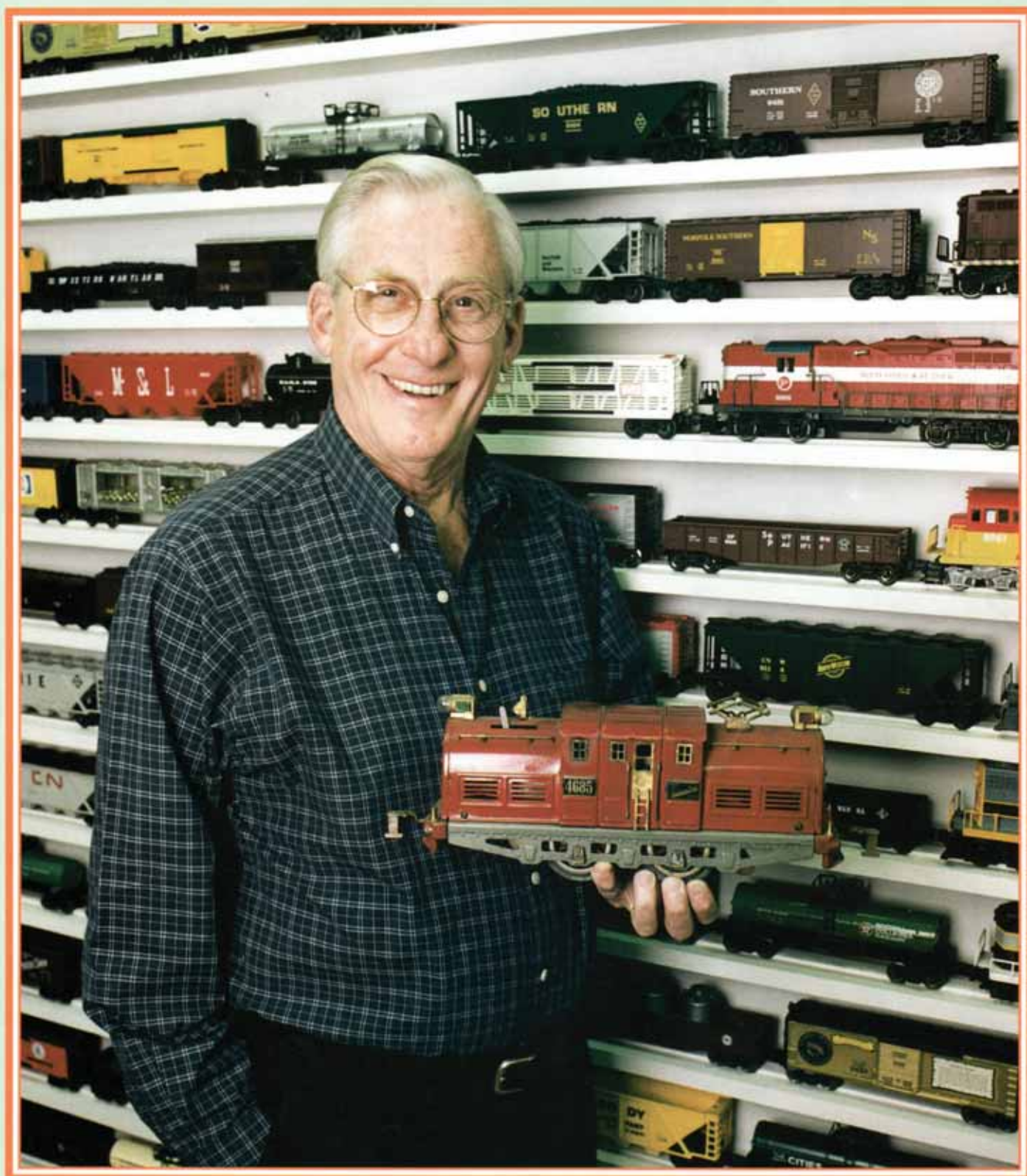


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A WINDOW FOR FREEMASONRY





# It's so easy to miss the message



**Robert O. Ralston, 33°**  
Sovereign Grand  
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You can probably recall your surprise the first time you opened a birthday card and it played "Happy Birthday." Opening and closing the card several times, you could hardly believe your ears. Those greeting cards are more amazing than we might imagine. It's said that there is more computing power in one of those cards than there was in the world in 1950.

A friend of mine was told that the new laptop computer he carries around in a briefcase is more powerful than the first Cray Supercomputer of just 20 years ago. The speed of today's technology almost takes your breath away. "I never thought I would live to see that." We find ourselves repeating those words almost every day as we encounter one wave after another of seemingly endless innovation.

There may be more than amazement in all this. In *Stories of Mr. Mouche*, French writer Jean-Luc Coudray brings us up short. The author writes,

Mr. Mouche climbed on his horse and rode it beautifully.

"You must be proud of yourself," said the professor.

"No," replied Mr. Mouche.

"Still, your horse goes exactly where you want it to go," said the professor.

"That's because I always want to go exactly where the horse wants to go," replied Mr. Mouche.

In an ever-changing world that staggers the imagination, it's easy to be swept along one way or another without even realizing it. Some of the popular phrases of the day encourage us to forget about setting our own course: "Don't fight it. Go with the flow." "Make the best of it. There's nothing you can do about it, anyway." "Hey, that's just the way it is." "Relax. Everything works out for the best."

While there's something to be said for taking a deep breath and not creating situations that produce unnecessary stress, this viewpoint flies in the face of why most of us are Masons. Symbolic Masonry arose out of the belief that we can lift ourselves out of the flow through knowledge and values.

This idea has practical consequences for Masons. We don't go with the flow, and we often defy what others assume to be inevitable. Our heritage forces us to ask the right questions: "Is this the way it should be?" and "What can be done to make it better?" Our Masonic rituals are constant reminders of who we are and where we should be going.

All this came into clear focus when I thought about Timmy, a fine nine-year-old youngster from New Jersey with dyslexia. When some of us heard him describe his experience at one of our 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, he was exuberant when he said, "I can be anything I want to be now, because I can read."

Timmy understood our Masonic mission in helping others, perhaps better than we do ourselves. He recognized that the objective was not just learning to read. That was only important because of what he was free to do with his life because of it.

For too long, these youngsters have gone with the flow, having little or no reason to hope that they could turn dreams into reality. While it's exciting to know that we're teaching children to read, giving them a whole new future is far more wonderful.

It seems so simple, but it takes a nine-year-old to help us see the picture. The next time someone says, "Don't fight it. Just go with the flow," be sure to tell them about Timmy.

*Robert O. Ralston*  
Sovereign Grand Commander



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# Toy Trains and Old Cars

By S. JOSIAH PENBERTHY JR., 33°

*Childhood fascination with Lionel comes to life for Detroit Mason*

The little boy of moderate means was a happy lad, content with the toys his loving parents provided for him. But one day, the seven year old spotted some rusty toy railroad track in a trash barrel. Further probing revealed a rusty engine, a dented coal car, a caboose and one or two railroad cars, none of which would exceed today's classification as "junk." As the boy's excitement grew, he found a transformer and realized that he now possessed a "gold mine!"

The young lad's father moved into action in an attempt to repair and salvage his excited son's newly-found treasure. Being the wise father that he surely was, he engineered the project in the direction of creating the belief into his son's mind that he had repaired the rusty train himself. After considerable thought and creativity, the electric train was again on the move.

No one privy to this episode could possibly predict that this event would have such an enormous impact on the lad. Young Richard Kughn became a life long "kid!" (Isn't that what most of us would like to be?)

As much as he dreamed of owning the Lionel Train Company and be able to stand at the end of the production line to take home whatever he wanted,



little Richard didn't realize that he *really would* do it one day!

Yes, Dick Kughn actually bought the Lionel Train Company — but he quickly learned that even *he* had to buy those toy goodies just like everyone else.

The resources to make a purchase the magnitude of the Lionel Train Company possible did not just appear with the wave of some magic wand. No, Richard Kughn had to earn it.

In 1955, Kughn joined the fledgling Taubman Company in Detroit, developer of what is commonly known as "strip malls," where he worked his way up from an estimator to president by 1969. In another ten years, he became vice-chairman of the corporation, a post he held until his retirement in 1983. During Kughn's tenure, the Taubman Company was developing more

architecturally aesthetic and huge, fully enclosed shopping malls, some of the largest and most successful in the United States.

Beginning in California, they created a path all the way to the east coast. In home-based Michigan are "Twelve Oaks," "Fairlane Town Center," "Briarwood," "Lake Side" and "Woodland." In Los Angeles there is "Beverly Center," in San Jose there's "East Ridge," in Concord there's "Sunvalley," and "Hill-top" in Richmond, California.

Not too far away is "Meadow-wood" in Reno, Nevada; "Woodfield" in the Chicago area, and "Northridge" in Milwaukee.

Then there's "Crossroads" in Fairfax, Virginia; "The Mall at Short Hills" in Short Hills, New Jersey; "Westfarms" in Hartford and "Stamford Town Center" in Stamford, Connecticut; "Lakeforest" in Gaithersburg, Maryland. And of course there's "Queens Center" in Queens, New York. There are more.

Dick's love of toy model trains was not in a diminishing state. Not at all. In fact, he collected several full-sized railroad cars including the "Fair Lane," the private business rail car of the late Henry Ford I, which Dick and his wife, Linda, recently donated to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.

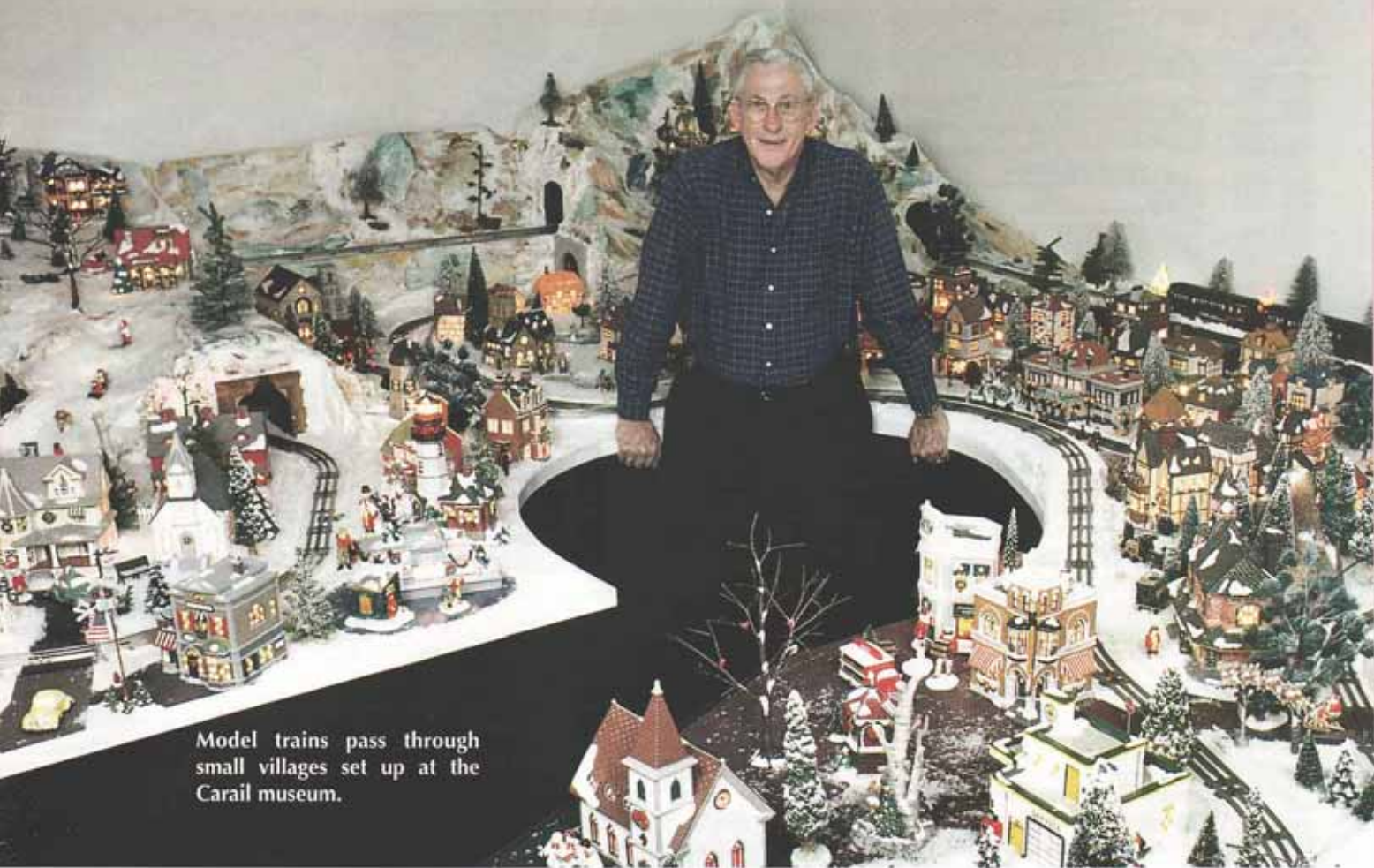
As Dick was joyously expanding his collection of model trains, he was also extending his love of antique automobiles by expanding that collection.

As one might imagine, the problem of logistics did not take long to become a reality, what with renting neighborhood garages in which to store those antique automobiles. So he bought an empty bowling alley not far from his home in northwest Detroit and quickly



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Model trains pass through small villages set up at the Carail museum.

turned it into a museum.

His wife and three children took little time to give a name to his museum. His son opined that inasmuch as the place was a display area for so many of his antique automobiles as well as those hundreds (later thousands) of model trains, why not call it "Carail." Carail became a private museum which Dick frequently rents for civic and corporate gatherings in Detroit.

At Carail may be found a remarkable array of Dusenbergs, Packards, Cords, Auburns, Rolls Royces, Fords, Cadillacs, Mercedes and most other name plates we are all familiar with — and many we never heard of — more than 55 at Carail, nearly all restored to "better than new" condition, with the overflow of 100 more resting in his warehouse for the occasional change of displays.

Many interesting and unusual cars of the past are housed at Carail, such as the Lincoln commissioned to be built for the exclusive use of England's King George VI and his Queen during their Canadian visit in 1939, and the 1941 Cadillac General Eisenhower paraded before the cheering throngs at his

homecoming after leading the victorious European Allied forces in World War II.

There are other notable cars, too, such as the Mercedes Adolph Hitler presented to Joseph Stalin, (which, incidentally, Dick no longer has) or from Hollywood, Jimmy Cagney's 1940 Packard. There are many others as well to add to the fascination of the tantalizing display.

One can well imagine the problem of restoration faced by a collector of so many treasures. Dick was no exception, so he formed his own car restoration company, fittingly named, "Classic Auto Restoration" in Farmington, Michigan, for just such a task, not only for his exclusive needs, and for a time, for anyone else who had an antique automobile in need of restoration.

While being chairman of his asset management company, Kughn Enterprises and the numerous businesses it embraces is certainly impressive in itself when one considers the vast number of civic positions and the number of awards and citations Kughn has received through the years. They serve to balance any thoughts one might con-

jure of selfish, bourgeois attitudes such holdings might be inclined to generate.

The true incentive for Dick possessing such entities as Carail and Lionel Train Company, can be attributed to his simple romance with toy trains and love of antique automobiles. The financial position in which he found himself was merely the catalyst to make those things happen.

His good friend and former neighbor, Frank Stella, is quoted as saying that Kughn is "a very generous and outstanding community man." A testimony to this is the "Humanitarian of the Year" award he received from the Metropolitan Detroit chapter of the March of Dimes several years ago and the "City of Hope Spirit of Life Award."

In a discussion of Dick's purchase of the Lionel Train Company, John McCarthy, his partner in another project, expressed the opinion that Dick bought the company "because he wanted the train company to survive. He couldn't bear the thought of children not having toy train sets underneath their Christmas trees." That says volumes of the personal and inner senses of Richard Kughn.





Among his collection of antique cars are (at right) a 1915 Brewster and a 1910 Chalmers, and (below) an 1895 Hurtu velocipede.



➤ Another thoroughbred in the stable of Kughn Enterprises is the Whitney Restaurant. The David Whitney Jr. mansion of some 55 rooms, having stood majestically at the corner of Canfield Street and Woodward in Detroit since 1894, faced a frowning wrecking ball when Dick Kughn rescued it in 1979. Following some sprucing up, he utilized the mansion for his company offices. This former home of one of the country's great lumber barons of the 19th century was so beautiful, Dick toyed with the idea of turning it into a restaurant, so that fully restored to its former regal glory, it could be enjoyed in a new light.

Having learned a hard lesson by the failure of a previous restaurant experiment, this new undertaking must utilize the most successful restaurateurs. Ever since the opening day of the "Whitney" in 1986, it has persisted in maintaining its place as one of the culinary leaders in the Detroit area.

Before the total renovation of the Whitney in the mid 1980s, Kughn signed on as a contributor to the production of the motion picture, "Assignment Berlin," filmed in costume in Detroit, a film in which a number of Dick's antique autos of the teen years appeared. The Whitney and the Detroit Masonic Temple served as primary locations of many of the period interior shots. Almost unnoticed, Dick, himself, portrayed a costumed chauffeur for one of those antique limousines in the film.

"Assignment Berlin," which was not a box office success, served to whet Dick's appetite for film production. Several years later he teamed up with others to form "Longbow Productions" in Studio City, California. One of Longbow's early productions was "League of Their Own" which starred Gena Davis, Tom Hanks, Madonna, Rosie O'Donnell and others, establishing a strong beginning which carries on today. Just this fall, "Forever Love" and "Little Girl, Fly Away" have appeared as CBS television features.

Those "ultimate" collections really don't take all of his time. Dick is president of the Whitney Restaurant Corporation and is chairman emeritus of Lionel Train Company, having sold

the company in 1995. He is also active with many professional and civic organizations.

A member of Redford Lodge No. 152, Detroit, since 1962, Brother Kughn joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit in 1974. He received the 33° in September during the Supreme Council session at Cincinnati, where he was a keynote speaker.

An ancestor of Dick's and one of history's most successful entrepreneurs, businessmen and diplomats, as well as a gentleman and Mason of some nine generations standing, cousin Benjamin Franklin, would be proud of Richard Kughn. (We wonder about "Poor Richard's Almanac" at this point). Providential, to be sure. 🍀

At the Carail, tables set for banquets and functions are surrounded by antique cars and model trains.





# Annual Meeting Highlights

## Update on action taken

At this year's Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, several changes were made to the official tableau.

Retiring as an Active Member at the mandatory age of 75 was Ill. John Willard McNaughton, 33°, of Indiana. He was replaced by his son, Ill. John William McNaughton, 33°, a member of the Valley of Evansville. The elder McNaughton became an Active Emeritus Member.

Ill. Brother McNaughton also retired as the Grand Minister of State. Elected to fill that vacancy was Ill. Robert W. Clarke, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts. Ill. Brother Clarke will retain his position as Deputy.

Ill. Dale O. Babbitt, 33°, stepped down as Deputy for Wisconsin. Replacing him in that capacity is Ill. Donald J. Soberg, 33°.

Also elected as a new Active Member was Ill. Gary A. Henningsen, 33°, a member of the Valley of Rockville Centre, NY, and Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of New York.

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



Ohio Grand Master Michael Watson, 33°, served as the host Grand Master for the General Sessions and sat in the East with the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Masonic Jurisdiction were in attendance. The host Grand Master, M.W. Michael Watson of Ohio, welcomed the members to Cincinnati.

Also attending were representatives from 18 other Supreme Councils from around the world as well as leaders of appendant bodies in the United States.

Representing the Order of DeMolay was Jeff R. English, International Master Councilor, who addressed the gathering. He was introduced by Samuel L. Cole Jr., 32°, DeMolay Grand Master.

Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, announced the appointment of four new Emeriti Members of Honor. They are Ill. Bernardino Solorzano

C., 33°, of El Salvador; Ill. Carlos Reyes G., 33°, of Panama; Ill. Georgios Halkiotis, 33°, of Greece, and Ill. Jacques Van de Calseyde, 33°, of Belgium. Each is Sovereign Grand Commander of his respective Supreme Council.

**Constitutional changes.** Several constitutional changes were announced during the General Sessions. Following a two-year review, a committee headed by Grand Lt. Commander Lawrence D. Inglis, 33°, recommended that the corporate bylaws be updated. The committee's recommendation was approved. The result brings uniformity to the bylaws of the Trustees, the Museum, and the Learning Centers corporations.

Following a three-year trial, the Deputy's Representative program has become permanent. The program allows Deputies the option of appointing an individual to represent him in carrying out the Supreme Council pro-

### NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS



McNAUGHTON  
Indiana



HENNINGSSEN  
New York





Attending the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council were Grand Masters from 14 states within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. They were: (seated) Stanley S. Sheldon Jr., Connecticut; Richard Schanda, New Hampshire; Arthur E. Johnson, Massachusetts; Grand Commander Ralston; C. Michael Watson, Ohio; Benny L. Grisham, Illinois, and James L. Ernette,

Pennsylvania. (Standing) Ronald W. Simpson, Rhode Island; Edward J. Wildblood Jr., Vermont; Stewart C. McCloud, New York; Ross Van Ness Beyer, New Jersey; Robert E. Hancock Jr., Indiana; Herbert P. Fulmer, Delaware, and Lawrence L. Myers, Wisconsin. Also in attendance but not present for the photo was Douglas F. Hegyi, Michigan.

grams on the Valley level. A number of states are expected to implement the program.


To comply with a 1996 decision to remove the ballot for new Scottish Rite candidates, the Constitutions were amended to remove the need for a ballot for a demit requesting reinstatement.

In other action, the Deputy has been given the authority to remove a Valley officer or employee if circumstances require.

**Valleys.** The Valley of Lewiston-Auburn, ME, received approval for a requested name change so that it will now be called the Valley of the Androscoggin. The new Valley name represents the area of the Androscoggin River.

Also approved was a request from the Valley of Cortland, NY, to surrender the charter for the Council of Princes of Jerusalem. The Valley will continue to function with a Lodge of Perfection.

**Other action.** During the course of his Allocation, the Grand Commander announced that funding has been approved to proceed with plans for a proposed new Learning Center and headquarters building at Lexington adjacent to the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage. See page 16 for details.

Also announced were tentative plans for a major celebration in preparation for the next millennium. See separate story on page 14. 

Representing those who are directly involved in the hands-on teaching of dyslexic children was Jeanne Anderson, director of the Carl and Edyth Lindner 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in Cincinnati. She outlined the progress of the Cincinnati program and introduced one of the students at the Center.





## Two Receive Gourgas Medal

The prestigious Gourgas Medal was presented to two recipients at the Supreme Council meeting in Cincinnati.

At the General Session, Grand Commander Ralston announced the selection of Ill. Carl H. Lindner Jr., 33°, of Cincinnati. Ill. Brother Lindner turned a small dairy business into one of the major financial holding compa-

nies in America. He is founder and principal shareholder of the American Financial Corporation. He also is chairman of the board and CEO of Great American Communications Corporation, the Penn Central Corporation, and United Brands Company.

Commander Ralston pointed out that "Ill. Brother Lindner's great prominence in the world of finance has afforded him opportunities for public service given to few men. His beneficence includes not only financial support but active participation as well."

As major contributors to the Cincinnati Children's Learning Center, he and his wife Edyth were honored by having the Center named for them. Carl's father held his Masonic membership in high regard, so that he and his brothers joined at an early age. They are all members of Melrose Lodge No. 671, Norwood, Ohio, and have held membership in the Scottish Rite Valley of



Ill. Brother Inglis (right) presented the Gourgas Medal to Grand Commander Ralston.



Ill. Brother Lindner became the 30th recipient of the Gourgas Medal.

Cincinnati for more than 50 years. Carl received the 33° in 1984.

At the conclusion of the vesper service on Sunday evening, it came as a complete surprise to the Sovereign Grand Commander when the Grand Lt. Commander, Ill. Lawrence D. Inglis, 33°, called Commander Ralston forward to announce that without his knowledge the Active Members had voted to present the Grand Commander with the Gourgas Medal.

Ill. Brother Inglis cited his leadership role in moving the Supreme Council in new directions.

### About the Gourgas Medal

The Gourgas Medal, the highest award that can be conferred by the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, is named in honor of Ill. John James Joseph Gourgas, 33°, one of the founders of this Supreme Council. Gourgas was Grand Secretary General for this organization from its beginning in 1813 until 1832, when he became Sovereign Grand Commander, an office he held until 1851. He was known as the "Conservator of the Scottish Rite." The medal is conferred for "notably distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, humanity or country. It was established in 1938, but the first presentation was not made until 1945.



Ill. John Willard McNaughton, 33°, was thanked by Grand Commander Ralston for his service as Grand Minister of State and Active Member for Indiana. Ill. Brother McNaughton retired to become an Active Emeritus Member.



# Visible in the Community

*Valley of Cambridge, Ohio, helps  
Guernsey County celebrate*

When Guernsey County in southeastern Ohio celebrated its bicentennial in July, more than 100 area clubs and organizations entered floats in a parade that passed through the center of Cambridge.

And the Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Cambridge were there!

At a dinner meeting in May, after all the "business" had been handled, a question was raised, "Are we Masons going to be represented in the big bicentennial parade?"

Everyone admitted that no thought had been given to that. "How about getting on board tonight?" It was done, with a motion and approval.

Judge David E. Ellwood, 33°, and Rev. Kenneth V. Kettlewell, 33°, were authorized to proceed with plans.

The two Brothers came up with three projects aimed at representing Freemasonry. The first was an article for the daily newspaper, *The Jeffersonian*, reminding the community of the contribution made by prominent citizens who were active in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Four men were chosen whose deaths in the past decade were a major loss to the community. They were U.S. Senator Robert Secrest, 33°, U.S. Congressman and Judge John H. Henderson, 33°, community leader Raymond Drake, 33°, and County Auditor Willard Patton, 33°.

This article appeared in the newspaper the week before the parade. It was designed to inform the community of the contribution which some of the Masons have made to the life and development of the area. Its purpose was not to impress the readers with the Masonic activities in which these men had labored, nor the Masonic honors these leaders had received. No doubt some of the readers had not been aware that these men were members of the Masonic fraternity. The purpose was to highlight what Masons have done in the community and in the nation.

The second project was building a float for the parade, with many hands helping. Stanley Nicolozakis, 32°, provided the large truck with an open bed. Michael Carpenter, 32°, painted the signs. The one on the back read simply "Masons." On both sides, signs read: "Since 1834," informing those who lined the streets that the first Masonic lodge in Cambridge was chartered over 150 years ago.

Ill. George L. Barringer, 33°, wearing his George Washington costume with wig and Masonic apron, stood tall and waved at persons on both sides.

Ill. Brother Kettlewell, who is also the Grand Prior for the Supreme Council, was seated at a table with a microphone and repeated his script again and again. "Brother George Washington, wearing his Masonic apron, laid the cornerstone to the capitol of the United States of America on Sept. 18, 1793."

The parade moved right by the Scottish Rite auditorium in Cambridge. Letters on the large marquee announced "Scottish Rite Auditorium." Most Cambridge people are well aware of that facility because it is used for community activities, such as musicals and theatrical productions.



Rev. Ken Kettlewell and Ill. George Barringer appeared on the Scottish Rite float for the bicentennial parade in Cambridge, Ohio.





With Barringer portraying George Washington, Kettlewell announced to the spectators about Washington's role with the U.S. Capitol cornerstone.

The Scottish Rite officers invited everyone to stop in for an open house. It was a hot summer Ohio day, and children with their parents enjoyed the free lemonade which was on a table in front of the building. Even those who didn't go in to look around were free to have a cold drink. This engendered much goodwill.

The officers welcoming all who came along, were Kenneth R. Paden, Thrice Potent Master; Michael C.

Cover, Sovereign Prince; Rev. Ronald V. Fleming, Most Wise Master, and Harry G. Jadwin, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Cambridge Consistory. The secretary of the Valley is E. Glenn Arnold, 33°.

The Valley of Cambridge enjoys the distinction of being the oldest active Scottish Rite body west of the Allegheny Mountains. While it takes second place to the Valley of Cincinnati in date of actual charter, it was at Cam-

bridge that Ill. Killian H. Van Rensselaer, 33°, first began extending the work of Scottish Rite to the west.

An Ohio historical marker was placed near the Scottish Rite building in 1978 through the efforts of the officers and members of the Masonic lodges of the 23rd Masonic District and the Ohio Historical Society.

The Van Rensselaer name looms large in Scottish Rite history in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He received the 33° in 1845 and was elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction the same day. As Deputy for Ohio, he instituted a Lodge of Perfection and Council of Princes of Jerusalem in Columbus, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Cleveland, as well as Cambridge.

He served as Grand Commander of the Supreme Council from 1862-67. When he became active in the Rite, Scottish Rite Masonry was almost unknown. His efforts were primarily responsible for the growing strength and popularity of the Rite. At the time of his death in 1881, he was hailed for his work in the advancement of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Many of the hundreds of people who lined the parade route learned that George Washington was a Mason in his day. The Valley of Cambridge was proud to let all know that Masons are active in community and national affairs.



The historical marker in front of the Scottish Rite building details the role of Van Rensselaer with the Scottish Rite.



# The Iron Worker

By JOHN D. HAMILTON, 33°

*If Tubal Cain symbolizes anything, it would be labor*

Through the generosity of Brother Edward Ihling, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage at Lexington, MA, and the Van Gorden-Williams Library have recently acquired a large gift of regalia and publications from the archives of the Ihling Bros. Everard Co. of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Otto Ihling founded this now-defunct firm in 1871 as a publishing house that once produced *The Michigan Freemason*. In 1908 the Ihling brothers joined in partnership with Herbert Everard, and began to emphasize the manufacture of fraternal regalia, costumes, and lodge supplies.

The museum's Ihling Collection includes a group of items related to Tubal Cain, which prompted the subject of this article.

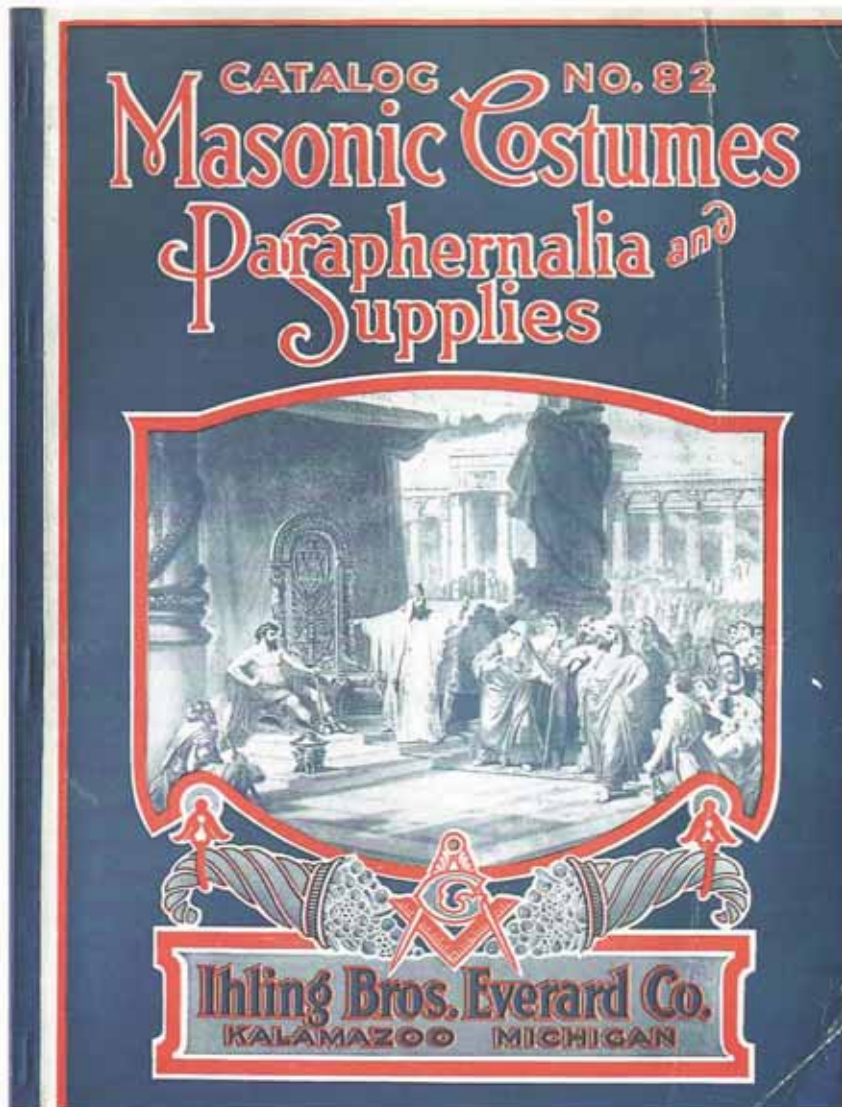
Masonic ritual abounds in allusions to Biblical events and Biblical persons, but the name Tubal Cain did not appear in the English craft degree rituals until about 1745.

Tubal, son of Lamech (Genesis 6:16-22), is credited as being the founder of smith-craft, inventor of the forge, skilled in brass and ironwork and the sharpening of cutting instruments.

Numerous scholars have attempted an etymological interpretation of Tubal Cain's name, but their efforts are forced and misleading. Of importance to Masons, however, is that Tubal Cain should be remembered "... not symbolically, but historically, to his scriptural and traditional reputation as an artificer."



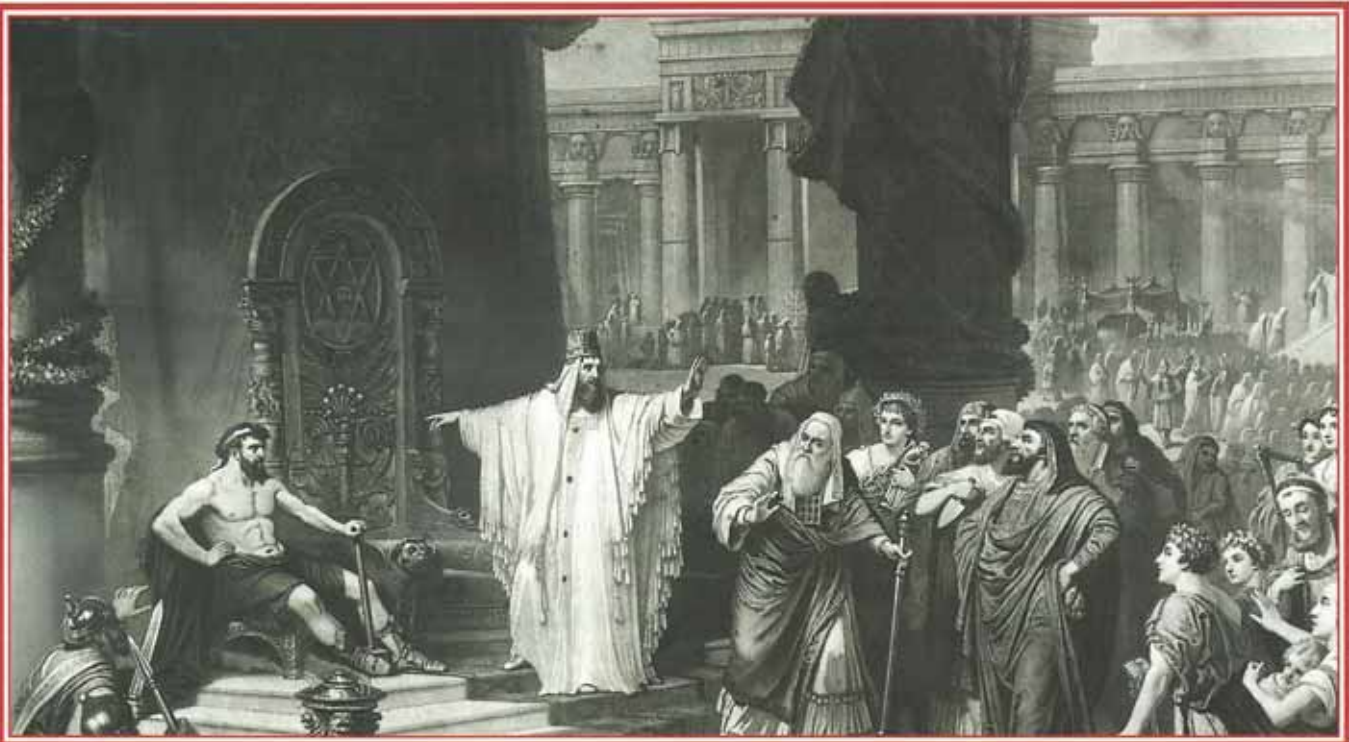
JOHN D. HAMILTON, 33°, a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Boston, is the curator of collections at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage.



Ihling Bros. Everard Co. Masonic Catalog No. 82, Kalamazoo, 1969. "The Iron Worker" appeared on the cover of this centennial issue regalia and paraphernalia catalog. The 22" x 28" lithographed reproduction was offered at a cost of \$4.95. The Ihling Collection is a gift of Edward Ihling.

As recorded in the Book of Isaiah, "Behold I have created the Smith that bloweth the coals in the fire and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work." [Isaiah 54:16].





"The Iron Worker and King Solomon," engraving on steel by John Sartain (1808-97), Philadelphia, 1889. Gift of Dr. Clement M. Silvestro, 33°.

If Tubal Cain symbolizes anything, it would be labor; and as Brother Jean L. Granger amplified in the 1986 *Transactions of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076*, London, "... a Mason's labor is to acquire truth..."

In their 1969 centennial Masonic lodge regalia catalog, the Ihling Company offered a lithographic reproduction of "The Iron Worker and King Solomon," which was copied from the original 1861 oil painting by Christian Schussele (1824-79). Many of Schussele's paintings

were engraved on steel by John Sartain (1808-97), including "The Iron Worker." Brother Sartain copyrighted this print in 1889. The legend of the scene Schussele depicted was repeated in Ihling's catalog as follows:

"When the Temple at Jerusalem was completed, King Solomon gave a feast to the artificers employed in its construction. On unveiling the throne it was found that a smith had usurped the seat of honor not yet

awarded, on the right of the King's place. Thereupon the people clamored and the Guard rushed to cut him down.

'Hold, let him speak,' commanded Solomon. 'Thou hast, O King, invited all craftsmen but me. Yet how could these builders have raised the Temple without the tools I fashioned.'

'True,' decreed Solomon.

'The seat is his right. All honor to the Iron Worker.' If nothing else, this lesson reminds us to give due credit to the accomplishments of others before taking credit upon ourselves."

Tubal Cain has been referred to as the first artificer in iron. His example served to create self-esteem among blacksmiths everywhere, giving rise to a popular motto used by many early mechanic societies, "By Hammer & Hand, all Arts do stand."



Tubalcain, the meaning of whose name is obscure, was the son of Lamech, of the family of Cain, and his wife, Zillah.

The "cain" in Tubalcain is thought variously to refer to his descent from Cain; to mean "smith" or "worker in metals" or to mean "possession" or "to have gotten." The significance of "Tubal" is also uncertain. The name is given to an area of Asia Minor south-east of the Black Sea, but its connection with Tubalcain remains unclear. Tubalcain, his forefathers or his descendants, may have settled that area; or there may be no connection and the similarity of names is a coincidence.

One translation of his name, commonly accepted, is "smith of Tubal." This would fit the Biblical description of Tubalcain, who is identified as "... an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron ..." This would seem to make him the earliest worker in metals to be mentioned in recorded history, and almost certainly the first to be mentioned by name. Aside from the fact that he had a sister named Naamah, nothing more is known of Tubalcain.

— From *Biblical Characters in Freemasonry* by John H. Van Gorden, 33°, published by the Supreme Council, NMJ, in 1980.



# Preparing for the Millennium

*Scottish Rite will celebrate  
with year-long series of events*

As the calendar approaches the year 2000, the Supreme Council is making plans to celebrate with a series of events.

In his Allocation delivered at the Annual Meeting, Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, expressed his desire to get the next millennium off on "the Rite foot."

The inaugural program for the year 2000 will be a January cruise hosted by the Sovereign Grand Commander. Scottish Rite members and their families are invited to join the Com-

mander on the cruise to the Mexican riviera. The full details of the 8-day, 7-night cruise appear on the facing page.

On April 29, 2000, all Consistorial Valleys will be conferring the 32° on the same day and at the same hour. Following the conferral, a live simulcast or video program will be arranged via closed circuit hook-up to all Consistories. A millennium committee is looking into the possibility of creating a special millennium class medal as well as special awards and recognitions.

During the summer, a day-long or weekend program is planned for the Lexington headquarters site. If a new building is ready for opening, a dedication ceremony will take place.

In conjunction with the summer program, there would be an accompanying tour of Boston and an optional cruise.

The Supreme Council Annual Meeting for 2000 will have extra features. Recently approved at this year's session was an increase, on a one-time basis, of the number of members who will receive the 33° in September 2000. The special class will include many brothers who have distinguished themselves and brought credit to the fraternity through service to community and country.

Heading the millennium committee is Ill. Norman L. Christensen, 33°, Active Member for Wisconsin. Also serving on the committee are Ill. James E. Olmstead, 33°; Ill. Richard Van Doren, 33°; Dean Vaughn, 32°; Leigh G. Morris, 32°, and Ill. Richard H. Curtis, 33°.

Details of the various events will be announced as the committee develops the plans for the year 2000.

## 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.

**(RAILROAD) + (CARNIVAL)**

**- (VOCAL) + (EMPTY) - (TAIL)**

**+ (MOST) - (DRAPE) + (DOCENT)**

**- (TIN) - (STORY)**

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Clue for this puzzle appears on page 2.

Answer from previous issue: COMPASSES



A newly designed Double Eagle logo will be used to greet the millennium.





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## ***New Building is Proposed at Lexington for Learning Center and Headquarters***

At the Supreme Council Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, announced that a building committee has been working on plans to construct a 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children at the Lexington headquarters.

The special committee engaged the architectural services of Earl R. Flansburgh & Associates to prepare a concept.

The proposal would bring together under one roof a Learning Center that would be a flagship for the

Jurisdiction and the central administration for the Supreme Council's newest charity. The Center would be able to provide individual tutoring for up to 60 dyslexic children per week.

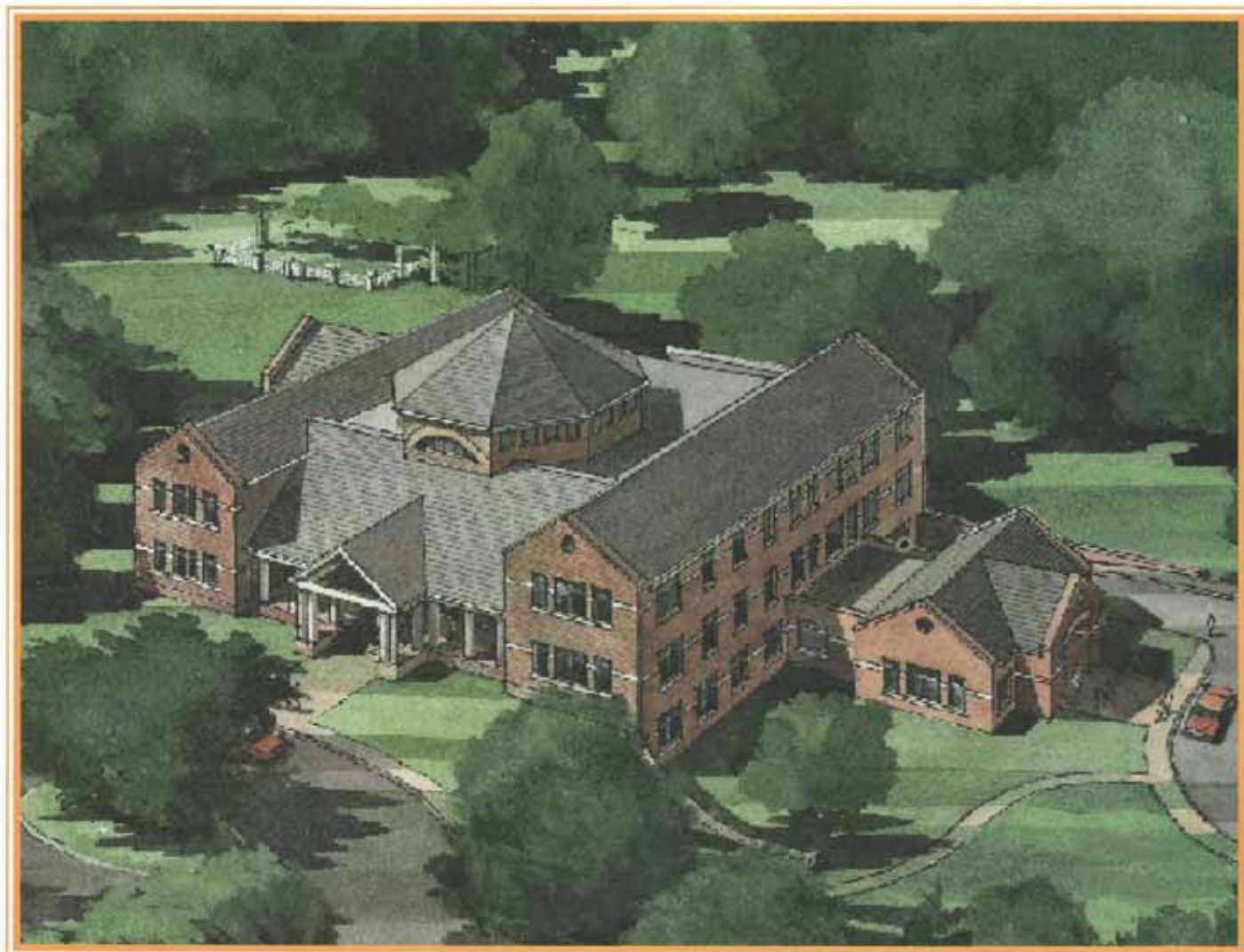
The plan would also incorporate the various departments that serve not only the charitable outreach programs but also the general administration of the Supreme Council. Currently the administrative offices are spread out throughout several buildings on the grounds.

The new facility would improve the efficiency of the current adminis-

trative departments as well as provide sufficient space for a full Learning Center to serve the needs of dyslexic children in the area. The Center would also be used to train tutors during the summer.

As soon as the plans are finalized, the committee will begin the approval process with the town of Lexington. The process is expected to take three to six months.

Once the project is approved, construction can begin with the hope of setting a tentative completion during the summer of 2000.





# The Stamp Act

## A Philatelic Review



By Robert A. Domingue



In May of this year, the State of Israel released a souvenir sheet which contains a pictorial representation of King Solomon's Temple. This first temple in Jerusalem, built by King Solomon on Mount Moriah, was located north of the city at that time. The site had already been sanctified by his father, King David, who had built an altar there after proclaiming Jerusalem his capital city. It took seven years to build and was inaugurated about 958 BCE. After about 370 years, it was destroyed by the Babylonians and their King Nebuchadnezzar.



Ernest Henry Shackleton was born Feb. 15, 1874, in Kilkee, Ireland. He was educated at Dulwich College and entered the Merchant Marine service. He joined Brother R. F. Scott's Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04 as a 3rd lieutenant and took part in the sledge journey over the Ross Ice Shelf. He was invalided and sent out on a supply ship in 1903 but returned in January 1908 as the leader of the British Antarctic (Nimrod) Expedition. He was knighted in 1909. He headed a third expedition in 1914-16, crossing Antarctica from



Coat's Land to McMurdo Sound. He died on Jan. 5, 1922, at South Georgia at the onset of the Shackleton-Rowett Expedition.

Brother Shackleton was initiated July 9, 1901, in Navy Lodge No. 2612,

London, and attended the first meeting of Guild of Freeman Lodge No. 3525 in the same city. He was passed at an emergency meeting of that lodge on Nov. 2, 1911, and raised there on May 30, 1913. He was elected an honorary member of the lodge in 1914.

On Sept. 30, 1916, the English-speaking lodges in Valparaiso, Chile, received Brothers Sir Ernest Shackleton and Luis Alberto Pardo Villalon of the Lodge "Independencia" No. 38 in a ceremonious session as an expression of joy and appreciation for the courage and the knowledge of the latter who, with the ship "Yelcho," succeeded in bringing back members of the expedition of the "Endurance" under Sir Shackleton from the Elephant Island.

Brother Shackleton was honored by a Ross Dependency stamp issued in Nov. 1995.



Thomas Patten Stafford was born on Sept. 17, 1930, in Weatherford, OK. In Dec. 1965, he flew with Brother Walter M. Schirra Jr., on the history-making Gemini 6 flight which made a rendezvous with the already orbiting Gemini 7 spacecraft; this was the first rendezvous of two-manned maneuverable spacecraft. He later went into space aboard Gemini 9 in June 1966. He commanded the Apollo 10 mission in May 1969 which orbited in preparation for the flight to the moon. He resigned from NASA on Nov. 1,



received his degrees in July 1952 and is a member of Western Star Lodge No. 138, Weatherford, OK. He was granted dispensation to receive his degrees in less than the statutory time because of his military demands.

Many stamps have been issued to honor him including this stamp released by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to commemorate his Gemini 6 Flight in 1965.



Born on June 23, 1894, Edward was created the Prince of Wales in 1911. He served as a midshipman on the HMS Hindostan. During World War I he was with the British Expeditionary Forces in Flanders, France, and on the Italian Front. Serving on the staff of the Commander of the Mediterranean Forces in Egypt, he also saw service with the Canadian Corps. He served as King of England from Jan. 20 to Dec. 11, 1936, abdicating the throne to marry Mrs. W. Simpson. Following abdication he became the Duke of Windsor and resided in Paris, where he died on May 28, 1972.

Many stamps of the world picture Edward VIII. One of the more recent is this August 1990 release from New Zealand.



Edward was initiated on May 2, 1919, in Household Brigade Lodge No. 2619 by H.R.H. Arthur, Duke of Connaught. He

was appointed Senior Warden of that Lodge in 1920 and elected Deputy Master in 1921. He later joined St. Mary Magdalen Lodge No. 1523, Lodge of Friendship and Harmony No. 1616 and Royal Alpha Lodge No. 16, serving as Master of the first two. He was installed Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in 1922, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey in 1924 and Grand Master in 1936. He was presented the 33° by the Supreme Council for England.



Manuel Belgrano, a noted Argentine statesman and military leader, was born in Buenos Aires in 1770 and received his education in Spain for the law profession. He served as a government official until 1810



when he joined the revolt against Spanish rule in Argentina and became a member of the revolutionary government. He later led Argentine troops against the Spaniards, winning major battles in northwestern Argentina, at Tucuman in 1812 and at Salts in 1813. Later that year he was defeated by the Spaniards in what is now Bolivia and in 1814 yielded his command to the Argentine General, Brother Jose de San Martin. He served as a diplomat in the Argentine government and died in 1820.

Brother Belgrano was initiated in the Lodge "Independencia" in Buenos Aires near the end of the 18th century. He later served as Master of a Lodge in Tucuman. Several stamps of Latin American nations depict Gen. Belgrano including this June 1961 Argentine release.

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By THOMAS W. JACKSON, 33°

*Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle* by William L. Fox. Published in 1997 by the University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, AR. Available from Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, 1733 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009. \$35.

Before beginning this review let me state that I think it is a good book, lest you get the idea from some of my comments that I do not think so. The author has written what could become a definitive history of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, and has done so with the added burden of writing the historical evaluation of a living friend, an unenviable task at best.

Fox used an interesting approach in writing this book which adds to its value as a research reference as well as a history. Its arrangement deals not only with the history of the Supreme Council, but also presents world history occurring at the same time, which impacts the craft. This approach adds a more rational understanding of reactions to events, which to a great extent directs the energies of the organization.

The book is also, however, arranged in chronological order of the terms of the Sovereign Grand Commanders, and Fox does a decent job of treating the subjects fairly. These profiles, if read with an open mind and with some advance knowledge, reveal much of what is right but also much of what is wrong with our craft leadership.

I did have a problem with one statement before I got far into the book. On page 10, Fox states that Benjamin Franklin was Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania but indicates that there is some dispute as to whether he was ever Grand Master. In 1989 Dr. Wayne A. Huss, after extensive research in the archives, authored a comprehensive three-volume history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He concluded that Franklin did serve as Grand Master, and several other authors support his conclusion. (Franklin was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Moderns.) The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognizes Franklin's position without equivocation.

William L. Fox assumed the authorship of this book by default in 1993, upon the death of his father William Lloyd Fox, who had planned to write it and had accumulated much material for it. He is well qualified to fill the void created by his father's death. He holds degrees from Harvard, St. Lawrence and George Washington Universities, and is adjunct professor of history at Howard University, School of Divinity. Brother Fox represents a fourth generation of teachers and serves on the same faculty as did his father.

I made several interesting observations in reading the book. I noted a quotation of Pike, which caused me to recall another book I recently read. Pike severely criticized the degrees as a "chaotic mess" and stated that "American Blue Masonry is not like any other in the

world" due to adulteration "by men of little capacity or knowledge." Knight and Lomas in *The Second Messiah* criticized Pike in much the same way for "throwing away the whole purpose of the organization" and being "unashamed of his appalling ignorance and arrogance." It would be interesting to know how time treats the writings of Knight and Lomas.

My greatest concern with this book, however, is the author's inclination to place the Scottish Rite, and more specifically the Southern Jurisdiction, as the significant Masonic organization in the United States. For the uninitiated reading the book there might be the tendency to think that Freemasonry as an organization has less significance than the Scottish Rite.

For example Fox states, "Because of its favorable disposition toward private worship on the basis of an individual's own faith, the Scottish Rite has often been mistaken for a religion." This may well be true, but it was a characteristic of Freemasonry before there was a Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rites carries that inherited burden because of the affiliation.

He also points out that the Scottish Rite was invariably singled out for attack or, at least, a disproportionate share of negative judgment in the 90s. *Freemasonry* was the organization under attack. The reason the Scottish Rite may seem to take additional heat is because the writings of Pike serve as a lightning rod for the anti-Masons to zero in on the craft. The attackers use *Morals and Dogma* and the rituals written by Pike as the primary source of information to build their objection to craft Masonry. I am a great admirer of Pike, but I also recognize that his work has become the most used tool by our enemies to attack us.

Also referencing the 90s, and regarding the Southern Baptist Convention episode, the author states that "other Masonic bodies were not as well positioned or prepared to meet the barrage of anti-Masonic attacks." It was the Masonic Information Center that coordinated and directed the reaction and defense during this time and was well positioned. He also states that "other than Morris and through private channels, Kleinknecht, there seemed to be few other challenges to Robertson's polemical best seller." (*The New World Order*) There were others including myself, and some who were not Freemasons, who expressed our condemnations of this book.

Without a doubt the Southern Jurisdiction played a major role during this period in history, especially through the *Scottish Rite Journal*. Many who were involved, however, functioned as Freemasons and not necessarily as Scottish Rite Freemasons.

I also question the implication that there is "no more recognized symbol of Masonic heritage in America than Supreme Council headquarters in Washington, DC." I think that honor must lie with the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA.



There are other references which tend to give credit to the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite while ignoring the significance of craft Masonry. I am very proud of my Scottish Rite membership and heritage, but I am even more proud to be able to say I am a Freemason. Historians look at craft Masonry and its importance, and that is as it should be. If we fail to remember that Freemasonry is what is most important, we damage the foundation of the whole organization.

Without knowing the author personally or his Masonic background, I would think that although his knowledge of the Scottish Rite is excellent he probably has had a limited exposure to the full picture of the craft. This does not, however, diminish the value of the book to Masonic history.

I still think the book is a good one. The author undoubtedly has researched his material well. He has performed a great service to the Supreme Council. He has written a book which will fill a niche, which heretofore has been empty. It will be a valuable resource tool in the future. It, however, might have been less expansive with its credits to the subject.



***Votaries of Honor* by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Printed by National Publishing Cooperative, Inc., 2nd floor Sanfander Bldg., 20 M. Hernady Street Cor., Aurora Blvd. Quezon City, Philippines.**

The definition of votaries according to Webster is "devoted or ardent persons to a cause or ideal." *Votaries of Honor* is principally a history of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. It is written with the hope that "it shall have been able to provide the fraternity with a consolidation of the wisdom of our great Masonic leaders who made us heirs to the priceless heritage bequeathed by *Votaries of Honor*." In it are recorded the contributions of many men who certainly were devoted to the cause of Freemasonry. Although it serves as a history of the Grand Lodge, it is aptly named, for it does indeed pay honor to those who even gave their lives for the ideal of Freemasonry.

This book, published in 1991, was commissioned by the then Grand Master John L. Choa as a special yearbook. Brother Reynold S. Fajardo served as chairman of the committee for its development, and Brother Abelardo P. Mojica served as the editor. The result of the efforts of this committee has been the production of a valuable book, not only to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines but to the fraternity of Freemasonry.

Prior to reading this book I had always thought that the United States of America probably had its establishment and development influenced by the craft more than any other country. Now I am not sure. The present day Philippines surely is a product of the contributions of many Masons influenced by Masonic philosophy.

This book tells much about the influence of Freemasonry and also about the dedication of members to its cause. It is a story about a struggle to establish Masonic identity as well as an identity as a people.

Both the country and the fraternity were under the influence of and, to a great degree, the domination of out-

side influences. These included other nations, other Grand Lodges and religion. Freemasonry was forged there with its ideology far more significant to the members than most other areas of the world. This ideology became a major factor in the birth of that independent nation.

This book tells a story which is not all complimentary to us, as well it should. It presents the prejudices they had to deal with, even within the lodge. There is much we could learn from it.

The chapter on the war years is most revealing on the importance of the fraternity to these men. For those of us who have not had to struggle to be a Freemason there is a lesson we could greatly benefit from by understanding those who did. They not only preserved the craft but continued to practice its precepts under the most adverse conditions. This chapter alone makes the book worth reading.

I give you a quote from this book expressed by the Chief Executive of the Philippines in 1916 because I think it is well worth reading. "I believe that not only is our Order the custodian of the most precious ideals known to men but that it is, and will be in the future, the guardian of the sacred rights and liberties of the Filipino people."

There have been recorded numerous times the incidences of Freemasons not only sacrificing themselves for the cause of country and liberty but to preserve intact the property of the lodge. These incidences have occurred many times in many areas of the world. Each time I read of such sacrifices by our brothers I become more inspired by the meaning of the craft. This book contains such inspirational writing. I encourage its reading.



As a result of a typesetting error in my review of the *Dictionary of the Khazars* in the August issue of *The Northern Light* three key words were inadvertently left out which changed a significant meaning.

I wrote, "... the Khazars, lost in history partially as a result of conversion from their faith (unknown), to another (unknown), either Christianity, Judaism or Islam." The three words left out were "to another (unknown)," making it read, "... the Khazars lost in history partially as a result of conversion from their faith (unknown), either Christianity, Judaism or Islam." The absence of these words altered the whole story, since it is based upon their conversion. I bring this to your attention to correct that error.

I was somewhat amazed at the response this review generated. There is evidently more interest in the Khazar question by some of our readers than I thought. I was also pleased to realize that I do generate some thought.

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## HealthWise

### Lean Pork

Move over chicken — pork is making a big impact on heart-healthy mealtime. According to Duke University researchers, studies show that today's leaner pork fits into a low-fat diet and may even help individuals lower blood cholesterol levels.

Because of misconceptions, some consumers may not choose pork as part of a heart-healthy diet. A survey by Bruskin-Goldring Research reveals that only 15% of consumers consider pork to be a heart-healthy food, while 66% say chicken is a low-fat food.

Consumers are still learning that pork is lean and flavorful and can be enjoyed any day of the week. Today, it is 31% leaner than it was just 10 years ago.

For the leanest cuts of pork, select one of "the Great Eight" cuts. They are easily identified by looking for the word "loin" on packages, such as pork tenderloin or pork loin chop or pork loin roast.

### Veggie vaccines

Could a potato one day keep hepatitis away? Or a banana keep cholera away?

Plant biologist Charles Arntzen says genetically engineered fruits and vegetables may be a great way to store, ship and administer vaccines.

A scientist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in Ithaca, NY, Arntzen has developed the first of what may be the future boom in edible vegetable vaccines. According to *Dis-*

*cover* (Sept. 1998), Arntzen has developed a plant that produces potatoes which, when eaten, provoke an immune response to the E. coli bacterium, the cause of sometimes fatal food poisoning and diarrhea. Delivering the vaccine directly to the stomach may be more efficient than an injection.

Arntzen hopes to have banana and tomato vaccines, too.

### Wallet sciatica

A phenomenon called "credit-card-wallet sciatica" occurs when a man carries a fat wallet in a back pants pocket and sits on it for more than a few minutes. The pressure of the wallet on the sciatic nerve can cause temporary numbness, pain, and tingling that mimics sciatica. Tight pants can worsen the problem, say doctors at the University of California at Berkeley.

### Chicken pox deaths in adults

Adults account for more than half of all chicken pox deaths, but account for only 5% of all cases according to the Centers for Disease Control. The disease is usually mild in children, but is virulent in adults and can cause pneumonia. Adults who think they haven't had chicken pox should be tested for immunity. If they are not immune, a recently developed chicken pox vaccine can protect them for life.

### How to save your sinuses

You've got holes in your head! No offense, you really do. They're your sinuses, one above each eye, one below, and two on each side of the nose.

Sinuses are lined with membranes that produce mucus, the stuff that keeps your breathing apparatus from getting dry. Mucus flows freely in and out of the sinuses, but if you have a cold or allergies, you've got trouble.

Blockage of sinus openings trap bacteria that are normally harmless, but now multiply and cause infection, fever, headache, facial pain and more, according to the Division of Allergy

and Immunology at St. Louis University School of Medicine.

To prevent infection, keep sinuses open. Go on the offensive with:

**Steam:** Inhaling steam thins mucus and helps it drain. Try a hot shower or bath. Applying a warm washcloth to the nasal area can help.

**Fluids:** Drink at least one glass every few hours to thin mucus. Hot fluids like chicken soup are even better because of the steam.

**Add moisture to the air:** Use a humidifier if necessary.

**Other suggestions:** Use a decongestant and saline nasal spray to help clear passages. Don't blow your nose too hard, forcing bacteria into the sinuses. Eat spicy foods to stimulate mucus production.

If you have a real sinus infection, your doctor can prescribe antibiotics that will clear it up in a few days. Be sure to take *all* of the medicine or the sinusitis comes back.

### Lose weight, eat more

Instead of losing weight by eating less, try eating more . . . vegetables. American Cancer Society scientists find that people who eat at least 19 servings of vegetables a week are less likely to gain weight around the waist than those who eat significantly less produce.

### Brain cell transplant

Doctors at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center say they have performed the first transplant of human nerve cells into a patient's brain in an effort to reverse paralysis and other effects of stroke.

The procedure involves a novel technique for manufacturing human neurons and could set the stage not only for treatment of stroke effects but for neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease and spinal-cord injury.



"It's an old football injury. He fell off the bench!"



"What do you mean 'it's going around'? Can't I ever have anything exclusive?"





## John Glenn to Serve on Learning Centers Board

U.S. Senator John Glenn, 33°, will serve as an honorary director on the board of directors for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. He joins a distinct group of Masons who are supporting the newest Scottish Rite charity.

Ill. Brother Glenn was scheduled to attend the Supreme Council session in Cincinnati in late September as a member of the class of candidates to receive the 33°. Preparations for his space flight on Oct. 29 prevented him from being there.

So a special session was arranged in early September for the conferral of the degree. Accompanying Grand Commander Ralston for the ceremony at Washington, DC, were Ohio Deputy James E. Olmstead, 33°; Active Members for Ohio Chester R. Burton, 33°, and Neil M. Smalley, 33°; Grand Prior Kenneth V. Kettlewell, 33°, and Active Member J. Philip Berquist, 33°.

Since Ill. and Rev. Brother Kettlewell had known Sen. Glenn since childhood, the Sovereign Grand Commander invited Kettlewell to place the 33° ring on Glenn's finger.

Following the ceremony Sen. Glenn reminisced about his father's Masonic involvement. He indicated that he was reluctant to accept Masonic honors because he had not been able to devote the amount of time to the fraternity that he knew his father had given.

Prior to his years of service as a U.S. Senator from Ohio, Glenn was involved with the NASA space program. He was one of the original Mercury astronauts selected in 1959. He made history in 1962 with his orbital space flight.

At the age of 77, he returned for another space flight mission on the shuttle Discovery. Scientists hope that this mission will help to better understand the aging process. He said that he is hopeful that the research will alleviate medical problems that plague astronauts in space as well as the elderly on Earth.

# The Builders Column

What's the "Builders Column" all about? It's about making your money work harder and do more for you, your family and possibly our Scottish Rite Masonic Charities. We hope to provide helpful information and timely updates on tax issues, estate planning, charitable and planned giving — while answering some of the questions you may have about these topics.

However, you won't find all the answers to your questions here and you should always consult with your advisor or attorney regarding your own personal situation.

To insure that our Scottish Rite Masonic Charities will continue their work in the years ahead, the Supreme Council has formed the Builders Council with membership open to those who make a planned gift commitment or bequest to one or more of our charities.

A good place to begin a conversation about the benefits of planning your financial future is with a will.

### *"I'm not rich, why do I need a will?"*

Chances are you're among the 70% of Americans who have no will because you believe your estate is too small. Many people think that their state will take care of their property and money in a sensible way when they die. Unfortunately, what makes sense to your state and what makes sense to you may differ.

### *"What if my family knows what to do with my property?"*

You probably have some family heirlooms that you would like to leave to a favored cousin, sister or brother or some meaningful item you would prefer a special friend to receive. If you have no will, the court gives no consideration to those special people, or to charitable beneficiaries you may want to help.

### *"How can I afford to pay for a will?"*

With a little advance planning, the cost of making a will can be very modest. And without a will your beneficiaries may be responsible for unnecessary taxes and probate expenses. Your spouse, without a will that names them the guardian of your children, might also be forced to post a bond and make yearly reports to the court.

If you would like to know more about wills, call and ask for our wills brochure. You can also ask for Builders Council charter membership information. Contact Wayne A. Loble, 32°, Director of Development, at 1-800-814-1432.

**All decisions regarding your financial situation should be made with the assistance of your financial advisor and your own legal counsel.**



# VIEWS FROM THE PAST

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

## Our Best Defense against Falsehood

I like to think that Masonry is like tea — the best comes out in hot water. Harassments and persecutions will not toll the bell for Masonry. They will only weed out from our ranks the unworthy Masons — those who do not comprehend Masonry, those who understand Masonry but will compromise its teachings, and those who are in Masonry for what they can get and not for what they can give for the good of their fellowmen.

I like to resound the clarion call for a more honest-to-goodness Masonic education. I have always believed that unless we immerse ourselves in our landmarks, laws, ancient rules, rituals, traditions and practices, we will never be able to defend the craft.

Our best shield against libel and calumny is the knowledge of Masonry. Our best defense against falsehood is the offense provided by truth, but let us

remember that truth will behold only he who actively seeks truth. Truth does not show itself to the slothful. Truth comes to the seeker. It is discovered. Seek and ye shall find. More than anytime, we should seek more light in Masonry.

Masonry has survived and will continue to succeed, for no institution that rests on the pillars of brotherly love, relief, and truth will ever fail. There is only one thing that Masonry will not survive, and that is the lack of Masonry among Masons. The future of Masonry lies in our own hands and not in the hands of others.

*— From an address by Reynato S. Puno, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Philippines, delivered at its annual session March 13, 1998.*

## Journeys

Whenever we leave the confines of our home, we commence a journey. This journey may be to a familiar place such as our workplace, a shopping centre, a sporting field or a friend's home, or it may be to a place which we have never previously visited, as often occurs on a vacation or overseas trip. Whatever the purpose of the journey, we will pass landmarks which will guide us as we proceed to our destination.

These landmarks will be of varying kinds — they may be man-made, such as signposts, buildings or bridges, or they may be natural geographical features such as river, rocks or mountains. As we encounter them they mark our progress, and we begin to anticipate the next one until we finally arrive at our destination. If the journey is a routine one or one which we have made on a number of previous occasions, it is likely that we will take such landmarks for granted and will not react only if there has been some significant change to the environment, such as demolition or construction of a building or diversion of a road. If the journey is a new one, by an unfamiliar route, we will be more watchful and more interested. Familiarity can breed complacency; novelty is more likely to arouse our interest.

Life is a journey. We enter this world helpless and indigent, and as we proceed to our inevitable destiny we are in constant need of guidance

## Symbol or Emblem?

When you place the square and compasses on your lapel, are you putting on an emblem or a symbol? Many of our brethren today have forgotten the symbolism and are only reflecting to the outer world the emblem of an organization they belong to.

To each of us the square & compasses symbolizes something that cannot always be put into words.

Our world history is replete with stories of how the square and compasses have saved the lives of brethren either through the sign of

distress or the recognition of the symbol itself.

Some men have just enjoyed meeting with other men and the fellowship that ensued while sharing a common meal.

To the majority of men it means a way of life. We know the meaning of the inner spiritual temple of man and must show that to uninitiated friends.

We must always choose to serve rather than to be served. We feel we are privileged to belong to the craft and search for the deeper meaning which has held it together.

No one can communicate the deeper things in Masonry to another. Every man must discover and learn them for himself, although a friend or Brother may be able to conduct him on the right path of understanding.

Only when we begin to feel the symbolism of Masonry can we truly say "I wear the symbol and not the emblem of our craft."

*— From a Philalethes article by Donald J. Van Kirk, 33°, reprinted in Things Masonic III, published by the Missouri Lodge of Research, 1997.*



## and Landmarks

and support if we are to make a worthwhile contribution. As Freemasons we profess to seek the light which will disperse the darkness of our intellectual ignorance and help us to perceive, understand and spread fundamental and constant truths. The "mysteries" of our craft can reveal to us the lights and landmarks by which we can guide our course through life without being confused or seduced by the kaleidoscope of social, scientific and moral changes of the world in which we live.

Every year the Master-elect is required to affirm his adherence to the Ancient Charges and Regulations prior to his installation. A regular reading of these charges will provide sound landmarks by which to guide and measure our personal conduct, both as members of the craft and of society at large. Temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice — the tassels at each corner of the lodge — are landmarks so familiar that we can easily

become complacent about them. Charity, compassion, tolerance, love, sympathy and understanding are all lessons which we are taught in Masonry. These are fundamental values which remain constants in a worthwhile and fulfilling life.

The journey of life is not always smooth. Every worthwhile achievement, large or small, will involve moments of struggle before there is victory. The tenets and teachings of Masonry can equip us with the courage and faith to face difficulties and disappointments. Like landmarks on a physical journey, if we place our trust in them and proceed with courage and faith, we will find ourselves equipped and fortified for our personal journey. And if, by example, we can spread those landmarks to society at large then we may reach to end of our journey with a confidence that it has been worth making.

— *From an editorial in the New South Wales Freemason, April 1997.*

## Are You Ready to Take the Test?

There was a time when going to school meant taking tests. Some of us can still remember the daily spelling tests. Then, there were penmanship tests. And, who can forget the geography tests. I think I can still do a pretty good job on state capitals.

Who was the 7th President of the United States? The 19th? I guess all of us have to admit that over the years some facts seem to fade from memory.

At the same time, the idea of being tested seems to have disappeared, too. And, that's too bad. In order to reach our potential, we need to discover just where we stand. That's the purpose of taking tests.

I have a feeling that many of the problems in our society today are the direct result of people never having to really test themselves. Youngsters seem to slide through school and adults move through life never really knowing if they measure up.

Not long ago, the president of a successful company was asked what it took to get to the top. His answer is interesting and right on target. "The same thing it took to get started — a sense or urgency about getting things done."

Some people seem to think that luck plays a major role in the lives of successful people. Others think that it's necessary to be smarter than the other fellow. Not so.

Whether it is on the job, serving on a committee, or helping with a project, the real test is having a sense of urgency — getting things done.

As Masons, we could use a little more of that "do-it-now" attitude. It is Prof. John K. Galbraith who says, "Meetings are indispensable when you don't want to do anything."

Too often it seems that we go through life with our foot on the brake. If we are to meet the challenges of today, it's time we regain a sense of urgency and not be afraid to move forward.

I can still remember a young man saying that he was glad to have finished school because he would not have to face all the tests. Well, the biggest test of life is laid down in front of us every morning: Are you going to make things move today?

That's the real test.

— *From a message by Sovereign Grand Commander Stanley F. Maxwell, 33°, in The Northern Light, April 1984.*

## 'Quick Quotes'

Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance.

— Logan Pearsall Smith

No mind is thoroughly well-organized that is deficient in sense of humor.

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Yearn to understand first and to be understood second.

— Beca Lewis Allen

Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you.

— H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Reverting to old ideas, when people become disappointed in new ideas, does not help much. Ideas can be too old.

— Peter D. Demianovich

A ship in port is safe, but that's not what ships are built for.

— Grace Murray Hopper

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being.

— Goeth

Acceptance of the prevailing standard often means that we have no standards of our own.

— Jean Toomer

When one finds himself in a hole of his own making, it is a good time to examine the quality of workmanship.

— Jon Remmerde

To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

— Elbert Hubbard

The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never scoring.

— Bill Copeland

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.

— Walter Elliott



## Kids' toys: What's risky, what isn't

Parents and grandparents are about to descend on the toy department. To assure that gifts are appropriate, remember these guidelines from the pediatric emergency medicine department at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

First, check the manufacturer's guidelines for toys that are appropriate for the child's age group. In addition:

For children under age three, beware of small parts that can cause choking if swallowed. The doll's shoes, for example, should be sewed on. The wheels of small cars should not have removable tires.

For kids ages four through ten, take special care when selecting toys that launch objects. For safety, buy only those that shoot foam items.

Check the sound level of toys that produce shrieking noises in order to save the child's (and the parents') ears.

Buy crayons and art supplies that are nontoxic.

For those over age ten, avoid model kits that use superglues.

If you buy sports equipment, buy appropriate protection equipment as well.

## Don't drive on "E"

Driving a car with a near-empty gas tank can damage your fuel pump. Auto experts Tom & Ray Magliozzi say the electric fuel pump on most cars is at the bottom of the gas tank. The gas actually serves as the pump's



coolant. When you drive with the needle on "E," the fuel pump runs hotter than it should, potentially shortening its life.

## Families stabilize in 90s

The huge declines in marriage during the decades from 1970 to 1990 have begun to slow and while births to single mothers was still increasing in that period, observers think the family is stabilizing.

The U.S. Census Bureau which reports that after double-digit declines during the 30 years, the number of married couples with children younger than 18 fell only 1 percentage point in 1997. The last time married couples with children were a majority of families was in 1967.

Part of the decline in married couples with children was due to an increased divorce rate from 1970 to 1990. But the divorce rate was also down to 4.1 in 1995, compared to 5.0 in 1985.

## Practice tolerance at family gatherings

Regardless of our current involvement with and proximity to our families, they are part of who we are and how we view ourselves. Families can be a source of much stress, but there are ways to cope with it. Below are suggestions for defusing potential stressors.

**Avoid verbal bombshells.** Plan the best time for communication. Be sure to avoid generalizations (such as "you always" or "you never"). Communicate with relatives as you would a business partner or client.

**Do not endorse bad behavior.** You need not approve of everything your relatives do, but you can love them anyway. Develop a method of tolerat-

ing their oddities without supporting potentially destructive actions.

**Search for the humor.** Laughter helps to put a difficult situation into perspective. Point out the funny aspects to them.

**Adjust your expectations.** Try not to expect more from family than you would from friends. Relatives come with all the basic human faults, but you can change the way you react.

**Cultivate a surrogate family.** Your family cannot meet all your needs. Develop relationships with other families and friends who will support and cheer you.

## More computers at home

Data from a survey prepared for the National Science Foundation indicates that the number of homes with computers increased from 8% in 1983 to 43% in 1997. Nearly 9 million people use two or more e-mail addresses.

The survey, conducted by the International Center for the Advancement of Scientific Literacy in Chicago, show that people are using the Internet as a reference library. About a third of those seek information on health problems.

## Harried teens suffer overload

Like their parents, teens today may be suffering from obligation overload, according to *The Wall Street Journal*. In informal talks with high school students, the teens who placed the highest value on hard work and achievement said they were squeezed into a schedule of jobs, extra academic work at school and extra-curricular activities.

Studies of teen overload show young people suffer from the same stress symptoms as adults: drinking and depression.

## Spending on home furnishings

A study by retail consultants at Barnard Enterprises, Inc., shows that home is where the spending is likely to stay for some time. They report that consumers have been spending more on home furnishings than on apparel since mid-1996, and the trend seems to be continuing.



"Thank you for Mom, thank you for Dad and thank you for not making me a TURKEY!"





## Kern Award Goes to Providence

Once again the annual Kern Award was presented to the Valley of Providence, RI. Making the presentation at the Supreme Council Annual Meeting was Ill. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania. Accepting the award on behalf of the Valley was Ill. Gardner C. Sconyers Jr., 33°, Deputy for Rhode Island.

The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Richard A. Kern, 33°, former Deputy for Pennsylvania and chairman of the Supreme Council Committee on Benevolences. He was a major booster of the annual "blue" envelope appeal sent to all 32° Masons, and it was through his efforts that the annual solicitation was set in place.

The presentation is made to the Valley that attains the highest percentage of participation of members contributing to the Benevolent Foundation through the appeal.

The Valley of Providence has been the recipient for four of the past five years.



DeMolay International Master Councilor Jeff R. English, of Kansas, addressed the Supreme Council Meeting during the General Session at Cincinnati. He was introduced by DeMolay Grand Master Samuel L. Cole Jr., 32°, of Michigan.

## Franklin Awards for Valley Publications



Winners of the 1998 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 Portsmouth-Dover, NH	Martin W. Curtis, 32°, editor
Valley of Jamestown, NY	Robert E. Eaglesome, 32°, editor

#### Honorable Mention

Valley of Marquette, MI	R. Thomas Peters Jr., 33°, editor
Valley of New York City	Morton Halbreich, 33°, editor
Valley of Traverse City, MI	Donald Sevick, 33°, editor
Valley of Utica, NY	Frederick 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
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#### Honorable Mention

Valley of Lewiston-Auburn, ME	Robert W. Johnston, 32°, editor
Valley of Portland, ME	Robert D. Lind, 32°, editor
Valley of Rockville Centre, NY	John Malfatti, 32°, editor

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

#### Best Publication

Valley of Milwaukee, WI	Leigh E. Morris, 32°, editor
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#### 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

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

#### Best Publication

Valley of Toledo, OH	George O. Braatz, 33°, editor
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#### Honorable Mention

Valley of Boston, MA	W. Keith Butler, 33°, editor
Valley of Chicago, IL	Randall W. Becker, 32°, editor
Valley of Cleveland, OH	David B. Mackey, 32°, editor
Valley of Danville, IL	Joseph W. Eaton, 32°, editor

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

#### Best Publication

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 Columbus, OH	Dennis L. Young, 32°, editor
Valley of Detroit, MI	Mark K. Osborne, 32°, editor



# Our Readers Respond

## Debunking myths

I appreciate your suggestion in "Footnotes" (Aug. 98) regarding the debunking of Masonic myths.

The myth that vexes many Masons is the belief that we are a "secret society." Something I have taken to doing to help sway non-Masons from this belief is to get your magazine and other Masonic publications into the hands of non-Masons.

While these are mostly of interest to Masons, there is much of general interest in them, and the magazines highlight the good work done by the different branches of Masonry, such as the 32° Learning Centers. Dissemination of these periodicals can be by simply giving them to a non-Mason friend, or placing them in an office lobby — with permission, of course.

George E. Cherry, 32°  
Morton, IL

Many believe that because we are a "secret" organization we must be doing something shady. The public needs to be made aware that we are not a secret organization but rather an organization that has some trade secrets, much the same way that Macy's doesn't tell Gimbel's what their marketing strategy is.

Donald C. Chayet, 32°  
Brookline, MA

## On the bench

Joseph Bennett's article on "The Black Sox Legacy" (May 98) was very interesting to me, because I believe I'm the only living person who sat on the Reds bench in that series.

I was 17 years old at that time and an usher at the Reds' Crosley Field. The Reds president called me into his office before the 1st game and told me the stands were oversold and they had to put seats on the field. So they moved the players' benches out to the baselines. They needed an usher for each bench to keep the fans away. I got a friend to sit on the White Sox bench and I sat on the Reds bench.

Leslie M. Levy, 32°  
Cincinnati, OH

## Mozart

I very much enjoyed John Hamilton's article on "Masonic Music" (May 98). However, I was disappointed that no mention was made of Mozart, one of the world's great composers and also a devoted Mason. The book *Mozart and Masonry* makes several references to "The Magic Flute," an opera that glorifies the Masonic ideal.

Bradford Amazeen, 32°  
Foley, AL

**Editor's note:** Brother Hamilton is well aware of Mozart's Masonic involvement, but his article was referring only to Masonic music from the museum collection.

We welcome letters from our readers in response to articles appearing in *The Northern Light* and will reprint them as space permits. Letters must be signed, should be brief, and are subject to editing.

## On the Lighter Side

### Today's Stock Market Report . . .

Helium was up.  
Feathers were down.  
Paper was stationary.  
Flourescent tubing was dimmed in light trading.  
Knives were up sharply.  
Cows steered into a bull market.  
Pencils lost a few points.  
Hiking equipment was trailing.  
Elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline.  
Weights were up in heavy trading.  
Light switches were off.  
Mining equipment hit rock bottom.  
Diapers remain unchanged.  
Shipping lines stayed on an even keel.  
The market for raisins dried up.  
Coca Cola fizzled.  
Caterpillar inched up.  
Sun peaked at midday.  
Balloon prices were inflated.  
Scott Tissue touched a new bottom.  
Batteries exploded in an attempt to recharge the market.

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# Footnotes\*

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. The Sovereign Grand Commander has been invited to attend the meeting on March 2. 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.

\* **Ties & scarfs.** As a fundraising effort for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, a committee has been working with a manufacturer to develop a necktie and scarf that would promote the Learning Centers. One of the bears on each item is the teddy bear logo for the charity.



The items are 100% silk. The ladies' scarf is 36 inches square with a hand-rolled and stitched edge. Do **not** send orders to *The Northern Light*. It is mentioned here only as a preview of things to come.

Full details about ordering information will appear in the next issue.



RICHARD H. CURTIS, 33°  
Editor

## A Century of Roses



### Family of Freemasonry

\* **Century of Roses.** You can expect to see another Masonic float in the upcoming Tournament of Roses parade from Pasadena. California Past Grand Master Stanley Channon, who is chairman of the Masonic float committee, feels that this year's entry "will undoubtedly be the fraternity's most colorful entry since Masons rejoined the New Year's Day lineup nearly ten years ago."

The 55-foot float will be adorned with red, yellow and gold roses and will pick up on the parade theme, "Echoes of the Century." It will trace the history of the parade itself as well as important events of the past 100 years.

Two entertainers, Ill. Brothers Ernest Borgnine, 33°, and Norm Crosby, 33°, have agreed to ride on the float. Also appearing will be Stanley Hahn, the oldest living president of the Tournament of Roses, and Holly Halsted Balthis, the oldest living Rose Queen.

Dr. William Pickering, retired director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will appear on the float as a symbol of the science and engineering accomplishments emanating from the Pasadena area.

You can expect some animation as a three-sided display will rotate to portray famous events of the last 100 years.

The float certainly leaves viewers with a favorable impression of the fraternity. As we have stressed in the past, the California Masons welcome financial support from Masonic groups and individuals beyond the state line. Contributions to support the Masonic float can be sent to Robert C. Coe, Treasurer, PO Box 661567, Arcadia, CA 91066. Merchandise order forms are also available.

\* **Australian response.** When our book reviewer carried a review of *Masonic Speculations* in the February issue, we indicated that the book was available only to members of Victorian Lodge of Research in Australia. The Secretary for the research lodge has pointed out to us that the book is readily available to all Freemasons throughout the world. For further information about the Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218 and its publications, write to G. Love, PO Box 2380, Ringwood North, Victoria 3134, Australia.

\* **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



# Preparing for the Millennium



## Scottish Rite Millennium Calendar

*January 6-16, 2000*

Mexican Riviera Cruise

*April 29, 2000*

Jurisdiction-wide Scottish  
Rite Millennium Class

*Summer 2000*

Picnic at Lexington head-  
quarters & tentative  
dedication of new building

Boston tour and optional  
cruise

*September 2000*

Special events at Supreme  
Council Annual Meeting

## Starting off on “the Rite foot”

*see page 14*