freemason Hall.

Supporting Masons in the military, the Army and Navy Masonic Service Association with locations throughout the United States, Paris, and London,

focused on catering to the needs of Masons in the armed forces and offered a safe refuge in their centers. During and immediately following the war the Baltimore Masonic Temple on Charles Street was partially converted into a Masonic Service Center. Grand Secretary Claud Shaffer relinquished his office in the building to be converted into a lounge for visiting servicemen. In 1945 the center in Baltimore had an average attendance of 704 a week. To aid the Red Cross with the magnitude of work, many centers served as hospital visitation centers. Supported by a network of civilian Masons who volunteered their time as 'field agents' who aided wounded soldiers - helping them contact their families or simply being a friend to talk to. At the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland on May 15, 1945, Carl H. Claudy, the Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, in his attempt to convey the importance of their work read a letter from the wife of one of the wounded soldiers: "I have no words to thank you. I know George could not have made it but for you." He explained that George, a discouraged soldier, badly wounded,

was afraid to go home - thinking he could not earn a living - shot himself. When he came to he admitted to those in authority "It is just until I can get another gun; then I do it over again." Unsure what to do the hospital sent for the field agent who had visited him from time to time. The field agent, through the bonds of brotherhood, persuaded George that his duty was to live and return to his wife and children. In the first ten months of 1945 attendance at the Masonic Service Centers throughout the United States reached 1,394,000.

Not all Maryland Masons in the armed services returned home. In 1948 the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland erected a memorial to the 37 fallen brethren. Correspondence in the archives from Lodge secretaries complied in preparation of the memorial by Grand Secretary Shaffer gives greater insights into the efforts leading to the plaque being created and the names listed in remembrance. Each Maryland Lodge was requested to submit information on any member who fell while in service. Many Lodge secretaries were thankful to be able to report no losses - such as Waverly Lodge, No. 152 "We were very fortunate in not having any deaths in World War No. II. or Global War." Some responses testify to the

membership's involvement—such as Georges Creek Valley Lodge, No. 161 "WE were very fortunate, we had eleven members in the Service and not one lost their life, and we had no report of any of them having been wounded or injured in any way." The responses from Lodges with fallen members offer insights used to create the Roll of Honor including information related to their date of death, service, and cause of death if known.

The memorial, commissioned in 1947, took the form of a bronze depiction of an open book inscribed with the 37 names of the Honor Roll supported on the wings of two American Eagles resting on a marble pedestal mounted with a bronze panel inscribed: "DEDICATED TO THE ENDURING MEMORY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR FRATERNITY WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR II THAT WE MIGHT ACHIEVE AND CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS." The monument was dedicated on November 16, 1948 by Grand Master Harry L. Heuther. At the dedication Grand Master Heuther declared: "Brethren, there has been prepared a memorial plaque in honor of those members of our Grand Jurisdiction who sacrificed their lives in World



War II... It is present in the Grand Lodge Room, and tomorrow morning, it will be placed on the pedestal on the staircase leading from the first floor... A service of dedication and remembrance has been prepared." At the dedication Grand Chaplin Rev. Francis R. Bayley gave the prayer:

"Eternal God, Father of all men, Lord of all nations, we offer Thee the thanks of our hearts and the praise of our lips because Thou hast made us a great and mighty people. Thou didst lead our father to these shores and Thou didst put it into their minds to found a nation in which men might forevermore have made secure to them their unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Through all of the years of our history, our heavenly Father, thou has blessed us. When we were at peace, our material recourses and honest industry secured to us, by Thy goodness, a standard of living beyond the dreams of the past. When war came Thou didst not desert us, but instead Thou didst raise up those who were more than self their country loved, those who were willing to defend their nations and, if necessary, to die for it.

Among those who fought and died that others might enjoy the rights of free men were brother members of our Craft. Their names are inscribed upon this Tablet which we are now dedicating in their honor that their supreme sacrifice might be held in perpetual remembrance. Faithfully they served, heroically they died, and their valiant deeds challenge us all to nobler living and more patriotic devotion.

May we, in the hush of this solemn moment, highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



While we honor our heroic dead we pray also that Thou wouldst grant us peace, Thy most precious gift, O Thou eternal Source of peace. Bless our country, that it may ever be a stronghold of peace and the advocate of peace in their councils of the nations, using all its mighty influence to hasten everlasting peace in the world. May the time speedily come when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Hear us, O God, in heaven Thy dwelling place and answer us on earth Thy footstool, and Thy high and holy Name shall be the praise world without end. Amen"

In conjunction with the dedication, a presentation photograph of the memorial accompanied by a personal letter from Grand Master Heuther was sent to each of the families of the Honor Roll. Many Masons who were Second World War veterans later became members of the National Sojourners, a Masonic fraternal organization founded in 1919 by American Masons in the armed service. Their meetings and activities emphasize Americanism, Patriotism, and Love of Country with programs and ceremonies, including Toast of the Flag, When Duty's Done—performing the proper method for retiring Flags, Lodge of Military Tribute—recognizing Masonic military veterans, and a color guard in Colonial attire to present the colors at events and Lodge functions (there are currently nine Chapters of the National Sojourners located throughout Maryland). When the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland relocated to the new Temple in Cockeysville, Maryland the World War II memorial was installed on the landing of the new grand staircase. Today the memorial remains as a testament to those members who fought and gave the ultimate sacrifice during World War II.

If you are interested in the National Sojourners or in their programs please contact: rolls88@aol.com.

MARYLAND MASONIC WWII HONOR ROLL

LODGE	NAME	FATE	KNOWN DETAILS AS REPORTED
Washington No. 3	Evert Cornell Sewell	died Oct. 25, 1944	"Army Air Corp; Accident in the air"
	Douglas Howard Shiflet	died Dec. 5, 1943	"US Coast Guard; Heart attack"
Concordia No. 13	Carroll Littelton Bryan	died July 16, 1945	"U.S. Army Air Corps; Killed in air plane accident"
Cassia No. 45 (merged with Amicable-St. John's, No. 25)	Mayer Silber	died March 24, 1944	"Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army; Killed in bomber crash in England"
Adherence No. 88 (merged with Liberty-Picker, No. 219)	William George Hobine	died Nov. 29, 1946	"U.S. Army; Died of Wounds received in action"
Annapolis No. 89	Ward Elliott Dickey	died Oc. 11, 1945	"U.S. Marine"
	Samuel Wesley Freeny	died Dec. 15, 1944	"U.S. Marine Corps, Killed while Prisoner of War of Japan"
	Arthur Edward Loeser	died Nov. 19, 1942	"U.S. Navy; Killed in action"
	Edward C. Metcalfe	Missing in action Feb. 1943	"U.S. Navy"
Wilcomice No. 91	F. Lane Holland	died 1944	"Army; Jap. Prisoner of War ship sank"
Ben Franklin No. 97 (merged with Odenton, No. 209)	Garfield F. Ambrose	died Jan. 18, 1945	"Army, Killed in Motor truck accident"
	John E. Major, Jr.	died June 14, 1946	"Infantry M.P.; Shot by sniper in Germany while on M. P. duty"
Coats No. 102	Howard B. Hill	died June 7, 1944	"Army - 101st AirBorne Div. Killed in action - In Normandy"
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Lafayette No. 111 (merged into Warren, No. 51)	Frank Winfield Burman	died July 14, 1942	"United States Navy; [died] at sea"
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	Charles J. Dimmling	died July 9, 1942	"U.S. Army Air Corps; Airplane crash"
Oriental No. 158	Joseph Lewis	died Oct. 10, 1942	"Merchant Marine; Lost at sea"
	Nathaniel B. Frey	Declared dead by Navy, Dec. 15, 1945	"Navy, Missing in action from U.S.S. Langley March, 1, 1942"
Lynch No. 163 (merged with Columbia, No. 58)	William D. Van Ghyl	died July 22, 1946	"U.S. Navy; An unusual disease contracted while . . . in the Pacific"
John H. B. Latrobe No. 165 (merged with Waverly, No. 152)	James O. Tomlinson	died on or about Dec. 26, 1945	"United States Navy; Killed in Naval Action"
Mt. Hermon No. 179	Vernon McKinster, Jr.	died Jan. 5, 1945	"Army Air Force; Killed in Plane Accident in England"
Patapsco No. 183	James E. Quinn	Missing April 11, 1942 Date of death unknown	"Sergeant, Army Air Corps, in a Jap. Prisoner of War Camp at Cabantuan, Philippine Islands, [died] as the result of malaria"
Highland No. 184	Keller Martin Rudacille	died Oct. 23, 1945	"U.S. Navy; Gas Explosion on Barge - Guam"
Prudence No. 190	Nathan Gustavus Dorsey	died May 19, 1945	
Pentalpha No. 194	William O. Young, Jr.	died Aug. 13, 1945	"Navy Air Force; Airplane Accident"
Perseverance No. 208	Arthur Theador Gift	died March 13, 1945	"Navy, Lost at sea"
	Lee Edgard Pleasant	died Sept. 21, 1946	"Navy, Plane crash"
Odenton No. 209	Arthur Jennings Grimes	died April 15, 1942	"U.S. Army; Killed in action"
Silver Spring No. 215	William John Kettle	died April 8, 1945	"U.S. Army Air Corps; Airplane Crash"

MARYLAND DEMOLAY

by Rafael A. Rodriguez IV, State Master Councilor



Greetings from Maryland DeMolay. As the State Master Councilor of Maryland DeMolay, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dad Richard Naegele, Dad Marlin Mills and all the Grand Lodge Officers of Maryland who were installed in November. Maryland DeMolay is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of adult leaders to guide us into the Centennial celebration of DeMolay.

DeMolay is one of the three Masonic Youth groups which are sponsored by the Blue Lodges across the world. Maryland DeMolay currently has 11 active chapters and every chapter continues to grow. Cumberland chapter initiated 4 new members in October and Salisbury chapter initiated a new member in November. The same has happened with George Fleming Moore and Savage/Glen Burnie Chapters. It is great to see Maryland DeMolay's continued growth. This, of course, will not be possible without the support of adult advisors and the Blue Lodges.

Our fraternity is a fantastic organization which offers opportunities for young men to develop the necessary skills to become better men and productive members of our local communities, our state and our nation. As DeMolays, we strive to apply the seven cardinal virtues of DeMolay every day of our lives: filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness and patriotism. DeMolay chapters across the state are very involved with their communities conducting activities such as food drives, road cleanups, toy collections, the adoption of families for the holidays, and fund raisers. In December Nelson J. Briggs held a pancake breakfast and Tons of Toys toy drive. The response and support of the Masonic family was incredible, and they collected an enormous number of toys. During the summer George Fleming Moore held a "Folds

of Honor" fund raiser where DeMolays, Advisors and Maryland Freemasons stood for 13 minutes on the footprints of soldiers who have lost their lives and the money collected went to the families of those soldiers. This was a very honorable and moving experience for everyone involved. Also, Bowie-Collington Chapter decorated the Senior Center in the city of Bowie, just in time for the holidays. These are just a few examples of what Maryland DeMolay has been doing.

But DeMolay is not all about work, we also have many fun activities such as movie nights, videogame lock-ins, paint ball, rifle competitions, "go karting", bowling and many other fun activities. Other fun activities our chapter held include the Movie Night held at Bowie-Collington Chapter and Game Night at Stephen J. Ponzillo Jr. Chapter. In many circumstances these activities are open to any young man who would be interested in discovering what DeMolays do to have fun, to serve their communities and to help each other grow into productive and caring young men.. If you hear about any of these activities happening in a chapter close to you, extend an invitation to any young men you know. I am sure they will have a great time. Our yearly Conclave is something every DeMolay across the state looks forward to since this is a weekend filled with fun and fellowship and our adult advisors make sure this is a weekend filled with fun activities.

From my personal experience, DeMolay has helped me in developing public speaking, leadership and communication skills. But most importantly, I have developed relationships with many fantastic brothers across the state; friendships that I know will last a lifetime.

I would like to extend an invitation to every Freemason in Maryland to join me and MWGM Richard Naegele on Saturday April 20th 2019 at 3:15 PM at the Arlington National Cemetery when Maryland DeMolay will present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

I encourage everyone reading this to get involved with your local chapter, and if your Lodge is not sponsoring a chapter, find out how your Blue Lodge can sponsor a DeMolay or a Masonic Youth group. I can guarantee you will truly enjoy the experience of becoming an adult advisor.



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