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*The flag court at the Grand Lodge of Maryland.*



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# GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

*Greetings to all.*

I hope this issue of the Free State Freemason will find everyone well and reflecting upon a wonderful Christmas. I also hope your New Year is off to a very good start. In some ways it is hard to believe that 2022 is here.

January started off at full speed. Officer Installations conducted by your Grand Lodge Officers almost every evening. I want to congratulate all the new Worshipful Masters and their lines of officers. This year, not one Lodge requested a "pass." This is a great sign that our officers are keeping their commitment to their Lodge and the members therein. Your Grand Lecturer, Bill Richard, has added new DGLs and set up schools of instruction across Maryland, and I am certain they will be informative and worth attending. The President of the Board of Grand Inspectors has added over twenty new Grand Inspectors to help Lodges in the performance of their duties. I assure you all that the Grand Lecturers and Grand Inspectors are only there to assist the officers and members of the Lodge and not to interfere.

Masonry in Maryland is moving in the right direction because of your efforts. Our Lodges

have new men submitting petitions and work is getting done. We may never reach the numbers of those "good ole days" but I believe I'll take quality over quantity. We have very good men doing very good work. Not just in the Lodges, but in the community. Men are learning what it means to be a Mason and how that informs their actions toward God, their neighbors, themselves and their families. These qualities distinguish you from the rest of the community and mark you as one bound by duty, honor, and faithfulness to your obligations.

In closing I again want to congratulate our Lodges, members, and officers who are making a difference. I pledge my support to all of you and if I may ever be of assistance, please know I am only a phone call away. Now, may I wish you all the Blessing of good health and a warm and early spring.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Marlin L. Mills  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Of Masons in Maryland

## MASONIC DISASTER RELIEF FOR KENTUCKY

The state of Kentucky was recently devastated by tornadoes. Many brethren have lost their Lodges, their homes, and even their lives. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has issued an appeal for relief and has shared a link to do so if you choose. Their website is [grandlodgeofkentucky.org](http://grandlodgeofkentucky.org). Donations can also be made through the Masonic Service Association at [msnna.com](http://msnna.com). 100% of donations will go directly to relief efforts.

# FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY'S DESK

*Fraternal greetings to all my Brothers!*

I just wanted to take a few moments and give you some updates on what's going on at the Grand Lodge Office these days.

## OFFICE STAFF

I want to start by complimenting the office staff. As mentioned by Grand Master Mills in his address at the Annual Communication, Carl, Lori, Rachel and Tom work diligently to assure that the level of service that the membership of the Grand Lodge expect and deserve, is met, if not exceeded every day. Whenever you need help with something that you think we can assist with, they are happy to take your calls or emails and provide you with whatever service that we can provide. Paul and Rosie in accounting also meet the high standards that we adhere to in the service of the craft. Mr. Art Wolf has recently joined the accounting staff and we look forward to working with him and benefiting from his knowledge and experience. For most of 2021, the staff has been handling all of the necessary operations with reduced numbers. We eliminated the position of CFO, brother Cameron Newman left for a career advancement and Bro. Ray Vogel retired after his many years of service to the Grand Lodge. None of these positions were replaced. I'm very proud of the hard work the office staff has put in to assure that the quality of service to our brethren has not diminished. We'll do our best to maintain the level of satisfaction that you now enjoy.

## MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

Brethren I wish I could find the magic words that would encourage each of you to sign on and register in the membership software (Grandview). Not only is it quick and easy, but it opens up a wealth of information to you, and it also greatly enhances the ability for the lodge secretaries to manage your membership information on both the Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge levels. Registering is simple. Go to [www.glmd.org](http://www.glmd.org). You

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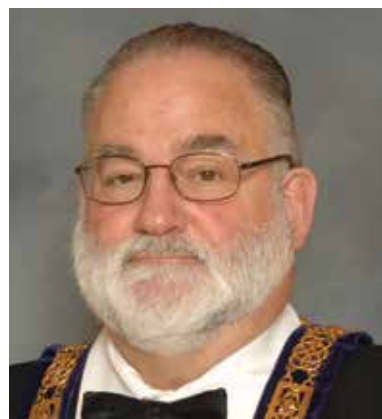
## LODGE SECRETARIES

The schedule for the 2022 regional meetings will probably already be out by the time you read this. We will be sharing a lot of important and interesting information with you at these meetings. We will have sign-in sheets at the regional meetings this year to track whether the mandatory attendees are actually coming and hearing the information we have for them. These meetings are open to masons, and they are worth the time to learn more about the Grand Lodge so please encourage your members to attend. I have been approached by several Worshipful Masters and Secretaries inquiring about online dues payment through Grandview. I can tell you that it is available for our use and that we will be taking the necessary steps to launch it within the next year.

Grandview has also announced that they have a new release coming after the first of the year that will update and simplify some of its features and will eventually offer a complete lodge accounting system.

I hope to be able to see many of you in the coming months. Whether it's at an installation, lodge meeting or regional meeting, I look forward to spending time with my brethren. I want to again thank the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maryland for allowing me to continue serving as your Grand Secretary. It is a privilege that I treasure. I'm here to help you in any way that I can.

Fraternally,  
Kenneth R. Taylor, Grand Secretary



# 2022 REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Grand Master Mills and other speakers will once again be visiting each region of Maryland to provide information and listen to your comments in a series of regional meetings taking place throughout February and early March.

Each host Lodge will serve coffee and doughnuts beginning at 8:30am. The Regional Meeting will start promptly at 9:00am. Lunch, again provided by the host Lodge, will be served at the conclusion.

All Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, and Lodge Membership Chairmen are required to attend one meeting. Following the morning's presentations there will be important breakout sessions for Secretaries and for Grand Inspectors.

The scheduled meetings are listed below. Further information can be located on the Grand Master's Calendar found on the Grand Lodge Website at [www.mdmasons.org](http://www.mdmasons.org).

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

Grand Lodge of Maryland  
302 International Circle  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

Wicomico Lodge No. 91  
110 North Division Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

Centennial Lodge No. 174  
6110 Croom Station Road  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

## SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

Ali Ghan Shriners Temple  
13100 Ali Ghan Road N.E.  
Cumberland, MD 21502

# NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

At our Annual Communication on Saturday, November 20, 2021, two new amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland were voted upon and passed. Those amendments are as follows:

## AMENDMENT 1

**Location:** Article X, Section 1, Paragraph 5

**Summary:** This amendment removes the \$3.00 annual per capita assessment dedicated to the Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program (MD-ChIP). Beginning in 2022, the Grand Lodge assessment will be reduced by that \$3.00.

## AMENDMENT 2

**Location:** Article XII, Section 5, Paragraph 5

**Summary:** This amendment adds a Section F to Article XII which requires that any item printed in the name of the Grand Lodge of Maryland must be approved by the Board of Managers. Funding for these printed materials must also be approved by the Board of Managers.



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# THE OPERATIVE ORIGINS OF THE TRACING BOARD

By Bro. Charles Matulewicz, PM  
Palestine Lodge No. 189

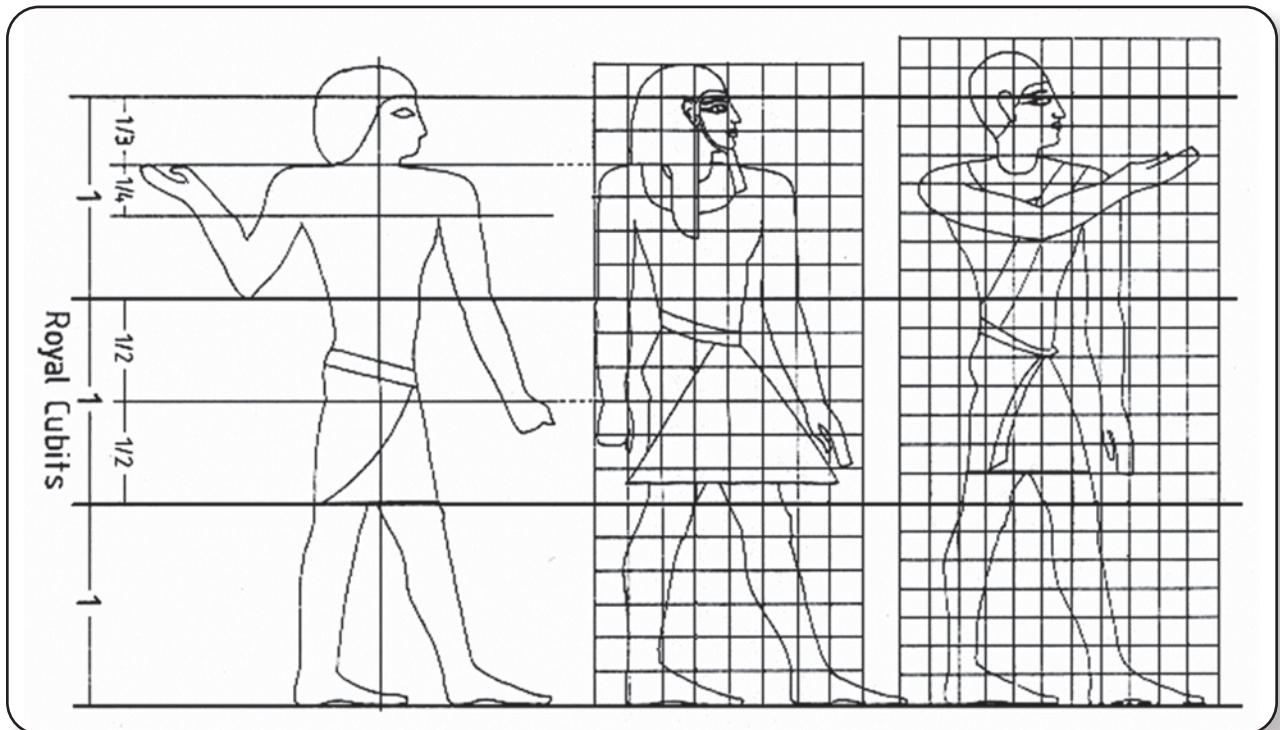
In the first and third degrees the trestle-board takes a prominent place in the Master's lecture to the candidate. The Speculative Masons Trestleboard is an evolution of the Master's carpet, which lead to the painted tracing/trestle-board, which has lead to the slides we use in our Lodges at the present, but I would like to talk to you about the way our Operative forebears used this tool in their craft.

The Egyptians utilized tracing boards in their designs by laying out their hieroglyphs within a grid pattern, the craftsman could take the masters drawing and scale it up or down to fit the installation by increasing the dimenstions of those cubes when the design was transferred to the wall as the Eyprians used a series of proportions that supported their style of art know as frontalism.

We see evidence of this practice in tomb art, and the same scheme could be applied to sculpture or architectural elements by applying the same grid across each side of an ashlar.

This is more easily seen when we look at the works of Michelangelo during the Italian Renaissance. Michelangelo designed multiple architechtrual elements throughout his career. One such installation was the Michelangelo's Laurentian Library steps built in Florence in 1524. Look at all of the architectural elements, the base and chapiter of of the pillars, the pediments, the niches... even the turned work of the bannisters. How were all of these elements repeated and crafted by skilled Masons to meet the exacting specifications of Michelangelo? Master Michelangelo drew his designs upon a tracing board.

In this case the curves and lines of the staircase were all schetched out with exacting notes as to their proportions. These scketches were then traced upon a thin paper. The reverse would be rubbed over with whatever material would be best suited to stick to the stone be it chalk, charcoal, or clay. The drawing could be applied to each side of an ashlar for the workman to carve







to its proper shape. The tracing board allows the master to provide his workmen a template to apply his designs to their work reproducing it as many times as is required.

As Speculative Masons we couldn't find a better metaphor for the Master's work. The Master laying is speculative designs down on his tracing board passes onto the Brethren those lessons for us to apply those designs (in this case the symbols and allegories of Masonry) to our own work.. our lives they live outside of the Lodge. If the Operative tracing board is a prescribed action our Specuative tracing board is a call to action. Even the Speculative Mason must practice his craft to become a Master. What if we, like those Operative Masons, carried those designs laid down for us in the Blue Lodge out into the world? How much better could we make our communities and through those works how many men would see themselves reflected in our gentle craft?



# CORINTHIAN ROOM CHAIR PLAQUES



Create a lasting honor or memory by purchasing a brass chair plaque for permanent display in the Corinthian Room. Less than one hundred chairs remain available. The cost is \$200 per plaque. Simply fill out the below form and return it to the Grand Lodge Office with your check made out to "The Grand Lodge of Maryland". Requests for specific locations will be honored to the best of our ability based on availability. Plaques for chairs in the Grand East are available at a cost of \$500. Contact Tom Foster at [tfoster@glmd.org](mailto:tfoster@glmd.org) for further information.



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304 International Circle  
Cockeysville, MD 21030



# UPDATES FROM MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND

By Bro. Tom Foster, President

The MCM Lodge Scholarship Program is again in full swing. All scholarship packets have been forwarded to participating lodges for distribution at assigned high schools. The deadline for students to return a completed application is March 1, 2022. The Board of Directors has once again opted to not have a Scholarship Reception hosted at the Grand Lodge. It remains our belief that the program is best served when a lodge can make the official presentation of the award within their own community. As such, our intent is to have all checks and certificates distributed to the lodges no later than May 1, 2022. This will allow lodges to participate in their school's Honors Day celebration and present the check in person to the recipient.

We will once again be presenting six Regional Scholarships of an additional \$1,500 to the worthy student from each region. From these six, we will select the recipient of the C. David Haack Scholarship and the Vernon Mules Scholarship. Our top recipient in the state will take home a scholarship award of \$7,000!

In 2021, MCM, continued its financial support of the One Love Foundation as the Presenting Sponsor of their "Tee One Up for Love" Golf Tournament. One Love was founded to honor the memory of Yeardley Love, who was murdered by an abusive partner while in col-

lege. Their mission is to provide free relationship health education to young people through a variety of resources. These resources not only help them understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships but empowers them to identify and prevent abuse. We find their mission to aid and protect our youth closely matches that of MCM, and we are proud to partner with and support them.

Finally, I do want to clarify that the Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program (MD-ChIP) is not going away. As you may be aware, an amendment passed at the Annual Communication which repealed the \$3 per capita assessment for MD-ChIP. Let me assure you that the program is fully funded for many years, if not decades to come – certainly for the length of time the program will be viable! We are changing how the units and supplies will be distributed. We have sufficient units to set up lodges in each area of the state to function as a depot which other area lodges could use as a resource for machines and supplies to host an event. We feel this will ease the procurement process. All supplies, and any required repairs or replacement of units will be fully paid for through the funds already secured in place for the program. If your lodge has an interest in serving as a host lodge, please contact me or any Board member.







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# REPORT ON THE NOVEMBER ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 235<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland got underway on Friday, November 19, 2021 with the Annual Grand Master's Banquet as the 2021 Grand Line and their ladies were formally introduced for the final time.

The weekend continued with the formal opening of The Annual Communication on Saturday morning, culminating with the installation and investiture of the 2022 Grand Line on Saturday evening. For the photo and names of those serving in 2022, please turn to page 12.

Throughout the weekend, several awards were announced. Bro. Ralph Perry, RWPSGW was

presented the Thomas J. Shryock Medal for Meritorious Service. Brothers Homero Eraso, Jr. and Christopher J. Ricci were presented the Warren Seipp Medal for Distinguished Service. The John C. Naquin Masonic Youth Service Award was presented to Amy Baker representing Rainbow for Girls, Susan "Happy" Estes-Butler representing Job's Daughters, and Alice Martinek representing DeMolay.

For all the photos which chronicle the weekend, please visit the Grand Lodge photo storage site accessed on the Grand Lodge Website home page at [www.mdmasons.org](http://www.mdmasons.org).



*Grand Master Marlin Mills and the Officers of the 2021 Grand Line after being presented at the Grand Master's Banquet.*



◀ Bro. Homero Eraso, Jr. (working double-duty as the chef of the Grand Master's Banquet) is presented the Warren Seipp Medal for Distinguished Service.

Susan "Happy" Estes-Butler ▶ is presented the John C. Naquin Masonic Youth Service Award by Grand Master Mills.







◀ Amy Baker, pictured center with other Rainbow for Girls adult advisors, was presented with the John C. Naquin Masonic Youth Service Award.

Bro. Christopher Ricci being presented with the Warren Seipp Medal for Distinguished Service. ▶



◀ MW Grand Master Marlin L. Mills is presented for installation to his second term by his grandsons.

Bro. Ralph L. Perry, who served as RW Senior Grand Warden in 1997 is presented with the Thomas J. Shrock Medal for Meritorious Service. ▶



# 2021 SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Grand Lodge of Maryland presents Service Awards to those brothers who have attained 50, 60 and 70 years of service to the fraternity. Below is the list of those brothers who reached this significant milestone in 2021, listed by their home lodge. We extend our sincere congratulations to each of them.

## CONCORDIA #13

### 50 Years

James Conkel  
Robert Dean  
Malcolm Steigerwald  
Douglas Trotter

## AMICABLE-ST. JOHNS #25

### 50 Years

Harold Rothman  
Gary Talles  
William Schmidt  
Stanley Varlas  
Gilbert Davis  
Michael Gershen

### 60 Years

Stephen Gandel  
Bernard Nusinov  
Bennett Politzer  
Joel Sereboff  
Stanley Tilkin  
Ray Weinstein  
Malcolm Berman

### 70 Years

Stanley Davis  
Melvin Morganstern  
David Seidman

## MT. ARARAT #44

### 50 Years

George Bauguess

### 60 Years

Mathias Packer, Jr.

## DOOR TO VIRTUE #46

### 50 Years

John Arbaugh, Jr.  
Nicholas Samios  
Charles Simpson, Jr.

### 70 Years

Lloyd Wells

## UNION #48

### 60 Years

Kenneth Mars

### 70 Years

Lewis Collins, Jr.

## WARREN #51

### 70 Years

Richard Dowdy  
Warren Green

## COLUMBIA #58

### 50 Years

Joseph Eyler

### 60 Years

Bobby Perry

## CAMBRIDGE #66

### 50 Years

Russell Wroten

## KING DAVID'S #68

### 50 Years

George Grace  
Warren Pardo

## PATMOS-SOLOMON'S #70

### 50 Years

S. Brent Morris

## FRIENDSHIP #84

### 50 Years

Jerry Moore

### 60 Years

Benjamin Chlebnikow

### 70 Years

Maurice Johnston

## ANNAPOLIS #89

### 50 Years

John Henry  
George Nutwell Jr.  
Bruce Pyle  
Ray Sullivan

### 60 Years

Adam Schmitt

### 70 Years

Robert Hay

## WICOMICO #91

### 50 Years

Edgar Baker, Jr.  
Terrence Inman

## CORINTHIAN #93

### 50 Years

Wayne Colburn, Jr.  
Robert Carr, Jr.

## MOUNTAIN #99

### 50 Years

Jeffry Chapman  
Wade Phillips

### 60 Years

Donald Sine

### 70 Years

Harry Whetstone

## POTOMAC #100

### 50 Years

Kenneth Hausman  
Ronald Leaf  
Carleton Shore

### 60 Years

John Andrews



**HOWARD #101****50 Years**

James Foxwell, Jr.  
Daniel Smith, Jr.  
John Henderson  
George Lovas, Jr.

**60 Years**

Joseph Daniel

**COATS #102****50 Years**

George Carroll, Jr.  
William Marr, Jr.  
Neil Anderson

**70 Years**

John Shepherd

**HIRAM #103****50 Years**

Aaron Lee  
Robert Wiltison

**MANOKIN #106****50 Years**

Bobby Mears  
Arthur Raine

**60 Years**

Harry Muir

**FREEDOM #112****50 Years**

Alvin Howes, Sr.

**60 Years**

Robert Tabler, Jr.

**CHESTER #115****50 Years**

Louis Howeth  
James Van de Wal

**60 Years**

Robert Ritchie  
Franklin Tucker

**70 Years**

Harold Coleman

**MT. MORIAH #116****50 Years**

Henry Black  
Lindsley Benton  
Robert Brooks  
William Carl, Jr.  
Robert Lund  
Daniel Powell  
Roger Dunn

**60 Years**

John Kitz, Jr.  
Charles Meyer, Jr.  
John Miller  
Gerald Mathison

**70 Years**

Harold Thompson  
Russell Thompson

**PYTHAGORAS #123****60 Years**

Walter Park, Jr.

**70 Years**

Griffith Lytle

**TEMPLE #128****50 Years**

Joe Harrison, Jr.  
David Smith, Sr.  
Frederick Smith

**60 Years**

Clifford Stafford, Sr.

**70 Years**

Albert Rinner

**QUEEN CITY #131****50 Years**

Clyde Bantz  
Harry Hess  
Donald Hooton  
Keith Thomas

**60 Years**

Arthur Arthur  
Edgar Parsons

**CHARITY #134****50 Years**

James Dent

**60 Years**

Millard Isennock

**STEPHENSON #135****50 Years**

Vernon Stearn

**60 Years**

William Caldwell, Sr.  
Harry Pomraning

**MEDAIRY #140****70 Years**

Eugene Drennen

**PRINCE FREDERICK #142****50 Years**

James Lofton

**60 Years**

James McKenny  
Hayes Pfitzenmeyer, Jr.  
Frederick Reamy, Jr.  
Dimitri Zafirooulos

**IONIC #145****50 Years**

Allen Bolyard  
Gilbert Fadely

**60 Years**

Walter Radek, Jr.  
Eugene Will

**70 Years**

Marvin Reeser

**CHESAPEAKE #147****50 Years**

Peter Brunk  
Michael Hancock

**60 Years**

Norris Marshall  
Newell Volk, II

**LAUREL WREATH #149****50 Years**

Carl Holden  
David McFadden

**60 Years**

Robert Bates, Jr.  
Carl Fuehrer  
David Theilman

### WAVERLY #152

#### 50 Years

Orville Arnold, Jr.  
Howard Dietz, Jr.  
Leonard Hebb

### EVERGREEN #153

#### 50 Years

John Burbage, Jr.  
Ronald Holland  
Howard Taylor, Jr.

#### 60 Years

Frederick Heinlen

### KEMP #154

#### 50 Years

Charles Blank  
William Neely

### ACACIA #155

#### 50 Years

Joseph Kuhn  
James Miller

### ORIENTAL #158

#### 50 Years

Theodore Shertzer

### GEORGE'S CREEK VALLEY #161

#### 50 Years

Harry Hadley, Jr.

#### 60 Years

Raymond Bittinger, Jr.

### MILLINGTON #166

#### 50 Years

Franklin Salyers

#### 60 Years

Michael Chick, Jr.

### TEMPLE #170

#### 60 Years

Thomas Bounds

### J.W. BOWERS #173

#### 50 Years

David Creek  
Donald Whiteside  
William Whiteside

### CENTENNIAL #174

#### 50 Years

Marshall Hoffman  
Richard Steuart  
Geoffrey Morell

### LEBANON #175

#### 50 Years

Kenneth Bull, Jr.  
Paul Lloyd

### GRANITE #177

#### 60 Years

Eugene Daisey

### MT. HERMON #179

#### 50 Years

Arthur Brown  
Henry Dalley  
Robert Mitchell  
Eugene Thomas

#### 60 Years

William Bothwell  
Robert Dickerson

### CENTREVILLE #180

#### 50 Years

Joseph Maddox

### SINCERITY #181

#### 70 Years

Edward Ilgenfritz, Jr.

### SHARON #182

#### 60 Years

Dennis Kavanaugh, III  
John Mickey  
John Raines, Jr.

### PATAPSCO #183

#### 50 Years

Alfred Kellner  
Stephen Saltzgiver

#### 60 Years

Glenn Batten  
William Dickerson  
Wesley Harper, Jr.  
Wilbert Iman  
Marvin Kastama  
William Lau, Jr.

#### 70 Years

Calvin Dorn

### HIGHLAND #184

#### 50 Years

William Cotton, III  
Richard Young

#### 60 Years

Edward Mantler

#### 70 Years

Robert Heinze

### ABERDEEN #187

#### 50 Years

Livio Cillo  
Farrell Dreisbach, Jr.  
Ralph Perry

#### 60 Years

Norwood Flanders

### PALESTINE #189

#### 50 Years

Donald Grempler  
William Kern, II  
Romulas McLaughlin

#### 60 Years

Ralph Ditch, Jr.  
Joseph Jaskiewicz

### BRUNSWICK #191

#### 50 Years

Hayes Huffer, Jr.  
Melvin Taylor

### OAKLAND #192

#### 50 Years

Frank Clark

#### 60 Years

Wayne Johnson

### PENTALPHA #194

#### 50 Years

Sidney Katz  
Terry Katz



**MONT.-CORNERSTONE #195****50 Years**

John Gregg

**60 Years**

Sidney Lechter

**70 Years**

Linwood Farmer

**SALEM #196****60 Years**

Ronald Norford

**ANTIETAM #197****50 Years**Charles Holder  
Norman Pearman  
John Dunaway**KEN.-BETHESDA #198****50 Years**Thomas Lucas  
William Parsons  
William Starkloff  
Roger Wolfe  
Andrew McCombe**60 Years**

Albert Musgrove

**FERVENCY #200****50 Years**

Russell Brewer

**TYRIAN #205****50 Years**David George  
Raymond Morris, Jr.**PERSEVERANCE #208****50 Years**

Paul Christensen

**ODENTON #209****50 Years**

Horace Coffin, III

**COMPOSITE #212****60 Years**

Norris Stratmeyer

**GLEN BURNIE #213****50 Years**Carl Bonner  
William Guizzardi  
John Hoffman  
Wayne Upton**60 Years**William McDonald  
James Sappington, Jr.**SILVER SPRING #215****50 Years**Joseph Gooch, Jr.  
Ara Sahagian**60 Years**

James Forder

**70 Years**

Roy Baliles

**HAGERSTOWN #217****50 Years**

Donald Barnhart

**60 Years**

Lee Golden

**PATUXENT #218****60 Years**Luther Dean  
John Knee  
Clarence Andrews**LIBERTY PICKERING #219****50 Years**Robert Stahl, III  
Harry Sheppard, Jr.  
Benjamin Proctor, Jr.**70 Years**

John Hobine

**CENTENNIAL #221****60 Years**

Charles Silvia

**JEPHTHA #222****50 Years**Charles Weisberg  
Charles Lader  
John McCoachLewis Leister  
William Tomlinson, Jr.  
William Oettel**60 Years**Frederick Emkey, Jr.  
William Carey**70 Years**

Gilbert Jamison

**THOS. J. SHRYOCK #223****50 Years**Edward Flynn  
Lawrence Moore  
Russell Rivers**60 Years**

Earl Harding

**CAMP SPRINGS #227****50 Years**Randall Baker  
George Grimes  
John Kumkumian**60 Years**

Peter Todsén

**WHEATON #228****50 Years**

Charles Riffle

**COLLINGTON #230****50 Years**Bobby Jacobs  
Richard Jozwiak  
Leslie Lattin  
Stanley Painter  
Edward Ragan**ST.ALBAN BIRMINGHAM #233****50 Years**

Fred Gilbert

**60 Years**

Richard Gerheiser

**PERRY HALL #235****60 Years**

Harry King

## A FOND FAREWELL

**2021** brought the retirement of two long-time employees of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Bro. Ray Vogel and Linda “Miss Linda” Zollars. Both started their careers with the Grand Lodge when “The Old Grand Lodge” was still located at 225 North Charles Street in Baltimore City.

Miss Linda started as a member of the Grand Lodge Office Staff in 1985. During her 36 years of service, she eventually took on the responsibilities of working with membership, especially processing all petitions as they came in. Many a Lodge Secretary came to rely on her for her advice and knowledge of proper protocols. It was often said, only partially in jest, that Miss Linda knew more about Masonry than most Masons! Since retiring, Linda has been enjoying time with her family and also spending time at her vacation cabin in West Virginia.

Bro. Ray Vogel, a 56-year member of Corinthian Lodge No. 93, began his career with the

Grand Lodge in 1993. He originally worked from an office in the basement of the old Grand Lodge as the Custodian and Building Supervisor. He assumed a similar role when the Grand Lodge moved to its current location. As more and more weddings and other rental events began to take place, he assumed the role of Banquet Coordinator. Throughout his 28 years of service, Ray became well acquainted with every nook and cranny of both buildings and is a wealth of knowledge on the history of both. Ray is also spending his retirement enjoying his family, especially his several grandchildren.

A farewell luncheon was held in both their honor and the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was called off to welcome Miss Linda within to be honored. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers and received a lengthy, well-deserved, standing ovation from all present.

We wish them both many years of happy retirement!





# REBUILDING FROM WITHIN, A MASONIC JOURNEY

By Bro. Tommy J. Morris, W. Grand Marshal

As the Grand Master leads the way in the needed reform of the Grand Lodge and of Maryland Masonry, the work of rebuilding ultimately must start from within each of us. In reflecting on the history of the Grand Lodge, “Rebuilding from Within” seems to be a persistent theme throughout a number of other periods in our history and were undoubtedly as necessary then as it is today.

First and foremost, in order for us to rebuild from within, we must begin with ourselves as the foundation. At the end of the day, the work of rebuilding resides within each one of us knowing ourselves and the desire to improve ourselves. We do this through self-reflection and the legacy we have inherited as a foundation to improve upon. We do not need to build a new fraternity but repair the old one; we do not need to tear out the foundation of Maryland Masonry but build upon it. Because we have a strong foundation and numerous good Masons upon which to build. This good will go a long way in rebuilding Maryland Masonry.

I know in my own life that I regularly practice self-reflection to improve myself. But, when I was asked if I had ever considered being Grand Marshal, I had to give that very deliberate thought. Which led me to the time I took the first step of my journey from the West toward the East. When I was asked, “Do you have any questions?”. At that time, I had countless questions swirling around in my thoughts, but I had only one that manifested itself, “What does the Seal and inscription upon the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Maryland mean (Gloria, Principium, Prospectus, and Finis)?”. So I asked my question. I received a bewildered look and was given many different answers, including “I’m not quite sure”, as well as other responses that didn’t seem to fit. I thought that if I was going to be the Grand Marshal, I should know the answer. The Grand Master-elect (at that time) chuckled and proceeded to answer my question. He commented that the inscription on the Seal, taken in connection with the image in the center – a blazing sun shedding its rays in every quarter of the world may be translated as “The glory, principle, object, and end of our Order, is the dissemination of Light”. Of course, as I discovered, these words and symbol had a much deeper, mystical significance beyond the physical rebuilding of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.



Depicted is our Grand Lodge Seal. Based on historical records, the original seal used was ordered destroyed by the Grand Lodge of England. The Seal depicted was copied from an impression on a document from the year 1797. It is precisely the same one used by the Grand Lodge of Maryland at present day. What is remarkable is that there is nothing on the seal to designate the name or the character of the organization whose acts it is intended to legalize.

Based on historical records and minutes of the Grand Lodge proceedings, the Grand Lodge of Maryland was at no time able to obtain a diploma (or certificate as it was called in those days) issued by the Grand Lodge of England prior to 1800. The Seal itself was engraved by Thackeray and is an exact copy of the seal on a diploma in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Maryland which was issued by the Grand Lodge of England in 1802. The Seal represents the noble vision we have inherited from the founding of our Grand Lodge; in a land where people are free to develop their full potential according to the merits of hard work.

In Masonry, symbols and words are deliberately selected means of communicating knowledge, such as those on our Seal and through our rituals. Symbols and words are used as a vehicle for delivery of solid knowledge independent of the level of understanding of the people actually conferring our degrees. In antiquity, moreover, it allowed Masons to function independent of the presence of the uninitiated or cowans. For hundreds of years our rituals have preserved these treasures and the risk of revealing something was practically nil. Today, there are those who believe they should be given a pass. A pass to serve as a Worshipful Master without being proficient in our ritual.

My call to you my Brothers is to take a fresh look at yourselves; to reflect more deeply upon the treasures of the wisdom of years of teaching, learning, and living and to support the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the dissemination of the “Light”. Encourage those who seek to journey to the East, to invest time and effort to learn, to be proficient in our ritualistic work, and to earn the Honor of being called “Worshipful Master”. Let us then get on with the work of rebuilding from within the precious cornerstone of our Legacy. The “Light” surely is our most valuable building block, indeed the cornerstone of Maryland Masonry.

# THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN

By Bro. David R. Sandy, W. Grand Chaplain

References to “The Holy Saints John” and “A Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem” are among the first things we may recall from our earliest experiences as Freemasons. We learned that they were Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. We may have pondered their association with Freemasonry and how it came to be.

King Solomon, Hiram Abiff, Hiram of Tyre and others are the integral characters in Masonic teachings, and their association is well known to most Masons through our ritual and lectures. Conversely, there is little mentioned about the Holy Saints John. Perhaps this is an intentional omission, meant to excite our curiosity and encourage us to investigate on our own.

Many eminent Masonic scholars have written much on this subject, and their works are a wealth of insight into Masonic history and philosophy. This essay should be considered a brief overview of the connection between the Masonic Fraternity and two of the men it reveres. Let us examine.

## Saint John the Baptist

Saint John the Baptist was the son of a priest, Zachary, and Elizabeth, a relative of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Elizabeth was an older woman when he was born, and the angel Gabriel foretold his birth. It is likely that he was born southwest of Jerusalem and lived in the wilderness as a hermit until he was about 30 years old. He began to preach on the shores of the Jordan River and drew great crowds who came to listen to him speak about the evils of the times, penitence and perform baptisms. He may have been the first to refer to Jesus as the “Lamb of God.” He encouraged many of his followers to follow Jesus and among them were Andrew and John. He was considered a dissident, imprisoned by Herod and beheaded upon the request of Salome, who was instigated by her mother.

## Saint John the Evangelist

Saint John the Evangelist was the brother of James and cousin of Jesus. His mother, Salome (not the same Salome who had John the Baptist beheaded) was the sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus. He and James were fishermen, and among the first to follow Jesus. They held high rank in the early Christian Church. Since about 200 A.D., scholars have debated whether all attributed to him might be the work of three men, John the Apostle, John of Patmos and John the Presbyter.

## Patron Saints

During the Middle Ages, it was a common practice for trades people to choose a saint of the church and looked to them for protection. Frequently, patron saints have been selected because there was a perceived connection between the saints and the guilds. For example, among the London tradesmen, St. Peter, St. Crispin, St. Matthew, and more were chosen by the tailors, physicians, fisherman and others who identified with these Saints.

Consider the possible connection our earlier Brothers may have felt toward Saint Barbara, believed a protector against being struck by lightning or suffering a sudden and unforeseen death. Whether it was being struck by lightning when working on a tower, crushed by a tumbling stone or falling off a scaffold, their occupation subjected our ancient Brethren to these risks regularly.

There is plenty of historical evidence supporting the selection of Saint John the Baptist as the patron saint of Masonry. What about Saint John the Evangelist?

Many distinguished Masonic scholars have pondered this question, and exhaustive research has been devoted to finding an answer to when Saint John the Evangelist was adopted by the Craft. Dr. Albert Gallatin Mackey claims that



during the 16th century, Saint John the Baptist was considered the sole patron of Freemasonry and that some time later Saint John the Evangelist was added. No one knows for sure, but in records dating to the earliest days of Speculative Masonry there is clear indication that Saint John the Evangelist became attached to Masonry. For example, the archives from 1726, of the London Lodge, that met at the Swan and Rummer Tavern. These records indicate the election of officers for six-month terms, and the installations were on June 24 (St. John the Baptist Day) and December 27 (St. John the Evangelist Day).

There is no certainty to the reason for the choice of either Saint John, by Masonry, but some of the Masonic similarities could offer an explanation. Saint John the Baptist maintained his inflexibility and fidelity to his trust, even to death. In him, we see an example to emulate. An example of freedom, purity, a zealous attachment to his principles, and a fervent desire to benefit all people. Saint John the Evangelist taught brotherly love, subduing passions, charity, and aid to widows and orphans. Of all the Apostles, he is considered the closest and most loyal to Christ. Saint John was there at the crucifixion where Christ entrusted him with caring for His mother, Mary.

Another connection comes from the opening words in the Gospel of Saint John, which reads very closely to and sounds very much Masonic.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not...” – John 1:1-5, KJV

Note the connection between the “Word” and “Light” and divinity. It seems natural that our earlier Brothers saw the similarity. They were good choices, nonetheless, for the teachings of Freemasonry are undeniably embodied in the lives, teachings, and work of these two great men.

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## A Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem

Physically there is no Lodge so named in the city of Jerusalem. Many explanations of the origin and meaning of this phrase abound. A “Lodge of the Holy Saints John” is understandable. There are many Lodges named St. John’s Lodge. The profound qualifier “at Jerusalem” makes us wonder why.

One obvious explanation is that this was the location of King Solomon’s temple. A more insightful suggestion is that the phrase comes from the name Jerusalem, which means “The City of Peace.” Ironically, the city has historically symbolized peace, contentment, and harmony.

This explanation is given by the distinguished Freemason, Doctor Joseph Fort Newton:

*“It was wholly natural for Freemasons of that period, being skilled craftsmen themselves, to imagine that St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were in turn craftsmen of the highest skills; and since all craftsmen must surely belong to a Lodge somewhere, where else would these skilled artisans have belonged but to an ideal imaginary Lodge at Jerusalem.”*

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## Conclusion

While we say that Freemasonry has existed from time immemorial, it is highly unlikely that either of the Saints John were members. They were born and lived in a period between the building of King Solomon’s Temple and the Middle Ages. Notwithstanding, they assuredly both had other higher callings.

Why we dedicate our Blue Lodges to these two Saints and celebrate them each year seems to be because these humble men were living examples of the principles of Freemasons. In their words and actions, they demonstrated a reverence for and devotion to God, and they lived purpose driven lives, working daily to make themselves better men, and thereby the world a better place.

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### Semi-Annual Communication

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

### Grand Master's Banquet

Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

### Family Day Picnic

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

### Annual Communication

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

### Harvest Home Day

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

