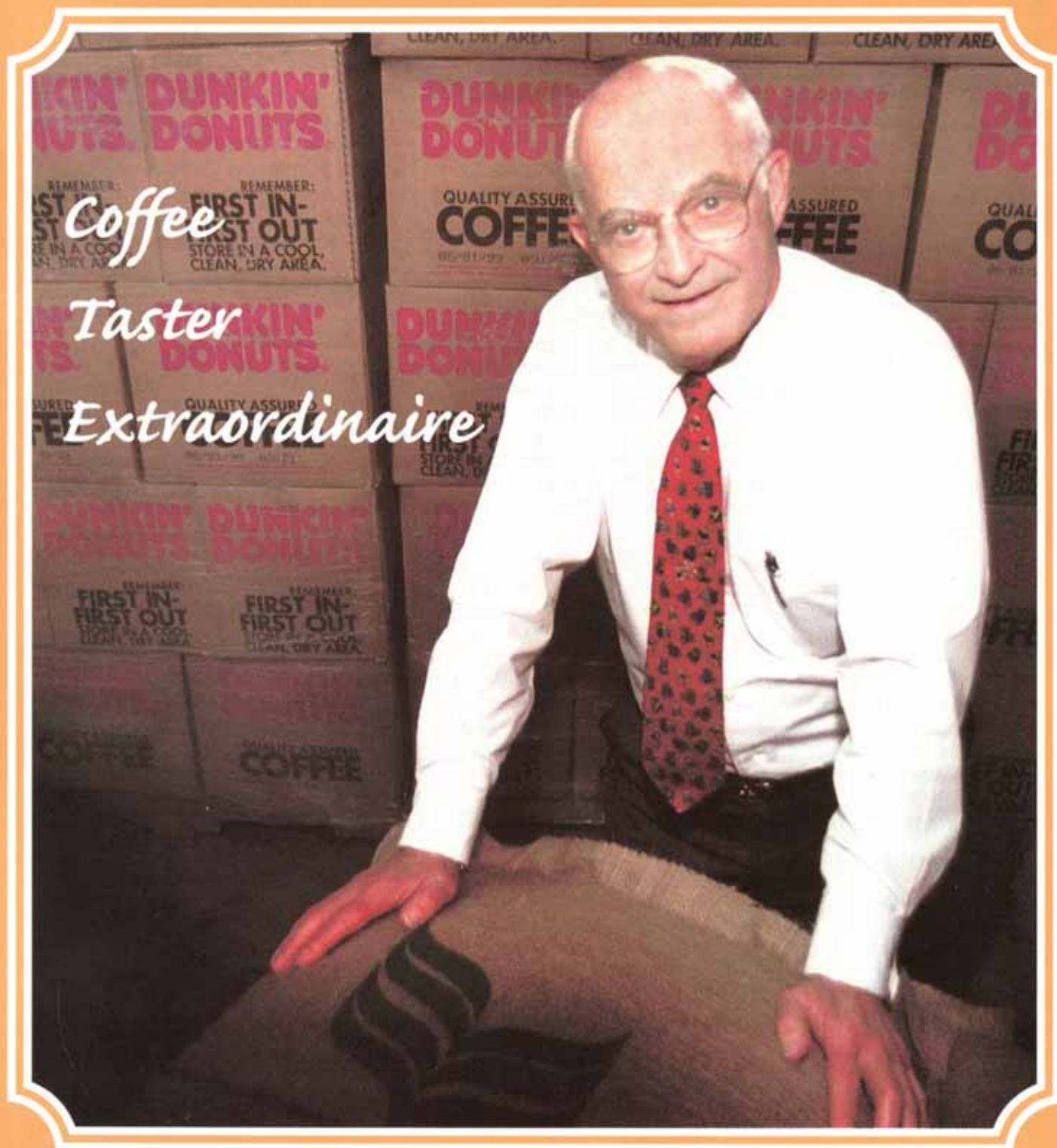


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## It's Almost Here . . . Finally



**Robert O. Ralston, 33°**  
Sovereign Grand  
Commander

"We are  
demanding  
much of  
ourselves  
as Masons,  
as men of  
action."

The new millennium is fast approaching. We'll soon find out if we were prepared to enter the year 2000 free from the computer-confounding "millennium bug."

Once the excitement of this unique new year fades, will anything be different? Many see the turning of this momentous page as a new beginning, ushering in a better and brighter future. They would like to think the slate has been wiped clean and they can start fresh.

As Masons, we know better. The future is the outgrowth of the past. Even though there is monumental change all around us, there remains a thread which ties us from where we've been to where we are going.

As the journey into the next 1,000 years begins, I want to share with you my vision for our Scottish Rite. Think about our degrees for a moment. No matter which one you choose, there seems to be one message, one powerful theme. A dominant thought pervades every scene and every portrayal. I don't think this is an accident. While those who have written our degrees may not have consciously aimed at expressing a central idea, it seems to have happened, nevertheless.

This central core of Freemasonry can be expressed in just a few words: *Masons are men of action*. While we believe character is key, our Scottish Rite degrees demonstrate high ideals that must be translated into action if we are to live up to our Masonic tradition.

Several years ago, I was thinking about what could help us demonstrate our commitment to being men of action. Also at that time, Ill. J. Philip Berquist, 33°, introduced me to the Valley of Boston's then new Learning Center for children with dyslexia. At once I saw an opportunity for the Scottish Rite.

We could become a powerful force across our 15-state region in accomplish-

ing the difficult task of helping youngsters with dyslexia learn to read. As the picture became clear, I sensed this could become a primary mission of our Scottish Rite well into the new millennium.

As you all know, this vision has taken hold. More than twenty 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children are now operating, and more are on the way. By 2002 there will be 55 centers strategically located in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

This incredible accomplishment attests to the fact that men of character are men of action. We are moving forward under the banner of our commitment to dyslexic children and their families. We will not be content until every child needing help gets it.

To help dramatize our determination, we have just launched the Valley Teddy Bear Award program (The Teddy Bear is the mascot of the Learning Centers). This will help each Valley (those operating a Learning Center and those helping support one) measure its commitment both financially and in communicating the marvelous message of the program.

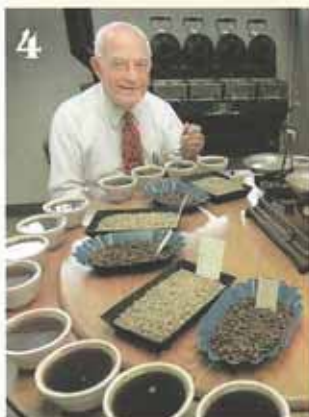
All of this is challenging, of course. We are demanding much of ourselves as Masons, as men of action.

Our Scottish Rite Masonic dream for the new millennium is on the way to becoming a new reality. We are responding with dedication and determination. We are ready to help change the lives of children.

I firmly believe the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children will also attract like-minded men to our fraternity, men who want to act on their beliefs. As this happens, the Scottish Rite will have entered the new millennium strong, forceful, and effective.

Sovereign Grand Commander





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# It's time to taste the coffee

By JOHN R. GRAHAM, 33°

*Masonry and coffee rate high  
for New England business executive*

In the tasting room at New England Coffee Stephen Kaloyanides sits at a wooden, round table that spins on its post. While the table looks at least 50 years old, it's probably one of the newer items in the room. On the far wall a cast iron coffee roaster from the 1920s spins and breathes fire onto its contents, while Brother Kaloyanides positions an ancient brass spittoon between his wingtips.

The beans are now ground, put into mugs, covered with hot water and spread around the perimeter of the table. Kaloyanides moves slowly but deliberately, rotating the table until each cup comes before him. Once there, he smells its contents, dips his spoon into the dark liquid and tastes it. He then uses the spittoon ("I can't have the residue sticking around," he explains) and moves on to the next cup. Before his day is over, he'll repeat this ritual 50 times, sampling all the coffee that moves in and out of the company.

"This is the key right here," he says, sweeping his spoon above the table, the roaster and the trays upon trays of stacked, raw coffee beans from Central and South America waiting to



Stephen Kaloyanides

be roasted. "Quality control. This is where it happens."

New England Coffee's official taster for the past half-century is also its chairman of the board, and he knows his coffee. "I've tasted coffee here for 50 years," he says. "I've only been in the business for 53."

A resident of Lexington, MA, Brother Kaloyanides has two constants in his life — coffee and Masonry. A member of Victory Lodge in neighboring Watertown and a Mason for the past 45 years, Kaloyanides is known for his compassion and com-

mitment to service in the Masons. Last year he served a term as an elected Grand Lodge officer in Massachusetts. He has also been elected to receive the 33° next year at Pittsburgh.

To know Stephen Kaloyanides' story, you have to go to 1916, back to the origins of New England Coffee. That year, three immigrants from Greece — two brothers and a cousin — started their own restaurant on Canal Street in Boston. Looking for a way to expand revenue, the three decided, as Kaloyanides put it, "to do a little something with coffee."

What they did was buy roasted beans from local merchants, ground them, and packaged them. One of the brothers, Menelaos, then delivered the packages to local restaurants. He was Stephen Kaloyanides' father.

According to Kaloyanides, "The business grew and kept on growing," and soon the three left the restaurant to other relatives, and moved the coffee business to North Washington Street. They called their new business the Colombian Coffee Company, specializing in South American grounds.

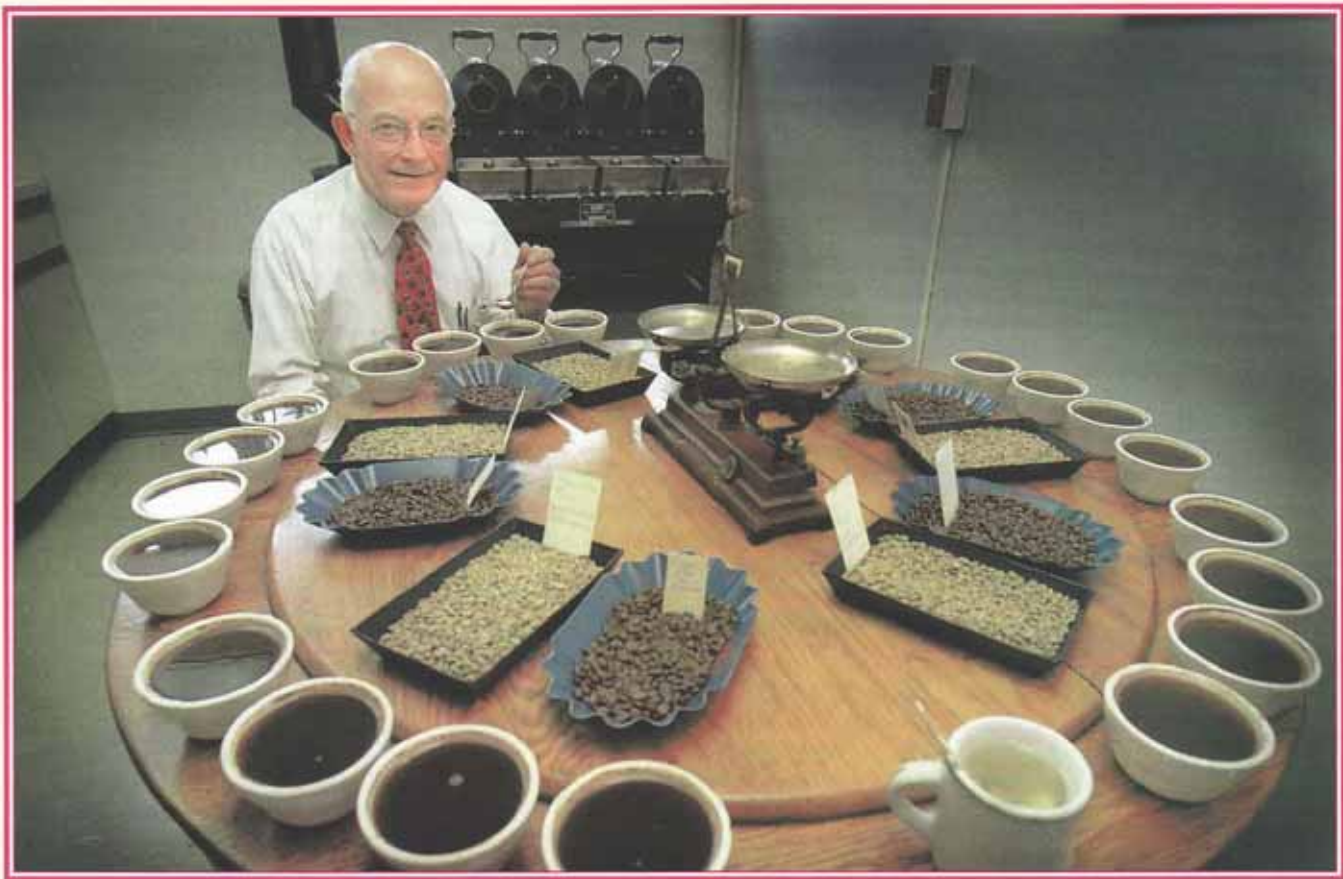
But the Colombian Coffee Company was destined for tragedy, as a fire temporarily put Menelaos and his brother and cousin out of business. The three of them went to work for La Touraine Coffee Company out of necessity. But they yearned to run their own business again. "They couldn't stay at La Touraine too long," Kaloyanides says.

The family tried again in the 1920s, this time on Atlantic Avenue



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Brother Kaloyanides in the tasting room at New England Coffee.

and then to State Street. Now going by the name New England Tea and Coffee, in 1949 this business was decidedly different than past incarnations. At this point, the family began roasting its own beans.

"I was the first one who learned to roast the beans," Kaloyanides says.

They had to abandon their State Street location when they were deemed to be in the way of a new construction project — Boston's Central Artery. The business was moved in 1967 to its current location in Malden. It was here the family built its own processing plant for coffee beans.

"We were buying green beans, and we were growing," Kaloyanides says. "We felt we could control the whole process better, and it would be more cost-effective."

Fifty years after Kaloyanides began roasting coffee, New England Coffee now roasts 28 million pounds of coffee a year, compared to 150,000 in 1949. The business that began by lugging bags of ground coffee to local restaurants in Boston now ships its product as far as South Korea, as well

as to numerous locations across the United States. New England Coffee is also active in gourmet shops and high-end restaurants with its Winslow's Gourmet Coffee brand. New England Coffee brand coffee is expected to reach supermarket shelves soon.

While the business now employs more than 200 workers, New England Coffee is still very true to its family roots. Kaloyanides' son, Stephen Jr., is the director of purchasing as well as a coffee taster. His brother Basil, now retired, served as the company's vice president of sales. Kaloyanides' cousin, Stephen Dostou, is the company's assistant treasurer, and four of Kaloyanides' nephews are in the business: President James Kaloyanides, Vice President of Operations John Kaloyanides, Gourmet Manager/coffee taster Michael Kaloyanides, and Treasurer James Dostou.

What started as a small delivery business with 50 customers now has 6,000 customers today, most of them restaurants.

"Coffee is the last thing customers have in a restaurant," Kaloyanides

says. "If the coffee is excellent, the customer will be back, not just for the coffee, but for another meal. But if the coffee isn't any good, they forget the great meal and never come back."

Dunkin' Donuts® has been a customer for 25 years, and New England Coffee provides the chain with bean and ground coffee in all its New England stores. If you've ever tasted Dunkin' Donuts® famous "Breakfast Blend" anywhere in New England, you've had New England Coffee.

But despite the company's corporate customers, Kaloyanides contends that "We still rely on Mom and Pop restaurants. They're the nucleus of our business, our bread and butter. They made us who we are today," he says. "They are probably the fussiest customers, but they keep us on our toes."

And to Kaloyanides, keeping New England Coffee on its toes is handled in the tasting room. Simply put, the coffee doesn't move unless Kaloyanides says so. He tests every lot of coffee three times — when the beans first arrive in port, when they are brought into the company head-►



►quarters, and after the beans are blended and roasted. He is so well tuned to how good coffee should be, he doesn't even necessarily have to taste it; usually he can tell a bad batch just by the smell.

"Restaurants have to have consistency every day," he says. "And so do we."

If Stephen Kaloyanides' story ended with the tremendous success of New England Coffee, it would be inspiration enough to many would-be business leaders. But it doesn't.

“I see the *net results* of what *these* kids accomplish.”

— Stephen Kaloyanides  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Newtonville Learning Center

Instead, Kaloyanides has dedicated his life to helping others through the Scottish Rite Masons. He is a member of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite and is also affiliated with the Hellenic Square and Compass Club, a club of roughly 200 Greek American Masons who raise money for various Masonic Charities.

Kaloyanides has come to be known as a force to be reckoned with when it comes to fundraising for Scottish Rite charities. In the past, he helped organize a golf tournament that raises approximately \$10,000 every year and a charity ball that garners more than \$25,000 annually. "We've been extremely fortunate; people donate to us without complaint, and people work hard to make it happen," he says.

His enthusiasm to raise money for those who need it has been known to be contagious. "I remember a couple who came to the Scottish Rite charity ball last year," he says. "They were so enthusiastic about the event, they decided to run a fund-raiser of their own. They raised \$6,000."

What is Kaloyanides' strategy for successful fund-raising? The secret is

promotion, not persuasion," he says. "Just talk it up as much as you can."

In the end, however, Kaloyanides gives the credit to the good nature of the workers and donors themselves.

"It's not a hard sell, really," he says. "When you explain to people what the money is going toward, they are more than happy to give."

Kaloyanides also donates his time as a volunteer at the Shrine Hospital, interpreting for Greek children. "My spirits were picked up more by the kids than by anything else," he says.

ernors for the Learning Center in Newtonville, the first facility of its kind in the Northern Jurisdiction.


"We've got to catch these kids early; that kid who you thought was stupid, he could have been dyslexic," he says. "These kids are so intelligent. They have high IQs but they're frustrated. If they aren't helped, they may end up with only menial jobs or, worse, get in trouble."

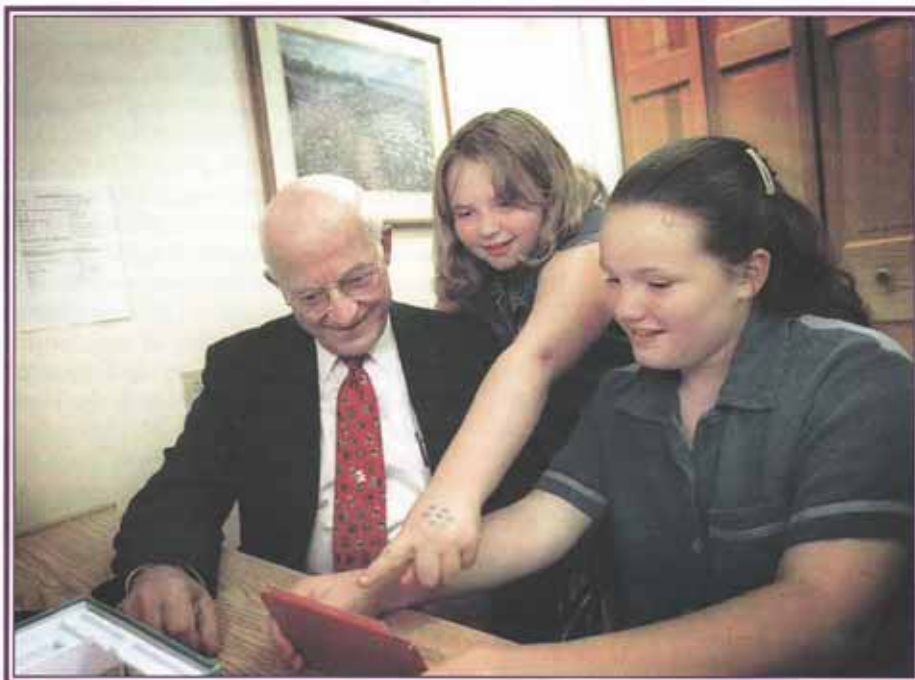
"I see the net results of what these kids accomplish," he continues. "The enthusiasm, what they can accomplish once they leave the program, it's tremendous. It changes their lives permanently."

And because of the Center's huge benefit, it doesn't surprise Kaloyanides that Learning Centers are in such demand.

"Children are the trigger," he says. "There's now a two-year waiting list to get into the Newtonville Center. We're getting applications on a daily basis."

The Masonic tradition is strong in both Kaloyanides' family and his company. His brother is a Mason, as is his senior vice president, Robert Ristaino, his sales manager, George Giannocostas, and one of his sales representatives.

"Being a Mason, I have the opportunity to do many, many things for mankind, especially for kids," he says. "And if you have that kind of opportunity, you should take it." 



In addition to his duties at New England Coffee, Stephen Kaloyanides is involved with the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in Newtonville, MA.



# Annual Meeting Highlights

*Supreme Council officers reelected, new programs announced*

**S**overeign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, was re-elected to a third three-year term at the Supreme Council Annual Meeting in September. In delivering his Allocution during the course of the business session, he announced several new programs that are being introduced for the new millennium.

**New officers.** Among the changes to the official tableau of officers were three new state Deputies. In New Hampshire, Ill. Robert E. Hansen, 33°, replaces Ill. Philip L. Hall, 33°, who remains an Active Member and Grand Secretary General for the Supreme Council. In New York, Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, replaces Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33°, who also remains an Active Member. Ill. Donald D. Miller, 33°, succeeds Ill. Thurman C. Pace Jr., 33°, who reached retirement age and automatically became an Active Emeritus Member.

Also reaching retirement age and named an Active Emeritus Member is Ill. Ira B. Coldren, 33°, of Pennsylvania. All other Deputies and Officers were reelected.



Four Grand Masters were among a class of 148 Scottish Rite members to receive the 33° during the Annual Meeting. They are Richard R. Schanda, New Hampshire; Brian A. Paradis, Maine; Fred K. Bauer, Massachusetts, and Wayne E. Hackney, New Jersey.

**Active Members.** Three new Active Members were elected to the governing board. Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, a past Commander-in-Chief for the Valley of Pittsburgh, is superintendent of police for Pennsylvania's Allegheny County.

Ill. William Fox Jr., 33°, an executive with First Source Bank, is a past Thrice Potent Master and recent executive committee chairman for the Valley of South Bend, IN.

Ill. William H. Boutell, 33°, has presided over several Masonic bodies in the Valley of Bay City, MI, and was president of the Valley's board of trustees. The business executive has been active in civic affairs in the Bay City area.

**Honored.** The Sovereign Grand Commander presented the Medal of Honor to two members who have given a great deal of their time and talent to the Supreme Council.

Ill. and Rev. Kenneth V. Kettlewell, 33°, has served in many capacities. As the Supreme Council's Grand Prior since 1987, he has provided inspiration and dignity for the Annual Meeting's Vesper Service.

Ill. Robert B. Nienow, 33°, Active Emeritus Member and former Deputy for Wisconsin, has continued to serve as chairman of the Supreme Council Finance Committee.

The Medal of Honor was introduced in 1995 and has been presented to only four other recipients.

## NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS



STURGEON  
Pennsylvania



FOX  
Indiana



BOUTELL  
Michigan





Recipients of the Medal of Honor were Ill. Robert B. Nienow, 33°, (left) and Ill. and Rev. Kenneth V. Kettlewell, 33°, (right).

➤ Also honored was Ill. John H. Glenn, 33°, who was selected to receive the Gourgas Medal. Ill. Brother Glenn received the 33° in 1998 and is currently serving as an honorary director for the corporate board for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children. The presentation will be made at a later time.

Four Sovereign Grand Commanders from other Supreme Councils were appointed Emeriti Members of Honor. They are Ill. Lutfallah Hay, 33°, Iran-in-Exile; Ill. Hubert V. Kopp, 33°, Germany; Ill. Luiz F. Rodrigues Torres, 33°, Brazil, and Ill. Fabio Gagnatelli, 33°, Italy. Both Ill. Brothers Hay and Kopp were in attendance at the meeting.

**Guests.** Grand Masters from 14 of the 15 states within the Northern Ma-

sonic Jurisdiction were in attendance. The host Grand Master, M.W. Wayne E. Hackney of New Jersey, welcomed the members to Atlantic City.

**Millennium.** A report was given by Ill. Norman L. Christensen, 33°, chairman of the Scottish Rite Millennium 2000 Committee. Commander Ralston announced the new passport program to begin in January. Details of the program appear on page 11.

Also attending were representatives from 11 other Supreme Councils from around the world as well as leaders of appendant bodies in the United States.

Representing the Order of DeMolay was Jason Wood, International Master Councilor, who addressed the gathering. He was introduced by James C. McGee, 32°, DeMolay Grand Master.

**Degrees.** At the recommendation of the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matter, approval was granted to transfer the revised 18° and 26° from tentative to permanent status.

The optional ceremonial opening that had been used on a trial basis since 1997 was adopted for use to allow Valleys to open all the bodies participating in a one- or two-day reunion in a collective manner.

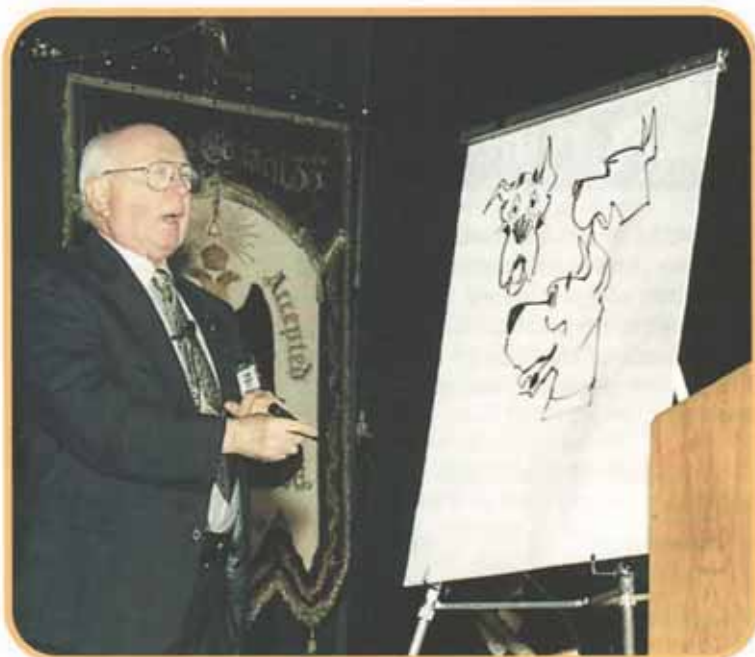
During the Allocation, the Sovereign Grand Commander urged the leadership in each Valley to present all Scottish Rite degrees in full form over a six-year period. An incentive program has been set in place to recognize the Valleys as they complete the cycle of degrees. The program will begin with degrees presented after Jan. 1, 2000.



Grand Masters from 14 states within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction attending the Annual Meeting were (seated) Richard E. Black, Wisconsin; Stewart C. McCloud, New York; Commander Ralston; Wayne E. Hackney, New Jersey; Glenn F. Davis, Delaware; J. Garrie Burr, Illinois. (Standing) Dou-

glas O. Brenneman, Ohio; Earl J. Washburn, Vermont; Brian A. Paradis, Maine; Richard R. Schanda, New Hampshire; Fred K. Bauer, Massachusetts; Roger W. Read, Connecticut; David H. Flucke, Michigan; Robert Yates, Rhode Island. Missing from the photo is James L. Ernette, Pennsylvania.





Brad Anderson, creator of the Marmaduke cartoon strip, entertained the audience at the end of the business session. His images were sketched on a tablet and transferred to the large screens for viewing. Brother Anderson was a recipient of the 33° at the meeting.

**Valleys.** Approval was granted for the Valley of Watertown, NY, to surrender the charters for the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and the Chapter of Rose Croix. Members will be transferred to the Valley of Syracuse. The Valley of Watertown will continue to maintain a Lodge of Perfection.

The New Hampshire Valleys of Lancaster and Littleton have been merged into a single Valley to be known as the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton. Previously the two Valleys had worked together. Lancaster was responsible for the Lodge of Perfection. Littleton maintained the Council and Chapter.

**Internet Academy.** Commander Ralston officially announced the formation of the Masonic Academy for Excellence in Personal Development. The Academy, developed by Learn.com, appears on the Internet. The concept was developed by Dean Vaughn, 32°, chairman of Learn.com and a member of the Supreme Council Millennium 2000 Committee. Brother Vaughn outlined the details of the plan during the business session and answered questions at a seminar the following day.

To reach the Masonic Academy on the Internet, use Learn.com/Masonic. More complete details appeared in the August issue of *The Northern Light*. ☛



International Master Councilor Jason Wood of Lincoln, Nebraska, represented DeMolay International.

John, a student at one of the New Jersey Learning Centers, thrilled the audience by giving a progress report on his success with the assistance he receives to combat dyslexia. He was introduced by Ms. Georgette Dickman, director at the Tenafly, NJ, Center. A report on the growth of the Scottish Rite philanthropy was given by Ill. James W. Salmons Jr., 33°, an Assistant to the Sovereign Grand Commander and a vice president of the Learning Centers corporation.







Winner of this year's Kern Award for outstanding participation in the Blue Envelope appeal was the Valley of Nashua, NH. Accepting the award from Pennsylvania Deputy C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°, is New Hampshire Deputy Philip L. Hall, 33°. The late Dr. Richard A. Kern, 33°, who had served as Deputy for Pennsylvania, was chairman of the Supreme Council Committee on Benevolences and an avid promoter of the annual appeal. The Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation established the award in his memory.

## NEW MASONIC ACADEMY



The new Internet Masonic Academy was introduced at the Annual Meeting. A number of free courses for "excellence in personal development" are currently being offered, and a committee is reviewing more that will continue to be added to the list. Among the current courses are How to Master the Art of Public Speaking, How to Master the Art of Remembering Names, and How to Remember a To Do List. Sponsored by the Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the site can be located on the Internet by using [Learn.com/Masonic](http://Learn.com/Masonic).

## Franklin Awards for Valley Publications



Winners of the 1999 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 1,200 members)

#### Best Publication

Valley of Traverse City, MI

Donald Sevick, 33°, editor

#### Honorable Mention

Valley of Concord, NH

Edward N. Lewis, 32°, editor

Valley of Corning, NY

E. William Whittaker, 32°, editor

Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, NH

Martin W. Curtis, 32°, editor

Valley of Utica, NY

Frederick E. De La Fleur, 32°, editor

### Category II (Valleys with 1,200-2,500 members)

#### Best Publication

Valley of Bridgeport, CT

Leo H. Lohrman, 33°, editor

#### Honorable Mention

Valley of Bloomington, IL

David Young, 33°, editor

Valley of Eau Claire, WI

Erika L. Stang, editor

Valley of Rockville Centre, NY

John Malfatti, 32°, editor

Valley of Youngstown, OH

H. Douglas Wilcox, 33°, editor

### Category III (Valleys with 2,500-5,000 members)

#### Best Publication

Valley of Milwaukee, WI

Leigh E. Morris, 33°, editor

#### Honorable Mention

Valley of Freeport, IL

John A. Reining, 33°, editor

Valley of Grand Rapids, MI

Richard A. Burrows, 32°, editor

Valley of Northern NJ

Roman K. Sobon, 32°, editor

Valley of Williamsport, PA

Gerald D. Wagner, 33°, editor

### Category IV (Valleys with 5,000-8,000 members)

#### Best Publication (tie)

Valley of Cleveland, OH

David B. Mackey, 32°, editor

Valley of Toledo, OH

George O. Braatz, 33°, editor

#### Honorable Mention

Valley of Allentown, PA

Robert W. Manlin, 33°, editor

Valley of Boston, MA

W. Keith Butler, 33°, editor

Valley of Fort Wayne, IN

David Platt, 33°, editor

Valley of Reading, PA

Blaine F. Fabian, 33°, editor

### Category V (Valleys with more than 8,000 members)

#### Best Publication (tie)

Valley of Indianapolis, IN

Alan G. Lisle, 33°, editor

Valley of Pittsburgh, PA

D. William Roberts, 32°, editor

#### Honorable Mention

Valley of Cincinnati, OH

Harry C. Carpenter, 33°, editor

Valley of Detroit, MI

David R. Bedwell, 32°, editor





## *As the Millennium 2000 Approaches . . .*

### **New Millennium Passport will Replace 32° Certificate**

A new 32° Passport will be introduced in January as part of the Scottish Rite Millennium 2000 program. The passport will be mailed directly to every 32° Mason of the Northern Jurisdiction with instructions for its use.

Passports will then be issued to each new candidate as he receives the 32°. It will replace the certificate that was previously presented to all members. An optional diploma, suitable for framing, will continue to be made available.

The new item will be similar in size to a government passport. It will contain a separate page for each degree with suitable space for a Valley to stamp the location where the member witnesses a particular degree and record the date.

Those who view all 29 Scottish Rite degrees in full form will receive special recognition from the Supreme Council. Only degrees witnessed after January 1, 2000, will be eligible for stamping in the passport.

Once a member has filled the passport, he may obtain a second one to renew the process.

To help members achieve the goal of witnessing all degrees, Valleys are being encouraged over a six-year period to present all degrees.

The distribution of passports to current members is scheduled for early January. Those who have not received a passport by the end of February should contact a Valley Secretary.

#### **32° Masonic Passport**



Issued by the  
Supreme Council, 33°  
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite  
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction  
United States of America

### **Jurisdiction-wide Class Planned for April 29**

It will be a once-in-a-lifetime event on April 29 when the Scottish Rite Valleys throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction gather at the same time in some 50 locations to confer the 32° on a class of candidates.

A special millennium class application has been prepared for Valleys wishing to use it.

Although there are 108 Valleys in the Jurisdiction, some do not confer the consistorial degrees. In some areas Valleys will be joining forces for the day to meet at a central location. All Valleys will be represented.

For the grand finale on Saturday afternoon, April 29, the Millennium Committee is putting together a unique 32-minute program that will be witnessed at the same time at each site.

Communications for Learning, a professional pro-

duction company in the Greater Boston area has been hired to produce an extravaganza that will be a fitting climax to a busy day.

Promptly at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (4 p.m. Central Daylight Time in Illinois/Wisconsin and Eastern Standard Time in Indiana) a live audio message from the Sovereign Grand Commander will be broadcast to each location. Immediately following the message, a special video production will be presented.

The video will use the music and celebration of an anniversary concert at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage as a backdrop to highlight messages of a Masonic, charitable and patriotic nature. Valleys have been offered an opportunity to include brief "video postcards" as a unique feature.



# NH Mason Makes a Difference

By ROBIN ROBINSON

*Touring the local prison  
opens the eyes of eighth graders*

Stephen Whitney, 32°, hopes if he shows enough students the inside of a prison now, it will keep them out of one later.

The current Secretary and Past Master of Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46, North Haverhill, NH, is also the director of Operation Impact, a federally supported program designed to educate students about the possible consequences of alcohol and drug abuse and other negative behavior.

Whitney brings his 20-plus years of Masonic experience and his training as a corrections officer at New Hampshire's Grafton County Department of Corrections to the role.

The program existed before Whitney came on board, but it was little used, he said. Through his experience at the jail, he could see that adolescents in his area needed help, and he felt it was his responsibility as a Mason to become a part of that outreach.

It is important for Masonic bodies to be involved in this type of community program, he said, for the benefit of society and the organization as well.

"The Masonic fraternity has its rituals, but we need to reach out to the community to survive (as an organization)," he said. "We have to do more to make things happen at our own local level to make a difference. We need to look toward ourselves for the solutions."



ROBIN ROBINSON, recently named Assistant to the Editor, is a former community newspaper editor and reporter with a master's degree in publishing and writing.

Operation Impact was Whitney's solution to what he feels is a national trend: more juvenile inmates in our prisons.

***"There's a real need  
for this program. It's a  
reality check. The kids need  
to see what the  
consequences are."***

***Stephen Whitney, 32°***

"We are seeing people coming into jail at younger ages," he noted. "The median age of those incarcerated has become much lower."

Whitney said that at Grafton County Department of Corrections there was a 60 percent increase in the number of 18-year-old inmates in one year. In the fiscal year of 1997-98, there were 44 18-year-olds admitted, and in 1998-99, the prison housed 98 18-year-olds.

Whitney believes one cause for the rise in numbers is substance abuse.

"The use of drugs and alcohol among young people is widespread. It is perhaps the greatest enemy this country faces. It is robbing us of our most precious treasure, the lives of thousands of our young people each year," he said.

According to Whitney, the program provides awareness to the students on the consequences of poor decision-making and substance abuse. The program uses a "seeing is believing" educational style as opposed to a "scared straight" approach.

"It isn't fun and games," he said. "We present the information in an open way to them and then they can make their own decisions. We tell them — we're not going to tell you 'Just say no' — we are here to show you the consequences (if you don't say no)."

As part of the program, students tour the Grafton correctional facility. Students are shown the living quarters, exercise yard, medical facilities, booking and control center areas. Students even get to experience the feeling of being secured in a cell. Inmates are removed from these areas during the tour for safety reasons, but also so the prisoners "are not on display," Whitney said.

The program shows the every day details of prison life, making it more a reality to kids. For instance, Whitney said students were very uncomfortable when told that all articles of prison clothing are worn by more than one prisoner.

"We explain how uniforms and clothes — right down to the underwear — are worn by 50 to 60 other people," he said. "They don't like that idea!"

Whitney also explains strip searches and visitation policies as well as what it is like to look through the fence and barbed wire of the exercise yard.

The most important part of the program is the interaction of students with selected inmates who agree to talk with the groups after their tour. The speakers are carefully screened before chosen to participate in the program.



According to Whitney, the inmates volunteer because they want others to learn from their mistakes. They speak about their lives, the choices they made and how they got into trouble. Students hear first hand about drug and alcohol abuse and brushes with the law.

"The inmates who take part in the program ask to speak to the groups. They want to give something back and they do not want to see young people follow in their footsteps," Whitney said.

He emphasizes that the discussion with inmates is the part of the program that leaves the biggest impression on the students, and is probably the main factor in the program's success.

In a letter written to Operation Impact as part of her school work, one eighth-grade girl wrote: "When I went to the prison it really opened my eyes to what could happen if I make the wrong choices...Hearing the prisoners talk was the most eye opening part of the visit...Now I can see that if I stay away from drugs, alcohol and violent

gangs I won't have to go through what the speakers have to go through."

Both inmates and students benefit from participating in the program. One particular inmate has made it his "main focus," Whitney said. Inmates who take part in the program often show personal growth, as do some of the students. School officials have reported to Whitney that after the program they have seen students with a troubled history improve their behavior patterns.

More than 900 eighth-grade students have participated in the tour program since Whitney took over in August of 1998. For students who are unable to attend the facility, Whitney brings the program to the schools. Almost another 300 students have participated at this level, bringing the total number of students exposed to the program to 1,200.

The in-services can be as effective as the tour for some, Whitney said, because even though they don't see the jail, the students get the opportunity to ask questions and to talk about their problems.

"Sometimes it is heart-breaking, because the student may talk about a relative, especially a parent, who is in jail. One example that stands out was an eighth-grader whose mother had been incarcerated in our jail. His father is currently serving a term in the state prison. The weight of the world was on that boy's shoulders," Whitney said.

Feedback of the program has been positive from all sides. Several school officials and parents commend the program, as well as the students themselves.

Keith Charpentier, dean of students and vice principal at Newfound Memorial Middle School in Bristol, NH, said he considers the program successful because it provides students with a better understanding of the real consequences of their choices.

"After talking with the inmates, students are able to empirically verify that it is a reality, that based on their

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## Operation Impact

### A team effort

The program is largely funded by a grant from the US Justice Department through the New Hampshire Attorney General's office and Grafton County. Several New Hampshire Masonic bodies also have contributed more than \$2,500 to the program, including:

- Scottish Rite Valley of Lancaster-Littleton
- New Hampshire Masonic Charitable Foundation
- New Hampshire Consistory
- Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46, North Haverhill, NH

The program itself is offered free to schools and students, so the funds help pay for transportation costs to and from the facility if a school can't afford the trip.

### Funds also provide for:

**Student identification cards** distributed to more than 8,000 students that list phone numbers of social agencies. These cards were donated in part by Tuck Press of Woodsville, N.H.

**Impaired-vision goggles** which simulate the vision of someone who is impaired by controlled substances.

**Video production cost** The students of Littleton High School and the Littleton Police department, produced a video, "Second Thoughts," which shows the contrast of life inside and outside of jail.



Corrections officer Stephen Whitney stands in the jail exercise area with one of the inmates who participates in Operation Impact. According to Whitney, the inmates are an integral part of the program and contribute greatly to its success.



# Learning Centers Grow



*Three more sites are dedicated*

In the true spirit of Masonic humanitarianism, the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children continue to provide more dyslexic children with the opportunity to experience success in life. In the last few months, several Learning Centers have opened across the Northern Jurisdiction, fulfilling the need of one-on-one tutoring for dyslexic students.

The program is offered at no cost and gives dyslexics the tools to learn how to read and write effectively despite their language learning disability. This service is an obvious benefit to the children, and their ability to function more successfully in society will have wide range implications.

The number of people with dyslexia is estimated to be 15 to 20 percent of the world's population. Research indicates that at least 2 million children attending school in the U.S. are dyslexic. Most public schools are not appropriately equipped to provide special learning programs for these students.

The Learning Centers are designed to tutor dyslexic children using the Orton-Gillingham approach, a structured, sequential program that is multi-sensory. Children use sight, sound and touch in learning to read, write and spell. According to Learning Center directors, the program takes the English language and teaches it in a building sequence, much like math is taught.



Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Learning Center Director Nina Gorak, Michigan Congressman Vern Ehlers and Erwin W. O'Dell, 33°, MSA, gather in the new Grand Rapids Learning Center after the dedication ceremony in October.

"We break language down to its most simple sounds, and build on it," said Indianapolis Learning Center Director Martha Robinson.

The Supreme Council allocates funds each year to support the growing network of Learning Centers. The contribution in 1998 was \$2 million. In 1999, the Council funded \$4 million. Contributions from Scottish Rite Valleys and members also help support individual centers.

There are 21 Centers operational to date, with at least 34 more anticipated for opening in the next three years.

Recently, three Centers held dedication ceremonies commemorating the opening of their programs. Centers opened in Grand Rapids, MI; Indianapolis, IN, and Nashua, NH.

## *Grand Rapids, MI*

The West Michigan 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children was formally dedicated on Oct. 16. The ceremony was led by Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, and Ill. Walter F. Wheeler, 33°, chairman of the board of governors who acted as master of ceremonies. The director of the Center, Nina Gorak, was also in attendance.

Following the dedication ceremony, the audience was invited to tour the Center and a symbolic ribbon cutting was done by Ralston, Gorak, U.S. Con-

*"These children are doing better in school, and that is going to have an impact far greater than we can try to understand right now."*

Martha Robinson, Director Indianapolis Learning Center





At the Nashua Center dedication were, (l-r) Forrest D. McKerley, 32°, chairman, board of governors; Philip L. Hall, 33°, Scottish Rite Deputy; Richard R. Schanda, 33°, NH Grand Master; Commander Ralston, Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Member; Winslow E. Melvin, 33°, Active Emeritus Member.

gressman Vernon Ehlers, and Active Member Irwin W. O'Dell.

Ehlers lingered at the Center, speaking with Gorak about one of his grandchildren who has been diagnosed with the disability.

The dedication was televised and articles were published in local newspapers, providing exposure that should help with the ongoing efforts to recruit potential tutors, enabling expansion of the Center.

## NOW OPERATING

Allentown, PA  
Bangor, ME  
Bloomsburg, PA  
Chicago, IL  
Cincinnati, OH  
Dayton, OH  
Detroit, MI  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Harrisburg, PA  
Indianapolis, IN  
Lowell, MA  
Milwaukee, WI  
Nashua, NH  
Newtonville, MA  
Pemberton, NJ  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Rochester, NY  
Scotch Plains, NJ  
Tenafly, NJ  
Toledo, OH  
Youngstown, OH

Bill Crothers, vice chairman of the board of governors said the day was "very special" for all, and that the people who "labored long and hard" for two years to bring the project to fruition need to be thanked. He commended James W. Salmons, 33°; Deputy Robert N. Osborne, 33°; Active Member Erwin W. O'Dell, 33°, and Paul H. Florin, 33°.

## Nashua, NH

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire conducted a dedication of the Learning Center in Nashua on Aug. 15, 1999. The Center is currently the only learning program of its kind in the state. Operational prior to the ceremony, it opened with 18 students and currently enrolls 30, with six professional tutors and six trainees on staff.

Director Nancy Lemcke said the Center fulfills a need in the community and provides tutoring designed specifically for dyslexic children.

"In addition to any help the students are getting at school, the Center is successful because we just focus on dyslexia," Lemcke said.

The dedication was held at the Nashua Masonic Temple and presided over by Grand Commander Ralston and Grand Master Richard R. Schanda.

More than 100 people attended the event, including New Hampshire Deputy Philip L. Hall, Active Member Robert E. Hansen and Chairman of the Board of Governors Forrest D. McKerley.

Brother McKerley donated five computers to the Center, which are used to supplement the lessons since the program focuses on one-on-one tutoring.

## Indianapolis, IN

According to David Hollingsworth, 32°, chairman of board of governors of the Learning Center, more than 150 people attended the dedication ceremony on Oct. 8 at the Scottish

Rite Cathedral. The new Center is also the first tutoring program of its type in Indiana.

Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston conducted the ceremony.

At the dedication Hollingsworth commented that Learning Center Director Martha Robinson expressed in a "tearful fashion" how proud she is of the program.

"I came into Orton-Gillingham (method) because my children have dyslexia," Robinson said. "Having the Center open means more to me than my role here as director. In fact, it means even more to Indianapolis."

The help students receive at the Center has improved their lives and the lives of those around them, proving the ramifications are far-reaching.

"These children are doing better in school, and that is going to have an impact far greater than we can try to understand right now," Robinson commented. "For parents, it's an answer to a prayer."


The Center has been flooded with enrollment requests since opening in late June.

"We had no problem getting students. We have about 150 on our waiting list," Robinson noted.

The Center, which started with 12 students, will have an enrollment of up to 22 in January and be functioning at full capacity with 36 students in the summer.

"The kids are just having a ball, all but one came back for the second term," said Hollingsworth.

Robinson said one student's change of attitude illustrates how well the program is received.

"We had one student who did not want to come, because she didn't believe she had a learning disability. She was mad at her mother for making her come," Robinson said. "Now her mother tells me she was counting the days to when tutoring started." 



# Mail order catalog marks history

*Historical Masonic catalogs are valuable research tools*

By the turn of the last century Freemasonry and all fraternal organizations were thickly spread across the country. Even the smallest isolated towns might have a Masonic or Odd Fellows lodge. Larger towns with a population of 25,000 might support two or three Masonic lodges, a chapter,

commandery and even a Scottish Rite Valley.

To furnish and decorate the lodges and properly jewel and robe the officers, fraternal organizations looked toward mail order catalogs. To fill the need, numerous regalia manufacturers mailed their catalogs across the country.

Mark Tabbert joined the staff at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in June 1999 as the assistant curator. He brings knowledge of both museums and the fraternal order to his new position.



Prior to accepting the assistant curator's job, he worked as a museum assistant at the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh and as the Exhibit Registrar at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis.

Born and brought up in Iowa, Mark is a member of Malta Lodge No. 318, Burlington, Iowa. In Massachusetts, he recently received the 32° in the Valley of Boston.

Mark is no stranger to the Lexington museum. As part of his graduate program he did an internship in 1995, where he became familiar with the collections and deeply interested in Masonic and fraternal history. He received his undergraduate degree from Allegheny College and his master's in American History and Museum Studies from Duquesne University, both in Pennsylvania.

As assistant curator, Mark is responsible for cataloging all new objects, performing Masonic research, and answering questions regarding objects in the museum. As part of his larger duties, he has just begun a full-scale physical inventory of all 12,000 objects in the collection. Assisted by the registrar and other staff, the inventory will take as long as two years to complete and will provide a deeper understanding of what the museum holds and what it needs to acquire.

Beginning with his article on the 1909 M.C. Lilley catalog, Mark will be writing regularly for *The Northern Light* to provide readers with a better appreciation of the museum, its mission, its collection, and its importance to all Masons and those interested in American history.

Mark replaces Ill. John D. Hamilton, 33°, who left the museum at the end of July after 24 years to accept the directorship of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum in Springfield, MA.

One of the largest regalia suppliers at the turn of the century was the M.C. Lilley Company of Columbus, Ohio. Founded by Mitchell C. Lilley in 1865, it first sold surplus Civil War equipment. By 1897 it was known as the "largest establishment of its kind in the world" with 420 employees. By 1924 it had absorbed the Henderson-Ames Company and the Ames Sword Company. In 1951, the company's ownership changed when the C.E. Ward Company in New London, Ohio, purchased it.

There are many M.C. Lilley's and other supplier catalogs dating from the 1880s into the 1990s in the archives at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage, not only for Masonic lodges but also for other fraternal organizations. One of Lilley's 1909 Masonic catalogs contains more than 100 pages of furniture, regalia and paraphernalia just for symbolic lodges.

From a museum curator's point of view, this catalog is the stuff that collections, exhibits, and history are made of and is considered a valuable source of research. This catalog provides a freeze frame of styles, decorations, and varieties of equipment used by lodges at a specific time. Through this catalog a curator is able to determine the age and use of an object. In the event the museum wanted to recreate a lodge from 1909, the catalog would be used as a resource to determine the correct furnishings.

This 1909 catalog (No. 195) contains items useful for every lodge, regardless of size or budget. It proclaims at the bottom of the cover: "Two Qualities" with the "Lilley Standard Goods, The best made, The cheapest in the end." But "If you want low prices rather than high quality, buy our low priced goods — Lowest price ever offered." In short, a wealthy or a poor lodge would

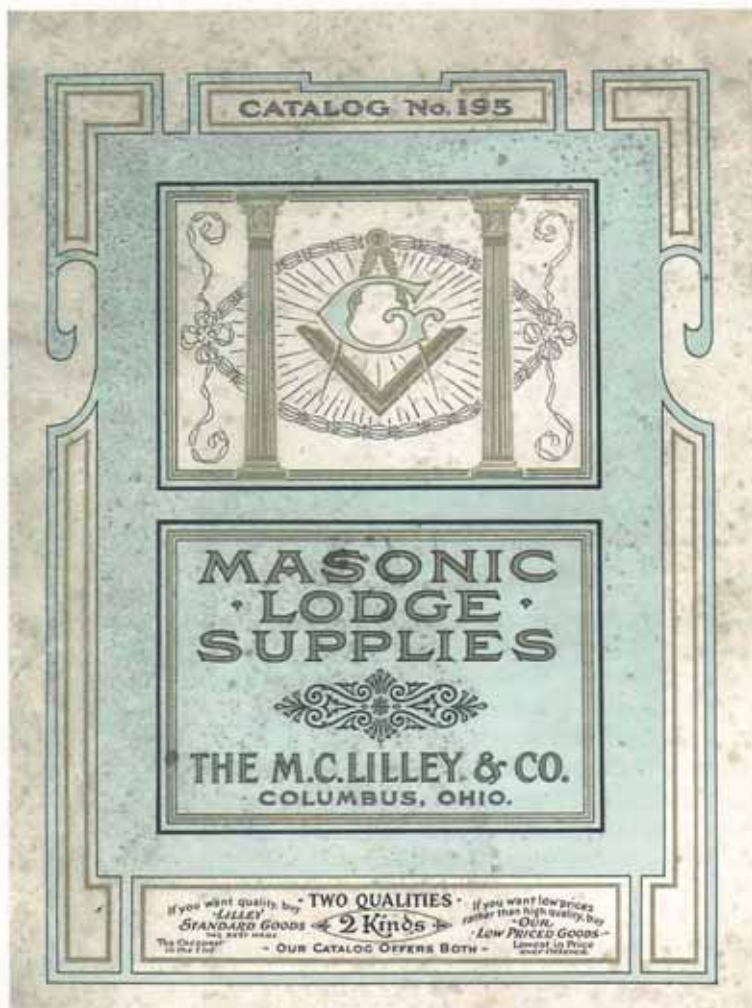


find inside the goods to suit their budget. Turning to the inside cover is the catalog's index listing everything from "Acacia, Sprig of" to "Worshipful Master Costumes" and in between cable tows, desks, kneeling cushions, low twelve bells, magic lantern projectors, and wigs and beards. Page three lists the company's terms and conditions and the varieties of Masonic calendars. It is from these calendars that historians are able to determine the catalog is from 1909.

The catalog's first 19 pages are of aprons — ranging from bleached muslin at \$1.45 per dozen, to lambskin with blue braid at \$9 per dozen. Brothers are able to choose individual aprons with a variety of styles, fringe, braiding, bullion, and embroidery costing between \$1.80 and \$46.70. After the aprons 11 pages of blue lodge jewels follow, again ranging in quality and prices. Unique is the "combination past officers' jewel" containing Past Master, Past High Priest, and Past Knights Templar Commander symbols with a genuine diamond in the compasses apex for \$108.

Next a variety of working tools and cases are offered, with some made of oak and others of sterling silver. Featured is a "Supported by Square Wood Stand for the Fellow Craft Degree." Priced at \$4.85, the round-base stand is adjustable to various heights and is "a rather convenient article for the S.D." Most interesting is the Senior Deacon's combination working tool, which includes a square, compasses, and dagger fastened together on one pivot. Also offered is a leather grip dagger with a square and compasses attached to the cross hilt by pivots. The square and compasses fold down and close on the hilt much like a pocketknife.

This catalog is also filled with several types of instructional charts or

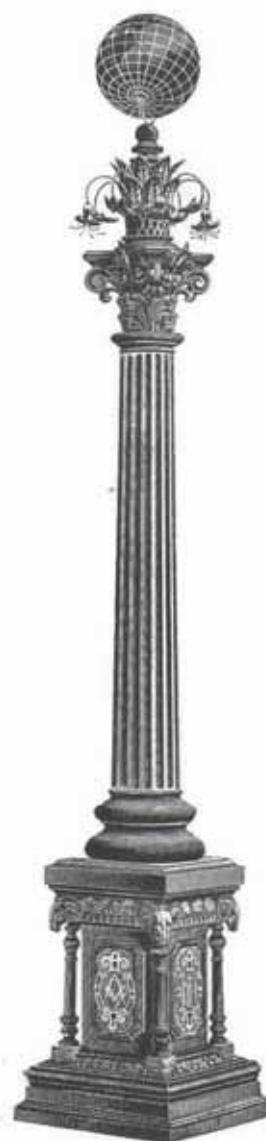


M.C. Lilley & Co.'s Masonic supply catalog No. 195 from the year 1909. The mail order company was billed as one of the largest of its time and is one of several companies whose catalogs are archived at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage.

The catalog from 1909 offered Middle Chamber Pillars in several levels of quality but emphasized that even their lower quality pillars were better than most competitors' high quality.

"tracing boards" (printed or painted), lodge altars, chairs and benches, Tyler swords, Marshal belts and sashes, scepters, banners, flags, Bibles, hoodwinks, and the aforementioned sprig of acacia. An example of M.C. Lilley's sale copy appears on the first page of the 11-page "Middle Chamber Pillars" section. Here they promise that even their lower quality pillars are better than most competition's high quality, and that it is better to buy the best because: "You will think of quality long after you have forgotten the price." The cheapest six-foot tall bronzed pillars go for \$26, "but (are) not as well finished and cheaper workmanship, but durable." The most ornate offered were 10-foot, nine-inches high and included 12-inch real globes, with lily-work, pomegranates of wood, hand carved working tools in base and the shaft and chapters covered with real gold leaf — boxed and delivered for only \$230.

Not only are furnishings offered but also, for the secretary and treasurer, there are several pages of records books and ledgers, receipts, certifi- ➤





►cates and letterhead stationery with envelopes. Lilley would print the name of the secretary and the meeting nights on the letterhead at no additional cost. Also offered are meeting notification post cards which when "Mailed regularly to your members will double your attendance."

were lit by candle, oil, electric, and natural or acetylene gas.

These choices show a visible transition happening in the country. In 1909 electricity was only available in larger cities and many lodges still used candles or natural gas, and would for several more years. Lilley

***Someday the goods sold by M.C. Lilley in 1909 will become as uncommon as a hand-painted apron or trestle board.***

Beginning on page 95, several pages of officer and degree work costumes are featured. Varieties of robes, crowns, and garments for the Worshipful Master, Junior and Senior Wardens, Deacons, and Chaplain, include turbans, crowns, mortarboards, and capes. The robes are all heavily embroidered with lace and satin, some trimmed in ermine or silk lined. For the third degree a lodge could even purchase costumes for "JA., JO., and JM."

The candidate's costume included: "Shirt and knee trousers of Canton flannel, large apron of leather, head-dress of leather, extra cotton hose, thigh length, and sandals, complete," for \$8.20.

The catalog's last display is a selection of magic lantern projectors for lectures and rituals. Appropriate glass hand-painted slides for the various degrees could also be purchased for \$1.35 each. These projectors, as well as lanterns, candlesticks and "G's" for above the Worshipful Master's chair

sold candlesticks which "can be furnished or arranged for electricity at a slight additional cost" and you could buy a three-branch electrical candle stick, polished and lacquered with fine gilt finish, for \$47.65 dear, or \$33.60 cheap. Part of a museum's purpose is to document these crossovers in technology, just as the early automobiles were truly "horseless" carriages and early televisions often included radios.

Though not included in this catalog, furnishing and price charts would often appear on catalog back pages. By these charts a new lodge could select everything necessary to equip the lodge outright. Depending on a lodge's budget, they would select the required articles according to quality and price, then might choose accessories to enhance the degree work or beauty of the lodge. On this catalog's back inside cover is a list of all M.C. Lilley's catalogs for 1909. The list included catalogs not only for Masonic bodies, but also for the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodman, Hibernians, Royal Neighbors, the Knights of the Maccabees and many other organizations.

Though M.C. Lilley's goods are curious and fun relics of the past, they are also important heirlooms of the present. The museum finds great value in collecting and caring for them, since some day they may be obsolete. Today few lodges buy such a variety of objects and fewer companies still make them. Sadly, lodges go dark and many great fraternal have passed away, so someday the goods sold by M.C. Lilley in 1909 will become as uncommon as a hand-painted apron or trestle board. The museum's policy is to acquire, study, exhibit, and

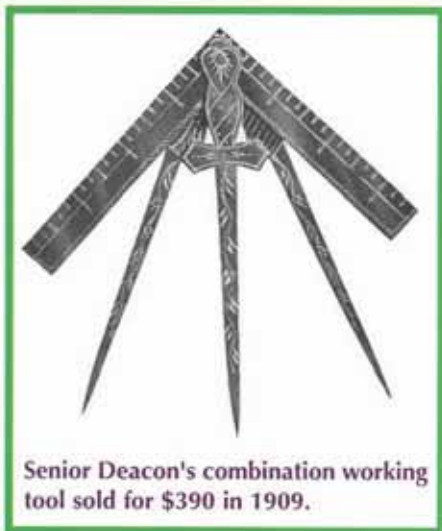


**Costumes for Worshipful Masters and Wardens ranged in price between \$11 and \$55.**

care for this material, for it is through their tools and their work that we will know them. The catalogs are helpful in researching why lodges would pay such "astronomical" prices to wear such elaborate costumes, use curious working tools and furnish the lodge so ornately.

The Museum of Our National Heritage collects samples of all that M.C. Lilley sold in 1909. The museum also continues to collect manufacturers' catalogs from all fraternal organizations. It is part of the museum mission to preserve and protect not only those items used in the lodges in 1809, but also in 1909 and someday from 2009. These objects document the important stories of how men and women, in small towns and great, gathered together in brotherhood, under the fatherhood of God.

The museum is interested in famous Masons, such as George Washington and Harry S. Truman, Grand Masters and Grand Commanders, but it also has a strong interest in the stories and articles collected from local lodges and Valleys, which do the small but equally great work of the craft. ✪



**Senior Deacon's combination working tool sold for \$390 in 1909.**





## Ooops, it's gone!



By Leigh E. Morris, 32°

No time for chitchat. The mailbag is full, demanding answers to some of the most commonly posed questions.

**Q** I have e-mail at work. Do I really need an e-mail account at my home?

**A.** You bet. E-mail sent through the company system is not private. Your employer might be a cowan or eavesdropper, reading your e-mail at any time. And you really ought to be working, not sending personal e-mails.

**Q** I received an offer of a free computer, screen and modem if we sign up for Internet service for two years. Is this a good deal?

**A.** Not really. That computer is a cheap machine that you could probably buy for \$400 or less. Further, the machine isn't free. You'll pay for it through higher than average Internet service charges. What happens if the ISP provides lousy service? What do you do if the machine dies? As a rule, long-term agreements are bad for the consumer.

**Q** Spam, what can I do about it?

**A.** Don't eat it. Oh, you mean spam, not Spam. The spam to which you refer is unwanted e-mail. It may range from the benign (advertising and forwarded messages from people you do not know) to the obscene. Many ISPs can screen out spam (though this is never 100% effective). Contact your ISP for information, and read the next question and answer.

**Q** I am bothered about all the obscenity that exists on the Internet and the Web. Can't we stop it? What can be done to protect children?

**A.** The Internet and Web are truly open forums. They represent the best and worst aspects of a free society that guarantees freedom of speech. While calls for laws that would censor on-line obscenity may be appealing, once the censorship genie is let out of the bottle it can never be returned. The day could come when Masonic or religious sites might be censored.

Parents and grandparents can take steps to protect children. For more information on services that block objectionable Web sites and filter e-mail, visit <http://yahooligans.com/parents> and click on the "Blocking and Filtering" title. I also would recommend two Web search sites for children: <http://www.ALFY.com/> and <http://www.yourownworld.com/>.

Finally, both children and adults must never divulge personal information to strangers, including your full name, address, phone or age.

**Q** Our Valley has many old photos and records. Should we save these electronically?

**A.** Electronic storage. What a concept! Just scan all of those dusty old photos and valuable documents, protecting them forever against the ravages of time. You can do the same with your own photos and records.

It really is very easy. All you need is a computer, a scanner and something on which to store the data. Zap! You have an electronic file. Plop! Drop it on a disk. Zing! Make a few copies of that disk. There you have it, a permanent file of your most treasured items. Pretty slick, eh! No wonder electronic storage is all the rage.

But wait just one New York second. There's a fly in the ointment. Nothing is forever and includes electronic files. Consider the three types of disks that are commonly used for the storage of data:

**3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Floppy Disks:** No, I don't know why they call these things floppies though the disks are made of a very rigid plastic. Oh well. A floppy might go bad in as little time as 18 months. Not a good choice for long-term storage.

**CD-ROMs:** Remember when a "CD" was a certificate of deposit? Now it's a compact disk on which data can be stored. A CD-ROM can last from five to 50 years. However, most of you may not have the ability to store data on a CD-ROM.

**Zip Disks:** These are manufactured by Iomega and warranted to last for five years, though they likely will last for a good deal longer. This is my personal choice. Many computers have Zip drives, or you can purchase an external Zip drive.

Some tips on storing data:

- Never store data on your hard drive. Never! You see, your hard drive will die one day, leaving you high and dry.
- If you use 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch floppy disks, be prepared to transfer data to new disks at least once a year.
- If you opt for the Iomega Zip Disk (or similar system) or CD-ROMs, transfer data to new disks every two to three years.
- Keep at least one copy of every photo. Print out and save copies of all stored files.

For more information about storing data or other questions and comments (all will be answered), just drop an e-mail to me at [leighm@pmihwy.com](mailto:leighm@pmihwy.com). And be sure to check out the Supreme Council's Year 2000 Web site ([www.32ndDegreeMason.org](http://www.32ndDegreeMason.org)).



## Preserving Masonic Memorials: a monumental task

Many Masonic sculptures erected long ago are facing a slow deterioration at the hands of maintenance neglect and the elements.

For example, just across the street from the Detroit Masonic Temple, graffiti and stains mar the once-distinguished nine-foot sculpture of Scottish poet and Mason Robert Burns. Age and weather have taken their toll. Pieces of the statue are missing and its surface is pitted from acid rain.

In Maine, when the Freemasons erected a bust of former governor Robert P. Dunlap 150 years ago, they probably never thought the statue would one day be in disrepair. Today, passersby are barely able to recognize the monument erected to honor the US Representative and General Grand High Priest, as the inscriptions have become illegible, the bronze discolored, and the marble base pocked by weeds.

At the turn of the last century, the Masonic Bodies of Rhode Island commissioned the full-length standing representation of Thomas A. Doyle, mayor of Providence for 18 years. A century later finds the sculpture cracked and pitted with unreadable inscriptions atop a newer pedestal installed in the 1960s.

When not properly cared for, America's Masonic memorials will become disfigured and corroded, a magnet for vandals and litter. Although the elements are steadily deteriorating these monuments, help could be on the way.

### Funding Deadline

To apply for an SOS! Conservation Treatment Award, call (888) 767-7285 or (202) 634-1422, or e-mail [SOS!2000@heritagepreservation.org](mailto:SOS!2000@heritagepreservation.org). Deadline for applications for some states is Dec. 15, 1999, and for all states, Nov. 30, 2000.

Save Outdoor Sculpture, in Washington, DC, is a joint project of the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution and the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property.

The program was founded by Susan Nichols, a Past Honored Queen, Bethel #30, Jobs Daughters, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Save Outdoor Sculpture (SOS!) is an organization designed to rescue neglected sculptures across the country by awarding funds to procure the care and restoration the statues need. SOS! is a joint project of the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution and the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property designed to establish a thorough base of information about the preservation of outdoor sculpture.

Between 1990 and 1996, nearly 7,000 SOS! volunteers surveyed 32,000 public outdoor sculptures and monuments, noting their history, location and general condition. SOS! considers outdoor sculpture as an endangered species threatened by time, poor maintenance and vandalism. The SOS! survey reveals that 50 percent of America's collection of outdoor sculpture is inadequately cared for and 10 percent is in need of urgent care. Of the sculptures reported nationwide, more than 60 were connected with Freemasons. There may be many more that depict individuals whose ties to Freemasonry are not noted on the sculpture and so went unreported by the SOS! surveyors.

SOS! feels these artworks, and others like them, are in peril.

The leading threat to any outdoor monuments and public sculpture is acid precipitation, a problem unknown a century ago. The illusion of the permanence of bronze and stone lulled well-meaning owners and donors into thinking that park upkeep alone would be adequate to keep the statue in good condition.

Sadly, SOS! has discovered that is not so.

Once installed, outdoor artworks require simple, inexpensive but on-going care to remain as they appeared at their dedication. The shadow of the millenni-



Deterioration and graffiti, left, mar the Robert Burns statue in Detroit.



um offers an ideal time to take action to save an outdoor sculpture for the next generation. SOS! has cash awards to help secure a general health check-up for ailing public sculptures. Called condition assessments, these "monumental physicals" are conducted by skilled conservation professionals who identify broken and missing parts and surface conditions, look for structural stability and safety concerns and point out environmental factors like shade that prevents adequate drying or sprinklers that wet and rewet the artwork.

The conservation professional suggests what can be done to repair the sculpture and estimates the cost that will determine the fund-raising goal. Issued monthly by SOS! through Sept. 30, 2000, noncompetitive awards can support the assessment of one or more eligible sculptures.

With a condition assessment in hand, eligible owners and friends begin the search for money and for a suitable and highly qualified conservation professional to complete the repairs. Awards will range from \$1,000 to \$40,000 and cannot exceed 50 percent of the conservation costs.



# The Stamp Act

A Philatelic Review



The Philippines Postal Authorities have honored the **Masonic Charities for Crippled Children, Inc.** with a stamp issued July 5, 1999. This organization offers a free surgical and medical program and has helped rehabilitate thousands of children suffering from poliomyelitis, congenital deformities such as clubfoot, tuberculosis of the bones, bone tumors and other deformities. MCCC has six operating units throughout the Philippines. In December 1987, President Corazon C. Aquino also honored the organization with the prestigious Apolinario Mabini (a Mason) Award on behalf of the Philippines Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled.

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**King William IV** is pictured on a stamp issued in January of 1984 by Grenada to honor the British royalty. Born Prince William Henry, the third son of King George III, in Buckingham Palace in 1765, at the age of 14 he went to sea as a midshipman and saw action against enemy vessels. In 1789 he was made Duke of Clarence and took his seat in the House of Lords. Upon the death of George IV on June 26, 1830, he served as King William IV of England and the King of Hanover from 1830 until his death in 1837. Although he was well liked, he was not considered a very strong monarch.

On March 9, 1786 William IV was initiated as a Mason, in



Prince George Lodge No. 86 of Plymouth. The following year he was appointed Past Grand Master. In May 1789 he joined the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259 and served as Master of this Lodge three years prior to his elevation to the throne. One year prior to becoming king, he served as Grand Patron of the Order.

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Famous brewer **John Molson** is pictured on a Canadian stamp issued November 1986 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of his death. Born in 1763, the eldest son of an English farmer, he was orphaned at the age of 8 and soon became head of the household. By the age of 18 he had traveled across the Atlantic and settled in Montreal. Four years later he was the sole owner of the only viable local brewery. Twenty years later, after his brewing company prospered, he turned his entrepreneurial skills and capital to riskier business - constructing a steam-powered ship. His craft, the *Accommodation*, was the first steamboat built outside of Britain, and was the inspiration for a fleet of ships and a new era of inland navigation. Molson also involved himself in other projects, such as Montreal's first theater, a luxurious hotel, a public hospital and the first Canadian railroad. He died in 1826.

The dates of Brother Molson's degrees are not known but he was Worshipful Master of St. Paul's Lodge No. 374 in Montreal from 1791-1795 and Provincial Grand Master for Montreal and William Henry in 1826.

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A 1977 regular issue stamp of the Philippines honored **Dr. Galiciano Apacible**, born in

1864. In 1889, he received his "Licentiate" of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Barcelona. He then studied at the University of Central Madrid earning his Doctorate of Medicine there. While studying in Spain, he became involved with a political party dedicated to Philippine independence and after the Spanish-American War, he returned to the Philippines. From 1906 to 1907 he served at San Lazaro Hospital. He was then elected governor of Batangas and spent the rest of his life in various government posts. He died in 1949.



Brother Apacible was initiated in 1889 in the Lodge "Revolucion," Barcelona, Spain and in 1890 he joined Lodge "Solidaridad" No. 53, Madrid, and became Senior Warden of this Lodge.

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**James Edward Ogleshorpe**, founder of the first Masonic Lodge in Georgia, is pictured on the Georgia settlement stamp issued by the United States on Feb. 12, 1933. "In a low dale under the spreading branches of an ancient oak, General Ogleshorpe convened the first Masonic Lodge in Georgia in February, 1734, and until his recall by the King in 1743, served as Worshipful Master."

Ogleshorpe received his degrees in England, perhaps in a Military Lodge, prior to coming to America. The Lodge he founded is now known as Solomon's Lodge No. 1.

Born in 1696, in the Parish of St. James, Westminster, London, he succeeded to the family estate at Westbrook and resided



there for some years. He was elected a member of parliament in 1722 and represented Surrey for 32 years. While in this body, he devoted his energies to improving the conditions in London prisons for prisoners in debt. His accomplishments in the betterment of that great national evil led him to become one of the most notable philanthropists of his day. He also took the leading role in the movement that resulted in a royal charter being granted for a new colony in America, south of the river Savannah, called Georgia, after King George II. He died on July 1, 1785, at Cranham Hall in Essex.

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**Donn F. Eisele**, Air Force officer and astronaut, is pictured on a stamp issued by Republic of Equatorial Guinea. A member of Luther B.

Turner Lodge No. 732 of Columbus, Ohio, Eisele was raised on June 8, 1952 by his father, who was Senior Warden of that Lodge at the time. Born in Columbus in June, 1950, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in 1952. He received his master's degree in astronautics from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, in 1960. He then served as flight commander and experimental test pilot at the Air Force Special Weapons Center in Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. He flew on Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo flight, on Oct. 11, 1968 with astronauts Walter Schirra and Walter Cunningham.



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*Freemasonry Today*. Published by Freemasonry Today Ltd., 87 Guildhall Street, Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk IP33 1PU, England. Published quarterly, \$20. Payable by check or Visa credit card.

I received a copy of *Freemasonry Today* in April and found it to be a very interesting magazine, probably one of the best in a number of ways of those available in this form today. It was sent to me by Brother Bill Hanbury-Bateman, the editorial board chairman for the publication. He indicated that it was started with the support of the United Grand Lodge of England, although it is totally independent from any authoritative Masonic control.

The subtitle is *The Magazine for everyone interested in Freemasonry*, and most subscribers are and probably will be members of the craft. Currently there are approximately 30,000 receiving the magazine, most of whom are in the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. Interestingly, it is a private charitable publication with all profits being distributed to both Masonic and non-Masonic charities. The editorial staff accepts commercial advertising, but it constitutes only a small portion of the total publication. As one might expect, the advertising is from companies located in the British Isles.

Those responsible for its production are greatly interested in creating a greater interest and readership outside of Britain, and the \$20 subscription rate is a reduced rate. They are also aiming for more international articles and correspondence so as to become more appealing to a wider readership. Presently much of the writing relates to Freemasonry in the British Isles. This makes it no less interesting to those who read for knowledge or pleasure.

*Freemasonry Today* is published on a high-quality stock, which immediately gives it a quality appearance. It is the contents, however, which make the magazine stand out as a quality publication. I have read five of the issues and found each worth taking my time to read. Many different authors contribute to the publication, and frankly they seem to have something to say that is worth reading. There is also a great variety in the subject matter even though the articles are principally either Masonic or relevant to Freemasonry in nature.

After reading these issues I have the feeling that those involved with this publication are highly interested and comparatively young Freemasons who saw a need for this type of magazine to provide Masonic education. I would also suspect that, with the variety of authors and the independence from any Masonic authority, there may be articles printed that will not please every reader. This in itself may not be bad for our craft

as long as it presents ideas and makes us think. We must never close our minds to new concepts as long as it does not negatively impact our organization. It is my evaluation that it is a good magazine with the potential to get better. It offers a form of Masonic education which most of our members desperately need and will get nowhere else because they won't look anywhere else. I recommend subscribing. Masonic education never hurts anyone.



*The International Encyclopedia of Secret Societies & Fraternal Orders* by Alan Axelrod. Published in 1997 by Facts on File Inc., 11 Penn Plaza, New York, NY 10001. Call sales department at 212-967-8800 or 800-322-8755.

Understand, this book is exactly what its title says it is — an encyclopedia — so you don't buy it for enjoyable reading; you buy it as a reference book. It will serve as a valuable tool to those who have a need to be familiar with current and former fraternal organizations.

Before reading this book I thought that I was fairly familiar with many, perhaps even the majority of fraternities. After reading it I realized there were many I didn't know. In fact, I had never heard of the majority of those listed, although, in fairness to my lack of knowledge, I will admit that many of them are extinct. I knew that many of the fraternities that have existed were modeled on the structure of Freemasonry, but until reading this text, I had no idea of how many.

The author presents a comprehensive review of those organizations that may be regarded as fraternal or secret societies, and he presents considerably more information in this text than just a list. He presents a brief summary of each including present-day status, purpose, dates of origin and degree of success, if known. In the introduction he discusses the evolution, naming, supposed antiquity and the decline of secret societies as well as schisms, splinter and women's groups.

The introduction also discusses different types of secret societies such as social, benevolent, ethnic, trade, mystical, political and criminal. Finally, the introduction defines the criteria for inclusion in this book, along with a brief explanation of related subjects. It is my feeling that the introduction has a tendency to make fraternities and secret societies appear too synonymous. Certainly the two are not always the same.

The text is laid out in alphabetical order for easy reference. In addition to the listing of the organizations,



the author also presents the names and a brief biography of prominent individuals who were affiliated with some of the organizations, as well as some of the methodologies of operation. The sectional titles in an alphabetical listing make reference easy. The book also presents discussions of what led up to the origin of some of the organizations, but especially Freemasonry, which is prominently referenced throughout the book.

My major concern about the book is that it contained a number of errors or questionable comments about Freemasonry. For example, it is cited that treason was plotted within the lodges and used the oft-quoted myth of St. Andrew Lodge and the Boston Tea Party to justify that observation. He also states that the Masonic Order of the Bath is defunct, wholly dormant or very small, and the the 33° is conferred upon only those who have "distinguished themselves in the craft." In addition, there were a few other statements made which I might question.

Since I am not as familiar with any other organization, I must assume that there may be inaccuracies with their descriptions as well. That aside, however, in my opinions it is a good reference book. If you have reason to refer to these types of organizations, I recommend it. It certainly has a place in libraries.



*Freemasonry: Mankind's Hidden Enemy* by Charles Madden. Published in 1995 by Tan Books and Publishers, Inc., PO Box 424, Rockford, IL 61105.

I do not have a cost for this book but not to worry; it is not worth buying anyway, and it is being given away free of charge to those felt susceptible to its influence. A concerned member who asked that I read it and comment sent it to me. This volume is written by one who is probably totally committed to his cause. But, he appears almost paranoid with a need, and he uses antiquated writings to viciously attack Freemasonry while stating that "Some Masons see the Church of Rome as the Church of the Inquisition, the Crusaders, the prop for discredited monarchies. No one benefits from such caricatures." I guess it all depends upon whose ox is being gored to justify its being right.

The author is writing purely as a dedicated Roman Catholic, and I would suspect that if he were not attacking the craft, he would be attacking some other entity of a non-catholic religion. After quoting Pope Leo XIII, 1884, he writes, "This is aimed especially at Catholicism, the only true religion."

His information is so outdated that if the publication had any latent inherent value, it has been obliterated. For example, he writes, "Predominant Blue Lodges refuse to initiate anyone known to be black." More than 10 years ago I conducted a survey and found that at least 21 Grand Lodges in the United States had black members. He also states, "The Grand Lodge of Utah re-

fuses to initiate a Mormon, and any Mormon who joins the lodge outside of Utah finds his advancement in the hierarchy severely curtailed." The Grand Lodge of Utah changed this policy years ago, and there was no control or restriction upon other Grand Lodges to curtail their advancement.

He begins the introduction of his nefarious diatribe by calling Freemasonry a "non-Christian religion." He then uses a writing of St. Maximilian Kolbe to lump it together with other "anti-Christian" organizations such as "Socialism, Fascism, Nazism and Communism." He quotes from an article in 30 DAYS magazine which refers to the reemergence of the craft in Eastern Europe as "a resurgent Evil Empire in the making" and another quote from Fr. Robert Bradley referencing "Our Lady's at Fatima" message that "Mary was clearly advising us about Freemasonry." Also quoted is Don Stefano Gobbi who states that "Our Lady" in explaining some aspects of the Book of Revelation concerns "the Red Dragon (atheistic Communism) and the black beast arising from the sea (Freemasonry) and the work of both in promoting apostasy and idolatry." Both according to this author were to reach their zenith by 1998. (Small zenith.)

Some of his statements or his quotes of others are totally wrong as issues. For example, he writes that belief in reincarnation "is clearly central to Freemasonry," "that they (Masons) will never to any person, at any time or in any way, make known the membership," that "Jews are barred from the York Rite," and that "Freemasonry teaches that it is permissible for a 'superior' race to rule an 'inferior' one." I don't know if these are passionate lies or if he is that ignorant.

Again he quotes Pope Leo XIII as stating "that Freemasons favor the designs of Socialists and Communists to overthrow established governments everywhere" and that we have "opened wide the door for Fascism, Nazism and Communism to attain power" in Europe by supporting secularized education, and supporting separation of church and state. It is his contention that the craft is responsible for these scourges even though Freemasonry probably paid a higher price through their persecutions than any other non-religious organization.

It should be quite evident that this author is so irrational or deluded that it causes one to think that no one could possibly take him seriously, but I doubt it. It is sad that there will be those in spite of how illogical this book is who will accept it simply because it is written. My advice — don't buy it — and unless you want a lesson in absurdity, don't even read it.

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# HealthWise

## ■ Massage for migraine

Research by the Touch Research Institute at the University of Miami shows that massage therapy leads to more days without migraines.

Participants got massages twice weekly for five weeks and took their regular migraine prescriptions. By the end of the study, about 60% of subjects enjoyed an entire headache-free month. For the massage instructions go to [www.miami.edu/touch-research](http://www.miami.edu/touch-research) on the Web.

## ■ Waterless hand washing

Doctors at Johns Hopkins University say you can cut your risk of catching a cold by using a hand sanitizer when water is not available.

The sanitizer's ethylalcohol kills bacteria and evaporates completely leaving no residue. It leaves hands soft because of built-in moisturizers. Sanitizers are available in supermarkets and drug stores.

## ■ Pneumonia vaccine saves lives

While the pneumonia vaccine has been recommended for older people, young children and those with chronic conditions, Dr. Daniel Musher of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston believes everyone should be vaccinated every 5 to 10 years. Thousands of people die each year because they are unaware of the vaccine, he says.



"At \$250 a day, shouldn't I get a complimentary mint?"

## ■ Pumpkin: fruit or vegetable?

This jolly, smiling jack-o-lantern, a fruit eaten as a vegetable, is an American favorite and it is especially tasty when used in pie or soup.



Did you ever hear of including pie in your healthy diet? Pumpkin pie is truly different. It's a solid helping of great-tasting food and a fine source of vitamin A, potassium and other minerals.

It is possible that cooks haven't thought of dessert as a dish that would fill out their five-a-day requirement for fruits and vegetables. Pumpkin pie does just that. One slice provides about 2,800 international units of vitamin A, more than a couple of servings of carrots.

When making pumpkin pie, it's easy to keep it low in fat. Instead of regular condensed milk, buy fat-free condensed milk. It tastes the same. If you use whipped topping with your pie, select the fat-free type.

## ■ Indoor pollution

The Environmental Protection Agency says typical airborne pollutants now run two to five times higher indoors than outside. Blame it on household chemicals, appliance vapors, and mold caused by tightly sealed homes. One culprit: combustible by-products from heaters and stoves and from poorly vented fireplaces and kerosene heaters.

Mold and bacteria can cause lung problems, but bleach kills them and humidifiers dry them up. If you have new wood paneling, wood flooring or new carpet in your home, you need extra ventilation.

## ■ Butter vs margarine

For a long time, it was thought that margarine was far better than butter because it didn't have any saturated fats.

Now doctors say that, while it is somewhat better, it's certainly not as good for people as previously thought. The culprit in margarine is trans-fatty acid. At room temperature, margarine and shortening stay in a liquid state. When the oil is treated with heat and chemicals, fatty-acid molecules change and solidify to a spreadable consistency. But this transformation also changes beneficial polyunsaturates into less-healthy fatty acids.

Doctors at Boston's Tufts University say stick margarine is the worst of any butter substitute. In fact, their study showed that the ratio of HDL (good) cholesterol to LDL (bad) cholesterol was just a little lower with stick margarine than butter.

Nonetheless, researchers said, people should not return to an all-butter diet.

These are the doctor's conclusions that show how butter substitutes lower "bad" cholesterol compared to butter:

- Soybean oil: -12% (best)
- Semiliquid margarine: -11%
- Soft margarine: -9%
- Shortening: -7%
- Stick margarine: -5%

Stick margarine lowered LDL cholesterol but also lowered good HDL.

## ■ Calcium as a cancer fighter

Calcium plays an important role in preventing colon cancer, the third-leading cause of cancer death among Americans, according to a recent study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. It's an often-overlooked nutrient with potent anticarcinogenic effects. By taking a multivitamin and drinking milk, you can be assured of getting enough of this important mineral.

## ■ Save a knocked-out tooth

If you have a tooth knocked out accidentally, stick it back in place, and head for the dentist. Or put the tooth in milk while enroute, say doctors at Johns Hopkins.



## Why Thursday was chosen for Thanksgiving Day



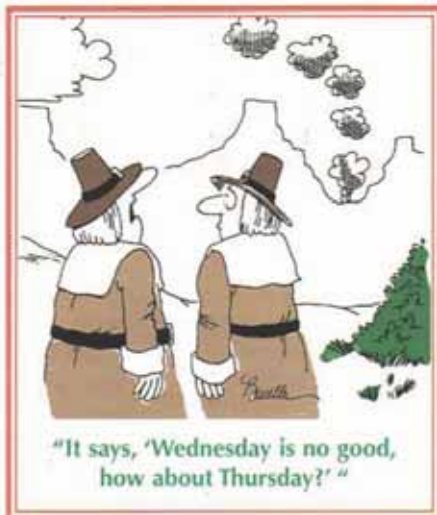
Our Thanksgiving Day falls on Thursday as the result of a long chain of circumstances.

As an annual festival, it is a legacy from the New England colonists. Of course they brought the idea with them from England, where it was customary to observe special thanksgiving days after events of national importance.

For example, after the defeat of the Spanish Armada, two days were designated for offering thanks.

The custom of celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday arose with the pilgrims. As Puritans, they selected Wednesday or Thursday for festive occasions because they wanted them as far as possible from the Sabbath, which they observed with simplicity.

In the autumn of 1621, William Bradford, governor of the Plymouth Colony, called for a day of thanksgiving



ing after their first harvest.

Indian Chief Massasoit and 90 of his people joined the three-day feast, contributing deer to the menu.

Four of the colonists also hunted for the feast. Prominent on the menu

were numerous wild turkeys, then common in the woods of Massachusetts. From this circumstance, the Thanksgiving feast was associated with turkey.

No record has come down to us about a day of thanksgiving being declared in 1622, though if the harvest was good, it may have occurred. According to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, a day of thanksgiving was declared in 1623 to celebrate rainfall after a drought.

After 1630, Thanksgiving Day came to be observed every year after the harvest, and other colonies gradually adopted the practice.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day a national holiday and chose the last Thursday in November. President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the date in 1939 to the fourth Thursday in November.

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choices, the result could be they are incarcerated," Charpentier said. "By providing this information to the students, they can see how they can end up there or avoid it."

The Valley of Lancaster-Littleton has also received praise for co-sponsoring the substance abuse prevention program. The Supreme Council recognized the Valley for its efforts in providing the innovative curriculum as part of the Family Life program. One of 18 winners in last year's contest, the Valley earned a "Special Recognition" award for its part in the program.

Whitney said the program is successful because it is needed, and he hopes that other communities will use it as a pilot program for improving the choices of their youth. Whitney calls the program a "window of opportunity" for students to evaluate their behavior and the possible outcomes.

"There's a real need for this program," he said. "It's a reality check. The kids need to see what the consequences are."

## 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.

**(MANIPULATE) + (SOURCES)**

**– (CROP) + (TRANSCEND) – (RULE)**

**+ (GROWS) – (TREAT) + (REMITTANCE)**

**– (WINNING) – (CEASE) – (SAND)**

**– (SMART)**

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**Clue for this puzzle appears on page 18.**

**Answer from previous issue: TEMPLE**



# VIEWS FROM THE PAST

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

## The Loss of Conscience

Our words are often a good reflection of the state of society. For example, how long has it been since you have heard someone say, "Let your conscience be your guide?"

Perhaps you can remember when people talked about having "a clear conscience." But if you think about it for a moment, "conscience" has just about disappeared from our conversation.

There may be efforts to erase conscience from daily use. Some so-called experts believe children will lead happier lives if they are not bothered by a "bad conscience." They are trying to get us to believe that it harms youngsters to grow up being controlled by the "little voice" most of us call conscience.

That seems strange because I know many a man who freely admits that he has stayed on the straight-and-narrow path simply because of that "voice from within."

In fact, it just could be that conscience is what makes us most human. Why is it that so many people today find it easy to ignore the plight of those around them? Is it because they have never developed a strong conscience? And what about so many people who are always ready to give of themselves, as well as their time and money, for those in need? I firmly believe it is because they grew up with a conscience that pointed them in the right direction.

"Let your conscience be your guide" were the only words necessary to keep people on the right track not too long ago. A man knew the difference between right and wrong. The "inner voice" spoke clearly. It left us a little uneasy at times but there was also a sense of pride in having remained true to our beliefs. We discovered that there was nothing more pow-

erful than doing what was right.

No one ever had to tell us what to do or what decision to make, because we *knew* how to act.

To those who think it is fashionable to seek greater personal freedom by shrugging off the constraints of conscience, it might be well to recall the words of Adolph Hitler — "I am liberating man from the degrading chimera known as conscience." Thanks to men of conscience, Hitler did not succeed!

Whether it is fighting for morality, building a stronger sense of patriotism, making hard choices, or simply using our time wisely, we need men who are willing to let their conscience be their guide.

— From a message by Sovereign  
Grand Commander Stanley F. Maxwell,  
33°, in *The Northern Light*, April 1985

## Masonic Zip-nificance

According to Alphonse Cerza in his article "The Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction," published by the Masonic Service Association, September 1967, some places and streets bear names that have Masonic significance. Some may be merely a coincidence; others may have been named because of a Masonic connection. For example: *Anchor*, Illinois; *Beehive*, Montana; *Boaz*, Alabama; *Charity*, Missouri; *Circle*, Montana; *Cowan*, Tennessee; *Emblem*, Wyoming; *Eureka*, West Virginia; *Faith*, South Dakota; *False Pass*, Alaska; *Fidelity*, Illinois; *Five Points*, Alabama and Tennessee; *Freeborn*, Minnesota; *Grand Pass*, Missouri; *Grotto*, Washington; *Hiram*, Maine and Ohio; *Hope*, Alaska and Minnesota; *Jachin*, Alabama; *Justice*, Illinois; *Lodge*, South Carolina; *Mason*,

Kentucky; *Mason City*, Iowa; *Masonic Home*, Kentucky; *Masontown*, West Virginia; *Medinah*, Illinois (after Shrine Temple in Chicago); *Mount Moriah*, Missouri; *Red Jacket*, West Virginia; *Square*, Montana; *Sophia*, West Virginia; *Steward*, Illinois; *Symbol*, Kentucky; *Temperance*, Michigan; *Tyler*, Texas; *Wisdom*, Montana.

There is an *Acacia Road* in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There is a *Mason Street* in Boise, Idaho; Chicago, Illinois; Evanston, Illinois; Joliet, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Springfield, Illinois. Norfolk, Virginia has a *Freemasons Street*. There is a *Masonic Avenue* in San Francisco, California.

— From *Tied to Masonic Apron Strings*,  
by Stewart M.L. Pollard, 33°, 1969

## Communication

In recent years, the rules concerning solicitation have been given a more liberal interpretation. I doubt that any member who believes someone should join our fraternity has any difficulty in communicating that feeling within the present interpretation of the solicitation rule. The problem, however, is the age-old feeling against solicitation and the fraternity's failure to encourage all worthy and well-qualified men to become members. As with other areas, Masonry has no clear goal in this area.

Some Masonic organizations have activities which receive good participation from their members. Others have almost no activities and, in fact, have difficulty finding a quorum for a stated meeting.

We must recognize that activities promote our vision and our mission. Activities that meet the needs of members should be required of all Masonic bodies. For example, the National Shrine Task Force on Membership has proposed an excellent list of such needs: fellowship, friendship, enjoyable activities, community service, family participation, leadership opportunities, and networking with peers in a prestigious organization.



## is Key to Membership

Obviously all organizations cannot offer all activities to all people. However, organizations should be required to meet their stated goals in terms of the activities that they sponsor.

We have also failed to communicate with those brothers who are not active in our fraternity, although they represent a large majority of those who hold membership in many Masonic bodies. Most of these brothers continue their membership because of their pride in being a member of our fraternity.

We must look for ways to reach those who do not participate and to assist them to feel better about Masonry even though they might not participate. As an example, we might require a personal contact with each member who has not participated in at least one activity during the preceding year. We could express appreciation to that brother for his support, assure him that his membership is important to the fraternity, give him the highlights of the accomplishments

of our fraternity during the preceding year, ask him what our organization should be doing or not doing, and give him a personal invitation to come to any of the activities in which he might be interested.

Membership should not be looked upon primarily as an opportunity to participate in Masonic meetings and activities, although this is certainly a desirable benefit. Membership should be looked upon first and foremost as an opportunity to unite with other like-minded people to accomplish our vision and our mission and to be a source for good in the world.

Membership should be encouraged for non-Masons who want to be part of a force for good in the world without participating in organized activities. Our requirements for membership should be designed to meet the needs of this large group.

— From an editorial by Bill C. Anthis, Deputy for Indiana Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, published in *The Double Eagle*, Winter, 1994-95

## Keep it under your hat

I lifted the following anecdote from "The Trestleboard" of one of our lodges, and it is reprinted here with no further acknowledgment.

"The lodge had just opened. As the Master looked around the

lodge room he noticed a brother in the back row of the southwest corner who was wearing a hat.

"Not wanting to embarrass the brother, the Master called on the Senior Deacon to quietly ascertain why the brother was wearing a hat.

"After a whispered conversation with the offending brother, the Senior Deacon reported back to the Master.

"He said that the brother was overjoyed to be asked. It seems that it was the third time he had attended that lodge, and this was the first time anyone had spoken to him.

"Could this have happened in your lodge?"

— From the *Indiana Freemason*, by Alan G. Lisle, editor. Published Summer of 1994



Masons are getting less secretive these days.

## Quick Quotes

There is in the worst of fortune, the best of chances for a happy change.  
*Euripides*

A window of opportunity will not open itself.  
*Michael Crichton*

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars.  
*Elbert Hubbard*

The most important political office is that of private citizen.  
*Louis Brandeis*

It doesn't matter whether you are a man or a woman. What matters is your grasp of the problems and the need for action.  
*Margaret Thatcher*

The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.  
*John Ruskin*

Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences of each.  
*Henry David Thoreau*

Everybody is creative, and everybody is talented. I just don't think that everybody is disciplined. I think that's a rare commodity.  
*Al Hirschfeld*

When you don't know what you want, you often end up where you don't want to be.  
*Bob Greene*

You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.  
*Mark Twain*

They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.  
*Andy Warhol*

We're all only fragile threads, but what a tapestry we make.  
*Jerry Ellis*

Courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest in the grateful and appreciating heart.  
*Henry Clay*



## ■ Consider the power of self-discipline

Psychiatrist M. Scott Peck says most people think that the point of life is to be happy. But, says Peck, life is really about self-improvement.

The only way we can improve ourselves is through discipline.

Peck, author of the bestselling book, *The Road Less Traveled*, says happiness is about personal power and competence. But what happens is, as soon as you become more competent, either God or life gives you bigger problems to deal with. There is some joy, however, in knowing that you're solving big problems instead of little ones.

Discipline suffers from an image problem in our culture, says Peck. People think of it as something that's imposed on them rather than as a form of self-love, which it is.

## ■ How grandparents affect kids' lives

College students surveyed by the Bellevue University in Nebraska said what most of us already know: Grandparents had (and still have) a strong influence on their lives.

Grandmothers and grandfathers gave them a sense of self, family history, tradition and roots. And they greatly improved beliefs the kids had about adult life.

Lucinda Franks, gerontologist who led the study, says there is strong evidence that grandchildren want and need contact with their elders.



## ■ Can you get a mortgage insurance refund?

Check your PMI (Private Mortgage Insurance). It was required when you bought your home if you paid less than 20% down.

PMI guarantees that your mortgage will be paid in full should you die, but it usually raises costs by 2%. On a \$100,000 loan, that's about \$500 each year.

If you worry that a breadwinner's death could cost you your home, buy term insurance. It's cheaper and can be used for anything you need.

## ■ November: Time to plant bulbs

Tulip bulbs have been in the stores for weeks, but now is the perfect time to plant them.

When tulips are planted too early, foliage could develop, and there is then a concern about winter injury, say experts at the Cooperative Extension Office. By November, soil temperatures are low enough to prevent foliage growth.

Choose the right spots for your bulbs. The bulb will be preserved year after year, if it is not exposed to excessive moisture that causes rotting. A slightly elevated bed may be most successful. The bulb stays fairly dry, and the roots can soak up the moisture.

## ■ Kids growth minerals

About 80% of 2- to 11-year-olds don't get enough of either iron, zinc, or calcium each day for proper physical growth and brain development. Researchers at Michigan State University in Lansing studied 3,500 kids and found most were calcium deficient. They should drink more milk or chocolate milk and eat low-fat ice cream.

Supplements of zinc and iron aren't recommended, say the doctors. To give kids more of these minerals, serve them ready-to-eat fortified cereals, red meat and poultry. Make sandwiches with whole-grain bread, add beans and greens to soups, and toss nuts and seeds into salads.

## ■ Send kids outside!

Being cooped up inside the house during winter increases a child's risk of getting sick. Start bundling them up and taking them out by age 3, say doctors writing in *Child* magazine. Try ice skating, skiing, snowshoeing, building snow forts and snowmen.

## ■ More kids shop online

About half of U.S. teenagers are online, says NFO Interactive, a Greenwich, Conn., researcher. They estimate that kids from ages 5 to 18 will spend \$1.3 billion online by the year 2002, up from an expected \$1.9 million this year.

How do they pay for it? An estimated 7 out of 10 college students now have their own credit cards, just for starters.

Several vendors plan to issue Web-only debit cards that let teens buy items from their sites. Kids will deposit money into an account and show the account number at a site to make purchases. As one parent says, this will make getting a driver's license and a checking account a distant second and third to the most important thing in life, the Web credit card.

With young people spending an average of seven hours a week online, many parents see the Web as a negative influence.

## ■ 'Breaking Bread' game

Set a bowl with pens and small strips of plain white paper near the front door. When guests arrive, ask them to write something they are thankful for, fold unsigned notes in half and put them into another bowl.

After everyone arrives, the notes are baked each into one crescent roll. (Use tubes of refrigerated dough.) After blessing the meal, ask everyone to break bread and read aloud the enclosed note of thanks.



"We do a lot of stupid things when we're young. So what'll it take to remove that 'Butterball' tattoo?"



## Time for the Year 2000 Calendar

The Millennium 2000 Calendar is in the mail to all Scottish Rite members of the Northern Jurisdiction. As in recent years, the new edition again features original artwork by Doron Ben-Ami highlighting the accomplishments of well-known Masons.

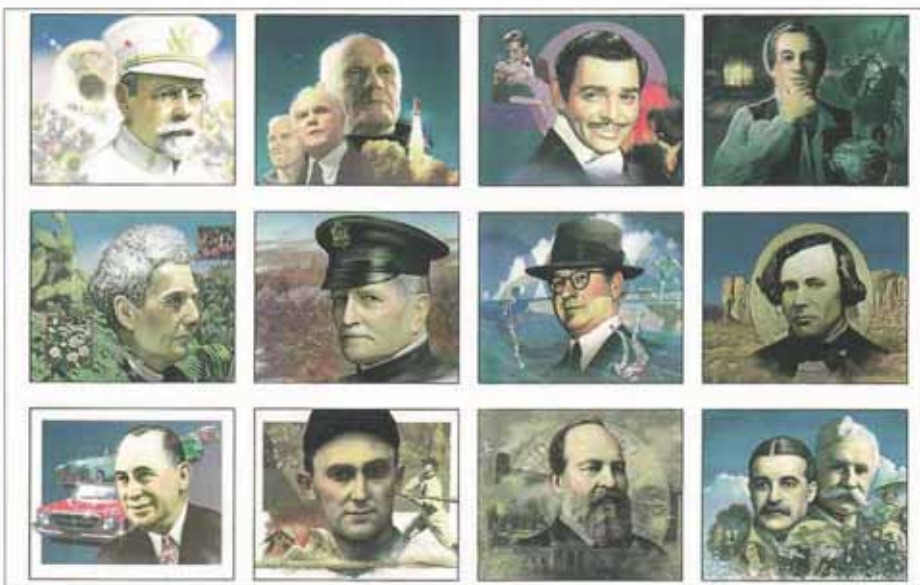
Although the calendars are complimentary, it is hoped recipients will make a donation to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children upon receiving the calendar.

Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, encourages members to further their financial support of the program.

"Many of our Brethren have made generous gifts in support of this program for dyslexic students. Please know that whatever amount you decide to give, you will be helping children overcome their struggles with dyslexia while gaining the pride and self confidence they need to be successful," the Commander said.

The calendar features 12 Masons who have made outstanding contributions to society and who have played a significant role in the legacy of Freemasonry.

Pictured below is the actual artwork in this year's calendar.



**Can you match the name of each Mason listed to his portrait?**

Avery Brundage  
Luther Burbank  
Christopher "Kit" Carson  
Walter P. Chrysler  
Tyrus R. "Ty" Cobb  
Clark Gable

James A. Garfield  
Sir William Gilbert/Sir Arthur Sullivan  
John H. Glenn Jr.  
John J. Pershing  
Paul Revere  
John Philip Sousa

## On the Lighter Side

### It ain't easy getting started

You get a new computer and you're bound to ask one or two silly questions. But don't tell that to tech support people; they've heard every question imaginable. The Web is full of technical support stories, true and apocryphal. Some of the best:

- One computer maker considered changing the instruction "Press Any Key" to "Press Return Key," because too many people called to ask where the "Any" key was located.

- One customer complained that the computer's cup holder had broken. Questioning revealed that she was using the CD-ROM drawer to hold soft drinks.

- Another complained of receiving defective diskettes and was asked to send copies. A few days later, photocopies of the floppies arrived.

- A customer said that the computer wouldn't fax anything. He was holding a paper in front of the screen to "send" it.

- A caller reported that the computer insisted that it couldn't find the printer. He said he turned the computer around to face the printer, but the computer still couldn't find it.

- One caller thought the mouse was a foot pedal.

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# Celebration 2000!

**A Fun-filled New England Family Vacation in July**

The Scottish Rite Supreme Council will host a Family Day at the headquarters in Lexington, Mass.

Be a part of the Scottish Rite millennium celebration. Bring your family and friends to the Scottish Rite Family Day on Saturday, July 29.

Family-oriented events will take place throughout the day on the 22-acre grounds of the Supreme Council headquarters and the Museum of Our National Heritage.

Observe a brief cornerstone-laying ceremony for the addition to the new headquarters.

Enjoy the picnic.

If you plan to make it a weekend trip, you can choose from five hotels and receive free shuttle service between your hotel and the museum. See list of hotels on the back cover of this issue.

Then choose from the list of optional tour packages for Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. Visit historic sites in Boston and vicinity.



## *Optional Tour Packages* (Available on Thursday, Friday and Sunday)

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|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Tour 1</b> A 4-hour bus tour of <b>Boston and Cambridge:</b> includes the Back Bay, Freedom Trail, North End, Charlestown Navy Yard and Harvard Square.  | <b>\$22</b><br>per person |
| <b>Tour 2</b> Boston's Famous <b>Duck Tours:</b> A 90-minute tour of Boston on an aquatic land rover. See Boston by land and by sea! Visit all the major sites including Boston's Public Gardens, Old North Church and sites along the Charles River.               | <b>\$24</b><br>per person |
| <b>Tour 3</b> <b>Plimouth Plantation/Lexington and Concord.</b> An 8-hour bus tour w/guide. Visit Lexington Green and Concord, North Bridge. Then travel one hour to Plymouth to visit the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock and Plimoth Plantation.                         | <b>\$54</b><br>per person |
| <b>Tour 4</b> <b>Whale Watch Cruise/Cape Cod Bay:</b> A full-day tour. Travel south to picturesque Cape Cod and cruise the bay to see whales in their natural habitat. Also visit Hyannis with time for shopping.   | <b>\$70</b><br>per person |
| <b>Tour 5</b> <b>Salem and Marblehead:</b> A 6-hour tour, traveling along coastal roads to Castle Rock with visits to Salem's famous House of the Seven Gables and the beautiful harbor sites of Marblehead with time for shopping at the many boutiques and shops. | <b>\$33</b><br>per person |



Lexington Minute Man



# Footnotes\*

\* **August delay.** As we mentioned earlier, the August issue of *The Northern Light* was delayed through a number of circumstances. Most of you received it only weeks before this issue. The delay made us realize that some members suffer with withdrawal symptoms when the magazine does not arrive on time. One reader even called three times to make sure his name had not been removed from the mailing list. To put his mind at ease, we offered to read the copy to him on the phone and assured him that he would eventually receive it in print. We apologize for the delay and appreciate your understanding.

\* **Welcome.** We welcome to our magazine staff Robin Robinson, who will be an assistant to the editor. She will write occasional articles, assist with the preparation of the magazine, and become involved with other materials published by the Supreme Council.

No newcomer to the field of journalism, Robin received her bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Maine at Orono and a master's degree in writing and publishing at Emerson College, Boston. More recently she has been the editor for a weekly community newspaper. Her expertise is a great addition as we approach the new millennium.

\* **Masonic giants.** In the February issue, we asked for your assistance in identifying "Masonic giants," the quiet Masons who uphold the Masonic principles and display the true meaning of the fraternity.

We highlighted a few in the May issue, but we continue to receive additional suggestions. Most recently we heard from Walter J. Sauer, 32°, a member of the Valley of Cincinnati now living in Florida. He sent along a copy of the October 1997 issue of *The Florida Horse*, in which Brother Fred W. Hooper, 32°, was featured on the cover.

Brother Hooper, a member of the Southern Jurisdiction, just celebrated his 102nd birthday on Oct. 6,

and is still ambulatory. The owner of Hooper Farms in Ocala, FL, raises horses. His first Thoroughbred won the Kentucky Derby in 1945. In earlier years he owned Hooper Construction Company and built roads, dams, bridges, airports and buildings throughout the Southeast.

Brother Sauer has known his "giant" for more than 30 years and has been impressed with the way he conducts himself as a Mason should.

\* **Florida snowbirds.** It seems to be an annual reminder to all who head to Florida for the winter. Once again we call your attention to the winter luncheon meetings in that state for NMJ 33° members and their spouses.

If you are in the southwest area of Florida, you will find monthly luncheons from November through April. The contacts are Ill. Ed Orban, 33°, (941-947-3572) or Ill. Harlan Hatfield, 33°, (941-772-1165).

For those in the Tampa area, the luncheon meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month from November through April. For more information, contact Ill. Stanley E. Moulton, 33°, at 941-382-3669 or drop him a note at 2117 Jacaranda Way, Sebring, FL 33872.

\* **Publishing at 100.** Another Masonic "giant" and centenarian is Ill. John H. VanGorden, 33°, an Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council. Jack reached the milestone in May but doesn't let age or failing sight get in his way.

Recently he coauthored a book with Suzanne Meredith. *Footsteps in Kindness* is a study on the life of Jack VanGorden. In it he provides some words of wisdom and relays to Suzanne some of his highlights of the century.

Over the years he has written a number of books. Used as excellent resource books are his lists of "Characters" from Biblical, Modern, Ancient and Medieval history. He also was the instigator of what is now known as *Masonic Philanthropies*.

\* **Milestone.** We have just completed 30 years of publishing *The Northern Light*. During the course of that period a lot of Masonic subjects have been covered, including the past, present and future.

How time flies when you're having fun! It almost seems like yesterday when we arrived in the summer of 1969 to begin preparation of the very first issue of the magazine. We've covered many events over the decades, and we've made so many friends.

Our goal is to continue to improve the quality of the magazine. We welcome your suggestions.

\* **Back copies.** We get frequent requests for back copies of *The Northern Light* and occasionally like to remind our readers that back copies are available for most editions dating back to its origin in 1970. The cost is \$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.

An index has been prepared every five years. Copies of each five-year index are still available and will be sent on request at no charge.

The most recent index covering the period from 1995-99 is nearing completion and should be available soon. If you wish to receive a copy, let us know so that we can send one along as soon as it is published.

Also available are open-end slipcases for magazine storage. Each slipcase conveniently stores the magazines for a five-year period. The cost is \$6 per slipcase.



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## Celebration 2000!

A Fun-filled New England Family Weekend in July  
at

Supreme Council Headquarters, Lexington, MA

### July 29, 2000

#### Hotel Packages

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|---------------------------|--------|
| #1. Ramada, Bedford       | \$88*  |
| per room/per night        |        |
| includes breakfast daily  |        |
| #2. Wyndham, Burlington   | \$89*  |
| per room/per night        |        |
| #3. Westin, Waltham       | \$130* |
| per room/per night        |        |
| #4. Colonial Inn, Concord | \$159* |
| per room/per night        |        |
| #5. Park Plaza, Boston    | \$186* |
| per room/per night        |        |

\*plus tax

#### plus Optional Sightseeing Tours

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|---|-------------|
| Tour 1: Boston, Cambridge                             | \$22/person |
| Tour 2: Duck Tours                                    | \$24/person |
| Tour 3: Plimouth Plantation,<br>Lexington and Concord | \$54/person |
| Tour 4: Whale Watch Cruise                            | \$70/person |
| Tour 5: Salem, Marblehead                             | \$33/person |

(Tour details on page 29)



Join other Scottish Rite families in a memorable summer weekend commemorating the new addition to the Supreme Council headquarters building, as well as the 25th anniversary of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage. A picnic and various entertaining events will be held on the grounds on Saturday, July 29.

Optional sightseeing tours of the surrounding historical area are available July 27, 28 and 30. Choose between five available hotel and tour packages to complete your weekend celebration.

Hotel and tour arrangements made by Garden City Travel Services  
(617-969-2323 or 800-322-7447)

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Mail to: Garden City Travel Services, 233 Needham St., Newton MA 02464

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☐ Hotel Package # \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Tour(s) # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Optional Tour(s) \_\_\_\_\_ available 7/27, 28 & 30

\$100 per person deposit required to reserve space

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