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IN MEMORIAM
Bro. Gerald E. Piepiora
April 4, 1947 – March 10, 2024
Most Worshipful Grand Master
of Masons in Maryland
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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,
We have just finished the last of our Regional Meetings for 2024. Thank you to those who were able to attend, the speakers who presented many interesting topics, to the several Lodges and Temple Holding Corporations for the use of their buildings and providing lunch.

Many of our Lodges are busy with the business of Freemasonry. As of this writing in our jurisdiction we have 63 men awaiting to receive the Entered Apprentice Degree, 186 in the Fellowcraft and 94 in the Master Mason Degree. These degrees are not concentrated in one area of the state but are spread evenly throughout Maryland and Lodges are doing the degree work, in their Lodges with their officers; sometimes with the assistance of officers from neighboring Lodges. This, my brethren, is how I believe it should be and the degree work I have seen, for the most part, has been quite good.

Please remember Worshipful Masters, if you need any assistance with degrees do not hesitate to communicate with your Deputy Grand Lecturer or the Grand Secretary. There are also several Third Degree Teams across the state who would come to your Lodge and confer the Master Mason Degree—if you want to give you officers a break, as our constitution reads:

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• Permission is granted for any Grand Lodge authorized Degree Team such as the Tall Cedars Degree Team, Boumi Shrine Knights of Mecca Degree Team or the Maryland Shield and Square Club Degree Team, to confer the Master Mason Degree.

On the current Grand Line, we have four “Master Ritualist” Medal holders, RWDGM Randall L. Watson, RWJGW Barry S. Bosley, RWGS Bro. Kenneth R. Taylor and our Grand Lecturer W. Bro. William G. Richards, III; these Brothers have all offered up their services to any Lodge short an officer or two to assist in conferring the degrees. All these brothers are busy, so please give them as much lead time as possible if you have a need.

Compass Points – This is available to Lodges and collateral bodies to “Get the Word Out” about events you are holding. If your Lodge is conferring degree work, please post the information in Compass Points. This will give the Lodges of the state an opportunity to attend your EA, FC, or MM degree; nothing is better than a full room for a conferral—as the RWDGM stated at the Regionals—both he and I are out most evenings visiting Lodges and if you are conferring work and we know about it, we will make the effort to attend.

SEMI-ANNUAL

The Grand Lodge Semi-Annual is Saturday, May 18th, 2023, coffee, and donuts at 8AM with Grand Lodge Opening at 10AM. There will be Constitutional Amendment to be voted on and elections for Grand Lodge Officers for next year—the resumes of those standing for election are in this issue.

As Grand Master, I will not be starting any new programs (we currently have 26 and I feel that is enough), awards, etc. but concentrating on continually improving the degree work in our constituent Lodges (for the benefit of all) and

several small corrections/improvements in those programs already in place. The Maryland Masonic Academy has been charged with editing their “modules” and source documents (Portals, etc.) to bring the information presented in line with our jurisdiction. Thank you to MMA President Benjamin A. Zamostny for spearheading this endeavor. One other item is the Worshipful Master’s Certification Form—for several decades the Grand Lodge has talked about changing the Form so a Past Master (who is once again taking the East) does not have to hunt down his DGL to confirm he has certified in the three degrees or the Chairman of his area Law School or the Secretary of the area PM Association to sign his form. Well, we are finally going to move forward, starting with the 2025 Installations a Past Master ascending to the east will only have to fill out that he, the SW and JW together with the Grand Inspector will read article XVI and the Secretary will certify all the officers have been installed. This new form will be explained and displayed at the Semi-Annual in May.

For 2025 the Grand Lodge added a line item in the budget for Social Media Advertising (\$10,000) and for our first month we have received 60 inquiries which have been passed on to constituent Lodges. These inquiries are from all areas of the state and not just concentrated in the I-95 corridor as in our past efforts.

The Deputy Grand Master and I continue to work together to assure there will be continuity over the next few years and in all questions look to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to assure any decisions made are in compliance with this governing document.

I look forward to seeing you in May and maybe even sooner, in your Lodge.

Sincerely & fraternally,
Frederick A. Spicer
Most Worshipful Grand Master
of Masons in Maryland

MASONIC DEGREE TEAMS

Sometimes a Lodge’s schedule gets crowded, and some help is needed to confer a Master Mason degree. Fortunately, there is help available. There are several Degree Teams available to help in these instances, and all of the below are approved by The Grand Lodge of Maryland. Please note that these teams confer only the Master Mason degree.

KNIGHTS OF MECCA DEGREE TEAM

is comprised of Past Masters who are also Boumi Shrine members and enjoy conferring the Master Mason Degree.

Contact: Bro. Robert W. Reynolds, President
Phone: 443-414-5627
Email: rwreynolds4@gmail.com

FREDERICK COUNTY PAST MASTERS ASSOCIATION DEGREE TEAM

is composed of Past Masters who are members of the Frederick County Past Masters Association.

Contact: Bro. Scott J. Cameron
Phone: 301-471-8777
Email: scottjcameron58@gmail.com

SHIELD AND SQUARE CLUB DEGREE TEAM

is made up of Past Masters and Master Masons who all wear or wore a shield in their career. This includes first responders from police, fire and rescue, park rangers and the like. They specialize in conferring the Degree on worthy Brothers who also wear a shield.

Contact: Bro. Michael E. Holcomb
Phone: 302-448-5019
Email: michaelholcomb0513@gmail.com

TALL CEDARS DEGREE TEAM

is a Western Maryland team composed of Past Masters and lodge officers who also are members of the Tall Cedars.

Contact: Jeffrey M. Mills
Phone: 240-217-0716
Email: jmmills@myactv.net

THE GRAND LINE OF THE GRAND LODGE

Finally, the Grand Master and his Grand Line Officers are available for special degree conferals. Requests should be made by emailing the Grand Lodge Office using official lodge letterhead as an attachment to your email. Mailing the request is also an option.

Contact: Office of the Grand Secretary
Phone: 410-527-0600
Email: office@glmd.org



DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Brethren:

As I write this, we have just completed the Regional Meetings for 2024. It's good to be able to see so many interested Masons around the state gathered together to share information and fellowship on the several Saturday mornings. I appreciate all the comments and questions during the presentations, and especially the discussions before and after the formal sessions.

The Grand Master and I both share the belief that a primary aspect of the leadership positions in the Grand Lodge is the support of our local Lodges; and that this is best served by first-hand observation, participation, assistance, and discussion. To that end, we are both out just about every evening and most weekends. Unless there's a particular reason that we should both be at the same Lodge event, we usually try to split up; and we coordinate our calendars to try to maximize our exposure to the Lodges across the state.

In his first year as Deputy Grand Master, C. David Haacke (PM of Chester No. 115), made it a personal goal to visit every Lodge in the state before the end of his term as Grand Master. This impressed me at the time, and I have adopted the same goal. In 1983 there were 128 Lodges; there are currently 100. In the just under a year and a half since being installed as Deputy Grand Master in November 2022, I've visited 66 of these Lodges, so 34 remain to be covered. (I've actually visited 67 different Lodges, but one of them, Waverly No. 152, has merged with Mt. Moriah No. 116, and although I visited both, I guess I should only count them as one.

In these travels, a lot of Brethren have asked about how much time and mileage is involved in the position, so I'm taking this opportunity to share some of the numbers with you all, and update those which were included in my address at the Annual Grand Communication in November. For the 66 (or 67) Lodges visited as your Deputy Grand Master, in addition to the four Grand Lodge Boards (Managers, Trustees, Masonic Charities of Md, and the SJP, Jr. Library & Museum) I've attended:

- 162 Maryland Lodge meetings and events
- Degrees for:
 - 40 Entered Apprentice Initiations
 - 20 Fellowcraft Passings
 - 59 Master Mason Raisings
- 9 Memorial Services
- 8 Past Masters' Associations
- 17 Masonic Youth Groups
- 13 Masonic out-of-state
- 17 Schools of Instruction
- 107 York Rite, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, and other Masonic Bodies

In these visitations, I've driven over 29,000 miles: 8,368 in my personal car from November 2022 until May 2023, and 21,218 in the Grand Lodge's Ford Escape since May 2023. We got the hybrid power plant for the Escape, and it has averaged 39.8 miles per gal-

lon. I'm a member of Sam's Club, and gasoline for the Escape has averaged \$3.13 per gallon.

In Masonry, we often refer to each other as a "Traveling Man". This is usually meant in a figurative sense, but in some cases it applies literally. Shortly after he was raised in September of 2017, Paul Cole, Senior Warden of Stephenson No. 135, made it a personal goal of his to visit every Lodge in the state. He accomplished this goal in just under 6 years. You can ask him for his vantagepoint as a relatively new Mason on how getting around and meeting Brothers throughout the state has broadened his perspective and appreciation of the Craft. We, more seasoned Masons, can also gain by such personal contact.

So, if the Grand Master or I show up unannounced at your Lodge, don't get nervous or automatically go into a panic. If we show up in a suit or jacket & tie, you can be comfortable that we're just there for a fraternal visit to share camaraderie, even if a couple of other Grand Line Officers are with us. However, it goes without saying, that if we unexpectedly show up in a group and all in Tails, there might be some cause for concern.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Randy Watson
R.W. Deputy Grand Master

THE 237th SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland

SCHEDULE	
9:00am	Coffee and Donuts
10:00am	Grand Lodge Opening
12:00pm	Lunch

Lunch will be served in the Grand Lodge Ballroom at approximately noon. **Please note you must have a pre-purchased lunch ticket to attend.** Tickets are \$24 per person. Payment must be made to the Grand Lodge Office by check, credit card, or they can be billed to your Lodge.

Worshipful Masters and Wardens are expected to attend. Attire for all elected Lodge officers is tuxedo, Lodge apron, collar, and Past Master Jewel, if applicable. Attire for other Master Masons is dark suit.



MARYLAND DEMOLAY

Masonic Family,

Maryland DeMolay has been very busy not only on the state level but also in each and every one of our chapters. With an epic time at our learning weekend, Maryland DeMolay Congress, jumping on over to the trampoline and open house event in Hagerstown or winning the first round of the DeMolay International's jurisdictional membership showdown. Only naming a few of the many events the young men of Maryland DeMolay have been keeping busy with.

Maryland DeMolay Congress is a captivating and educational weekend. The weekend consisted of various classes and a whole lot of fun. Some of the classes for the weekend were a membership class that taught how to effectively recruit members and what would happen to DeMolay if we don't have new members. It was definitely a thought-provoking presentation encouraging the young men to recruit others. Some other classes that were taught were a term planning and scholarship class. Teaching the young men about how to plan a term as the Master Councilor or Master Squire of their Chapter or Manor. The scholarship class taught the young men where they can find Masonic and other scholarships, also how to apply for these scholarships and some key items to look out for when applying. In between the classes we had fun playing wiffleball and manhunt as well as sharing meals with our brothers. The weekend ended with a statewide meeting where I had the opportunity to hand Cumberland Chapter the Harpole Award for their tremendous contribution to the membership of Maryland DeMolay.

The following weekend the young men had a blast at Sky Zone, a trampoline park in Hagerstown. After the young men jumped into foam pits, played dodgeball on trampolines, ran through obstacle courses, and enjoyed rock wall climbing, we proceeded to Friendship lodge No. 48 for refreshments and an open house. There Bro. Gabe Castro, the State Senior Deacon, gave a very touching performance of the Flower Talk, a very special open ceremony about our first cardinal virtue, filial love. Julian McKay the State Chaplain had an amazing ritualistic opportunity to give the Ceremony of Light, a ceremony that explains each of the seven cardinal virtues we strive to uphold as DeMolays. After the amazing ceremonies we ate and had a great time visiting with some of the members of the lodge.

DeMolay International currently has a membership drive called the Jurisdictional Showdown where Jurisdictions of similar size are put up against each other to see who can get the most new members. For Round 1, Maryland was against New Jersey and Colorado. Maryland had a visible lead for the majority of the competition, up until the last month, when New Jersey came out of nowhere. It looked like they had us beat, but with the enthusiasm of Maryland DeMolays down to wire on the last day of the competition we pulled through and beat them moving on to the winner's bracket. Now we are against the jurisdiction of New Mexico for Round 2.

Looking ahead I am very excited to attend and represent Maryland at DeMolay International Sessions in June in Phoenix, Arizona. At Sessions each jurisdiction sends representatives to vote in the DeMolay International Congress. Congress then votes on new International Officers as well as vote on legislation on various issues in DeMolay which then gets sent as recommendations to the International Supreme Council. This amazing opportunity allows me to talk to brothers from around the world.

I would like to thank you for your support of Maryland DeMolay and our chapters across the jurisdiction. We could not inspire tomorrow's leaders if it weren't for the unwavering support of Masons across this amazing state. If you would like to get involved with a chapter or know a young man between the ages of 9 - 21 who would benefit from DeMolay please feel free to reach out through our website www.mddemolay.org.

Fraternally,
Matthew McKay
State Master Councilor





SOUTHERN MARYLAND LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

R.W. Senior Grand Warden Harold Garren has planned a Leadership Symposium for the Lodges of the South and South Central regions (or any Lodge that wants to participate). This one-day session will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at:

Camp Springs Lodge No. 227
6311 Old Branch Ave.
Temple Hills, MD 20748

This is an excellent opportunity for those planning on becoming a Worshipful Master to obtain some essential guidance tools to aid in the completion of a successful year in the East.

Registration will take place at 8:00AM, with class sessions running from 8:00AM until 4:30PM. Coffee, donuts, snacks, and lunch are also included. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes all course materials and meals. Deadline for registration is May 1, 2024. For further information, contact Bro. Garren at 240-416-3621 or at boxer_50@yahoo.com.



THE NEED IS GREAT. THE TIME IS NOW!

Brethren, this is a call for all Masons to support the Stephen J. Ponzillo Jr. Memorial Library & Museum (aka Maryland Masonic Museum)! This is the nation's oldest Masonic Museum, and one of the largest Masonic libraries in the country. But the Board of Directors needs your help!

We have started an Endowment Fund for the perpetual benefit of the Museum and Library. The Museum/Library Endowment Fund is necessary to not only support the Museum and the Library in maintaining and preserving what they possess, but also to enable them to grow and expand their offerings and availability. Without the Fund, they are destined to deteriorate, wither and close. Remember, the Museum is your LEGACY, as well as that of Maryland Masonry!

The Endowment Fund is open to Masons and non-masons alike, with a goal of raising \$500,000. All donors will be recognized and publicly displayed. Donations for individuals start at \$100.00. Contributors of \$10,000 or more will have a permanent seat on the Advisory Board of Regents, the body that will supervise and manage the Endowment Fund investments and spending. Masonic lodges and other Masonic related bodies can start donations at \$500.00, and with a \$15,000 donation can also have a permanent seat on the Board of Regents. The individual, business, company or Masonic body with the largest contribution will have naming rights for the Fund. Recognized levels of contributions will include \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000, \$7500, \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Those Masonic bodies that wish to become permanent members of the Board of Regents but can't put the \$15,000 together alone, may wish to form a group or partnership

with one or more other bodies in order to collectively meet the goal, and have the seat rotate among them on an annual basis. An example could be the Frederick, MD Group, or the United Masons of Cecil County.

Remember, brethren, the MD Masonic Museum is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, so all donations to the Museum and the Library are tax-deductible.

Brethren, the goal is attainable and the purpose is gratifying! The money donated for the Endowment Fund will NEVER be spent! It will create a fund that will generate interest each year to meet the expenses and needs of the Museum and Library. The money for the Endowment Fund and the interest produced by it can ONLY be used for the benefit of the Museum and Library. This means they will be more inviting, entertaining and available.

There will be an open Endowment Fund Kick-Off event (Masonic Legacy Night) at the Grand Lodge Ballroom on Saturday, August 10, 2024. There will be food, drinks and speakers. It is hoped that every lodge will have made a donation by that time, or will have announced their intention to do so at the event. Donations from individuals, families, businesses and other Masonic bodies are also appreciated and will be announced.

Checks may be made out to Maryland Masonic Museum, with Endowment Fund in the memo, and mailed to Maryland Masonic Museum, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

Thank you for caring about YOUR LEGACY!

Sincerely,
Board of Directors, SJPJ Memorial Library & Museum
Roger D. Dunn, President

REGISTRATION FORM

DATE: **MAY 4, 2024**
LOCATION: **CAMP SPRINGS LODGE NO. 227**
TIME: **REGISTRATION: 8:00AM - 8:30AM**
CLASSES: **8:30AM - 4:30PM**

NAME: _____

LODGE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35.⁰⁰ SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO
CAMP SPRINGS LODGE NO. 227
AND MAILED TO:

CAMP SPRINGS LODGE NO. 227
HAROLD GARREN, SECRETARY
10308 BROOKHAVEN LANE





IN MEMORY OF MOST WORSHIPFUL PAST
GRAND MASTER GERALD E. PIEPIORA
APRIL 4, 1947 - MARCH 10, 2024

Brother Piepiora was raised as a Master Mason in November of 1993 at Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 in Bel Air, MD. He served as Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1999 and 2000.

At the Grand Lodge level, he served as W. Grand Marshal in 1999 and 2000. He was subsequently appointed as President of the Board of Grand Inspectors, a position in which he served from 2002 until 2006, when he was elected as R.W. Senior Grand Warden. He was elected to the office of R.W. Deputy Grand Master in 2010 and served in that office in 2011 and 2012. He was elected M.W. Grand Master and served two years leading our Fraternity in 2013 and 2014.

A Masonic memorial service and funeral service will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 1:30pm in the Corinthian Room (immediately following the Semi Annual Communication luncheon). All Masons are invited to attend.

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F. & A.M.
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RÉSUMÉS for Brothers Running for Elected Offices in 2024



R.W. BRO. RANDALL L. WATSON

For Election to the Office of
Most Worshipful Grand Master



R.W. BRO. T. SCOTT CUSHING, SR.

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

For Election to the Office of
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master

R.W. BRO. BRADLEY D. ANDRUKITIS

Blue Lodge History: Raised in Centennial Lodge No. 174 in 1999. Worshipful Master in 2004. Current Treasurer. Connie & Laura Bell Award for Outstanding Masonic Service in 2016. Treasurer of Centennial No. 174 Temple Holding Corporation. Charter member of Terapin Lodge No. 241, Charter Worshipful Master in 2016-17. Current Secretary. Member of Maryland Masonic Lodge of Research No. 239. Worshipful Master in 2022. Current Secretary. Honorary Member of Silver Spring Lodge No. 215. Charter Member of John Philip Sousa Lodge No. 1106 in Washington, DC.



Grand Lodge Leadership: R.W. Junior Grand Warden in 2020. W. Junior Grand Steward in 2018. W. Grand Standard Bearer in 2005. Grand Inspector from 2009-15, Vice President of the Southern Region. Assistant Deputy Grand Lecturer 2006-08. Current member of Board of Managers, Chairman of Personnel and Policy Committee, Budget and Finance Committee. Chairman of Committee on Public Awareness in 2019 and 2020. Harvest Home Day Committee from 2019 – present. Committee on Masonic Homes Endowment. 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. Inducted into Hiram's Guild in 2020.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington. KCCH in 2013. Coroneted 33° in 2017. Director of Membership Services. Venerable Master of Kadosh in 2017, Albert Pike Consistory. Director of VMAP. Past Chairman of DCSR Mentoring Program. Scottish Rite Fellow. Member of the Strategic Planning Committee. 30th and 33rd Degree Cast. Member of Class Registration and Golf Tournament Committees. York Rite – Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 25. Captain of the Host. Harmony Council No. 20. Current Captain of the Guard. Palestine Commandery No. 7. Eminent Commander from 2014-16. Grand Commandery – Current Right Eminent Grand Commander. (Grand Encampment Honor) Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT). Chairman of Finance and Audit Committee. Chairman of Membership Committee. Education Committee. Sessions Committee. 2018 Calvin Price Award for Outstanding Service by a Grand Commandery Officer. Red Cross of Constantine, Saint Cyprian Conclave. Chesapeake Bay Council No. 278 Allied Masonic Degrees (Past Sovereign Master). Maryland Council No. 9 of Order of Knight Masons (Senior Warden). Association of Past Commanders KT of Maryland (Current 1st Vice President). Maryland York Rite College No. 58 (Chancellor). Order of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Royal Arch Mariners in Maryland. Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor – Virginia Chapter. Royal Order of Scotland. Shriners International – Almas Shrine. Knights of Mecca (Boumi). Other Affiliations – Past President of Southern Maryland Past Masters Association. Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland. Euclid Council No. 14 Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers. Baltimore Highlands Square Club.

Professional: Education - Graduated from Thomas S. Wootton High School in 1984, University of Maryland College Park in 1989 with a BA in Economics. Career – Vice President, Finance and Operations and Executive Board Member of David L. Andrukitis Printing and Mailing Services. Director of Membership Services at DC Scottish Rite.

Personal: Resident of Gaithersburg, MD. Married to Christine for 30 years. Two children. Member of: Faith United Methodist Church. University of Maryland Alumni Association.

R.W. BRO. KENNETH R. TAYLOR

Masonic History: Raised in Howard Lodge No. 101 in 1991. Worshipful Master in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2020. Earned Grand Master's Award each of these four years. Currently serve as Lodge Marshal. Lodge Ritualist since 1998 and Catechism Instructor to over 100 Brothers; also serve on several committees. Member of Warren Lodge No. 51.



Masonic Leadership: R.W. Grand Secretary – 2016 to present. R.W. Senior Grand Warden in 2009. W. Grand Standard Bearer in 2004. Grand Inspector from 2004 - 2010. Board of Managers from 2010 - 2015. Deputy Grand Lecturer from 2011 to present. Served on the Grand Lodge Vision 2025 Committee – Lodge Renewal (instrumental in the formation of Perry Hall Lodge #235 and Logia Sol Naciente #242). Grand Lodge Committee on Work from 2016 – present. Grand Lodge Masonic Trial Committee from 2016 to present. Secretary of the Board of Managers from 2016 – present. Secretary of the Board of Trustees from 2016 – present. Secretary of the Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland from 2016 – present. Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum from 2016 - present.

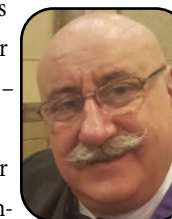
Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° 1992. KCCH in 2009. Coroneted 33° in 2013. Past President of Arundel Scottish Rite Club. Master of Kadosh in 2012. York Rite – Concordia Chapter and Council. Maryland Commandery. York Rite College. Shriners International - Boumi Shrine 1992. Knights of Mecca. Other Affiliations - Baltimore Highlands Square Club serving as President in 1999. Masonic Veterans Association. King Solomon Society in 2023.

Professional: Employed in the real estate industry since 1983 with specialty in appraisal since 1985. Owner of Ken Taylor Appraisals.

Personal: Born in Baltimore, MD in 1955. Graduated from Sparrows Point High School in 1973. Attended Essex Community College. Resides in Catonsville, MD with Rosemary, wife of 35 years. Four children and seven grandchildren. Past Exalted Ruler of Catonsville Elks #2323.

R.W. BRO. SPYRIDON G. TREKLAS

Blue Lodge History: Raised in St. John's Lodge No. 34 in 1986. Worshipful Master in 1991. Current member of Amicable – St. John's Lodge No. 25.



Grand Lodge Leadership: R.W. Senior Grand Warden in 2008. W. Grand Standard Bearer in 1997. Grand Inspector from 1995 – 2001. Vice

President of the Board of Grand Inspectors from 2002 – 2008. Board of Directors of the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum from 2009 – 2022. Team Lead of the Long-Range Planning Committee for Constitutional Revision in 2009. Chairman of the Masonic Law School for Baltimore North and South Regions from 1998 – present. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Greece to the Grand Lodge of Maryland from 1998 – present. Member of King Solomon's Society. Recipient of the Warren S. Seipp Medal for Meritorious Service in 2010.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° KCCH in 1995. Coroneted 33° in 2005. Wise Master of Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix in 2001. Cast Member of 4th, 14th, 15th, 30th, and 32nd Degrees. Master Craftsman in 2000. York Rite – Tuscan Chapter No. 42, High Priest in 2006, 2007, and 2008. Hiram Council No. 5, Thrice Illustrious Master in 2009, currently RI Deputy Grand Master. Monumental Crusade Commandery No. 3, Commander in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2018 and 2019. Knight Commander of the Temple Award for Maryland in 2019. President of Maryland Association of Past Commanders in 2018. Governor of Maryland York Rite Sovereign College in 2015. Awarded the Order of the Purple Cross in 2015. Prior of Knights of York Cross of Honor in 2020. Preceptor Order of Holy Knights Templar Royal Arch Priests in 2023. Current Excellent Vice President for Council of Anointed High Priests. Puissant Sovereign of Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders in 2023. Shriners International – Boumi Temple. Tall Cedars – Baltimore Forest No. 45. Job's Daughters – Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel 16 from 2015 – 2017. Other Affiliations – Past Worthy Chief of Euclid Council of the Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers. Sovereign Master of Tidewater Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees in 2013. Excellent Chief of Templenoe Council of Knight Masons in 2014. Commander Noah of Neap Tide Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in 2015. Current Treasurer of Maryland College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. Royal Order of Scotland. Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland. Past President of Baltimore Past Masters Association.

Professional: Education - Graduated High School in Athens, Greece in 1978. Graduated from Towson University in 1987. MS from Johns Hopkins University in Computers in 1992. Career – Software Development, Database and Security Administration for ERP Systems in charge of a team of database administrators for the ERP system. Currently employed by Catholic University of America, responsible for the security of the ERP system. Designed, developed, and purchased soft-

ware for an international company for seamless development workflow.

Personal: Resident of Baltimore City. Married to Rita for 37 years. Two children and one grandchild. Member of St. Nickolas Greek Orthodox Church.

For the Office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden
W. BRO. JOHN W. BRODBECK

Blue Lodge History: Raised in Lebanon Lodge No. 175 in 2009. Worshipful Master in 2021, 2023, and 2024. Treasurer of Lebanon Holding Corporation from 2019 – present.



Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Senior Grand Steward in 2022. Grand Inspector from 2021 – present.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32^o in 2009. KCCH in 2015. Coroneted 33^o in 2023. Responsible for assisting in Property Room setting up stage and floor for all practices and degrees since 2009. Scottish Rite Mason of the Year in 2019. York Rite – Carrol Chapter No. 31. Carroll Council No. 7. Carroll Beauseant Commandery No. 8. Knight Masons. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. Tall Cedars – Baltimore Forest No. 45. Member of No. 45 Board. Golf Club President in 2024. Other Affiliations – Carroll Scottish Rite Club President in 2019, 2020, and 2021, Treasurer from 2021 – present.

Professional: Education – Graduated from North Carroll High School in 1980. Graduate of USPS Advanced Leadership Program. Started as a Rural Carrier for the United States Post Office in 1983. Worked up to Supervisor, Postmaster in several Offices including Street, Upperco, Freeland, Manchester, Hampstead, Clarksville, Ellicott City, Frederick, Annapolis, Brunswick, Woodbine, New Market, Aberdeen, West Friendship, Baltimore City, Lancaster, PA, and Alexandria, VA. Manager of Delivery Operations Manager for Washington, DC. Senior Manager Operations Washington, DC. Cap Metro Area Delivery Analyst for Eight Districts. Easton and Lancaster Plant Manager. Retired in 2021.

Personal: Resident of Hampstead, MD. Married to Beate for 35 years. Two children and two grandchildren. Volunteered as North Carroll Rec Council Coach for Boys Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball from 1996 – 2008 and Girls Soccer and Basketball from 1998 – 2008. Member of Greenmount Church

W. BRO. TOMMY J. MORRIS

Blue Lodge History: Raised in Columbia Lodge No. 58 in 2013. Worshipful Master in 2019. Member of Brunswick Lodge No. 191.



Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Grand Marshal in 2021 and 2022. Grand Inspector 2019-2021, Vice President of the Board of Grand Inspectors from 2021 – Present. Grand Lodge Committee on Reinstatement 2019 – 2020.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite –Life Member of Valley of Baltimore and Valley of Frederick, 32^o, KCCH in 2019. Coroneted 33^o in 2023. Venerable Master in 2017. Wise Master in 2018. Charter Member Council of Kadosh. Commander of Kadosh 2019. Appointed Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G. in the Valley of Frederick in 2024. Acacia Guild Member. Sovereign Grand Commanders Fellow 2018. Charter Member Frederick Knights of St. Andrew, Knight Commander 2013 – 2015. Tall Cedars – Life Member of Frederick Forest No. 132. Grand Tall Cedar in 2017. Trustee 2017 – Present. Key Club Life Member. Eastern Star – Frederick Chapter No. 79. Sentinel 2020 – Present. DeMolay – Chapter Advisor 2019 – 2021. Chapter Dad 2015 – 2018. Other Affiliations – Frederick County Past Masters Association. Life Member of National Sojourners Baltimore Chapter No. 7. Life Member of The Royal Order of Scotland. Member of Grand College of Rites of the United States of America.

Professional: Education – Graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in 1986. Graduate of the National Defense University and the Federal Executive Institute Leadership for a Democratic Society Program. Career – U.S. Army Cyber Command Liaison Officer, GG-15-10 from 2013 to present. Director of FH&P (A), the Assistant Secretary of Defense Health Affairs from 2012 – 2013. Director DT&SP, Force Health Protection Programs (FH&P) from 2006 – 2012. Served in the United States Army from 1986 to 1997 (Honorable Discharge). Recipient of the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award in 2009. Recipient of the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Medal in 2022. Program Management Level II Certified. Holds several U.S. patents in AI technologies.

Personal: Resident of Frederick, MD. Married to Patty for 33 years. Three children and one grandchild. Trinitarian Christian, active in South End Baptist Church.

W. BRO. ROBIN L. SUMMERFIELD

Blue Lodge History: Raised in East Gate Lodge No. 216 in 2013. Worshipful Master in 2019 and 2020. Current Lodge Secretary. Grand Master’s Award with Distinction in 2019 and 2020. East Gate Lodge Mason of the Year in 2016. Secretary of Cumberland Masonic Temple, Inc.



Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Junior Grand Steward in 2021 and 2022. Grand Inspector from 2021 – present. Vice President of Board of Grand Inspectors from 2023 – present. Committee on Masonic Education 2017 – 2018. Committee on Masonic Education from 2019 – present. Grand Master’s Oblong Square Award in 2020. Member of King Solomon’s Society.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Cumberland. 32^o in 2013. KCCH in 2017. Coroneted 33^o in 2021. Venerable Master in 2017. Master of Kadosh in 2022. Wise Master in 2023. Assistant Personal Representative from 2016 – 2021. Secretary-Registrar from 2022 – present. Cast Member in 14th Degree 2014 – present. Grand Commander’s Fellow in 2018. Masonic Service Award in 2015. Membership Award in 2014 and 2020. Master Craftsman – Symbolic Lodge in 2022 and Scottish Rite Ritual History in 2021. Shriners International – Initiated in Ali Ghan Shrine in 2015. Current member of Boumi Shrine. Tall Cedars – Algonquin Forest No. 140 in 2018. Other Affiliations – Scottish Rite Research Society. Grand College of Rites of the United States of America.

Professional: Education - Graduated from Calvary Christian Academy in 1986. BS from Frostburg State University in 1990. Masters Degree in Social Work from West Virginia University in 2004. Career – 25-year Public Service career in government and nonprofit leadership. Experienced in small business and commercial aviation. President of the Maryland Chapter of National Association of Social Workers in 2006 and 2007.

Personal: Resident of Rawlings, MD. Married to Paula for 34 years. Three children. Emmanuel Episcopal Church – Vestry member, Lector, Community Outreach Committee. Secretary of Delfest Foundation. Volunteer Supervisor for Savage Mountain Punk Arts. Board Member of Mountainside Baroque. Board Member of Community Trust Foundation. Advisory Council of American Red Cross. Disaster Mental Health Services Volunteer.

For the Office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden
W. BRO. JOHN P. ERTEL, JR.

Blue Lodge History: Raised in Naval Lodge No. 4 (Washington, DC) in 1983. Current Home Lodge is Annapolis Lodge No. 89. Current Worshipful Master of St. Alban Birmingham Lodge No. 233, Worshipful Master in 2011 and 2014. Charter Worshipful Master of Scouters Lodge No. 236, also Worshipful Master in 2017 and 2018. Member of Terrapin Lodge No. 241, Worshipful Master in 2020 and 2021. Member of St. Florian 9-11 Lodge No. 238, Worshipful Master in 2022. Honorary Member and Ritualist of Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 179. Honorary Member and Ritualist for Sincerity Lodge No. 181.



Grand Lodge Leadership: Grand Inspector in 2015. Deputy Grand Lecturer in 2022. Current Vice President of the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum Board of Directors. Developer of “Virtual Card Catalogue” for our Library.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore. 32^o in 2014. Cast Member of the 21st Degree team. York Rite – Annapolis Mt. Vernon Chapter in 2023. Eastern Star – Annapolis Chapter No. 46. Worthy Patron for 19 of last 28 years from 1996 to 2024. Grand Chaplain of Maryland in 2011 and 2012. Other Affiliations – Maryland Council of Knight Masons No. 9, Initiated 2017 and appointed as Inner Guard.

Professional: Education - Graduated from Landon High School in 1962, BS in Physics from Emory University in 1967, MS in Theoretical Physics from Emory University in 1968, PhD in Theoretical Physics from Catholic University in 1983. Career - retired as a Professor of Physics at the US Naval Academy from 1974 – 1978 and from 1981 - 2013. Also employed as a Senior MTS at Bell Labs from 1981 – 1983.

Personal: Resident of Annapolis, MD. Married to Patricia for 54 years. Served in the US Marine Corps as Day/Night, Instrument, Multi-Engine Pilot from 1968 – 1973, Helicopter Aircraft Commander. 66 years as an Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster, serving on BSA National Advancement Committee. Oldest Working Ranger at Philmont (starting in 1999). 24-year Staff Member at National Camping Schools: COPE, Climbing and Rappelling.

W. BRO. RICHARD E. THURFIELD, JR.

Blue Lodge History: Raised in Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 in 2011. Worshipful Master in 2021 and 2022. Current Lodge Secretary. Named Mason of the Year in 2013. Member of Crescent Lodge No. 240, Wor-



shipful Master in 2018. Member of Perry Hall Lodge No. 235. Member of Maryland Masonic Lodge of Research.

Grand Lodge Leadership: W. Deputy Grand Marshal in 2022. Current Grand Inspector. Masonic Charities of Maryland Board of Directors, current Vice President. Scholarship Program Chairman 2024. Oblong Square Award in 2020. Lunda Laird Award in 2022. Thomas J. Shrock Medal in 2022. King Solomon's Society.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Susquehanna and Valley of Baltimore. KCCH in 2017. Coroneted 33° in 2023. Venerable Master of Susquehanna Valley 2013. Wise Master of Susquehanna Valley in 2023. Orator in Baltimore Lodge of Perfection. Valley of Susquehanna Scottish Rite Mason of the Year in 2018. York Rite – Phoenix Chapter, Jerusalem Council, Maryland Commandery No. 1. Shriners International – Boumi Shrine. 2nd Ceremonial Master. Big Rigs, Captain in 2015. Membership Chairman in 2024. Knights of Mecca. Tall Cedars – Frederick Forest No. 132. Eastern Star – Harford Chapter No. 83. DeMolay – Nelson J. Briggs Chapter Advisor. Chapter Chairman in 2018. Job's Daughters – Bethel No. 35. Associate Bethel Guardian from 2023 – present. Served as Grand Bethel Musician. Other Affiliations – Scottish Rite Research Society. Philalethes Society. Current candidate for Royal Order of Scotland. Knights of Saint Andrew, Susquehanna, Knight Emeritus. Member of Invisible Lodge (Magicians Lodge).

Professional: Education - Graduated from Edgewood High School in 1993 and Western Governors University. Career – 20 years of experience in radio and television broadcasting in the Baltimore and Washington, DC markets. 25+ years as a musician and entertainer. Currently employed as the Manager of Member Engagement for the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite. Producer and Content Creator of the largest Masonic-based YouTube channel. Published writer. Named "Best Band in Baltimore" by Baltimore Magazine from 2011 to 2015. Numerous broadcasting awards.

Personal: Resident of West Friendship, MD. Married to Heather for 11 years. Four children, Griffin, Willa, Lily, and Hanna Rose. Volunteer through Mt. Ararat Lodge for Humane Society of Harford County, Anna's House women's shelter, Harford Family House, SARC, and the Baltimore Chapter of the Guardian Angels. As a musician, works countless charities providing music and sound equipment. Member of the Society of American Magicians, Columbia Chapter – providing free magic shows and lessons.

For the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
R.W. BRO. THOMAS W. FOSTER



Blue Lodge History: Raised in Ionic Lodge No. 145 in 2011. Worshipful Master in 2017. Lodge Secretary from 2018 – 2023. Founding President and current Board Member of Ionic Lodge Charitable Foundation, Inc. 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. Worshipful Master in 2020 and 2021.

Grand Lodge Leadership: R.W. Senior Grand Warden in 2021. W. Senior Grand Steward in 2018. W. Asst. Grand Photographer in 2019 and 2020. Current Grand Inspector. Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland from 2015 – present, President of Board from 2020 - present, Vice President from 2017-2020, Chairman of Statewide Scholarship Program from 2017 - 2023. Grand Lodge Leadership Academy Instructor from 2013 – 2020. State Chairman of MD-ChiP from 2011-14. Committee on Public Awareness 2019 - present. Long Range Planning Committee in 2021. Grand Master's Cup Charity Golf Tournament Committee 2018-present. Chairman of Grand Master's Bull and Oyster Roast. Member of King Solomon's Society. Recipient of the Francis E. Larrimore Medal for Meritorious Service in 2016.

Masonic Affiliations: Scottish Rite – Valley of Baltimore, 32° in 2011. KCCH in 2021. York Rite – Druid Chapter No. 28. Hiram Council No. 5. Monumental-Crusade No. 3 Commandery. Red Cross of Constantine, Saint Cyprian Conclave. 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 2019 - 2021. Other Affiliations - Baltimore County Past Masters Association. Masonic Service Association of North America Masonic Information Center Steering Committee 2013 - 2018.

Professional: Education – Graduated from Albert Gallatin High School in 1980, Washington and Jefferson College in 1984. Attended 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. Rental and Events Coordinator for the Grand Lodge Ballroom 2021 – present. Prior to this, had a twenty-plus year career in public relations, media relations, journalism, and broadcasting.

Personal: Resident of Reisterstown, MD. Married to Jennifer for

24 years. Two daughters. Founding member of Sunnybrook Farms Community Association. Member of Washington and Jefferson College Alumni Association and Phi Gamma Delta Graduate Brother Association. Trinity Lutheran Church of Reisterstown, five-year Sunday School Instructor.

For the Board of Managers

Bro. Donald J. Chiarella

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116

W. Bro. Carl W. Lee

Stephenson Lodge No. 135

R.W. Bro. Mark E. Pearlstein

Amicable-St. John's Lodge No. 25

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Crescent Lodge No. 240

W. Bro. Richard H. Jones, Jr.

Corinthian Lodge No. 93

W. Bro. Kevin H. Willis

Hagerstown Lodge No. 217

Bro. Jon M. Christiana

Warren Lodge No. 51

(2 Year Term)

For the Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland

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Ionic Lodge No. 145

W. Bro. Frederick Laser, Jr.

Charity Lodge No. 135

Bro. Laurence H. Gerber, Sr.

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(2 Year Term)

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For the Board of Directors of the Library and Museum

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Door to Virtue Lodge No. 46

Bro. Lambros J. Venetos

Corinthian Lodge No. 93

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1 TO CONSTITUTION

(New language underlined in bold font, deleted language ~~struck through~~.)

Article XVI, Section 11, Returns to Grand Lodge

Current Language:

A. **Semi-Annual and Annual Returns** – As of the last day of June and December of each year, every Lodge shall make a return of its members to the Grand Secretary, stating particularly: the date of each initiation, passing and raising; the degrees of its members; admissions; deaths; rejections of candidates; suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements of members; the Lodge name and number; and the time and place of its stated meetings. The returns shall be in the form that Grand Secretary directs and shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Wardens and attested to by the Secretary. Returns of June 30th shall include a complete list of all members. Returns of December 31st shall be an abstract of the membership. These returns shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the 31st day of July and January of each year, together with payment in full amounts due.

Proposed Language:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2 TO CONSTITUTION

(New language underlined in bold font, deleted language ~~struck through~~.)

Part 1 – Article XVI Subordinate Lodges; Section 5. Petition for Initiation, Affiliation and Reinstatement; E. Balloting

Current Language:

5. A Mason shall not be reinstated without the unanimous consent by ballot of members. This does not apply to members under definite suspension or those suspended for less than six months for non-payment of dues. No member, having been suspended for a period of three years or longer, whether it be for non-payment of dues, disciplinary suspension or otherwise, shall be reinstated without submitting to the same background check required of new petitioners. This includes those requesting dispensation for amnesty.

Proposed Language:

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Part 2 – Article XVI Subordinate Lodges; Section 7. Membership

Current Language:

B. **Plural and Dual Membership** - A member of a Maryland Lodge may affiliate with other Maryland Lodges and shall be known as a *Plural Member* if he is subsequently elected to membership in those Lodges. A member of a Lodge or Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, whose Laws do not forbid dual membership, may affiliate with a Maryland Lodge if he is at least eighteen years of age and meets all other requirements of affiliation and shall be known as a *Dual Member* if he is subsequently elected to membership in that Lodge. In both situations his application must be accompanied by a current certification of good standing from his home Lodge.

Proposed Language:

B. **Plural and Dual Membership** - A member of a Maryland Lodge may affiliate with other Maryland Lodges and shall be known as a *Plural Member* if he is subsequently elected to membership in those Lodges. A member of a Lodge or Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, whose Laws do not forbid dual membership, may affiliate with a Maryland Lodge if he is at least eighteen years of age and meets all other requirements of affiliation, shall submit to the same background check required of new petitioners and shall be known as a *Dual Member* if he is subsequently elected to membership in that Lodge. In both situations his application must be accompanied by a current certification of good standing from his home Lodge.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Maryland approved an amendment to Article X. Section 1. D. of the Constitution at the Annual Communication in November 2012, reading in part:

- 5. *For each member, for the use, maintenance and support of the Maryland Child Identification Program, Three Dollars (\$3.00) annually, beginning January 1, 2014 and lasting ten (10) years or until the Grand Lodge of Maryland decides to discontinue the program, whichever occurs first, except that no Lodge shall be charged any assessment for the following members:*

Which section was deleted in its entirety at the Annual Communication in November 2021;

And WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. (MCM) is responsible for funding and maintaining the Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program;

And WHEREAS said Board of Directors has unanimously agreed that there are sufficient funds under the auspices of MCM to fully fund the Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program for as long as the Grand Lodge of Maryland continues said Program;

And WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Maryland collected funds on a \$3.00 per capita basis for a period of nine years from its membership;

And WHEREAS the funds collected under this section were restricted by the Grand Lodge for the support of the Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the remaining funds collected to fund the Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program be redistributed to all current Maryland Lodges on a per capita basis for the purpose of each lodge making a donation to the local charity of their choice as follows:

- A. Lodges will be provided a period of ninety (90) days to select a charity for said donation. As a key purpose of the Child Identification Program is community involvement, no Masonic-related charity is eligible for selection.
- B. At the conclusion of said ninety (90) days, the funds will be distributed to all lodges who have designated a charity of choice as a Masonic Charities of Maryland check. Lodges who do not designate a charity during this time period will not be included in the fund distribution. The check will be made out to the charity selected by the lodge for presentation. The fund for the Maryland Child Identification Program will then be dissolved and all future financial requirements for maintenance of the Program will be funded from the MCM General Fund.

And be it further RESOLVED that, since the restriction on the use of the collected funds to the Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program was imposed by a 2/3 majority of the Grand Lodge, that this RESOLUTION shall require a 2/3 majority for approval.



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