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Voice of a Student



Robert O. Ralston, 33°
Sovereign Grand
Commander

"You can
make a
difference
in the life
of a child."

Each year at the Supreme Council's annual meeting, we have an opportunity to hear from one of our students attending a 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Each student relates a similar story. There is a reluctance to go to the center at first, because they don't want to appear to be ignorant.

These students were becoming very frustrated in school. They had great difficulty reading and dreaded being called upon to read aloud in class, because they were fearful that their peers would call them "stupid." Eventually, after being diagnosed as dyslexic, they were encouraged to attend one of our centers to receive free one-on-one tutoring from a trained professional.

It doesn't take much time for students at a learning center to gain a new outlook on life. They realize they have found someone who can help them cope with their problem.

Maegan was a 10-year-old student at the Newtonville, MA, learning center when she addressed the audience at the 1996 Supreme Council annual meeting. She talked about her plight and immediately won the hearts of everyone in attendance.

This year Maegan returned as a 16-year-old teenager to provide us with an update and to thank us once again for turning her life around. Maegan is now volunteering at the very center that provided her with renewed hope. Working at the front desk, she has an opportunity to greet parents and students and to provide the encouragement they need.

And all this has been possible through the generosity of 32° members of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. When the program began less than ten years ago, we had no idea that it would receive such overwhelming support from the membership. Today there are 40 centers within our 15-state jurisdiction helping 2,000 dyslexic students learn to read. And that number continues to increase every year.

This month we are mailing our annual calendar to every 32° Scottish Rite Mason. Just by hanging it on your home or office wall you are supporting this charity, because the learning centers logo appears on every page. Not only is it a reminder to you of the good work of 32° Masonry, but also it can be used to tell your friends and business associates about the learning centers.

But sending the calendar serves another purpose. I hope it will provide the inspiration for you to make a voluntary contribution to support this worthwhile cause. No matter how large or small, your donation will be added to the donations from your brother Masons to make a major difference in the life of a child. The progress each student makes is remarkable, and they have you to thank. You can be proud to be part of an organization that has improved a child's quality of life.

Sovereign Grand Commander



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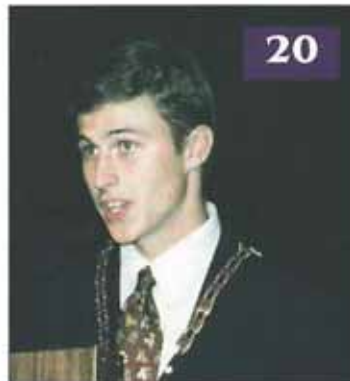
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Thanksgiving: the Real Story

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Thanksgiving tends to conjure up images of roasting turkeys, sweet yams; cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and, of course, football. Historically, we think of thanksgiving as a time when pilgrims and American Indians shared a meal.

There is nothing wrong with any of this, except it ignores the real Thanksgiving. No matter what the politically correct crowd might insist, our Thanksgiving holiday is rooted in a national belief in God.

Yes, I just did it — I wrote the “G” word. Not a popular thing to do in modern America. It is easier to use a four letter word than the “G” word. However, I digress.

The first so-called thanksgiving in 1621 — the one involving those pilgrims and American Indians — actually has no direct link to today's holiday. The 1621 event was a celebration of a successful harvest, not unlike celebrations that had been taking place since humans harvested the first crop.

Though the pilgrims were a deeply religious people, there is no evidence the event in 1621 was especially spiritual in nature. Further, the celebration was not repeated in subsequent years. That the pilgrims gave thanks to God is not in doubt — it is just the 1621 celebration was not held with that in mind.

Historical research reveals the first true thanksgiving on our shores took place in 1676. The governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, met to determine how it could best give thanks for the good fortune the community experienced. By a unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving to God. As far as we know, football was not played.

Then, in 1782, a day of thanksgiving was declared by the Continental Congress. The Congress proclaimed Nov. 28, 1782, as a “day of solemn THANKSGIVING to GOD for all his mercies. . .”

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had in mind.*

As was the case with the 1676 resolution, the Continental Congress called upon the people to offer prayers of thanks to the Almighty for the blessings they enjoyed.

However, it was Brother George Washington who, as president in 1789, issued the first Thanksgiving Proclamation in the newly established United States of America.

This document, which had been handwritten by William Jackson, Washington's secretary, vanished shortly after it was issued. It reappeared in 1921 at an art auction in New York. It was purchased for \$300 and donated to the Library of Congress, where it is now kept as a national treasure.

I commend you to read this proclamation carefully. It says nothing of gluttonous celebration or football. Rather, it is a solemn call to the people of the United States to give thanks to God, the Creator.

An amazing document by today's standards. Now, let's consider one more — Abraham Lincoln's proclamation.

Often I have thought how sad it is that most American school children no longer learn about Brother Washington's or Lincoln's proclamations.

Today's youngsters are taught about a Thanksgiving that doesn't include God. It has been secularized to the point that it no longer resembles what Brother Washington and Lincoln had in mind.

As a result, we have a Thanksgiving that focuses on eating to excess, watching football on the idiot box and getting ready to go shopping the next day.

Pretty innocuous, don't you think?

However, as Freemasons and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, we do not fear the “G” word. We embrace it, we exalt it, we use it with awe and reverence.

Thus, isn't it time we put God back in our Thanksgiving? Isn't it time we heed the words of Brother Washington? And shouldn't we carefully read the words of Lincoln? Isn't it time we share these powerful words with our children and grandchildren?

Brother Washington's words and Lincoln's words are not about sectarian beliefs. They are not about particular creeds. They are not about this “ism” or that one. Rather, these two proclamations embrace the Freemasonic concept of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

LEIGH E. MORRIS, 33°, a public relations consultant now residing in Illinois, was editor of the newsletter for the Valley of Milwaukee for a number of years. His “Brothers on the Net” column appears in *The Northern Light*.

George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation



Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our

safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1789.

(signed) G. Washington

Our Founding Fathers, so many of whom were Freemasons, established a nation that recognized the right of each citizen to call God by the name of the individual's choice and to worship God in each citizen's own manner.

At the same time, the Founding Fathers recognized that, as Brother Washington wrote, "it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor. . ."

Our Founding Fathers believed that a nation that turned its back on God would not long endure, much as a man who turns his back on God cannot long endure.

When you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, please take a moment with your entire family to express the true meaning of this uniquely American holiday, as Abraham Lincoln wrote, to "praise our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."



Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow; yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and

enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States and those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

(signed) A. Lincoln
October 3, 1863



Annual Meeting Highlights

Update on action taken

Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, was re-elected to another three-year term at this year's Supreme Council annual meeting in September. At the conclusion of the general session, the Grand Commander announced his intent to step down from that position at the end of the annual meeting next September in St. Louis. At that time, he will have served for ten years.

Among the guests at the meeting were the Grand Masters from each of the 15 states within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Two were members of the 33° class: Theodore Corsones of Vermont and Carl J. Fitje of New York. The host Grand Master, M.W. Donald G. Hicks Jr. of Massachusetts, welcomed all the guests to Boston.

Also in attendance were officers from several Masonic organizations and representatives from 20 other Supreme Councils throughout the world.



Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston was reelected for another term. He announced his plans to retire next September.

Representing the Order of DeMolay was International Master Councilor Christopher W. Elko, who addressed the gathering. He was introduced by DeMolay Grand Master Franklin J. Kell Jr., 33°.

New officers. There were several changes in the official tableau. Ill. Walter E. Webber, 33°, of Portland, ME, was elected Grand Lieutenant Commander. He replaces Ill. Lawrence D. Inglis, 33°, who continues as an Active Member.

Ill. C. William Lakso, 33°, of Lunenburg, MA, succeeds retiring Active Member Peter G. Huntsman, 33°, as Grand Keeper of the Archives, and Ill. Verdon R. Skipper, 33°, of Burlington, NJ, was named Grand Standard Bearer replacing retiring Active Member Dale O. Babbitt, 33°.

Ill. Richard G. Hawk, 33°, was appointed Grand Sword Bearer to succeed retiring Active Member Drew W. Washabau, 33°.



The Grand Masters from all 15 states in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction were in attendance at this year's Supreme Council session. (Front) James E. Durbin, Illinois; Roger S. Van Gorden, Indiana; James S. Russell Jr., Delaware; Donald G. Hicks Jr., Massachusetts; Grand Commander Ralston; Thomas E. Reynolds, Ohio; Charles E. Ridlon, Maine, and Walter E. Kaechele, Connecticut. (Rear) Larry S. Plasket, New Jersey; James H. Olson, Wisconsin; Wendell L. Woodward, New Hampshire; David R. Bedwell Sr., Michigan; Carl J. Fitje, New York; Robert J. Allen, Rhode Island; Theodore Corsones, Vermont, and Marvin A. Cunningham, Pennsylvania.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS



(Front) Stephen E. Carpenter, Rhode Island; David P. Spencer, New York; Garry D. Hageness, Wisconsin; Frederick E. Jackson, Vermont, and David A. Glattly, New Jersey. (Rear) James R. Spencer Jr., Connecticut; Russell W. Baker, Pennsylvania, and Albert R. Marshall, Delaware.

New Deputies. In compliance with a change in the 1992 Constitutions, Ill. Robert N. Osborne, 33°, of Dearborn, MI, became the first Deputy to serve the maximum of nine years in that position. He will continue to serve as an Active Member. Ill. Erwin W. O'Dell, 33°, of Marshall, MI, was elected the new Deputy of Michigan.

Vermont Deputy Peter G. Huntsman, 33°, of Montpelier, VT, retired as an Active Member, and Ill. Richard E. Hildebrand, 33°, of St. George, VT, was elected to succeed him.

Ill. Donald D. Thomas, 33°, of Newark, DE, was elected Deputy for Delaware, filling a vacancy created by the death in July of Ill. Robert V. McDowell III, 33°.

Ill. Donald J. Soberg, 33°, of Monona, WI, stepped down as Deputy for Wisconsin but will remain as an Active Member. His successor is Ill. Norman L. Christensen, 33°, of Grafton, WI.

Retiring. Five retiring Active Members were granted Active Emeritus status. They were Ill. Brothers Peter G.

Huntsman, 33°, Vermont; Dale O. Babbitt, 33°, Wisconsin; Drew W. Washabau, 33°, Pennsylvania; Winthrop L. Hall, 33°, At Large, and Elmer H. Palmer, 33°, Rhode Island.

Ill. Gail N. Smith, 33°, of Connecticut, requested permission to resign as an Active Member for personal reasons and became a Past Active Member.

Active Members. Eight new Active Members were elected to the governing board of the Supreme Council.

Ill. James R. Spencer Jr., 33°, of Meriden, CT, 66, formed the Silver City Compressed Gases, Inc., in 1965, sold the company in 1992, and continued to serve as an executive until his retirement in 1999. He is a member of the Valley of New Haven, where he has presided over the Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix Chapter.

Ill. Frederick E. Jackson, 33°, of Burlington, VT, 68, is a retired IBM manager. In the Valley of Burlington, he has served as Thrice Potent Master, Sovereign Prince, and Commander-in-Chief. A Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 3, he recently stepped back in to be Master of the lodge.

Ill. Stephen E. Carpenter, 33°, of North Providence, RI, 53, a funeral director, is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island. He has also been president of the Rhode Island Masonic Youth Foundation and the Grand Lodge Charities, Commander-in-►

NEW DEPUTIES



Erwin W. O'Dell, Michigan; Norman L. Christensen, Wisconsin; Richard E. Hildebrand, Vermont, and Donald D. Thomas, Delaware.

➤ Chief of Rhode Island Consistory, and Potentate of the Shrine.

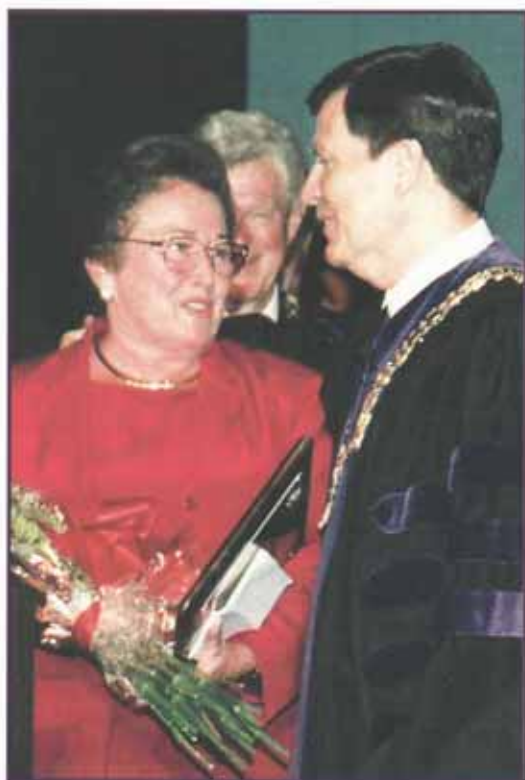
Ill. David P. Spencer, 33°, of Endwell, NY, 56, has been a systems analyst and software engineer for IBM and was granted a patent in 1991 for co-inventing an interface system. A member of the Valley of Binghamton, he was the Deputy's Representative during the past year.

Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33°, of Blue Ball, PA, 63, a purchasing manager, has been Thrice Potent Master for the Valley of Lancaster and Sovereign Prince in the Valley of Reading. He was currently Commander-in-Chief for Reading Consistory.

Ill. Albert R. Marshall, 33°, of Hockessin, DE, 67, is a retired financial manager for E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co. Originally a member of the Valley of Abington, PA, he affiliated with the Valley of Wilmington, DE, in 1988 and has been Valley Treasurer since 1992.

Ill. Garry D. Hageness, 33°, of Strum, WI, 63, a retired executive and owner of a heating equipment manufacturing company, was a presiding officer for the Eau Claire Lodge of Perfection.

Ill. David A. Glattly, 33°, of Haledon, NJ, 49, is a sales manager for construction supplies. He has been a member of the Valley of Northern New Jersey since 1987. For DeMolay International, he is the Executive Officer for New Jersey.



In 1996 at age 10, Maegan Hoover spoke at the Supreme Council annual meeting when it met in Boston. Maegan was one of the early students when the Greater Boston learning center was opened in Newtonville, MA.



Now 16, she returned to the annual meeting this year to once again thank the members for all the help she received through the program. She now volunteers at the center, as she says, "to give something back."

Honored. Five Sovereign Grand Commanders from other Supreme Councils were named Emeriti Members of Honor of our Supreme Council. They are Ill. Peter Dohnt, 33°, Australia; Ill. Leopold Troethann, 33°, Austria; Ill. Lord Donegall, 33°, Ireland; Ill. Floreal Toledo Vilarin, 33°, Chile; Ill. Mauro Milanese, 33°, South Africa.

Kern Award. Winner of this year's Kern Award for outstanding participation to the "blue" envelope appeal was the Valley of Concord, NH. Ill. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, made the presentation. The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Richard A. Kern, 33°, former Deputy for Pennsylvania and chairman of

Dr. Phyllis Meisel, director of the Greater Boston children's learning center, was recognized for her many years of service as the first clinical director for the entire jurisdictional program. She is now the program's director of training. Dr. Meisel is also director of reading disabilities at Massachusetts General Hospital.

the Supreme Council Committee on Benevolences. It is presented to the Valley that attains the highest percentage of participation of members contributing to the "blue" envelope appeal. Receiving the award on behalf of the Valley was Ill. Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Deputy for New Hampshire.

Valley Change. The Valley of Ithaca, NY, requested and was granted permission to surrender the charter for the Lodge of Perfection. The members of the Valley have been transferred to the Valley of Binghamton. This is the seventh consolidation of smaller Valleys in the past three years. The number of Valleys within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction currently stands at 101.

Ritual Revisions. The name of the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matter has officially been changed to the Committee on Ritualistic Matters.

The permanent rituals of the 14°, 15°, and 18° have been printed and distributed to the Valleys.

The printing of the rituals of the 25° and 26° has been postponed pending further review by the committee.

Approved are revised rituals for the 12° and 19°. The 1994 Tentative Ritual of the 17° was approved as a permanent ritual with modifications.

A 2002 revised edition of the Manual for Officers has just been printed and distributed to the Valleys.



CLARKE



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Medal of Honor Recipients

The Medal of Honor was presented by the Sovereign Grand Commander to four members of the Northern Jurisdiction: Ill. Brothers Robert W. Clarke, 33°, of Massachusetts; Douglas N. Winter, 33°, of Wisconsin, and James W. Salmons Jr., 33°, and John R. Teller Jr., 33°, of Ohio.

The award is presented to those who have displayed extraordinary commitment to the goals of the Supreme Council, its programs and the promulgation of its high values.

As an Active Member for the past ten years, Ill. Bro. Clarke has chaired several key committees. His exceptional organizational skills have resulted in the establishment of strategic plans for many areas of the Supreme Council. He is also Grand Minister of State and Deputy for Massachusetts.

Ill. Bro. Winter has been an Aide to the Grand Commander since 1992. He has performed his duties with great dignity and quiet dispatch and has been a major asset to the smooth functioning of the Supreme Council meetings.

Ill. Bro. Salmons has been an assistant to the Grand Commander. He became actively involved in helping to establish the 32° Masonic Learning Centers throughout the jurisdiction. He is vice president of the learning centers corporate board.

Ill. Bro. Teller was appointed an Aide to the Grand Commander in 1993, and relocated from Cincinnati to the Lexington headquarters to head up the five-year membership program. He was also instrumental in planning for the new headquarters building. Since returning to Cincinnati, he has continued in a voluntary capacity to coordinate membership statistics from the Valleys.



SALMONS



TELLER

Franklin Awards for Valley Publications



Winners of the 2002 Brother Franklin awards were announced during the Monday morning general session. The awards are presented annually to Valleys with outstanding publications. They are awarded on the basis of the size of the Valley membership. Receiving special recognition were the following:

Category I (Valleys with less than 1,000 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Traverse City, MI

Terence Micham, 32° &
James C. Larson, 32°, editors

Honorable Mention

Valley of Marquette, MI

Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, NH

Valley of Utica, NY

R. Thomas Peters Jr., 33°, editor
Martin Curtis, 32°, editor
Frederick E. De La Fleur, 32°, editor

Category II (Valleys with 1,000-2,000 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Bridgeport, CT

Leo H. Lohrman, 33°, editor

Honorable Mention

Valley of Eau Claire, WI

Valley of Madison, WI

Valley of Worcester, MA

Pamela J. Woletz, editor
Dawn Austin, editor
Donald J. Abare, 32°, editor

Category III (Valleys with 2,000-4,000 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Grand Rapids, MI

Richard A. Burrows, 32°, editor

Honorable Mention

Valley of Freeport, IL

Valley of Northern NJ

Valley of Youngstown, OH

John A. Reining, 33°, editor
Roman K. Sobon, 33°, editor
H. Douglas Wilcox, 33°, editor

Category IV (Valleys with 4,000-6,500 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Cleveland, OH

David B. Mackey, 32°, editor

Honorable Mention

Valley of Chicago, IL

Valley of Reading, PA

Valley of Williamsport, PA

Randall W. Becker, 32°, editor
Jon J. DeHart, 32°, editor
Gerald D. Wagner, 33°, editor

Category V (Valleys with more than 6,500 members)

Best Publication (tie)

Valley of Indianapolis, IN

Valley of Pittsburgh, PA

Jerry B. Collins, 33°, editor
D. William Roberts, 33°, editor

Honorable Mention

Valley of Cincinnati, OH

Valley of Dayton, OH

Valley of Toledo, OH

Donald W. Owens, 32°, editor
Charles W. Wright, 33°, editor
David L. Olmstead, 32°, editor

Relevant Masonic Relics

*Helpful hints on displaying
your lodge's historical artifacts*

In one of his essays, "Relics," distinguished Masonic author and playwright Carl Claudy describes many treasured Masonic historical artifacts from around the country.

To the former executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association, relics such as George Washington Masonic treasures, Lewis and Clark's Masonic aprons, Mark Twain's petition for membership, and the first square and compasses used in the Utah territory in 1859 are important reminders of Masonry's long-standing traditions.

According to him, relics "keep tradition alive" and "wield a restraining influence against those too-modern-minded brethren by whom 'streamlining' and 'modernization' would be applied to the ancient craft."

Claudy had reason to worry about the survival of the craft's "ancient established usages" when governed by "modern-minded brethren."

Born in the horse and buggy days of 1879 and living to see the dawn of the Space Age in 1957, Claudy's generation witnessed more technological, social, and cultural changes than anyone has before or since.

Now that we live in the 21st century we know all too well the effects of "streamlining and modernization," and new questions have arisen to the meaning and purpose of these long-cherished Masonic relics.

What now, indeed, is the purpose of display cases filled with artifacts related to George Washington, old aprons and jewels from long-dead famous Ameri-



This display within the current Masonic exhibition at the National Heritage Museum centers around a costume representing King Solomon donated by the Valley of Buffalo. Other items in the display relate to ritualistic presentation of degrees. In the background is an image of Solomon's Temple reproduced from a stage backdrop.

can Masons, or countless badges from Masonic conventions and ceremonies?

Are they simply there to show past Masonic activities and enhance the grandeur and beauty of lodges?

Or are they expected to impress non-Masons of the craft's ancient heritage just as some families display genealogy charts?

Do these Masonic artifacts have real historic value?

Do they teach and inspire or are they simply nice things to please the eye?

Being a proud Mason I share Bro. Claudy's reverence for these relics, but as a historian I am obliged to answer these new questions and the public's curiosity with Freemasonry.

The answers I discovered resulted from nearly three years' work developing "To Build and Sustain: Freemasons in American Community," an exhibition at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA.

As Claudy hoped his essay would inspire brothers to seek out and preserve their relics, it is my hope this article will inspire brothers to create and present new displays of their lodges' important history.

The first step in developing an effective display is to take an inventory and assessment of artifacts, photographs, and documents. Only by knowing the available materials and how to care for them can the building process begin.

To help with this procedure the National Heritage Museum has just printed a new brochure, "Caring for



MARK A. TABBERT, 32°, curator of Masonic and fraternal collections at the National Heritage Museum, is a member of the Valley of Boston.

Your Masonic Treasures." (See related story.)

In addition, the museum staff is always available for direct consultation and is happy to provide other preservation and display printed resources.

There are several ways to reinterpret and present Masonic history displays, and I believe the most effective way is to remember that Freemasonry is comprised of men — as in human beings with life stories to be told.

While seemingly obvious, all too often Grand Masters' aprons or Past Masters' jewels are displayed with no information about their owners.

Masonic relics are evidence of participation in the craft. No matter how beautiful or impressive, they say nothing by themselves. They come alive, however, when we can learn about when, why, and how men used them.

Such relics speak of lifelong friendships that began with initiation, grew through good times and bad, and ended with an evergreen sprig at the grave.

Whenever possible aprons and jewels should be displayed with photographs, short biographical labels and non-Masonic personal items to provide a context of the brother's life.

By taking a few minutes to write a description of a historic brother, and finding a photograph of him with his family or in "civilian" dress, you create depth and an engaging story.

Even displaying one Past Master's apron on a tuxedoed mannequin will attract and engage visitors far better than walls covered with anonymous framed aprons.

In conjunction with this new approach, Masonic displays should also contain a variety of artifacts.

Rather than having cases organized by type or style, they should be grouped by era or personality.

History exhibits are not zoological and we should not display aprons, porcelain pitchers or jewels like genus or species!

Because today's visitors find them repetitively boring, few modern natural history museums have cases filled with every variety of duck, butterfly or snake.

Rather they show a variety of animals together in their habitat—beaver, heron, trout, snake and snail all in a woodland stream setting.

Likewise, Masonic displays should group objects according to their era, such as aprons, photographs, jewels and gavels all used between 1870 and

—David Bohl photo



In another area of the "To Build and Sustain" exhibition, family-related organizations associated with Freemasonry are grouped together.

1900. In this way visitors can see how the craft and the Grand Lodge or lodge evolved over time.

Starting with a selection of crude frontier Masonic artifacts from the 1850s and finishing with a few expensive 1990s artifacts shows how a Grand Lodge or Valley prospered with the territory and state.

If, however, a lodge has more artifacts related to people than eras, then displays can be organized to create a Masonic "hall of fame." As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "There is properly no history, only biography," and through the lives of brothers, lodge histories can be told.

These cases about individuals may show relics from his range of Masonic activities: Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc. But beyond objects, it should contain biographical labels that mention both his personal and professional achievements.

Knowing a Past Master served in World War I, owned a barbershop, held public office, and was married with children, while he organized a DeMolay chapter, established a lodge charity fund and wrote a Masonic book, does indeed teach and inspire younger generations.

Another important point to remember is to keep exhibitions simple, factual and focused on local stories.

Displays that try to tell the whole history of the craft are doomed to fail. The endless differences in Masonic rituals, jurisdictions, rites, auxiliaries, and charities are so complex they can perplex

even our 50-year brothers, let alone the non-Mason.

If the relics are primarily from your Scottish Rite Valley, then tell the story of your Valley, and not any other—not your local blue lodge, Eastern Star chapter, or Shrine. At most, display a chart of all the Masonic bodies so visitors might see the scope of the Masonic family.

Furthermore, stick to the facts and relics of local history. Do not mention the Medieval Knights Templar unless you live in France and own a suit of armor.

If you live in Wisconsin, then let Virginia tell George Washington's story and New Mexico tell Kit Carson's. Rather, be a proud "Badger" and tell the story of the Ringling Brothers in Baraboo, or Governor Tommy Thompson in Madison.

When creating display labels and graphic information, remember to write a story and not an editorial or an advertisement.

It is unnecessary to address the various controversial issues that have dogged the fraternity for centuries.

If visitors want answers to such issues, then provide a rack of Masonic Service Association brochures. They are easily obtainable and already written.

While it is proper to be proud of the fraternity, it is best to resist mentioning Freemasonry's wonderful social and charitable activities. A quiet voice often resonates more than a shout.

A few well-placed notices of exciting events or great charitable statistics over time is enough to impress. ➤

► Focus on the fraternity's tenets, principles and mission.

Intelligent prospective candidates want to know Freemasonry's purpose. If you are too embarrassed to clearly state them, then let the actions of historical Masons prove them. Otherwise, men seeking admission will look elsewhere for morality, brotherly love, and truth.

Lastly, use common terminology that everyone can understand.

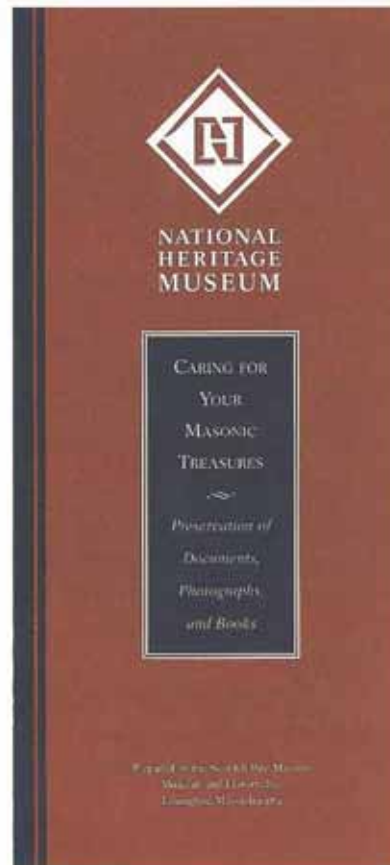
While it is great fun to list every exalted Masonic title or incorporate phrases from the ritual in display labels, they easily confuse non-Masons.

But if you choose to use the title Worshipful Master, then do not be afraid to explain its origin and meaning.

When in doubt that your definitions are clear, give your display labels to a bright intelligent teenager. If he or she can understand them, others will too.

While America and Freemasonry have changed since Carl Claudy published his "Relics" essay in his book, *Masonic Harvest*, his conclusion remains true. "... every Masonic antiquity, wherever kept and displayed, wields also a ... reverence for the ancient laws and principles which makes Freemasonry what it is, and not something else."

Today there are literally thousands of clubs, groups, and associations for men to join. While Freemasonry is the parent



of most of them, it remains distinct.

No other organization can claim such universality, generous charity and, most important, rich history.

For too long Masons have tried to be

How To Care For . . .

A new brochure has been published by the National Heritage Museum in response to the frequent calls from Masonic lodges asking for advice on preserving historic documents as well as photographs and books.

It was written by Catherine Swanson, the museum's archivist. Copies are available through the museum and will also be distributed with a future "Short Talk Bulletin" from the Masonic Service Association.

The brochure describes various preservation techniques and explains:

- how they relate to what the items are made of,
- how they counteract environmental influences that can age the items in your collection,
- how to store the documents and books appropriately, and
- how to contact and hire a professional conservator to repair damaged documents and books.

There is also information for those who wish to hire an outside professional to conserve especially fragile or rare pieces.

like others, but through a proper application of a little wisdom, strength, and beauty, displays of our "relics" can encourage others to become Brother Masons.



In Memoriam III. Robert Vincent McDowell, 33°

III. Robert V. McDowell III, 33°, an Active Member for the Supreme Council and Deputy for the state of Delaware, died on July 25, 2002, in Delaware.

Born at Colwyn, PA, on Oct. 29, 1927, he was educated in the Claymont, DE, public schools.

He served in the United States Army Air Force in 1946-47, and then attended Drexel University in Philadelphia, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1953, and a master's in engineering management in 1966.

His professional career consisted of various engineering and managerial positions for a public utility company with emphasis on power plant design and operations. He was employed at Delmarva Power, retiring in 1991 after 35 years of service.

In 1962, he married Florence Emma Wakeling, who survives him along with two daughters and six grandsons.

III. Brother McDowell was an active member of United Methodist Church of the Atonement in Claymont, where he served as an usher for more than 20 years, along with

several terms on the Administrative Board and numerous committees.

He was raised a Master Mason in Brandywine Lodge No. 33, Claymont, in 1967, and served as Worshipful Master in 1976-77 and as Secretary from 1977-95. He was appointed Deputy Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Delaware for 1981-82.

Brother McDowell presided over all three York Rite bodies in Wilmington.

He completed the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Wilmington in 1968. He was Sovereign Prince in 1982-83 and Commander-in-Chief in 1989-90. He was the chairman of an award-winning Family Life program in 1993 and was chairman of the board of trustees for the Valley in 1995-96.

III. Brother McDowell received the 33° in 1991, and was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 1996 and served on several committees. He was elected Deputy for Delaware in 2000, and was holding that position at the time of his death.

Enterprising Women: 250 years of American Business

A current exhibition at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA, features "Enterprising Women: 250 Years of American Business." It was organized in conjunction with the Schlesinger Library of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University.

Spanning 250 years and highlighting some 40 women in business, the exhibit marks the first time that major themes of women's history have been woven into the fabric of American business history.

American women have long played an unsung role in the world of business.

In this exhibit, unknown stories of 18th-century shopkeepers, 19th-century inventors and 20th-century women who sell anything from pudding to airplanes are told.

Objects on loan from over 75 museums, archives, and private collections from all over the country illustrate the trials and triumphs of these business women who not only shaped history, but the nature of business as we know it.

The group of inventors, innovators and trendsetters are featured in this

national exhibit that reinterprets the history of American women and business from the colonial era to the present.

"Enterprising Women" brings to life the stories of intriguing women, like Mary Katherine Goddard, revolutionary war publisher and postmistress; Eliza Lucas Pinckney, who cultivated indigo in colonial South Carolina; pharmacist Lydia Pinkham; fashion pioneer Elizabeth Arden; Olive Beech of Beech Aircraft, and *Washington Post* owner Katherine Graham.

Artifacts and costumes, diaries and letters, business and legal documents, photographs and paper ephemera, audio recordings, and interactive technology all personalize the transformation of the role of women in American business.

The exhibit also highlights the ways in which race, class, ethnicity, geography, generation and social upheaval infused the experiences of women in business.

"It is a distinct pleasure for the museum to team with the Radcliffe Institute in the development and realization of this innovative and important project," said John H. Ott, 32, executive director of the National Heritage Museum.

Organized into five historic sections and enhanced by interactive and evocative settings, "Enterprising Women" illuminates the nation's transformation from an agricultural and household economy to one influenced by industrialization, the rise of big business, the emergence of consumer culture and the communications technology revolution.

"The exhibit transforms understanding of American business history by presenting the experiences of women who overcame daunting obstacles to become entrepreneurs," said Drew Gilpin Faust, dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and professor of history at Harvard University. "These women of the past have left an important legacy for the American women of today, who own more than 7.7 million firms, representing 40 percent of business operating in the United States at the opening of the 21st century."



(Wm. Burg Photo Company. Courtesy National Park Service, Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site.)

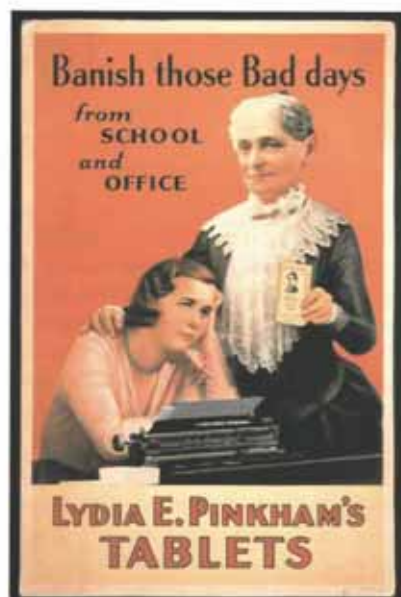
Maggie Lena Walker (1867-1934) was the first woman bank president in the U.S. and a noted philanthropist. She transformed an African American fraternal society and insurance business in Richmond, Virginia, into a mutual aid society, founded a bank for African Americans and encouraged children to open savings accounts.

This monumental exhibition was made possible through the generous support of Ford Motor Company and AT&T. Additional support is provided by the Cabot Family Charitable Trust, and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Three years ago Radcliffe College and Harvard University were officially merged, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study was created as one of ten Harvard schools.

The exhibit will remain at the National Heritage Museum until Feb. 23, 2003.

It will then travel to the Atlanta History Center; the Detroit Historical Museum; the Los Angeles Public Library; the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC, cosponsored by the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History; the New York Historical Society, and the Women's Museum in Dallas.



Courtesy of the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute.

Advertisement:

"Banish Those Bad Days."

Lydia Estes Pinkham (1819-1883) turned a private herbal recipe for "female complaints" into a thriving business.

Quick Reaction Saves Life

Commander comes to aid of auto accident victim

It was just business as usual for Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston.

He opened his mail, fielded phone calls, facilitated a telephone conference meeting, held several meetings with staff, and he saved a man's life.

Monday, Sept. 16, was another busy day with a very unexpected ending for not only the Commander, but for William Coughlin.

Coughlin, 59, who lives in nearby Watertown, MA, spent the day working on computers and was on his way to visit a friend when he suffered a diabetic reaction.

Reports show that as he was driving on a very busy stretch of road through Bedford, he began weaving in and out of traffic, hit a couple of cars and kept on going until he swerved off and plunged over an embankment.

At the same time, around 5:30 p.m., Commander Ralston and his wife Susan were escorting visiting Canadian colleagues to a local hotel in nearby Bedford.

While the Commander and the Grand Prior of the Canadian Supreme Council, Bishop Robert Townshend, 33°, stood outside as the others registered inside the hotel, their attention was drawn to the sound of a metal grinding against asphalt.

The noise came from Coughlin's car since his front tire was shredded due to the prior accidents.



William Coughlin (right) stopped at the Supreme Council headquarters recently to personally thank Grand Commander Ralston for his heroic effort to assist Coughlin in his time of need.

As the Commander and Brother Townshend watched, the noisy car veered off the main road into an adjacent parking lot, but instead of slowing down and pulling into a space, it kept moving, crashing through a guardrail and plunging down the 20-foot riverbank of the Shawsheen River.

"I heard a funny noise, then I saw the car," the Commander said. "I thought it was pulling into the parking lot to stop, but it kept on going and never slowed down at all."

Commander Ralston immediately took off after the car.

The Commander said he has had limited experience in responding to emergencies; however, when he was a teenager he helped resuscitate a drowning peer, and later in life he attempted CPR on a neighbor in distress.

This time, like the others, he felt it was just what he had to do.

"You just try to help," the Commander said. "That's what we teach ourselves."

Coughlin's Dodge Intrepid was in the water with its trunk floating when Brother Ralston, joined by Bill Hines who also witnessed the accident, rushed into the chest-deep water to rescue him.

At first, the two men tried to pull the



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car back into shallow water, but it didn't budge.

Working quickly, they turned their focus on getting the unconscious driver out of the sinking car.

The Commander and Hines were unable to open the car door, so they pounded on the window to rouse Coughlin.

The water was already up to the driver's waist.

"There was no question that we had to get him out fast," Ralston said.

Suffering from a diabetic reaction, Coughlin was close to incoherent, but the cold water and the banging on the window made him aware enough to lower his electronic window.

"What I remember is very minimal. Between them banging on the windows and the cold water coming up over my body, it brought me around," he said. "I knew they wanted me to put the window down."

The rescuers feared the car might be on unstable ground and could start to

slide at any moment, so they stayed up stream and worked at pulling Coughlin out face up through the window, aiming to keep his head above water at all times.

Ralston said it was quite a struggle for the two men to pull the semi-conscious man out such a small opening.

floated him to the safety of the riverbank as the car continued to fill with water.

When Bedford Fire Department EMT's arrived, they took over for the two rescuers and carried Coughlin up the bank into a waiting ambulance.

Coughlin escaped major injury, sustaining only minor "bangs and bruises."

"He was lucky in many ways," the Commander said. "The accident could have been much more serious."

Coughlin said he does not remember any details of his wild ride, but he is incredibly grateful to the two men who made the effort to save his life.

"I was really lucky. If it wasn't for the two of them, I'd still be there, swimming with the fishes," he joked.

"They really saved my life. It's just that straight forward."

"Your odds are 99 out of 100 that someone won't help you, and I had two guys acting out of sincere caring for their fellowman," he added. "I owe my life to two total strangers."

While Coughlin was being transported to a nearby hospital, the Commander resumed his busy schedule, joining his Canadian friends for dinner as planned, right after he returned home to change his soaked clothes.

"I was fine," Ralston said. "I was just wet."

"I owe my life to two total strangers."

— William Coughlin

"It seemed like it took us forever to get him out, but I guess it didn't," he said.

Ralston and Hines succeeded in releasing Coughlin from the car and

MASONIC WORD MATH

How to solve: Start with the first word. Add to it the letters of the second word. Then add or subtract the letters of the following words. Total the remaining letters and unscramble them to find a word associated with Masonry.

(YESTERDAY) + (QUILTED) -

(UTTERLY) + (TERRIFIC) - (FREE) +

(PERIL) - (PRICE) + (INFORMANT) -

(FAIL) + (PEANUTS) - (MODERN)

- (DRESS) - (PAINT)

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Clue for this puzzle appears on page 12.

Answer from previous issue: RITUALIST

EDITOR'S NOTE:

With regret we announce the departure of Robin Robinson from the Supreme Council headquarters staff. As assistant to the editor of *The Northern Light* for the past three years, Robin has handled a variety of responsibilities. Readers of the magazine have had an opportunity to enjoy many of her human interest stories. This is her final contribution to the publication. Although the Sovereign Grand Commander was reluctant to have the subject of this article appear in print, he did consent to Robin's interview. Robin has accepted a position as managing editor of a newsletter for a health services organization, and we wish her well in her new venture.



Valley Teddy Bear Awards Announced

Scottish Rite Valleys were recognized at the Supreme Council annual meeting in September for their participation and support of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. The announcement was made by Ill. James W. Salmons Jr., 33°, vice president of the learning centers corporate board.

The newly instituted Teddy Bear Awards highlight the results of the fund-raising efforts for the learning centers. The awards are divided into four categories.

Depending on the level of giving, each Valley will receive either a bronze, silver, gold or platinum award each year.

Bronze. The 62 Valleys receiving the Bronze award raised up to 33 percent of the annual goal established by the Supreme Council. That goal is based on the size of the membership, with a minimum goal of \$10,000.

There are three major fund-raising activities that count toward reaching a Valley's goal:

- Valley-supported fund-raising ac-

tivities to benefit the Learning Centers.

- Gifts by individual members of the Valley to direct mail appeals. The response to the calendar program, for instance, is included in this area.
- Bequests or other planned gifts that are for the benefit of the Learning Centers.

The enthusiastic response from the young people and the grateful appreciation of parents are motivating all of us to support the work of our 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children.

Silver. There are 19 Valleys that achieved the Silver award. Each of these Valleys reached 33-66 percent of its goal. They have also met at least one of the membership or public awareness goals by

- publishing information about the program in a Valley publication, or
- getting coverage in the local media, or
- sponsoring a public event, such as an open house at a Learning Center, or a Charity Ball, or a Charity Golf Tournament or similar fund-raising event.

Gold. For the Gold award there were 10 Valleys that raised 67-99 percent of their goal and have met at least one of the membership or public awareness goals. Keeping members informed increases interest, participation and support. Communicating the message of the Learning Centers to the community raises public awareness of the charitable work of the fraternity.

Platinum. The 11 Valleys that attained the Platinum award reached or surpassed 100 percent of their goal. They have also met at least two of the membership or public awareness goals.

Plaques that will be presented to each Valley will record the level of giving for a 12-year period.

Teddy Bear Awards

Platinum level

Bangor, ME
Grand Rapids, MI
Lowell, MA
Madison, WI
Nashua, NH
New York, NY
Norwich, CT
Providence, RI
Steubenville, OH
Waterbury, CT
Worcester, MA

Gold level

Boston, MA
Burlington VT
Cincinnati, OH
Concord, NH
Eau Claire, WI
Lancaster, PA
Milwaukee, WI
New Haven, CT
Pittsburgh, PA
Utica, NY

Silver level

Bay City, MI
Binghamton, NY
Buffalo, NY
Canton, OH
Chicago, IL
Cleveland, OH
Detroit, MI
Erie, PA
Evansville, IN
Hartford, CT
Indianapolis, IN
Montpelier, VT
Northern NJ
Schenectady, NY
South Bend, IN
Southern NJ
Syracuse, NY
Trenton, NJ
Wilmington, DE

STATUS OF LEARNING CENTERS

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Centers Open | 42 |
| Children Enrolled | 1,200 |
| Certified Tutors | 285 |
| Trainees | 325 |

Newest Centers:

Southern Illinois
Scranton, PA
Steubenville, OH

Opening in 2003:

Burlington, VT
Freeport, IL
Lancaster, PA
Wilmington, DE

\$500,000 for Sponsor-a-Child program generated from 21 Valleys

The Sponsor-a-Child program, introduced over a year ago to provide financial assistance to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., has performed beyond expectations. In its initial 12-month period, the initiative raised more than a half million dollars in contributions.

These contributions, received from 100 sponsors, go directly to the centers designated by the sponsors and reduce the amount of funds otherwise needed from other sources to meet the annual operating budget.

The gifts came from both Masonic and non-Masonic individuals and entities, and originated from 21 of the 39 centers.

Executive director Joseph J. Berlandi, 32°, has established a goal for next year to receive no less than 200 sponsors, or a total amount of \$1 million, and to have every center participating.

"This is an ambitious goal that every child enrolled be fully-sponsored," said Bro. Berlandi.



An average of five sponsorships deriving from each center would accomplish this objective.

Centers that participate will receive a plaque for display in the center, acknowledging the sponsors.

New strategic and marketing plans

A revised strategic plan has been developed for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.

The new plan is more extensive than the original 1994 version and has been expanded to more accurately reflect the mission, vision, goals and objectives.

The plan calls for a minimum of 55 learning centers throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, with the potential of treating more than 2,000 children and young adults during the school year and summer sessions.

Although each learning center is governed by a local board, all centers will adhere to central administrative, regulatory and clinical policies. All tutors must be trained and certified in the Orton-Gillingham tutorial approach, thereby assuring a standardized treatment modality throughout the system.

In addition, each center will provide the educational programs necessary to train tutorial professionals and expand the effort to help children with dyslexia beyond the learning center network.

The plan is designed to be flexible. The expectation is that, over time, many current objectives will be achieved, while new objectives will be identified and added to the plan at regular intervals.

The committee is chaired by Ill. Robert W. Clarke, 33°, who also heads the Supreme Council strategic planning committee. Assisting him are Ill. Walter E. Webber, 33°; Ill. James W. Salmons Jr., 33°; Ill. Richard W. VanDoren, 33°, and Joseph J. Berlandi, 32°.

Along with the new strategic plan, a new marketing plan has been developed to increase the visibility outside the fraternity of all Scottish Rite charities.

Sponsors

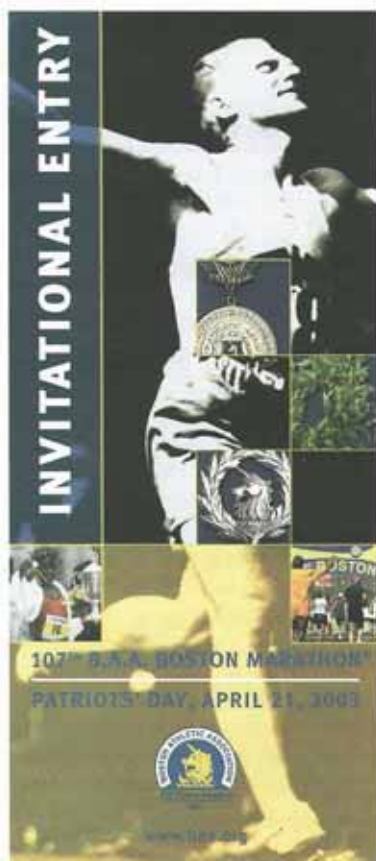
Sponsorship Term:
Sept. 1, 2001 — Aug. 31, 2002

| | Sponsorships | Amount |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Connecticut | | |
| Waterbury | 3.5 | \$17,500 |
| Massachusetts | | |
| Newtonville | 3.8 | \$19,170 |
| Lexington | 2.3 | \$11,800 |
| Lowell | 1.7 | \$8,500 |
| Worcester | 7 | \$33,500 |
| Michigan | | |
| Bay City | 2 | \$10,000 |
| Detroit | 13 | \$65,000 |
| New Hampshire | | |
| Nashua | 5 | \$25,000 |
| New York | | |
| Rochester | 2 | \$11,018 |
| Ohio | | |
| Cambridge | 3 | \$15,000 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | \$10,000 |
| Cleveland | 6 | \$30,000 |
| Columbus | 2 | \$10,000 |
| Dayton | 1 | \$5,455 |
| Steubenville | .2 | \$1,000 |
| Pennsylvania | | |
| Allentown | 1 | \$5,000 |
| Harrisburg | 1 | \$5,138 |
| Pittsburgh | 11.75 | \$58,770 |
| Rhode Island | | |
| Providence | 19.4 | \$97,000 |
| Wisconsin | | |
| Madison | 5 | \$25,000 |
| Milwaukee | 7.8 | \$39,300 |
| TOTAL | 100.63 | \$503,151 |

32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.

enters the

BOSTON MARATHON



The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., has joined the ranks of other charitable organizations in being awarded 10 charitable waiver entries for the 107th Boston Marathon. The 26-plus mile race will be held on April 21, 2003.

The sponsor of the race, the Boston Athletic Association, is committed to encouraging and promoting fitness through athletics and has developed a program with the Boston Marathon and charitable organizations in the Massachusetts area.

The B.A.A. assists these charitable organizations by providing guaranteed entries for their organization's fund-raising purposes and, in the spirit of charity, encourages all qualified runners to aid in these efforts.

According to Joseph J. Berlandi, 32°, executive director for the learning centers corporation, this will be another exciting venture in fund-raising efforts for the learning centers.

"The objective is to have every entrant raise enough money to sponsor a child in our program for one year," Bro. Berlandi said. "We are delighted

to have been granted participation in this world-renowned event and, due to the limited number of entries, will entertain responses throughout our Northern Jurisdiction on a first-come first-served basis."

The funds raised by these 10 participants at the Marathon will be appropriated to the new Sponsor-a-Child initiative, and each runner will designate the proceeds to the center of his or her choice, he said.

Individual runners and wheelchairs without charitable waivers must run a qualifying time at a certified marathon and pay a \$75 entry fee. Qualifying times are determined by age and determined by the B.A.A. guidelines.

Those with a charitable waiver, however, are guaranteed entry no matter what their running speed. Participants must be 18 years or older on race day.

Anyone with interest in running the famous Boston Marathon to benefit the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. should contact Bro. Berlandi at 877-861-0528.

Apparel and Accessories Catalog Available



Approval has been granted to the Valley of Bloomsburg, PA, to work with an advertising specialties firm to offer adult and youth apparel and accessories with the logo for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.

A catalog has been created by Ill. Luther J. Black, 33°, secretary for the Valley of Bloomsburg. Proceeds from the sale of the merchandise will benefit the program at large. "Wearing or using these items will get our name in the public view," said Ill. Brother Black.

Items for sale include denim shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, golf balls, pens and mugs.

Catalogs are available through the learning centers' corporate headquarters at 877-861-0528 or through the Valley of Bloomsburg at 570-784-2445.





Computer Answer Man



By Leigh E. Morris, 33°

? You need to settle this issue once and for all. Which is better, Macintosh or PC?

A. Why don't you just ask me to explain the devotion Cub fans have to a team that hasn't been in the World Series since 1945? Oh well, I'm willing to go where angels fear to tread.

I use both platforms on a daily basis. It is my opinion (and a good many critics agree) that Mac has a decided edge over the PC. The Mac is easier to use, Apple provides unsurpassed customer support, the Mac operating system is simply spectacular, the iMac will meet the needs of most people, and Macs can do anything a PC can do (and can usually do it much better).

Now before all of you PC users form a vigilante party to hunt me down, there are some very good reasons to own a Windows system PC. The Windows-based PC does dominate the market. Decent PC computer systems can be purchased for \$600 or so. If you play computer games, then you will want a Windows-based PC.

Just in case you were wondering, this was written on a Mac.

? Is it true that I can go online to see if I'm entitled to some unclaimed money?

A. You bet. It is estimated that about 12 percent of all Americans are owed some unclaimed money, such as funds from a forgotten bank or escrow account. To see if wealth awaits you, just go to www.unclaimed.org and select "owners." Then go to "find property" and follow the prompts. Happy hunting.

? What the heck is a bot?

A. I can't tell you because it's a secret. Just kidding! Bot is short for robot. Sometimes it is called a crawler or a spider. A bot is an automated search robot. Some Web sites use them to search other sites for information. A bot most commonly is used by comparison-shopping Web sites to search other Web sites for the lowest possible price of a product.

However, bots have become quite controversial. You see, the comparison-shopping sites charge users a fee to provide them with the pricing information. Companies whose sites are "invaded" by bots are crying foul, claiming it is unethical and possibly illegal to take information off their Web sites and then sell that information through the comparison-shopping Web sites.

Personally, I think the comparison-shopping Web site operators are doing nothing more than newspapers, newsletters and magazines that offer price-comparison information. Nonetheless, this is a major lawsuit in the making.

? What is the most unusual Web site you have run across?

A. I've seen a lot of odd, strange and just plain weird Web sites. Perhaps the most unusual is www.mhp-casketkits.com. This is the ultimate do-it-yourself's Web site. One can go to this site and buy a complete build-it-yourself casket kit. I wonder how long it will take HMOs to come up with do-it-yourself surgery sites?

? On occasion, I use the computer at my office for personal purposes, such as sending an e-mail or writing a letter. Is this OK?

A. Most likely your employer has rules governing computer and Internet use. You ought to read them. In general, the best advice is to restrict your use of the company's computers to company business. Assume anything you do on a company computer will be seen by your employer, and that includes e-mails and Web browsing. Employees throughout the country have been disciplined and even dismissed because they have violated employer computer rules.

? Should I turn off my computer when I am done working on it or leave it on?

A. This is almost as controversial as the Mac versus PC issue. I doubt that what I say will influence many of you. In any event, computers use electricity even when they are in the sleep mode. Turning the computer off will save you some money. Furthermore, the less electricity you use, the less fuel (i.e., coal, oil and natural gas) electric generating plants will burn.

If you connect to the Internet through a high-speed cable modem, satellite or DSL service, you are connected to the Net whenever your computer is on. While firewalls do provide protection, none are 100 percent effective. Your best protection is to turn the computer off.

Questions or comments? Send me an e-mail at studebaker@motion.net

Masonry's 'Farm Team'

*You can help DeMolay
build tomorrow's Masons*

After recently receiving my Entered Apprentice degree, I wanted to make the trip back to my lodge room as soon as possible. I walked into the lodge room and took my place on the sideline.

For an hour and a half I watched my young, motivated brethren discuss ideas, break molds, and start new traditions.

A grin engulfed my face as they announced the profit from work at a local fair that included money and five new members. Does this happen in your lodge room as often as it does in mine?

It may happen twice a month without your knowledge.

It's all a matter of what day you decide to visit your lodge room.

See, the young men in those chairs weren't 40, 30, 25 or even 19.

The young men in those chairs were 15-year-olds who, after performing a perfect ritualistic opening, were debating important decisions like how many cars they needed to go to the next dance and to whom they would make their upcoming charitable contribution.

Masonic traditions are alive and well in the form of active DeMolay chapters all across the country.

Much like professional athletes are generated from college programs, good young men are produced by DeMolay.

In professional life our young peo-

ple will need to thrive on teamwork and use "value-based leadership" skills.

These lessons are taught to DeMolays every day. I know of no better "farm team" for Masonry than DeMolay.

DeMolay across the country is experiencing a rebirth by tapping areas of the public that have never heard of Freemasonry before.

For example, recently DeMolay began allowing non-Masons to join Masonic advisors on our adult advisory councils.

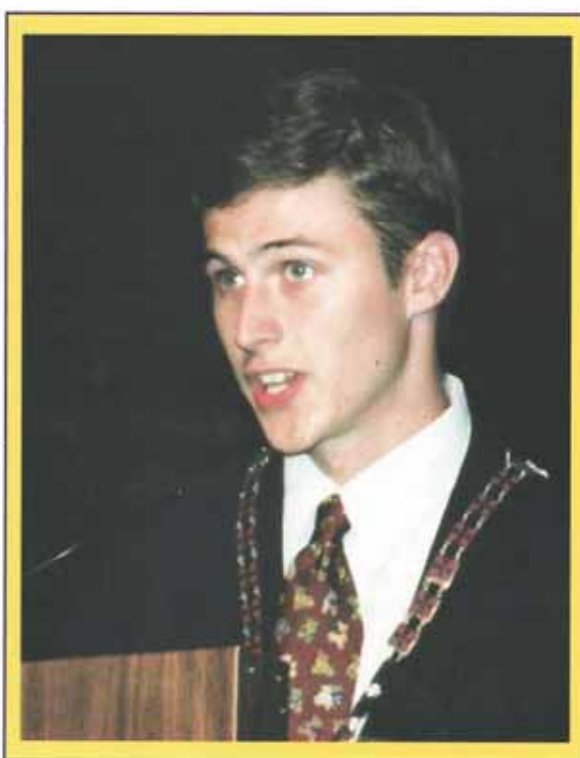
Unfortunately, we have a difficult time keeping non-Masonic advisors. Why? They join Masonry. What a tremendous benefit!

Not only is Masonry instilling its values in the next generation through DeMolay, but it is also providing Masonry 101 to their parents who serve as advisors.

All it takes is one trip to a local chapter to get hooked and the potential benefit to the craft far outweighs the gas money and a free Tuesday night.

Prominent Scottish Rite Mason "Dad" Frank Land founded DeMolay, and many of its most basic building blocks are steeped in Scottish Rite tradition.

If you are curious about DeMolay, visit our Web site at DeMolay.org and/or contact a local DeMolay per-



Brother Christopher W. Elko of Flanders, NJ, was elected International Master Councilor for the International Order of DeMolay in June. He is a senior at Rutgers University with a double major in political science and philosophy. Bro. Elko addressed the Scottish Rite Supreme Council annual session at Boston in September.

son. Contact names are available on the site, as well as loads of resources and information on the next generation of Freemasonry.

The slogan of DeMolay International is as simple as it is true — "Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today."

With your help, however, DeMolay can also start building tomorrow's Masons today as well.

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The Stamp Act

A Philatelic Review

was made president of the South African Republic and was also elected president of the Orange Free State. He resigned both presidencies

while he negotiated various settlements with Moshesh of Lesotho and Cetewayo the Zulu. Re-elected President of the South African Republic in 1864 and 1868, he resigned in 1873. He was imprisoned for working against the British and after release signed the Convention of Pretoria, re-establishing his country's independence. He died in May 1901.

Bro. Marthinus Pretorius received all three degrees on June 27, 1862. That same evening he was made Honorary Master of the Lodge-De Goode Hoop. In 1869 he was also made a member of Aurora Lodge in the Transvaal.

Bro. Harry Houdini is pictured on this USPS stamp released July 3, 2002.

Born Erich Weiss in Budapest on March 24, 1874, he and his family migrated in 1878 to Appleton, Wisconsin.

He left school at 12 to perform magic acts in carnivals, amusement parks and vaudeville.

He adopted the name

Harry Houdini from the French magician Jean Robert-Houdin and Bro. Harry Keller. Around 1895 he began to challenge police departments that he could escape from their handcuffs and jail cells. His success increased his bookings and salary. In 1926, a McGill student hit him in the abdomen at the Princess Theater in Montreal and he died of peritonitis nine days later, on Oct. 31.

On Aug. 21, 1923, Bro. Weiss was raised in St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York. He joined the Scottish Rite and Mecca Shrine Temple.

Poet Robert Burns is featured on two stamps issued by Great Britain in 1966. The stamps were produced in honor of his birthday.

He shares space with the Queen, who appears on all British stamps.



Considered the greatest Scottish poet, Burns was born Jan. 25, 1759, at Alloway, Ayrshire. Almost entirely self-educated, he began farming with his brother at Mossiel in 1784. Hoping to immigrate to Jamaica, he published 44 of his poems in the Kilmarnock edition in 1786. After his success, he married and settled down in Ellisland. He continued to create songs, satire and tales of Scottish folklore. He died in Dumfries on July 21, 1796.

Bro. Burns was raised in

St. David Lodge No. 174, Tarbolton, on Oct. 1, 1781. He helped form St. James Lodge No. 178 in the same town. Later he was a member of Canongate-Kilwinning Lodge No. 2, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews Lodge No. 179, Dumfries.

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On Aug. 24, 2002, the USPS issued a stamp for Duke Kahanamoku on the anniversary of his 112th birthday. Born Aug. 24, 1890, the son of a Hawaiian police officer, he became known as the father of surfing.

He was taught to swim at a very early age in the traditional manner — rowed out to sea and thrown into the surf. He started his competitive career in 1911 in Hawaii's first Amateur Athletic Union-sponsored swim meet, breaking a world record in the 100-yard freestyle. In the 1920 Olympics he captured two gold medals. He was one of the first three inductees into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1965. After a brief film career, he served as County Sheriff of Honolulu from 1934-60, and then as the Official Greeter of Honolulu. He died in 1968.

Bro. Kahanamoku was a member of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21.

ROBERT A. DOMINGUE is secretary for St. Matthew's Lodge, Andover, MA, and editor of *The Philatelic Freemason*.



By Robert A. Domingue

Andries Wilhelmus Jacobus Pretorius is pictured

on a pair of stamps issued by South Africa on Dec. 1, 1955, for the Union

Covenant Celebrations in Pietermaritzburg.

Born in Graaf Reinet, Cape Colony, in 1798, he took part as an adult in several frontier campaigns and in 1837 took part in a preliminary trek to the north, settling in Natal.

After the murder of Piet Reteif by Dingaan, the Zulu king, he was appointed commander-in-chief of Vortrekkers. He defeated Dingaan in 1838.

In 1847, he organized a protest against the pending British occupation of the Orange Free State and the following year led a Boer army against the British. He settled in the Transvaal and in 1852 took a lead in the Sand River Convention that recognized independence of the South African Republic and Transvaal. He died in 1853.

The elder Bro. Pretorius was initiated in Lodge "De Vereeniging" at Graaf Reinet which was founded 1833.

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Marthinus Wessels

Pretorius is shown on an Oct. 21, 1955 stamp from South Africa commemorating the Centenary of Pretoria. The son of Bro. Andries W. J. Pretorius, he was born in Graaf Reinet in 1819. He accompanied his father on the Great Trek and to Natal where he fought against the Zulus. He went to the Transvaal and was elected Commandant General. In 1857, he





By THOMAS W. JACKSON, 33°

America's Jubilee, by Andrew Burstein. Published in 2001 by Alfred A. Knopf, a division of Random House, Inc., New York. \$30.

This book observes that it is about a subject that "American history has forgotten," and you know, it just might be right. History books do not dwell on it, and yet it was a significant time in the history of our country. This text deals with the day America celebrated its 50 years as a nation, July 4, 1826.

Burstein holds a Ph.D. in history, worked as a China scholar and international trade consultant, has authored two additional books on American political culture, and is currently co-holder of the Mary Frances Barnard Chair in 19th-Century American history at the University of Tulsa.

In *America's Jubilee*, he writes of the time when the last great original heroes of America were dying and a new breed of hero was arising. Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on that particular day, which created a profound sense of loss to the citizens of this young country amidst the celebration.

Many of the names in this book are well known, such as Lafayette, Adams, and Jackson, but I was surprised to find an equal number with which I was not familiar, such as Wirt, McDuffie, Bascom and Foster. Most in some way had an impact on the American conscience, and some were part of the saga due to the influence they produced upon others.

Only a small segment of the text is devoted to Freemasonry, other than specific references to ceremonies, parades and addresses given by and for prominent personages. That small segment says much concerning our craft, however, and how it was regarded in that period in history.

The author writes, "Freemasonry, to those like Reverend Bascom who stood in awe of it, was a patriotic creed practiced by divinely inspired men and linked to ingenious moral leaders of the past."

He also wrote, "In 1826, 'mystic light' meant nothing more mystical than if it had said 'integrity and judgment,' qualities of mind and culture understood to arise not spontaneously but through active cultivation. The 'glorious art' of the Masons was their trust in an inheritance, which through civic consciousness and celebra-

tory practices committed them to sociability and moral progress." He quotes a newspaper article of 1826: "Masonic principles had by this time already 'extended across the states' with subtle strength, 'a powerful influence, tho' it has been silent as the law.'" (My Brothers, where have we gone wrong?)

Burstein does point out, however, that later, to some of the citizens, "...the brotherhood had turned into something mysterious, alien, and suspect..." We, of course, are aware of this period in our history, and have survived it quite well.

To my knowledge he is in error, however, when he states that Lafayette became a Freemason in a ceremony supervised by Brother George Washington during the Valley Forge winter. There is much speculation as to when and where Lafayette was made a Mason, but I am unaware of any proof regarding this occasion.

I found the book to be very interesting as it is historical, but not a history. I recommend it not as Masonic reading, not even as a history, but as an addendum to your storehouse of knowledge.



The Valley of the Craftsmen, A Pictorial History—Scottish Rite Freemasonry in America's Southern Jurisdiction, 1801-2001, William L. Fox, Editor. Published in 2001 by the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. \$45.

This coffee table book, published in conjunction with the AASR Southern Jurisdiction's commemoration of its 200 years as a Supreme Council, is an historical perspective of that Supreme Council but is not limited to it. There are references to members of the Northern Jurisdiction, as well as to other Masonic bodies and to Freemasonry in general. These referrals reveal the interdependence of Masons and Masonic bodies upon one another, something we forget in today's world. For Masons outside the Southern Jurisdiction, the broader scope of the book increases its interest.

The text is divided into five chapters, each covering a specific period of influence and guidance of Sovereign Grand Commanders. They are: Forging the Fraternal Chain, From Washington to Lafayette 1717-1801; Lessons in Stone, From Lafayette to Pike 1801-1860; A New Foundation, From Pike to Cowles 1860-1921; Holding the Center, From Cowles to Kleinknecht 1921-1985, and Pillars of Charity, Extending the Legacy, covering the period of 1985 to the time of publication.

The book brings together photographs of brothers,



places, occasions, and items of importance, and although the pictures are not new, the concept of organizing them for easier reference is. This text will serve as a valuable reference tool into the future.

There are a couple of points in the text that I question for accuracy. In referencing the building of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, the book claims, "This ambitious project could never have been completed without the financial contributions and enthusiasm of the leadership of the Scottish Rite." While the Scottish Rite certainly was a major player in erecting the memorial, I expect there are a number of Grand Lodges that would have difficulty with the claim that they could not have completed it without the Scottish Rite. I have failed to verify that its completion was due to any one entity.

Another statement in the book pertains to the Rainbow for Girls being "founded as a young women's auxiliary of the Scottish Rite." It was established by William Sexson, a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and secretary to the Scottish Rite Valley in Oklahoma. The national office of the Rainbow for Girls, however, informed me that their records indicate that it was started as a young woman's organization for relatives of Masons, and not as an auxiliary.

This book offers insight and information on the development of the Southern Jurisdiction, its purpose and influence in ongoing societal development, and its hope for the future. It is a good book for your Masonic library.



The Freemason's Raiment of Light, by many authors. Published in 2002 by Association 5997, Residence de l'Armorial, 4 cours de l'Amorial, 37000 Tours, France. \$79.95. For information on ordering, send e-mail to: bjmarco@wanadoo.fr

This unique pictorial documentation chronicles an exhibition of Masonic memorabilia and objects of art that occupy all of Tours Castle in Tours France, under the auspices of the Association of Masonic Museums in Europe. The second exhibition along this theme — the first being held in 1997 at the Fine Arts Museum — is supported by Prime Minister Lionel Jospin and Jacques Chirac, President of France, and their written statement is included in the book.

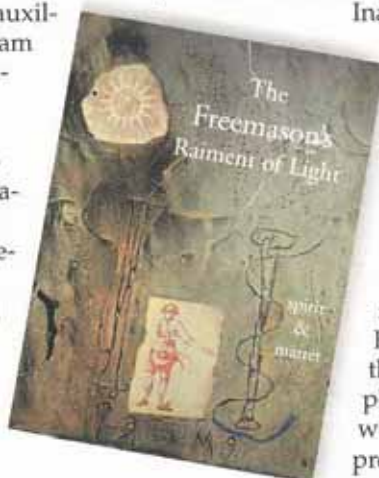
The book documents a project that is distinctive in that it was undertaken and completed by the cooperation of many Grand Lodges where those of both regular and recognized Freemasonry, and those of irregular and unrecognized Freemasonry, worked together. It is a great example of why our differences need not prevent us from mutual cooperation to achieve a common goal.

It is "for the first time ever, that all the members of the Masonic family have agreed to work together on a single subject, and the highest authorities of the French State have expressed their support." The president of the Re-

public encouraged it, and the prime minister granted it his patronage.

The value of the book, however, does not end with the pictorial documentation. It also provides much Masonic history and presents extremely well the philosophical value of Masonic ideology. I appreciate the book's definition of the craft, which is "a philosophic, philanthropic and progressive institution working for the intellectual and social betterment of mankind." This definition encompasses much of what we in North America tend to ignore.

Many authors from many countries have been involved in the writing of this book, and many countries contributed to the display of Masonic artifacts and memorabilia relating to Freemasonry. In addition, numerous individuals both inside and outside of the craft participated in its development.



Inasmuch as the exhibition covered all forms of Freemasonry, the book does so as well. This includes Grand Lodges of female Freemasons and Grand Lodges of mixed sex Freemasons. The information portrays the development and evolution of these Grand Lodges and what is regarded as irregular Freemasonry today. It discusses the influence those lodges played in the development of women's rights in society. It also presents the differences in the operating philosophy of the various

forms of Freemasonry.

A statement of the significance of the ritual is one that every Grand Lodge officer should read and comprehend. "Every Freemason has a special attachment to ritual and this is by no means a form of fetishism. On five continents it is the basic *raison d'être* of the Masonic institution, and it gives a structure to our identity by engraving imagery and gesture at the roots of what makes us men, where sensitivity and intellect come together and make sense."

It is a book written by some of the best Masonic scholars presenting the philosophy and development of our craft. The only criticism I would make is that at two locations the author of that section involved Masonic politics. Frankly, I felt that this was beyond the purpose of the book and beneath the dignity of those writers to use it for that purpose.

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HealthWise

Ideas for Health and Fitness

■ Quercetin gives apples an extra health punch

A good deal of an apple's healing power is in the skin. It contains high levels of a compound called quercetin, one of the most potent antioxidants known today. It helps prevent damage to the cells which, over time, can lead to heart disease and cancers.



Doctors at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis say the quercetin in apples can inhibit the growth of tumors and keep cancer cells from spreading.

The fiber in one large apple is equal to that in three slices of whole wheat bread. The pectin in apples slows digestion, which makes it an ideal food for diabetics. And next to a toothbrush, an apple is the best teeth cleaner around.

■ Drink tea for stronger bones

After surveying men and women aged 30 and older, scientists quoted in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* found that those who drank an average of two cups of tea a day (black, green, or oolong) for 10 years had a 6.2 percent greater hip bone density than occasional drinkers. They suspect that fluoride, flavonoids, and phytoestrogens in tea help preserve bone-mineral density.

■ Big losers face the challenge of ghrelin

It seems that human beings have a built-in factor that encourages them to eat enough food. Researchers knew about hunger, but they now know it's caused by a hormone called ghrelin.

Seattle scientists, reporting in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, say their test subjects lost an average of 38 pounds. Through diet and exercise, they kept the weight off for three months. After that period, tests showed their ghrelin levels were up by 25 percent. They often felt hungry.

It's not good news for dieters. Armed with this information, however, scientists can search for ways to keep the hormone in check.

■ Calcium good for kids



A study by Otago University in New Zealand shows that kids who don't drink milk are fatter than those who do. The overweight milk-avoiders were also shorter and

more prone to fractures. Doctors at the University say heavy children carry too much weight for their skeletons to bear.

Serve your child three calcium-rich foods each day. Try yogurt, cheese, and broccoli in addition to milk. Depending on age, kids should get between 500 and 1,300 mg of calcium per day.



■ Try Gatorade on long flights

Japanese researchers found that drinking a fortified beverage during a nine-hour flight helped prevent the development of blood clots in the legs. Blood clots increase the risk of possible fatal pulmonary embolism. Fortified beverages used in the study included Gatorade and Powerade.

■ Epilepsy drug calms anxiety

Pfizer, Inc., has published evidence showing that its experimental epilepsy medicine, pregabalin, is as effective in treating severe anxiety as established medicines. The good news is that pregabalin doesn't have two of the established drugs' biggest drawbacks, addiction and sexual dysfunction.

Currently, benzodiazepines, such as Xanax, are commonly prescribed tranquilizing drugs. But they are addictive.

■ Joggers: Change sides

If you run on the same side of the road every day, you could get "down-side leg syndrome," the result of the approximately 14-degree slope for drainage built into the shoulders of roads. The effects include muscle problems, stress fractures, and knock-knees. These are the same problems you'd have if one of your legs were shorter than the other, according to *The Prevention Total Health System* (Rohde).

■ Heartbreak and heart attacks

Researchers at the University of Minnesota Heart Institute Foundation report that emotional stress is more likely to trigger sudden cardiac arrest in women than physical exertion. But for men, the opposite is true.

Studying heart attack patients, they found that 40 percent of women said they were experiencing psychological stress at the time, but only 5 percent reported physical exertion. Among men, 40 percent reported physical stress, while 16 percent were suffering from emotional stress.



The man who aimed for the moon

Gourgas medalist W. Clement Stone, 33°, a successful insurance entrepreneur and motivational author, died Sept. 3. He was 100 years old.

One of Stone's famous quotes, "Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star," epitomizes the man's century-long life. By donating millions of dollars to a variety of charities and causes, the man created many successes beyond his own.

Recently awarded the Supreme Council's Gourgas Medal, given in recognition of notable service in the cause of Freemasonry, humanity, or country, Stone is one of only 33 Scottish Rite Masons who have received the honor.

Grand Commander Ralston, who met with Stone at his home in May to bestow the award, said Stone has an "enviable record of achievements" in all three categories.

In 1981, three U.S. Senators and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger nominated Stone for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Highly respected in many circles, he served on Ronald Reagan's Executive Advisory Council during the 1980 presidential campaign and was actively involved in the Republican National Finance Committee and the Republican Senatorial Trust. He gave more than \$8 million to the 1968 and 1972 Nixon campaigns and stood by him through his resignation in 1974.

He was also involved in the Boys & Girls Clubs for 50 years.

Stone began peddling newspapers on Chicago street corners at the age of 6, finding a unique solution to besting his older competition. He sold his newspapers table to table to diners inside restaurants. By the time he was 13, he had established his own newsstand.

Three years later, he moved with his mother to Detroit and starting selling insurance with her at age 16. At 20, he

used his \$100 savings to set up his own insurance agency in Chicago. Within eight years, about 1,000 agents throughout the country were selling insurance for him.

In 1946, he bought the failing Pennsylvania Casualty Co., which he



W. CLEMENT STONE

May 4, 1902 - September 3, 2002

turned around into the giant Combined International Corp. Continuing his success, he created the Aon Corporation, which became the second largest insurance broker in the world.

According to *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist Terry Savage in her birthday column about Stone, Combined merged in 1982 with Ryan Insurance, which was re-named Aon Corporation in 1987. Now, Aon is in the process of spinning off Combined, and several other property and casualty divisions, to its shareholders as a stock dividend.

Working for the Chicago paper, Savage has had several opportunities to spend time with the positive mental attitude legend and called him the author of one of the best-selling motivational books of all time. She touted

Success Through A Positive Mental Attitude as having passed the test of time, just like its author.

"I first read it in my 20s, and I make it a point to reread it every decade. I've always recommended it to friends and family, especially those just starting their careers," she wrote in her May 2, 2002, column.

The columnist also said she was "mesmerized" by Stone's incredibly thin mustache and by his energy.

She danced with him at his 90th birthday party, described it as a "form of aerobic exercise" as he energetically "wheeled" her around the dance floor.

She said she later learned that ballroom dancing was his "specialty."

Besides *Success Through A Positive Mental Attitude*, Stone wrote several books on the method of using a positive mental attitude to achieve your goals. He wrote *The Success System That Never Fails*. He also co-founded the *Success Unlimited* magazine and served as editor and publisher for many years.

His optimism was his trademark, along with always wearing a bow tie and his aforementioned pencil-thin mustache.

Brother Stone was raised a Master Mason in Marion C. Crawford Lodge No. 1042 and later transferred to Evans Lodge No. 524, Evanston, IL. He was also a member of the York Rite bodies in Evanston.

A member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, he received the 33° in 1968. The 1993 Fall Reunion of the Valley of Chicago was named in honor of him.

Stone married his high school sweetheart, Jessie, and the couple remained married for 79 years until his death. They raised three children and had 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

VIEWS FROM THE PAST

*Quotations selected
from the past
may not necessarily
represent
today's viewpoint*

A Declaration of Dependence

What impact can our Rite of Freemasonry make today that will aid in the salvage and rehabilitation of civilization?

It is not our message that individuals, race and countries alike should abandon the making of Declarations of Independence, admit the necessity of cooperation, and give their earnest consideration to the Declaration of Dependence?

In God we trust

Let us continue "our trust in God," unflinchingly use all the means in our hands to correct the evils that exist, patiently submit to His will.

He, in His own time, will reveal His purpose.

Let us humbly but earnestly beseech Him so to soften the hearts of our enemies that they may be brought to a knowledge of the error of their ways and let us cherish the fervent hope that the future may reveal many good and true brethren of the North over whose houses the Destroying Angel passed because of the seal on their doors.

In God's name, we would greet all such with a fraternal grasp in the feelings of Masonic love.

—John Robin McDaniel, 33°,
Grand Master's address,
Grand Lodge of Virginia,
December 1861

There lives not a man, neither exists there a nation able in a civilized world, to stand alone.

The welfare of men and of nations can no longer be confined within patches of earth separately owned or occupied. Some collective approach to regularized international cooperation is essential in all fields of human activity.

In our Rite, we expand Freemasonry teachings of that fundamental principle which must motivate any such approach, if it is to succeed. It is to be found in contacts established in goodwill; in discussions based upon interdependence, not independence; in accords which sink their roots deep down into the hearts and souls of men where they may find the nourishment and vital strength of friendship.

We look today upon two contrary human motives, independence and dependence, battling against each other.

One is that of isolationism, a motive ever promoting violence, blood and death.

The other, a motive ever-evolving new means of delivering man from his trouble and the scourges that beset him on every hand.

It is the spirit of the jungle against that of the humanities, of life against death, of destruction against construction.

In this battle, inspired by the triumph of the truth in days gone by, our Rite of Freemasonry must give the utmost of its power to crushing the powers of selfishness, being responsible for enmity, and to the enthronization of truth and justice and fraternity which make men free.

—1944 Allocution of
Sovereign Grand Commander
Melvin Maynard Johnson

Scottish Rite Audit

You and I both know that corporations and individuals have to compute taxes once each year.

They do that by determining where they stand by subtracting all of their expenses and deductions from their total income. What they end up with is their net worth.

Freemasonry has also been the subject of an audit and like you, I don't like the word. Nevertheless, when all is said and done, the facts speak for themselves.

One, Freemasonry as an organization in North America and Pennsylvania is in immediate need of a new beginning, and we must start today with a commitment to continue to promote and demand that top quality leaders be selected and preside in our symbolic lodges and our Grand Lodges.

Two, those of us who have been selected for leadership positions need to begin today to redouble our efforts to take decisive and positive actions based on a strategic long-range plan that includes our fraternity's objective and our members' needs.

The alternatives are not acceptable. These, incidentally, are the exact circumstances that caused the downfall of the International Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and numerous other fraternal organizations.

—Edward H. Fowler Jr., 33°,
Grand Master, The Pennsylvania
Mason, February 1992



"Obviously a society ahead
of its time."

No sunshine patriots here

We are passing through a period that tries men's souls and fills their hearts with compassion.

These are times when brethren of the Rite demand of their officers and representatives a forceful, vigorous and compelling leadership in the practical and every-day assertion of the fundamental principles of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Blatant assertions and loud proclamations no longer satisfy the ear, distort the vision, or become an accepted substitute for virile, vibrant and living expressions of the eternal truths of our fellowship.

There is no room today in the ranks of our Order for the "sunshine patriot," but only for the man who genuinely loves God, his country, and his fellowmen, and is willing to sacrifice himself to serve and save them.

"Sacrifice is the only coinage of patriotism that is legal tender."

Let us prove to ourselves and to the world that there are, in our jurisdiction, men from the flower of citizenship of our nation who are instantly ready to aid our national government and to fight with every lawful and legitimate weapon, to preserve America for Americans, to protect our public schools and those institutions and ideals which have made our country great and strong, and prosperous and happy.

May we, brethren of the Scottish Rite, in the year to come, as never before, rise above the vanities of office, and of rank, lose self in service and catch the vision of a new world — even that El Dorado of human hope and faith — where the sunshine of God's love is forever radiant in the lives of men.

A conscious foretaste of the joys of eternity shall be our sure reward.

—1931 Allocation of
Sovereign Grand Commander
Leon M. Abbott

Brothers helping Brothers

What caused the great rush of men for the fellowship of our fraternity after each world war? The hope for help in time of trouble. The stark reality of our dependence upon each other for survival. The present affluence of our society makes us less dependent upon each other for economic needs, but the basic human need of one person for another is still there. We may think that no one needs us, but that just isn't true.

My request to you is that you do one thing in the next month to help a brother. I mean *you*, not someone else. Not just the officers, but you.

Make a commitment to yourself and to Freemasonry to do one thing in the next month to help a brother. Help some brother, his family, his widow, or his orphan.

If possible, without his knowing it and without expectation of credit or repayment.

You will feel proud to be a Mason and you will be carrying out one of the most important obligations.

The admonition to aid and assist is really the heart of what is expected and needed in Freemasonry.

If you help someone, in a small way or in a big way, you will truly be worthy and well

qualified to wear the title Master Mason. I once heard someone say, "I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day."

Your very actions would be all the public relations Freemasonry would ever need.

—Lawrence D. Inglis, 33°, Scottish Rite News, Valley of Chicago, September 1978

Quick Quotes

After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb.

— Nelson Mandella

If your success is not on your own terms, if it looks good to the world but does not feel good in your heart, it is not success at all.

— Anna Quindlen

If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters.

— Alan Simpson

When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you.

— Lao Tzu

High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.

— Jack Kinder

The secret of happiness is to admire without desiring.

— Francis Bradley

Every success is usually an admission ticket to a new set of decisions.

— Henry Kissinger

If you can have just a little fun today, it's a sign that maybe the future will hold even more fun for you. Fun isn't just fun, it's hope.

— Linda Richman

Issue a blanket pardon. Forgive everyone who has ever hurt you in any way. Forgiveness is a perfectly selfish act. It sets you free from the past.

— Brian Tracy

Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use.

— Charles Schulz

Bad times have a scientific value. These are occasions a good learner would not miss.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Tax benefits grow for getting slim

About 40 million Americans who are obese have another motivation to lose weight. The cost of their diet program may be tax deductible.

A recent IRS ruling says the cost of certain weight-loss programs may qualify as a medical-expense deduction for people who are obese, or who are under a doctor's orders to lose weight for other health reasons. The deduction does not apply to programs meant only to improve general health and appearance or to food sold by weight-loss programs.

To deduct any medical expenses, taxpayers must have unreimbursed medical bills that exceed 7.5 percent of their adjusted gross income.

Keep change, save \$60

Want to add an extra \$60 a month to your savings? Suze Orman, a financial planner and author of *The Nine Steps to Financial Freedom* (Running Press), says one way to do it is to put all your change in a jar at the end of the day. If you do it every day, you'll probably have \$60 at the end of the month. Other tips:

- Use ATMs that don't charge a fee.
- Transfer credit-card balances to a low-interest card.
- Keep track of receipts so you can return unwanted purchases.



Late talkers need early intervention

Dr. Leslie Rescorla, who led a study at Bryn Mawr College, says late talking children know fewer than 50 words at age 2 and have no two-word phrases. They should be using 150 words.

Study results published in the *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research* show that late talkers scored slightly lower than others in all language-related skills at age 9, including reading, spelling, and reading comprehension.

For more information, call the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at 800-638-8255, or visit www.asha.org.



Benefits of family

Those who are raising a family and working at a job have hidden advantages, say doctors writing in *American Psychologist*. They are less likely to be depressed or have stress-related health problems.

There are several reasons. They have extra income, social support from co-workers and family support.

The doctors recommend thinking about work at work and about family at home.

Stash a little cash

You may have plenty of money in the bank that you can draw on with your check card, but what happens if the power goes out? Or when a nationwide bank's system crashes?

Public TV's financial advisor Jonathan Pond suggests having a two-week stash of cash or traveler's checks on hand for essentials. Hide it in a sock or old wallet, says Pond, but don't hide it so well that you can't find it if the need arises.



"If your husband's blood pressure gets too high while watching all those Thanksgiving Day football games, pressing this button will fire a tranquilizer dart."

Activities that bring grandkids closer



Grandparents play an important part in children's lives, whether they live near or far.

In her book *Grandloving*, Sue Johnson says to get to know grandchildren better:

- Show old home movies and tell stories about their parent's childhood.
- Have them videotape you talking about family history and your life.
- Write a story together over the Internet.
- Teach them how to dance.
- Lie on a blanket and describe to each other what the clouds look like.
- Fly a kite.

Daycare won't ruin children's behavior

The Early Child Care Study, sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, has been following 1,300 children at 10 locales around the U.S. since 1991.

The good news is these children are no more likely to behave aggressively than kids in the general population, according to researcher Susan B. Campbell of the University of Pittsburgh.

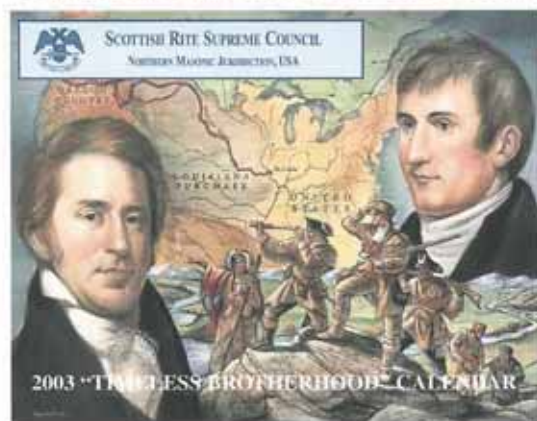
About 75 percent of U.S. children are in child care. The best advice is to focus on seeking high-quality care, say the researchers.

Click problems away

Sometimes when you visit a Web site, the Back button is disabled. Then you have to restart your browser. It's one of the newer tricks that some sites use to keep you there. Here's how to get away.

Right-click on the Back button. You'll see a list of pages that you have visited. Click something on that list to move back. This works for the Forward button too, says Kim Komando, who hosts a national radio show about computers and the Internet. To get more of Kim's answers, visit www.komando.com

'Timeless Brotherhood' Calendar



The 2003 Scottish Rite calendar is in the mail to all 32° members of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. As in previous years, the new edition of the "Timeless Brotherhood" calendar highlights the accomplishments of well-known Masons.

Although the calendars are complimentary, it is hoped recipients will make a donation to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., upon receiving the calendar.



The Book Shelf

The reviewer for the "Book Nook" column receives requests from members who have written books on non-Masonic subjects. Limited space has prevented him from including thorough reviews of these books in his column. To accommodate the requests, however, we will provide an occasional listing of these non-Masonic books as a service to the authors.

The American Way, by William R. Pekarek, 32°. Published in 2002 by Word Association Publishers, 205 Fifth Ave., Tarentum, PA 15084. \$9.95.

An analysis of and solutions to many of the everyday problems that one may encounter in life, from growing up to social security, retirement and pension.

◆
Six Ageless Principles for Long Life Success, by Andrew L. Oliver, 32°. Published in 2002 by iUniverse, Inc. Available at most bookstores. \$15.95.

Helpful hints on living a longer, healthier life and appearing decades younger.

◆
Antique Ice Skates for the Collector, by Russell Herner, 33°. Published in 2001 by Schiffer Publishing Ltd., 4880 Lower Valley Road, Atglen, PA 19310. \$39.95.

A concise history of ice skating from the first bone skates to the early 1900s. A guide for collectors and historians alike. Beautifully illustrated with more than 250 photographs.

The Builders Column



Your personal investments have grown well over the years, but you now realize that their yield is unsatisfactory. Unfortunately, if you sell and reinvest in higher yielding securities, you'll lose a large part of your gain to taxes.

There is a way to earn a better yield, however, without being penalized. Transfer your appreciated securities to a charitable remainder trust. In return for your gift, you might get an income two to four times greater than the current dividend from the typical growth stock.

Let's say, for example, that you own several stocks with a market value of \$100,000, but they pay dividends of only \$2,000 a year, or 2 percent of market value. If you sell your stocks, you will pay an enormous tax on your capital gain. Their cost basis is \$30,000, compared to the current market value of \$100,000, resulting in a gain of \$70,000. At a federal capital gains tax rate of 20 percent, the tax would be \$14,000. This would leave you with only \$86,000 to reinvest, so you would have to find stocks that pay a high dividend to improve on your current \$2,000. However, if you transfer these securities to a charitable remainder annuity trust at a percentage rate of 5 to 7 percent, it will pay you \$7,000 a year, increasing your gross income by \$5,000.

When you create a charitable remainder trust, you irrevocably transfer money, securities or other assets to a trust that will then pay you an income for life or for a period of years. If you wish, the trust also can pay an income to another beneficiary of your choice. At the death of the surviving beneficiary, the remaining principal in the trust goes to our charities.

You can design your trust to fit your own special needs. First, you decide how much you'd like to put into the trust. Second, you determine the income you'd like to receive from the donated assets. The rate of income return you select must be at least 5 percent. Usually, the rate selected is 5 percent to 7 percent. The best rate for you will depend upon the number of beneficiaries you select and their ages. Third, you can decide which type of charitable remainder trust will work best for you. You can also make a donation of cash and receive the same returns and benefits.

You can realize major and wide-ranging tax savings over and above charitable deduction and avoidance of capital gains tax when you create a charitable remainder trust.

If you are looking for an advantageous way to receive benefits now and help our charities later, a charitable remainder trust is the ideal solution. With the counsel of your legal and tax advisors, a trust can be tailored to your personal circumstances.

If you're interested in learning more about a plan that could fit both your immediate needs and our long-range goals, please contact: Robert A. Cataldo, 32°, toll free at 800-882-2080, ext. 2685.

Masons Hail USS New Jersey



Grand Master John M. Bettis of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey joins Grand Master Larry S. Plasket of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in signing the compact that establishes mutual recognition between the two bodies.

New Jersey became the 14th Grand Lodge within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction to officially recognize a Prince Hall Grand Lodge. The signing took place on Sept. 22 aboard the USS New Jersey.

The ship is now a museum and cultural center permanently docked along the Camden waterfront across the Delaware River from Philadelphia. It has been the sight of several Masonic gatherings in recent years.

In June 2001 the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Pennsylvania joined together to celebrate Southwick Day on the battleship.

The day was named for the late J. Allen Southwick, who was a member of lodges in Philadelphia and Trenton. In his will he left funds to each lodge for the benefit of entertaining the members through visitations.

The 2001 celebration honored crew members who were Masons and

others who gave their lives during the wars in which the ship served.

This year the Valley of Southern New Jersey held an event on board as part of its Family Life program.



On the Lighter Side

Funny Money

At the end of an interview, the boss asked a young engineer what starting salary he was looking for.

The new grad said, "About \$75,000, depending on the benefit package."

"Well, how about five weeks of vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, and a new car, say a red Corvette?"

"Wow! Are you kidding?"

"Sure...but you started it."

Sure Bet

On her first trip to a casino, she asked an employee, "How does this work?" He showed her how to insert a bill, hit the spin button, and operate the release handle. "And where does the money come out?" she asked.

He smiled and motioned to a far wall: "Usually at the ATM."

Tool Trade

"You just go ahead," the man said to his wife. "While you're shopping, I'll browse in the hardware store."

She returned to see him at the checkout counter with a pile of tools and supplies that would fill two wheelbarrows. "Are you really buying all this?" his wife asked incredulously.

"Well, yes," he said, embarrassed.

Then, waving his arm toward the interior of the store, he added, "But look at all the stuff I am leaving behind!"

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Footnotes*

* **Giving Thanks.** When Leigh Morris' commentary about the "real" Thanksgiving first appeared in the Valley of Milwaukee newsletter, we were impressed, made note of it, and decided that it was well worth reprinting for a wider audience. We have had every good intention of running it in our November issue of *The Northern Light*, but space limitations have forced us to set it aside. This year we were determined to run it.

Other than the "Views from the Past" we seldom reprint material that has appeared in other Masonic publications. We usually reserve the space for previously unpublished material.

Ill. Brother Morris has been preparing the "Brothers on the Net" column for us during the past four years, and we like his style of writing. He has a unique way of entertaining the reader while he informs. We hope you will agree that his Thanksgiving story is a well-written and thought-provoking piece. Read it and enjoy it. Perhaps it will provide a topic of conversation for your Thanksgiving dinner.

* **Appealing for charity.** For many decades the annual "blue" envelope appeal was synonymous with Scottish Rite. The drive for voluntary contributions took place each fall. Initially the appeal supported the schizophrenia research program, the only charitable program associated with the Scottish Rite organization.

When the Scottish Rite Masons built the National Heritage Museum in the 1970s, a portion of the funds received from the "blue" envelope helped to maintain the museum. Eventually the Leon Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship program was included in the annual drive. The "blue" envelope you received several months ago continues to support these three programs.

Along came the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children in the 1990s. Instead of adding still another charity to the "blue" envelope appeal, it was decided to make a separate mailing for the newest charity. The calendar you will receive this month serves as a reminder that the learning centers also need your support as 32° Masons.

By analyzing all four Scottish Rite charities, you can find a common thread. They are all associated with "improvement of the mind." They are all worthy of your support.

* **Big day for Illinois.** In the August issue of *The Northern Light*, we highlighted the phenomenal success by the Grand Lodge of Ohio to raise nearly 8,000 new Master Masons in the course of one day. The Scottish Rite Valleys in Ohio provided not only the use of their ten buildings but also the necessary manpower to facilitate the details. In early August, the Grand Lodge of Illinois carried out a similar program. Following the pattern in Ohio, the nine Scottish Rite Valleys of Illinois offered the use of their buildings to host "Masonic Unity Festivals." A total of 770 new Master Masons were raised at the nine locations.

Before the conclusion of the day, the newly raised Master Masons were given an opportunity to receive the 14° as a first step to joining the Scottish Rite, and 285 took this step.

Although Illinois did not have as much time for preparation as Ohio did, the day was still considered highly effective. "Not only are we adding new members," said Grand Master James Durbin, "but these are young Masons who are becoming active in their lodges."

There are a number of other Grand Lodges that are examining the success of these special days with a desire to follow in their footsteps. We will report on them as they occur.

In the meantime, the controversial question remains. Is the one-day approach the proper method of receiving new Masons into the fraternity?

There is certainly a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement associated with the special day, and those who attend seem to leave at the end of the day in an enthusiastic frame of mind. Yet those who have not been a part of it express concern that the new Mason has not received sufficient instruction. We feel it is too early to pass judgment on the matter.

We would like to hear from those who have recently received the degrees in the course of a day. We also plan to do a study of the programs that have taken place and will report on them in the near future.

* **Back copies.** We continue to get requests for back copies of the magazine. A limited number of back issues for most editions are still available at a cost of \$2 per issue or \$1.50 per issue when ordering three or more issues.

If you wish to order back issues in five-year increments, they are available for \$12 per bundle. These bundles can only be ordered for the periods 1975-79, 1980-84, 1985-89, 1990-94, and 1995-99.

Indexes are prepared every five years. Copies of the indexes will be provided on request at no charge.

Also available are open-ended slip cases that will conveniently hold back issues for a five-year period. The cost is \$6 per case.

Any of these items can be ordered through *The Northern Light*, PO Box 519, Lexington, MA 02420.



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A matter of faith

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