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May 1<sup>st</sup> is  
Masonic Awareness Day.



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

**M**any of our rituals speak about truth. It is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. It is unchanging and everlasting. This goes hand in hand with our integrity and uprightness as Masons. When one makes a commitment or gives his word and then changes it, not only does it reflect poorly on the individual, but it also has a devastating effect on the organization.

We have been very busy this first quarter of the year with celebrating new leadership, imparting and sharing knowledge, recognizing service to our fraternity, and commemorating 100 years of building young men. Initiating, passing, and raisings have also taken over many schedules. A topic of discussion has been taking place concerning qualifications for new leaders in our lodges. We have travelled the state getting your opinions and ideas on how to proceed. The last discussion group will take place on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Grand Lodge. If you would like input on the subject but cannot attend, please email me at [mwgm@glmd.org](mailto:mwgm@glmd.org).

May 1<sup>st</sup> is **Masonic Awareness Day**. Everyone is encouraged to wear Masonic apparel on that day. Showing our pride in this great Fraternity is a fantastic way of getting our message across to well qualified men of integrity in our communities. It can only make a positive impact as we continue spreading our light to others.



In the first degree charge it states:

*If in the circle of your acquaintance, you find a person desirous of being initiated into Masonry, be particularly attentive not to recommend him, unless you are convinced he will conform to our rules, that the honor, glory, and reputation of the Institution may be firmly established, and the world at large convinced of its good effects.*

This is not only referring to people you may already know, but more especially to the inquiries made who you don't know. A petition must never be given out on first meeting a person. Get to know him better as well as his motives for joining. We only want men of good character. A brief meeting online or in a coffee shop is not enough to judge an individual. Take the time to get to know him and more importantly for him to know you. This is what is meant by "guarding the west gate."



On May 18<sup>th</sup> we will be electing the leadership team for 2020. Enclosed in this issue are resumes for those seeking office. I ask you to read each carefully and make decisions that will benefit Maryland Masonry.

We are always being asked if we could recommend a certain type business or profession that a brother would feel comfortable in using. Knowing the reputation of Masons we believe those where Masons are involved would probably be very trust worthy and members would feel confident in using. To do this we need a means of knowing different occupations. Within the Membership Manager is an area to indi-


cate occupations. This would allow us to share information when requested by another member. If you have not done so, please take the time to go into the membership system and update your information. Email addresses are also useful when needing to make a quick contact with someone. To begin in the system you only need your Lodge name, member number from your dues card and last name. The system will walk you through the process. Once in there are many documents and information available to any degree Mason. I hope everyone with internet access takes advantage of our system.

Masonic Charities of Maryland will hold its **Annual Scholarship Reception** on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The winning scholars will receive their just rewards for hard work over many years. Two of those present will also receive the **C. David Haacke and Vernon Mules Scholarships**. Worshipful Masters will be present to wish them well with their future plans.

The **Family Day Picnic** will be here before you know it. June 1<sup>st</sup> in the George Hunt Pavilion you'll find food, families and fun. Join us for the burgers, dogs and corn. Bring your children and friends. Play some of the exciting new games planned for this year. Have your face painted by the Rainbow Girls or enjoy a snowball from the DeMolay. Whatever you decide to do it will be a fantastic day!

Everything we do is working to fulfill our mission to attain positive growth in engaged family oriented Lodges actively teaching the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Have an enjoyable summer filled with family fun and learning. I look forward to seeing many of you as we keep moving through the millennium while maintaining our integrity and uprightness as Masons.

  
Richard Naegele  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
of Masons in Maryland

**"Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin' away."**

—Elvis Presley—





# MESSAGE FROM THE RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

by Marlin L. Mills, RW Deputy Grand Master



wrong!

As I traveled across the state with our Grand Master the one constant I hear is *“there is too much work”* and that *“young men don’t have the time to learn the work.”* And maybe therein lies the answer...

Maybe we are pushing too hard – maybe we are scaring men away by not giving them enough time to learn the work. How many Lodges have had energetic and enthusiastic men receive their degrees and then never come back? If they do come back, how many eventually stop attending and maybe even go NPD... Whatever the reason a man stops attending or drops, I believe that perhaps many of these losses could have been prevented just by slowing down and letting the Brothers actually attend, observe the work and get to know their Lodge. Maybe they did not understand what was being presented or what was expected of them. Maybe no one made them feel a part of the Lodge or may have pushed them too hard to become *“active”* in their Lodge.

In our rush to make more Masons have we hurt ourselves? We hand a man a cypher book, tell him he must learn this or that part and that he must pass an examination before he

can advance. Can you remember how you felt when you were told this? Many Lodges no longer have catechism classes that explain the meaning of the degree or why certain things were said or done in the Lodge. What does the Grasshopper story mean? What does the symbolism of the many other presentations mean? So, what do we do to get the new Brothers – and even the older ones – interested?

Maybe we should have a Brother meet the new man when he first comes into the Lodge as a candidate, welcome him and make him feel at ease. The way he is greeted plays a large part of that first impression and you never get a second chance to make a first impression. Perhaps a smile, a friendly handshake and a brief explanation of what to expect and what he expects may help to be the first steps for a great new member. Take the time to introduce him to the various officers and explain the structure of the Lodge. Don’t just stick him in a closet to change clothes and wait until he is finally bought into the Lodge

blindfolded. After the degree, have a Brother explain the meaning of the degree he just received and what each part represents. Have someone sit with him in the refreshment room and introduce him to the Brothers and Past Masters of the Lodge. Once he becomes comfortable and feels welcome, he may begin to understand the work (if it is done well). If you think about all the

information that is presented to a candidate and all that he must try to remember, not to mention the manner in which it is presented to him. Just this, can be overwhelming to a new candidate.

Maybe it is only after the Brother has had time to witness and understand what Masonry is about and has time to participate in conversations with *“well informed Brethren”* that he should

**THERE WERE ONLY  
32 NEW MASTERS THIS YEAR  
OUT OF 103 LODGES.  
MAYBE WE ARE  
DOING SOMETHING  
WRONG!**



be invited to become *“more involved”*; and then only one step at a time. Does anyone really think a new Brother Master Mason should be immediately placed in the Senior Deacon’s chair or even worse, the Junior Warden’s Chair? It does happen, and all too often. This is not fair to the Brother who loses the opportunity take his turn in each chair and begin to learn the next year’s chair. Advancing and learning one step at a time. Doing this may sound great, but from a practical standpoint it can’t be accomplished without the proper support and the Brother’s desire to become an active part of the Lodge. On the night he is raised, make him feel welcome and a part of the Lodge without pushing him to take a chair. DON’T EVEN MENTION IT THAT NIGHT. Encourage him to attend each degree and to listen to and watch the work being done. In this way he will learn some parts of the ritual just by watching but he will also learn meaning and symbolism. This sounds like a mentor’s job, but from a ritualistic point of view good mentors are few and far between. And a Brother who *“knows it all”* may not be a good communicator, close enough in age, or have the right personality to be helpful to a new member. So, it may involve several members to keep the man interested and not scare him away. Not pushing him into a chair

is important.

As I said at the opening of this article, everything I offer is only food for thought; but I would ask you to remember two very important things: Membership is the lifeblood of every organization; especially this of ours. But more importantly, these men are our Brothers and NOT just numbers to increase our count. They should be treated as Brothers and not forced into something that they have no idea as to what is involved. Treat them as you were, or maybe how you wished you had been treated on first becoming an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. Give them time to come to Lodge to learn the lessons of the Degrees as well as time to meet the Brothers of the Lodge and feel comfortable. Give them time to see that the Lodge needs their help and welcomes them to take a part. Then the progression starts with Brothers who are willing to move up and have the desire to become an active member of your Lodge.

I welcome any comments, thoughts or ideas. I also invite you to attend the Grand Master’s Discussion and Strategy groups. May I wish you the Blessing of good health and much happiness as we watch a beautiful spring become a fulfilled summer.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Marlin L. Mills, RWDGM

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Oct 5, 2019 6:30am – 11am

# HARVEST HOME DAY

Where: Grand Lodge of Maryland Grounds

Who's Invited: Open to all Freemasons and their male guests

Cost: \$5.00 donation per person

- Includes your Bonnie Blink Corn Husking Penny and admission to the event where there will be sausage, pancakes, pumpkin pie, and coffee.
- Sodas and water will be sold by the DeMolay.
- Tours of the Stephen J. Ponzillo Jr. Memorial Library & Museum will be available.
- Corn Husking Contest – You may watch or your Lodge may participate!
- Some of the Collateral Bodies will be in attendance promoting their activities.
- Masonic vendors will be located in the Grand Lodge Ballroom.
- There will also be antique cars in attendance.

**NEW Competition for 2019 – Corn Hole Competition**

- Four sets of cornhole tournament boards – sponsors needed
- Cost is \$280 to sponsor a set of boards with your logo/artwork.
- Sponsors can apply their lodge logo or collateral body logo, or an advertisement.
- Sponsors are responsible for supplying the art work to be used on the boards.
- All logos must be Masonic related and approved by the Grand Lodge.
- Cornhole sets will remain as property of the Grand Lodge and will be used at future Grand Lodge events such as Family Day; youth events and more.
- We are looking for teams to participate in the Cornhole Single Elimination Competition
  - Need 8 two-man teams @ \$50 per two-man team.
  - If you are a sponsor of a cornhole tournament board set, then you are eligible to have a two-man team enter at no charge for this first year only.
  - First place team will receive a plaque similar to the one presented for the corn husking competition
- Checks for teams and cornhole board sponsors should be made payable to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and mailed to the Grand Lodge, attention Terry Royce. For additional information you may contact brother Terry Royce at rolls88@aol.com
- All proceeds will be contributed to The Stephen J. Ponzillo Jr. Memorial Library & Museum.

Keep checking for updates to this event on Grand Lodge Facebook page or Compass Points.

Hope to see you all there!!!

Rich Mainley  
Harvest Home Day Chairman | richmainley@verizon.net



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**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM**

You are invited to an evening of discovery and adventure...

**Grand Master's Gala**

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**  
6 PM to 11 PM

Come and explore the mystery and wonder of Masonic artifacts from the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., Memorial Library and Museum

Tickets \$80 Per Person Open Bar Filet Mignon with Red Wine Demi Glaze and Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Dessert bar filled with tempting treats Cocktails (Open Bar) & Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM Seating at 6:45 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM	Music by The "Mutual Fun Band" Dancing begins at 8 PM Seating assignments will be displayed at the event. (No tickets needed) Please note if an alternate meal selection is required due to allergies
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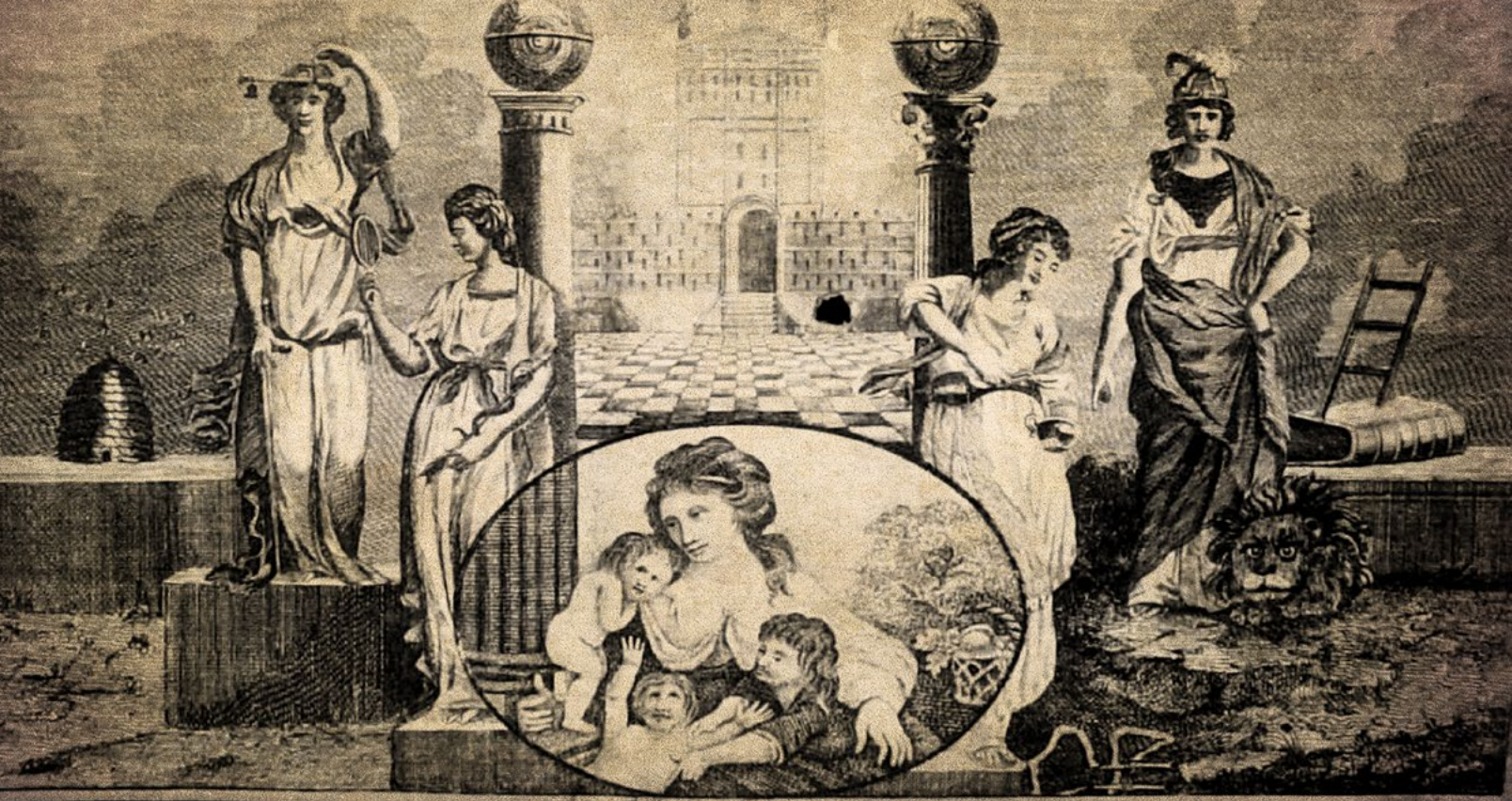
In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Masonic Museum, a fundraising event, will be held with the proceeds going to the museum.

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## MARYLAND MASONIC MUSEUM HONORING THE CAUSE OF CHARITY

By Edward Heimiller, Curator—Maryland Masonic Museum | The Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland

**Charity** has long been associated with Freemasonry. The core beliefs taught through the three initiation ceremonies to become a Master Mason include teachings on Charity. Working together as a lodge, members are able to collectively tackle difficult issues facing their communities and assist, through their charitable work, a larger portion of their community. Funds collected within lodge are thankfully received and faithfully applied as needed to noble causes. Members' involvement in various charities have built friendships and attracted a number of individuals into the Craft valuing the charitable endeavors and seeing the benefit of Freemasonry.

Within Masonry Charity is one of the three tenets, along with Faith and Hope. The allegorical portrayal of Charity within Masonry is depicted as a woman nursing a child often with two other children at her feet (these depictions decorate a number of early Masonic Master Mason Certificates). This depiction alludes to the early Masonic charitable endeavors that almost exclusively focus on aiding widows and orphans. Among the earliest of these charitable endeavors was the establishment

of Foundling Hospitals. These hospitals were refuges for children, usually admitted under 12 months old. While they fostered an environment to prevent infectious diseases such as smallpox, dysentery, and tuberculosis the term “hospital” was a reference to the institution’s “hospitality” to the less fortunate, compared to the modern use of the term to refer to a place for solely medical treatment. The London Foundling Hospital was the first to be funded by subscription. Established in 1739 by a philanthropic sea captain and Freemason, Capt. Thomas Coram (1668-1751), in an effort to aid abandoned infants, The London Foundling Hospital is reputedly the first incorporated charity. Children were admitted by lottery with tokens—often a piece of clothing or marked coin—being taken to identify the child in the event the family’s circumstances changed and desire to reclaim the child, though this seldom occurred. These records are today preserved in The Foundling Museum, in London, England. Similar charitable endeavors were pursued by early Freemasons in Maryland.

In addition to children-based charities, in Maryland the fraternity also sought to help the aged. In

1928 Maryland Masons established Maryland Masonic Homes to help care for older members and their widows that still operates today. Earlier efforts to help the aged are difficult to document, however records of burials document the fraternity’s efforts to ensure respectful interment for less fortunate souls. Grave plots in Greenmount, Druid Ridge, Baltimore, Lorraine Park, and Loudon Park were acquired for charitable purposes. A record book in the archives of the plots in Druid Ridge Cemetery contains a map and entries on the burials. These burials were often administrated by the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland Board of Relief. Notations and newspapers clippings give insight to the individual circumstances. Among the burials are Thomas Langstaff (1838?-1913), a war veteran who committed suicide at the age of 75 in his hotel room in Baltimore and James McKay (?-1912), a member of Solomon Lodge, No. 196 in Tarrytown, New York and a former landscape gardener employed by King Edward VII of England (1841-1910) who later settled in Baltimore and died of cancer (his obituary on February 11, 1912 in the Baltimore Sun also notes that his treatment at Bayview Hospital was covered by “the Masonic Order”). The endowment for Maryland Masonic Homes occasionally still covers final arrangements for residents receiving Financial Assistant at Maryland Masonic Homes who do not have prior arrangements.



Masonic charities have also evolved to address changing needs and social dilemmas, often the result of a crisis. An account book from Union Lodge, No. 60 under the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland labeled: “CHARITIES DURING THE DEPRESSION 1930-1936” is one of the few records of how members address the needs of the economic depression started with the stock market crash in October 1929. Numerous entries for checks issued for “Groceries”, “Coal” (for heating), “Milk”, “Hospital” (covering medical bills), and “Gas + Elec” document the Lodge helping a number of families struggling to pay bills during The Great Depression. Mothers with newborns were among the greatest recipients of the Lodge’s charitable funds. Elderly widows also received assistance. In one instance “Funeral Expenses” were covered by the Lodge. Cash donations for the United Patriotic Home and the then newly established Maryland Masonic Home at Bonnie Blink are also listed.

In 1986 Masonic Charities of Maryland (MCM) was founded under C. David Haacke (1925-2007) Grand Master of Masons of Maryland in 1985-1986. Emphasizing their efforts on providing services and programs benefiting youth in Maryland they pioneered the institution in Maryland of ‘Masonic Model Student Assistance Program’ (MMSAP), a

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# RÉSUMÉS for Brothers Running for Elected Offices in 2019



## BRO. RICHARD P. NAEGELE

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



## BRO. MARLIN L. MILLS

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



## BRO. KENNETH R. TAYLOR

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



## BRO. T. SCOTT CUSHING, SR.

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

### For the Office of

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

## BRO. WALTER E. BURGESS, PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Oriental Lodge No. 158 in 1985. Worshipful Master in 2012. Current Lodge Secretary. Member of Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 234 and current Senior Warden. Member of Temple Lodge No. 128.

**Grand Lodge Leadership:** W. Grand Chaplain from 2013-present. W. Asst. Grand Chaplain 2012-18. Grand Inspector 2018-present. Board of Managers 2014-present, Personnel Committee 2013-present. Committee on Entertainment and Religious Services at Bonnie Blink 2017-present. Cockeysville Lodges' First Open House. Lunda W. Laird Humanitarian Award in 2012.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° in 1985. York Rite – Druid Chapter No. 28. Hiram Council No. 5. Monumental Crusade Commandery No. 3. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Current Chaplain. Ambassadors. Knights of Mecca.

**Professional:** Education—Graduated Southern/Patterson Park High



schools in 1966, Towson State Teachers College in 1976, General Theological Seminary in 1993. Career - Baltimore City Fire Department 1970-80. Various jobs including Letter Carrier, Maryland Court System Court Commissioner, and business ventures in home improvement and movie theaters. Episcopal Priest from 1994 to present serving several parishes in Baltimore and on the Eastern Shore.

**Personal:** Resident of Baltimore, MD. Married to Eileen for 11 years. Two sons and four grandsons. U.S. Marine Corps Combat Marine Veteran 1967-69. Baltimore Fire Dept. Chaplain Commander. Two-time recipient of Father Stanley Schwind Humanitarian Award by Fire Department. Seven unit citation awards from Fire Dept. Member of CISM team. Served on various senior citizen organizations and community associations. Chaplain and Ethics Committee member – Harbor Hospital.

## BRO. THOMAS W. FOSTER, PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Ionic Lodge No. 145 in 2011. Worshipful Master in 2017. Lodge Secretary from 2018-present. Founding and current President of Ionic Lodge Charitable Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors of Ionic Lodge Holding Corporation. Ionic Lodge Distinguished Service Award in 2015. Ionic Lodge Master Mason of the Year in 2016. Grand Master's Award with Distinction in 2017. Charter member of Ancient Baltimore Lodge No. 234 and current Worshipful Master. Board of Directors of Ancient Baltimore Lodge Charitable Foundation.

**Grand Lodge Leadership:** W. Senior Grand Steward in 2018. W. Asst. Grand Photographer in 2019. Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland from 2015 – present, Vice President of Board from 2017 – present, Chairman of Statewide Scholarship Program from 2017 – present. Grand Lodge Leadership Academy Instructor from 2013 – present. State Chairman of MD-CHiP from 2011-14. Committee on Public Awareness 2019. Committee on Wellness Day 2019. Grand Master's Cup Charity Golf Tournament Committee 2018-present. Maryland Masonic Academy Pillar of the Craft and Master of the Craft. Recipient of the Francis E. Larrimore Medal for Meritorious Service in 2016.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite—Valley of Baltimore, 32° in 2011. York Rite – Druid Chapter No. 28. Hiram Council No. 5. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Knights of Mecca. Tall Cedars – Baltimore Forest No. 45. Job's Daughters – Certified Adult Volunteer for Bethel No. 36 Towson. Associate Bethel Guardian-elect for coming term. Other Affiliations - Baltimore County Past Masters' Association. Masonic Service Association of North America Masonic Information Center Steering Committee 2013 - present.

**Professional:** Education – Graduated Albert Gallatin High School in 1980, Washington and Jefferson College in 1984, Ohio Northern University Law School, Hood College MBA Graduate Program. Career – Employed as the Director of Communications for the Grand Lodge of Maryland from 2010 - present. Prior to this, a twenty-plus year career in public relations, media relations, journalism, and broadcasting.



**Personal:** Resident of Reisterstown, MD. Married to Jennifer for 19 years. Two daughters. Founding member of Sunnybrook Farms Community Association. Member of: Washington and Jefferson College Alumni Association. Phi Gamma Delta Graduate Brother Association. Trinity Lutheran Church of Reisterstown, five-year Sunday School Instructor.

## BRO. DAN B. LANE, PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Naval Lodge No. 4 in 1991. Member of Silver Spring Lodge No. 215. Worshipful Master in 2009 and from 2011 – 15. Current Lodge Secretary. Lodge Master Mason of the Year in 2009, 2011 and 2013. Member of Kensington-Bethesda Lodge No. 198. Worshipful Master in 2007.

**Grand Lodge Leadership:** W. Junior Grand Steward in 2008. Grand Inspector from 2008 – 15. Francis E. Larrimore Medal for Meritorious Service in 2016.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° in 2008. York Rite – James F. Allen Chapter No. 33. Shriners International – Almas Shrine. Legion of Honor.

**Professional:** Education – Earned GED in 1978. Pastry Arts Degree. Career – U.S. Marine Corps from 1978 to 1998. Davidus Cigars from 2013 to present.

**Personal:** Resident of Silver Spring, MD. Married to Natividad for 36 years. Two children. Volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Advisor for the Montgomery County Police Explorer Program.

## BRO. PAUL E. MCFADDEN, PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge No. 195 in 2010. Worshipful Master in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Worshipful Master's Award of Appreciation in 2014. Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge Extreme Leadership Award in 2019.

**Grand Lodge Leadership:** W. Grand Tyler in 2018. Grand Lodge Leadership Seminar Committee in 2019. Grand Master's Award with Distinction in 2017. King Solomon's Society in 2018.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite – Orient of Washington DC, 32° in 2013. Captain of the Guard, Albert Pike Consistory 2019. Knights of St. Andrew 2013. Shriners International – Almas Shrine, 2018. Marshal 2019. Other Affiliations – Widows Sons Motorcycle Riders Assoc., Maryland Grand Chapter. Vice President, Sons of Hiram Chapter.

**Professional:** Education - Graduated Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1988, United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1992, Howard University in 1996. Career – COO/Managing Director/Co-Founder, Zero Point Leadership 2011-present. Sr. Dir. Infrastructure/Deputy CIO, D.C. Department of Mental Health 2019-10. Principal/Sr. IT Consultant/Team Coach, Independent 2007-13. Team Lead Web Systems, American Red Cross 2001-07. Sr. Web Systems Administrator, Merant, Inc. 1997-2001.

**Personal:** Resident of North Bethesda, MD. Married to Laurie for 9 years. Three children and one grandson. USNR/MMR – 4 years, Honorable Discharge 1992. Member of: International Coach Federation, Institute of Heartmath, NeuroLeadership Institute, Association for Talent Development, Project Management Institute.



### For the Office of

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden

## BRO. BRADLEY D. ANDRUKITIS, PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Centennial Lodge No. 174 in 1999. Worshipful Master in 2004. Connie & Laura Bell Award for Outstanding Masonic Service in 2016. Treasurer of Centennial No. 174 Temple Holding Corporation. Charter member of Terrapin Lodge No. 241, Charter Worshipful Master in 2016-17.

**Grand Lodge Leadership:** W. Junior Grand Steward in 2018. W. Grand Standard Bearer in 2005.

Grand Inspector from 2009-15, Vice President of Southern Region. Assistant Deputy Grand Lecturer 2006-08. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Indiana – Appointed 2005. Grand Lodge Leadership Program Regional Instructor for Montgomery County in 2016. Maryland Masonic Academy Master of the Craft and Pillar of the Craft, Inducted into King Solomon's Society in 2018.

**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 and Golf Tournament Committees. York Rite – Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 25. Harmony Council No. 20. Palestine Commandery No. 7. Eminent Commander from 2014-16. 2018 Calvin Price Award for Outstanding Service by a Grand Commandery Officer. Maryland Council No. 9 Knight Masons. Chesapeake Bay Council No. 278 Allied Masonic Degrees (Sovereign Master). Association of Past Commanders KT of Maryland. Euclid Council No. 14 Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers. Shriners International – Almas Shrine. Knights of Mecca (Boumi). Other Affiliations – Southern Maryland Past Masters Association (current Junior Deacon). Baltimore Highlands Square Club.

**Professional:** Education - Graduated Thomas S. Wootton High School in 1984, University of Maryland College Park in 1989. Career – Vice President of David L. Andrukitis Printing and Mailing Services.

**Personal:** Resident of Gaithersburg, MD. Married to Christine for 25 years. Two children. Member of: Faith United Methodist Church. University of Maryland Alumni Association. Volunteer at A Wider Circle and at MD-CHiP events for various lodges.



### For the Board of Managers (Elect Three)

## BRO. PATRICK A. CURTIS, PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Camp Springs Lodge No. 227 in 1973. Worshipful Master in 1984 and 2014. Currently Tyler. Member of Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 179. Worshipful Master in 2000.

**Grand Lodge Leadership:** W. Grand Pursuivant. Grand Inspector 1985-92. Board of Managers 2016 – present. Recipient of the Thomas J. Shryock Medal.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite – Valleys of Southern Maryland and Baltimore. KCCH in 2000. York Rite – York Chapter No. 44, Most Excellent High Priest. Received Triple Tau Award. York Council No. 23, Thrice Illustrious Master. York Commandery No. 16, Eminent Commander. ME Grand High Priest 2016-17. MI Grand Master







2002. ME Grand Commander 2007-08. Shriners International – Al-mas Shrine. SE Shrine Club. Legion of Honor. Tall Cedars – Prince Georges Forest No. 138. Eastern Star – Unity Chapter No. 112. Worthy Patron in 1984, 1996, 2004, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2019. Worthy Grand Patron in 2011-12. DeMolay – Honorary Senior DeMolay in 2000. Job's Daughters – Camp Springs Bethel No. 41. Associate Bethel Guardian. Associate Grand Guardian. Rainbow – Grand Cross of Color. Other Affiliations – Knights of the York Cross of Honor. Knights of Red Cross of Constantine. Maryland College SRICF (Past Celebrant). Maryland York Rite College (Past Governor). Knight Masons USA. Maryland Council No. 9 (Past Excellent Chief). Kallipolis Grotto (Past Monarch). Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest (Past VE Preceptor). MD Council of Anointed High Priests (Past MEP). AMD Freestate Council (Past Sovereign Master). Royal Order of Scotland. Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865.

**Professional: Education** - Graduated Hillsboro High School (Oregon) in 1956, UMUC in 1972, US Naval Academy in 1963. Career – CIA Intelligence Analyst 1964-95. Building Manager of Nato Seasparrow Project Office 2001-09. Building Manager of Camp Springs Lodge No. 227 2015-19.

**Personal:** Resident of Clinton, MD. Married to Mary Josephine for 55 years. Three children. Served in the U.S. Navy 1958-63. Member of the American Legion.

## BRO. RICHARD E. MAINLEY, JR., PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 in 1990. Worshipful Master in 1996. Served as Secretary in 2005. Served as Marshal 1997-2004 and 2006-20012. Member of Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1. Charter member of Crescent Lodge No. 240. Marshal 2016 – present. Member of Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865.



**Grand Lodge Leadership:** RW Senior Grand Warden in 2015. W. Grand Marshal 2013-14. Board of Managers 2017 – present. Chairman for the Boumi Masonic Lodge Creation 2016. Chairman of Harvest Home Day Committee 2019 (also co-chair in 1997-99). Chairman of the Masonic Halls Committee 2017 – present. Inducted into King Solomon's Society (charter member). Recipient of the Warren S. Seipp Medal.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite – Susquehanna Valley. York Rite – Druid Chapter No. 28. Hiram Council No. 5. Crusade Commandery No. 5. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Knights of Mecca. Susquehanna Shrine Club. Other Affiliations – Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland, President in 2015. Baltimore Highlands Square Club. Past Masters' Association of Cecil/Harford County, President in 1998.

**Professional:** Education – Graduate of Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School in 1974. Career – 30 year career in Purchasing with Proctor & Gamble – Retired.

**Personal:** Resident of Cockeysville, MD. Two children and two grandchildren.

## BRO. JONATHAN R. STRICKLER, PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Jephthah Lodge No. 222 in 2008. Worshipful Master in 2014. Lodge Secretary 2015 – present. Member of Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge No. 1. Worshipful Master in 2017 and current Senior Steward.



**Grand Lodge Leadership:** W. Junior Grand Deacon in 2017. Grand Inspector 2016 – present. Leadership Academy Instructor 2015 – present.

2019 Wellness Day Committee Co-chairman.

**Masonic Affiliations:** Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore. Council of Kadosh – Turcopolier. York Rite – Phoenix Chapter No. 7. Jerusalem Council No. 2. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Knights of Mecca, 1st Vice President 2019 and 2nd Vice President 2018.

**Professional:** Education – Graduated Perry Hall High School in 1995, University of Maryland College Park in 1999, Masters at University of Baltimore in 2007. Career – Over 19 creditable years as an Officer with the Baltimore County Police Department.

**Personal:** Resident of Nottingham, MD. Married to Lisa for 10 years. Two children.

## BRO. RANDALL L. WATSON, PM

**Blue Lodge History:** Raised in Nanticoke Lodge No. 172 in 1979. Current Home Lodge is Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge No. 195 (currently serves as Trustee). 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 & 2018. 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 Managers from 2018-19. 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. Member of Scottish Rite Holding Company from 2017 to present. York Rite – Druid Chapter No. 28 and Piscataway Chapter No. 46, MEHP in 2008 and 2013. M.E. Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Maryland 2014-15 and 2015-16. Hiram Council No. 5. Thrice Illustrious Master in 2011 and current Treasurer. Crusade Commandery No. 5, Commander in 2014 and 2015. Current R.I. Deputy Grand Master of Grand Council and E. Grand Treasurer of Grand Commandery. Knights of York Cross of Honor in 2015. Numerous local, State and International Honors & Awards. 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 & 2018. Past Patron of Henry Brecht Chapter No. 43 in 1990 and 1992. DeMolay - Active Member of the International Supreme Council since 2013 (Deputy in 2009). Initiated in Nanticoke Chapter in 1975, Master Councilor in 1976. Served 4 terms in 2 presiding offices in 3 State-Level Bodies. Numerous State and International positions, Honors & Awards. Other Affiliations – Worthy Chief of Euclid Council. Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers. Sovereign Master of Tidewater Council, Allied Masonic Degrees 2012. Commander Noah of Neap Tide Lodge, Royal Ark Mariners 2014. Excellent Chief of Templehoe Council, Knight Masons 2013. Current Secretary of Maryland College of the Societas Rosicruciana In Civitibus Foederatis. Royal Order of Scotland. Montgomery County Past Masters' Association.

**Professional:** Education - Graduated Colonel Richardson High School in 1976. MBA from Mount Saint Mary's College in 2004. Career - Retired as Assistant Commissioner with the Maryland Division of Correction at the end of 2015.

**Personal:** Resident of Windsor Mill, MD.

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# VIETNAM 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

On Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Maryland celebrated the 'Welcome Home and Thank You Vietnam Veterans Day'. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Naegele gave opening remarks followed by the Worthy Grand Matron Karen E. A. Calvert and Worthy Grand Patron William R. Sanner. We were honored by our speakers, Brother Mark Franklin from the United States of America 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Office of the US Department of Defense and Ms. Dana S. Burl from the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs. Bro. Franklin provided the history of the Commemoration, its purposes and its importance in history. It should be noted that Bro. Franklin is the sitting Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120 in Virginia. Ms. Burl talked about the role of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and her understanding of the importance of honoring these era veterans which she gained from family members and others she knew who had served in Vietnam. Finally, presentations of pins from the DoD Commemoration Program were presented to all the Vietnam Veterans and their family members who are also an important part of the support for our service members. Sister Karen and Brother Bill have been recognizing the Maryland Veterans across the State

throughout this past year and have a special pin for those outside the Vietnam era and they presented several to veterans of World War II and the Korean War during this celebration. Refreshments arranged or provided by several of our Eastern Star members were enjoyed by all before and after the formal presentation.





# WHERE IS YOUR HEART DURING THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF YOUR LODGE?

by Eric Helm, Door To Virtue Lodge No.46

Throughout the last several years it has been a pleasure to see pictures and videos of so many Installation of Officer Ceremonies in our State on social media. It has been a privilege to enjoy some of the intimate and solemn moments. When a new Worshipful Master kneels at the altar to take his obligation, the Senior and Junior Warden doing the same, an Honor Guard of Past Masters forming to welcome a new Worshipful Master to the East and the Past Masters increase as the most junior among them will soon descend three steps to join their ranks then welcome his successor. As you take these experiences in yourself have you ever thought about what is in your heart at this moment during this ceremony?

Does your heart swell with pride for new Officers of your Lodge? Do you look at these men with gratitude for the willingness they have in their hearts to serve? Are the sacrifices these men are making with time away from families recognized by the Lodge? For the elected positions, many of these brothers have earned the respect and trust of the Lodge, especially those long tenured secretaries and treasurers. Ask yourself, where is your heart in all of this?

Is your heart excited for the incoming Worshipful Master of your Lodge? A new Worshipful Master is bringing a multiyear commitment to fruition. They have spent a great deal of time learning our ritual and learning the business of a Lodge. Many have developed a plan for the year they will have in the East, a plan that formed over the preceding years and most likely came to fruition with in the last few months. Do you appreciate the look of satisfaction on a new Worshipful Masters face as his predecessor leaves the East and he puts on his Top Hat for the first time as Master of his Lodge? May your heart have pride in your new Worshipful Master, in your Lodge, and all of those who support it.

Do not limit the excitement of this ceremony to the Worshipful Master. Think of the Wardens. One man is excited to have the potential



to assume the East within a year. Another man surpassed the appointment by one man and was recently affirmed with his first elected office in Lodge and will be sitting in the South. These brothers may have been serving among the line officers for the last several years. Have excitement in your hearts for the Senior and Junior Wardens. They have labored for your Lodge and are in the process of earning your trust that within a few years you will have found them worthy to become the Master of your Lodge. Be excited for them as they partake of this journey.

How do you feel about your Senior and Junior Deacons? Every step closer to the East is exciting. A new expectation of service, commitment, and devotion to the Lodge and its work is expected. Will these brothers arise to those expectations? Are they excited and maybe a little nervous? Can you see the look of excitement they have once they are conducted to their new stations? Maybe it's a look of satisfaction with a desire for more.

As the Senior and Junior Stewards are installed do they seem more nervous than excited? Do you

know these brothers and where they are in their personal journey with Masonry? Did they start through the line officers' chairs shortly after becoming a Master Mason or have they been a brother among us and now seek to join the line officers ranks? Regardless of which it is exciting to join the line officers of a Lodge. Are you watching how the Junior Steward handles his staff? Does he need some guidance, or has he taken the time to learn how to wield it?

Many who sit in these chairs may never make it to the East. Life situations, vocational obligations, and many other activities may cause a brother to change direction. One never knows what may lay ahead over the next several years. For the here and now of an installation ceremony they are usually excited and eager to embrace the opportunities before them to serve the Lodge.

Do you feel the excitement for new leadership and new ideas in your Lodge? Are you excited about new opportunities that may present themselves in the coming year to serve the Lodge? Is there excitement among any guests and family of

the new officers and other brothers?

Our Lodge officers have received the support of a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Inspector, and the entire Grand Lodge of Maryland. Many men have invested in the success of these officers for years before this Installation Ceremony. These moments are worthy of your excitement and these brothers are worthy of your encouragement as your Lodge is worthy of your time and service.

For several years the newness of the Installation Ceremony was intriguing. The precision of the Marshall and the formalities of the ceremony were captivating. Once the journey began through them the excitement mentioned above became very real, through all the years and Officer Chairs. When the journey was complete the excitement remained in the faces of men that labors were shared with, men with similar yet different visions of how the Lodge will move forward. In addition to all these ceremonies, take in the people, enjoy the reflection of their emotions, and take pride in being a part of the Masonic Fraternity. It's exciting!

## HONORING THE CAUSE OF CHARITY

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drug, alcohol, depression, and abuse school based intervention and education program that trains staff working in Elementary, Middle, and High schools throughout Maryland public schools and oversees a state wide scholarship program for High School Seniors attending Maryland public schools. Partnering with Maryland public schools MMSAP provides training for school faculty to identify adolescents whose behavior, attendance, grades, or other indicators identify them as being at-risk for and/or have problems related to substance abuse. Through the MMSAP program, at-risk students and their parents are directed to appropriate services in their community that provide necessary assistance. Recipients of the state wide academic and needs based scholarship program offered to seniors in Maryland public schools are selected by members of lodges throughout Maryland. The award ceremony takes place in the spring. MCM also funds the Maryland Masonic Child ID Program (MD CHIP), which is

implemented by member's volunteering their time around Maryland. The MD CHIP provides Maryland parents with an extra measure of security and peace of mind. The MD CHIP identification kits given to parents provide authorities with all the information needed to identify a missing or abducted child. Confidentiality is key to the success of both the MMSAP and MD CHIP programs. The fraternity does not retain information on the children or families who benefit from or who participate in these programs.

While the various causes have changed over the years the importance of Charity within Freemasonry still resonates. The benefit of the countless volunteered hours and money contributed to worthy causes by Freemasons has benefited society as a whole. Children remain the primary recipient of these endeavors. Masonic Charity is one of the many things that inspire individuals to become a Mason.





# THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN AND THE MANHOOD OF THE BROTHER

By David R. Sandy

## The 21<sup>st</sup> Century<sup>a</sup>

confusing time for today's men. The nature of man and his masculinity has become a punchline, and it is becoming well known how anxiety among men is growing in modern America. The evolving labor market is also a source of stress. The emphasis on physical strength has faded. The value of upper body strength to lift heavy objects and to make things has been diminished or eliminated. Most of those jobs went to China, the result of decades of deindustrialization. Some may recall how society blamed men for crashing the economy. The accusatory phrase "*risk-taking bravado*" comes to mind. Very small minorities are grabbing headlines with issues such as rest room use. Every week traditional manliness is shredded by some article or cover story where society promotes homogenous androgyny. The latest involves advertising of men's products and a new buzz-phrase, "*Toxic Masculinity*".

Lately, it seems that our society has its sights set on the notion that manhood is no longer relevant in modern culture. It promotes how men should reject the old school pressures and demands of being a man. Men are encouraged to stop "*acting tough*" and get in touch with their emotional self. They should become sensitive men and learn to communicate and empathize. Let go of the fond memories of physically-demanding jobs. Those jobs are gone, so look into fields that are emerging such as nursing and human resources.

Men's inclination toward taking risks has been blamed for the latest economic downturns. Male lawmakers are criticized as being unable to negotiate due to their conditioning and natural tendency to compete and seek dominance over the competition. Perhaps the saddest cut of all is how society has determined that boys' natural wild energy is too disruptive in the classroom, so they need to be drugged and learn to sit quietly.

And at the same time, there are other questions arising about the state of modern men. Why are men



less academic? Why are fewer men marrying? Why are so many men living in the parents' basements? Is society producing more sissies? Where are the real men? Why are men not men?

Good question. More accurately stated, "Why aren't men good at being men?"

Much of today's culture clouds the icons of masculinity and there lacks a place where men can focus on those aspects of their God-given nature. We are subjected to the media bashing, the political correctness things, the consumerism and all of the things that have diluted and diminished the value of masculinity. Our culture is failing in producing sufficient numbers of positive male role models for families and for communities. Society is also failing to produce sufficient numbers of men who will gravitate to what our Fraternity is offering. So what does the future hold for our great Fraternity and how can we influence it?

Experience teaches us that if we wait on our culture or government or schools to provide us with direction on being a man and an outlet for our energy, we will likely wait forever. Sitting around complaining about what's wrong with the world today and how everybody needs to change is not the right approach either.

Consider Freemasonry's role in making good men better men and expand that thought into making good men better at being men.

Unfortunately, one of the greatest weaknesses of

current mindsets is the consumer mentality where choices must be made from pre-existing models and options. The result is a cynical beaten-down view of what's possible. Freemasonry offers the promise of an atmosphere of free thought and ideas.

Over the last four centuries, Freemasonry has survived and flourished for multiple reasons. The main reason is that it finds a way to maintain its relevance by changing with the times and adapting to fill a void and provide a need for mankind. It evolved and revised itself around the popular needs of the time. We see this in each century and it is as significant today as it was 300 years ago.

Freemasonry is a fraternity and by definition, a fraternity is an organization comprised only of men. And what is the battle cry of this fraternity of ours? We make good men, better men. Correct? We've all heard that.

A good man lives the moral virtues that we teach. He has a virtuous character. Being good involves honesty, integrity, justness, kindness, fairness, generosity, etc. In that regard, being a good man is similar in description to that of a good woman.

But being good at being a man is different. Outside of Freemasonry, what is there that provides a haven for good men to pursue a path to enduring masculinity. Our society lacks an institutional structure for creating an atmosphere for making good men, better men and better at being men.

For this reason, Freemasonry is as relevant as ever. Freemasonry offers a way where moral and virtuous tenets can be viewed in a non-doctrinal way. This creates the opportunity to develop an understanding of one's nature, masculinity and relationship with their Creator in way that is not tied to any particular dogma. This can be very attractive to the generations of today and those yet to come.

Unmistakably Freemasonry will continue and it will do so with members from the Millennial generation and beyond. Our average age is in the 60's and we're not initiating many 60, 70 and 80-year-olds these days. The day is quickly approaching when the new generation of Masons will make this Masonic Fraternity their own.

There is an interesting book about the Millennial generation titled, *The Millennial Entered Appren-*

tices. Based on the interviews and surveys that went into writing that book, we now live in a culture that distrusts the old traditions of religion that are so attached to the dogma and the doctrines of faith. Simultaneously, the millennial generation clearly recognizes the importance of connecting with the spiritual side of their being and wraps themselves around those elements of their nature that make them good men.

Freemasonry has always been about doing that, and so from that point of view, it is as important as it's ever been. Freemasonry is about creating positive male role models, and it provides a place where men can focus on the old icon of stability in the male gender through connectedness, communications and conversations with multiple generations of men. That has been its fundamental strength in almost every generation. Underlying all of that is how these activities and the strategies occur in private conclaves of men where three and four generations are participating in the dialogue, in Lodge at the same time.

And so, Freemasonry will adapt to the needs of society. This means, my Brothers, our Fraternity will change, and it will change to remain relevant, as it always has. Change is both an inevitability and a constant. In the words of the Canadian Rock Band, Rush, "*Changes aren't permanent, but change is.*" Regarding Freemasonry, change should not be something that happens to it. Change should be something that Freemasons make happen.

As we face concerns such as declining membership and retention, we can continue to go through the motions. We can look longingly at the glory years of the past. We can look for answers to our issues by having more dinners, consuming more alcohol, holding more fund-raisers, providing more entertainment, relaxing admission requirements, forming more committees and on and on.

Yet, our forbearers started new fraternities, new religions, new churches, new governments, new philosophies, new ways of living, new ways of thinking and above all new responses to the needs of society. Why not now and why not us? Do we want more spaghetti dinners, or do we want to change the world?





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