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You Can Count On It

Life is certainly about a lot of things, many of them important. But it is mostly about keeping things together. It's about being able to count on those things that really count.

All this came to mind in September when the nation gave Cal Ripken, Jr., celebrity status for breaking the near sacred record set by the New York Yankees' "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, of 2,130 consecutive baseball games played.

In the days that followed Cal Ripken's accomplishment, *USA Today* uncovered a number of people who hadn't missed a day of work for decades. At the top of the list was a man who had been on the job every day for 59 years — and he was still going strong. He hadn't been out for even one day in all those years. There was also the 82-year-old FBI secretary (still on the job) with a perfect attendance record that spanned a half-century.

But why all the hoopla over a baseball player doing his job day-in-and-day-out? Aren't ball players supposed to be on the job? Why should Cal get so much attention? Why did the nation literally stop that evening in September? The answer may be found in the fact that it is unusual today to see such dedication to the work ethic. Cal Ripken became an instant symbol of what's right, of what's worth celebrating. We were proud that our children and grandchildren had a chance to catch a glimpse of someone who could be counted on.

At times, it seems that everything is changing, that we can count on very little. The famous book, *The Bridges of Madison County*, was on the New York Times best seller list for an unbelievable 157 weeks. But even it is gone after more than three years.

In a similar way, wouldn't we feel that something was missing from the holidays if we didn't hear Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas" as he did back in the early 1940's? Although we may not say anything, we count on hearing that music and those words that have been part of the lives of Americans for more than 50 years.

Sometimes it isn't until we travel to other countries that we discover how much we take for granted and count on each day. Something as basic



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as "911," for example. We dial those numbers and have every confidence help is on the way. We never question whether firefighters will arrive or a police car will respond or an ambulance will appear. They all come within a few minutes just by dialing three numbers. We don't question whether it will happen; we count on the response. But few others around the world enjoy such predictable service. In fact, there is little that can be counted on — other than unpredictability — in many places.

Things that we can count on hold together both the outside world and our smaller, more personal world. At a time when life around us is changing at what some call "Pentium speed," we need to know that things are not falling apart and that the center is holding.

This is what Freemasonry is all about. This is its mission in the world and in the lives of its members. The unbroken chain reaches back some 300 years. And those who fashioned that Masonic chain sought to discover how they were linked to the very foundation of truth.

The Masonic message is clear: "No matter what's happening, the center holds. You can count on it." The enemy is not change. Rather, it is the despair that comes from not feeling the strength of that great chain in your hand. It is being cut loose. It is being left alone and overwhelmed.

The lessons taught in our degrees have helped to create the Masonic chain that links us to the foundations of life, as well as to one another. It is our Masonic way of saying, "No matter how strong the storm and no matter how great the turmoil, the center will hold. Count on it."

Against this background, even Cal Ripken's notable accomplishment pales in comparison.

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Extending a Helping Hand

Scottish Rite Charities offer wide range of aid

By RICHARD H. CURTIS, 33°

Scottish Rite Masons are feeling good about extending a helping hand through the Supreme Council Charities. With the recent addition of a fourth charity, the philanthropic arm is reaching out in more directions.

Over the years the Supreme Council has supported schizophrenia research, built a museum to display Americana, and provide scholarships for college education.

The development of Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers is the latest effort to provide assistance to an area that needs attention. The projection is to open learning centers in all 15 states within the next five years.

What is a learning center?

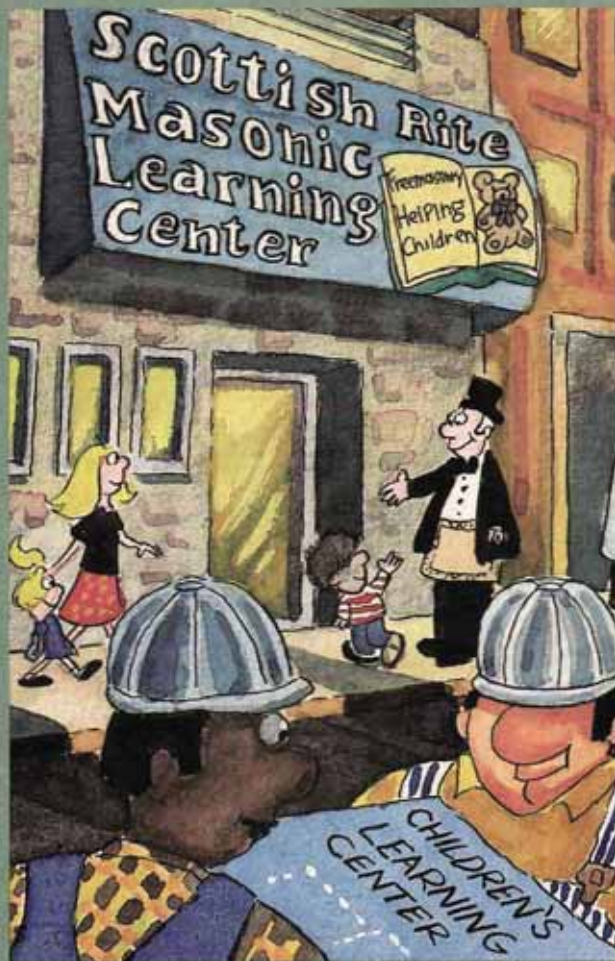
It has such a clean-sounding name, but what is a "learning center"? It's a place where children with learning disabilities can receive professional assistance — and with no financial burden to the family.

One of the common disabilities is dyslexia, a situation in which printed words and letters on a page can appear scrambled. But there are other learning disabilities that can also be treated at the learning centers.

Children are referred to a center through physicians and school administrators. A professional staff is hired to work with the children. Said one specialist, "Children with learning disabilities who have adequate intelligence, motivation, and no overriding physical or emotional problems can learn, but they need to be taught differently."

That is where the Scottish Rite centers come into play.

Scottish Rite members can support the program through financial contributions. And as the centers grow there will be a need for volunteer support to



assist with administrative matters and maintenance of the facility.

An initial campaign drive for charter donors this spring was a successful start. The distribution of calendars in December will encourage members to make a contribution to the learning centers.

There is a general feeling that the Scottish Rite has opened the door to something big. The need for correcting learning disabilities is important. As new techniques are developed to im-

prove the lives of kids with disorders, the centers can play a major role in providing a service.

Although the development of the learning centers is Scottish Rite's newest charity, look for it to be one that will grow at a rapid pace throughout our 15-state jurisdiction.

The concept of the clinics is patterned after the program established in the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, which now has more than 100 centers throughout its 35 states. The first center opened in Colorado more than 40 years ago.

The first effort to enter this field in the Northern Jurisdiction took place in the Valley of Marquette, Michigan, where a summer program was instituted in conjunction with Northern Michigan University. The Supreme Council,

through its Benevolent Foundation, offered financial assistance to the Valley to support the program.

In 1993, a Massachusetts Scottish Rite Foundation was established by the Mass. Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation through contributions from Scottish Rite members in that state. From this effort a learning center was opened in the Newtonville, Mass., Masonic building.

Work had begun on setting up a similar clinic at the Lowell, Mass., Ma-

sonic building at the time the Supreme Council adopted the learning disabilities clinics as a major charity in September 1994.

A new learning center is scheduled to open at the Cincinnati, Ohio, Masonic Temple in the next few months. Renovations are underway to accommodate the new center.

Ill. J. Philip Berquist, 33°, Scottish Rite Deputy for Massachusetts, was instrumental in bringing the Massachusetts centers to fruition. He now is coordinator for the jurisdictional program.

Ill. James W. Salmons, Jr., 33°, from the Valley of Cincinnati, will coordinate programs of planned giving.

Work has begun to establish a learning center at the Grand Lodge building in Burlington, New Jersey. The Grand Lodge in that state has kicked off its fund-raising efforts with a \$100,000 grant. Also planned for New Jersey is a Resource Information Center with an 800 number, where concerned parents will be able to call for information and referral sources for their children.

On the drawing boards are future centers in Bangor, Maine; Rochester, New York; Youngstown, Ohio; Concord, New Hampshire; Cranston, Rhode Island, and New Haven, Connecticut.

Other Valleys in the process of establishing committees are Dayton, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In his Allocution to the Supreme Council, the Sovereign Grand Commander predicted at least 15 Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers will be in operation by the year 2001. The ultimate goal would be to have at least one in each Valley.

Watch this charity grow quickly.

In the beginning

The Scottish Rite's first major charitable endeavor began in 1934 on the recommendation of Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin M. Johnson, 33°, with an appropriation of \$15,000 for schizophrenia research. At the time the disease was known as dementia praecox. The funds were directed through the National Committee for Mental Hygiene and later through the National Association for Mental Health.

In 1970, administrative duties for the Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Re-

search Program were handled by a Supreme Council committee. A professional advisory committee reviews annually a substantial number of proposals, and recommends the recipients of the grants.

This year there were 16 new research grants issued for a total distribution of \$548,849. An additional \$60,000 will fund dissertation research fellowships to graduate students.

Since inception of the program in 1934, Scottish Rite has contributed more than \$19 million toward schizophrenia research.

Dr. Steven Matthyse, the current director of the program, praises the Scottish Rite for its devotion to an area of science that is not glamorous in the eyes of most members and often ne-

glected when it comes to providing funds for research.

The Scottish Rite program does not provide treatment but reinforces the need to develop a cure for a dreaded disease.

When Grand Commander Johnson proposed the research program, he emphasized that Scottish Rite could not hope to obtain tangible results in months or even years. "If we embark upon this course," he said, "it must be with the full understanding that it is likely to be a long voyage before we touch any port."

Originally the funds for the research came from the operating funds of the Supreme Council. In 1941, the Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation was established. It began with a substantial gift from Ill. Frank A. Smythe, then Deputy for Ohio.

With the establishment of the Benevolent Foundation came the advent of the "Blue" Envelope Appeal. As members contributed to the fund the Foundation grew. Today the annual appeal includes a provision for making contributions not only to schizophrenia research through the Benevolent Foundation but also to the Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship program and the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage.

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Providence Again Kern Winner

The Valley of Providence, RI, was once again the recipient of the Richard A. Kern Award. Since 1985 the award has been presented to the Valley that attains the highest percentage of members contributing to the "Blue" Envelope Appeal.

Conceived by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, the program is named in honor of Dr. Richard A. Kern, 33°, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the only Active Member of the Supreme Council to have been given the title of Honorary Sovereign Grand Commander. Dr. Kern had a strong interest in the Benevolent Foundation and its support of schizophrenia research.

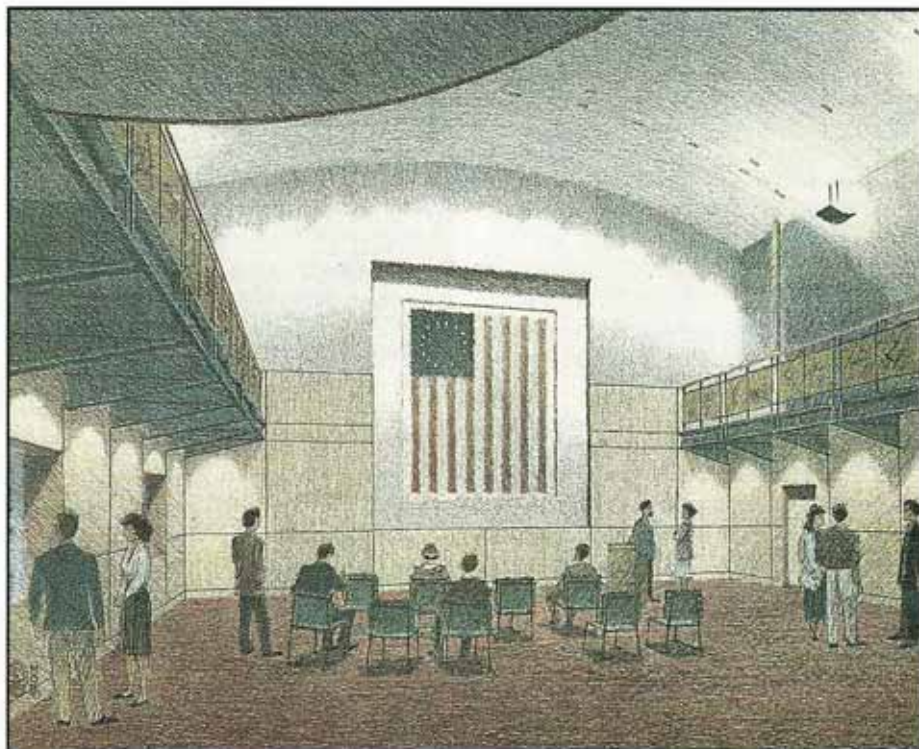
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Building a museum

Soon after the Supreme Council headquarters was moved from leased quarters in an office building in Boston to the present site at Lexington, Mass., in 1968, Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, 33°, had a dream. He envisioned a museum and library on the grounds of the headquarters that would make Americans feel proud of their heritage. He could see schoolchildren using it to enhance their understanding of our country.

Plans were drawn and a fund-raising campaign was begun. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held in 1973. The building was opened to the public in April 1975, the 200th anniversary of the historic Battle of Concord and Lexington.



Architectural rendering of the new meeting room at the museum.



The project became known as a gift to the nation. At the time of the ground-breaking, Commander Newbury said, "This will be the contribution of our Masonic fraternity to the celebration of the signing of this historic document which brought our nation into being — the Declaration of Independence of July 4, 1776."

Built at a cost of \$6 million, the facility consists of a 400-seat auditorium, a library capable of holding 80,000 volumes, and four major exhibition galleries.

The founding director of the museum was careful in his selection of exhibitions. Ill. Clement M. Silvestro, 33°, related on many occasions his initial observations that he started with nothing but an empty building. "They have put the cart before the horse."

The museum has been able to develop a number of changing exhibitions since its inception, and current director Thomas W. Leavitt, 32°, has continued to maintain the high standards of his predecessor.

In the early years, a symposium was conducted to examine the future direction of the museum. Attending were representatives from major museums from around the country. The purpose of the symposium was to develop long-range plans for the museum and library and to define its collecting

policies, exhibit themes, and educational programs. It was agreed that the museum was in an enviable position of being a leading source of information and material about fraternal organizations in general and Freemasonry in particular.

With the assistance of a substantial bequest from the late Ill. James F. Farr, 33°, former Deputy for Massachusetts, a major renovation is currently under way to convert an open courtyard surrounded by a hallway into an enclosed multipurpose meeting room designed to accommodate groups of approxi-



The teacher says my leadership qualities will follow me through life even if no one else does.



museum staff with a description of the items before submitting them.

Dollars for scholars

The Supreme Council's Education and Charity Fund and the Leon M. Abbott Scholarship program came into existence through the generosity of a bequest from the late Sovereign Grand Commander Leon M. Abbott, 33°. Following his death in 1932, the fund was established to provide scholarships.

He expressed the desire that some part of the income of the fund should be used for college or university scholarships for superior attainment or proficiency in the study of clean journalism.

The first Abbott scholarship was not awarded until 1951, when the fund reached \$100,000, the goal set by Commander Abbott. The first recipient was a student at Boston University's School of Journalism.

As income slowly increased in following years, additional scholarships were presented to journalism schools at Syracuse University, Indiana University, Southern Illinois University, University of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania State University, Ohio State University, Michigan State University, Temple University, Ohio University, University of Illinois at Urbana, New York University, and American University. Another scholarship went to the Fletcher School

of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

For a number of years, the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund continued to grow steadily but slowly by occasional contributions from Scottish Rite Valleys and Councils of Deliberation plus a few individual gifts.

It was not until 1980 that the Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship program began to share a portion of the proceeds from the annual "Blue" Envelope Appeal. This program receives 10% of the total proceeds.

In 1984, at the recommendation of Sovereign Grand Commander Stanley F. Maxwell, 33°, Supreme Council voted to expand the scholarship program by awarding grants to children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite members and to young people active in the youth groups affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

The first academic year was 1985-86, when \$38,500 was allocated for 68 scholarships. As the allocation increased, the number of recipients grew.

The amount allocated per state is determined by the previous year's contributions to the Supreme Council Charities received from the members of that state.

The number of recipients is determined by the Scottish Rite Deputy for that state, so the size of the scholarship will vary from state to state.

During the current academic year, 358 students have been awarded scholarships totaling \$350,000.

mately 150 for lectures, seminars, or other special events. It will also provide for additional exhibition space. The new area is scheduled to open next summer.

From contributions to the "Blue" Envelope Appeal, the museum and library fund receives 45% of the receipts. Last year's contributions totaled \$324,063, an increase from the previous year. Money received through the annual appeal is used for the operating fund. Another significant source of funds for the museum comes from legacies, which accounted for an additional \$289,434 last year. This is designated for the endowment fund.

Another way in which members contribute is through donations of material gifts. Books and other items submitted to the museum are reviewed by the curators. If you have items you wish to contribute, you should provide the

Scholarships Awarded Since 1985

	<i>No. of students</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1985-86	68	\$ 38,500
1986-87	119	60,000
1987-88	133	80,000
1988-89	174	100,000
1989-90	205	150,000
1990-91	223	165,000
1991-92	245	200,000
1992-93	265	250,000
1993-94	320	300,000
1994-95	367	350,000
1995-96	358*	350,000
Total	2,477	\$2,043,500

*There were fewer scholarships in 1995-96, because the average amount to each student increased.

Annual Meeting Highlights

Milwaukee hosts 1995 session

The Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council has taken on a new look. The lengthy business sessions that once carried over to a second day have been consolidated into a single morning and afternoon session. With the shortened sessions comes a fresh approach to the content of the meeting.

Some of the changes began to take place last year. The 33° members attending that session were asked to complete a questionnaire to obtain reaction to the adjustment and look at continuing ways to improve the meeting.

The results of the survey were encouraging. Many of the suggestions were implemented in this year's program at Milwaukee.

Only selected reports were presented in detail, and those took advantage of multimedia techniques.

Greeting the guests at the opening session was Brother George Washing-

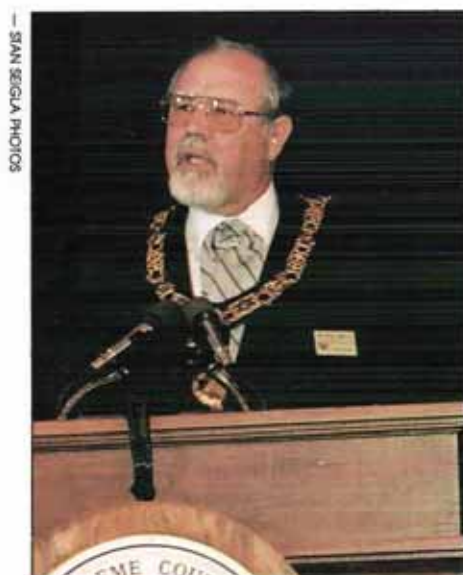
ton, complete with apron and collar. The animatronic figure rose from his chair and gestured with arms and head as he addressed the gathering.

Among the guests were the Grand Masters from Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin. The host Grand Master, Beecher Daniels, 32°, welcomed the members to Milwaukee.

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



Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, announced the election of Ill. Gardner C. Sconyers, Jr.,



— STAN SEGAL PHOTOS

Wisconsin Grand Master Beecher Daniels, 32°, welcomed the Scottish Rite Masons to Milwaukee.



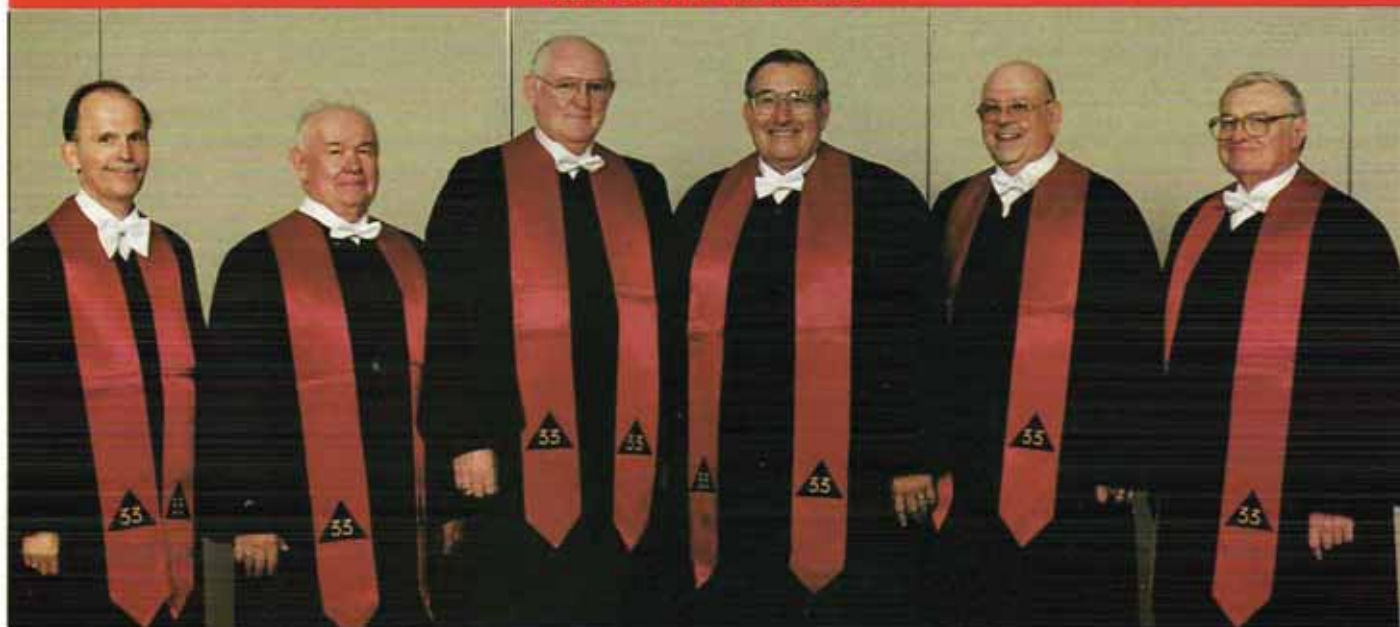
Brother Washington Gets Warm Reception

Sitting in the East at the opening of the Supreme Council general session in Milwaukee, Brother George Washington rose from his chair, motioned to the audience and began to speak. The animatronic figure, developed by Sally Industries, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, was adorned with Masonic apron and collar.

He appeared at several Annual Meeting events throughout the week as he enthralled audiences. George will now travel to various parts of the jurisdiction.

The computerized figure was purchased by the Supreme Council with the assistance of the Ohio Council of Deliberation. For further details about scheduling him for Valley events, contact the Supreme Council headquarters.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS



Inglis
Illinois

Palmer
Rhode Island

Hawk
Pennsylvania

Olmstead
Ohio

Wilson
New York

Miller
New Jersey

33°, of Newport, R.I., as the new Scottish Rite Deputy for that state. Ill. Brother Sconyers, a Hughes Aircraft logistics program manager, became an Active Member in 1992.

Ill. Brother Rollins requested Active Emeritus status due to his frequent travels away from his home state. Also requesting Active Emeritus status was Harold F. Dates, 33°, of Corning, N.Y., because of recent illness.

Two others who were named Active Emeriti Members were Ill. Sidney R. Baxter, 33°, of Stoneham, Mass., Assistant to the Sovereign Grand Commander, and Ill. Raymond B. Perry, 33°, of Cranberry, N.J. Both reached the retirement age of 75 years during the past year. Ill. Brother Perry became an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 1992. Ill. Brother Baxter has been an Active Member since 1973. (See accompanying story on page 10 for details of a special award presented to Brother Baxter.

Also resigning as an Active Member was Ill. Harold E. Witte, 33°, of Freeport, Ill., who has been spending a major portion of the year out of state. His status was changed to Past Active Member.

Newly elected Active Members are Lawrence D. Inglis, 33°, Illinois; Elmer H. Palmer, 33°, Rhode Island; Richard G. Hawk, 33°, Pennsylvania; Douglas K. Wilson, Sr., 33°, New York; James E. Olmstead, 33°, Ohio, and Donald D. Miller, 33°, New Jersey.

Ill. Brother Inglis, 59, of Antioch, Ill., is a Senior Justice for the Illinois Appellate Court. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Illinois and a Past Commander-in-Chief in the Valley of Chicago.

Ill. Brother Palmer, 70, of East Greenwich, R.I., a retired businessman, served the Valley of Providence as Sovereign Prince and is a former Executive Officer for DeMolay in Rhode Island.

Ill. Brother Hawk, 66, of Scranton, Pa., is a resort hotel personnel manager who has been prominent in Grand Lodge affairs as well as in the Scranton

Scottish Rite Bodies, where he served as Most Wise Master and Commander-in-Chief.

Ill. Brother Wilson, 62, of Endwell, N.Y., is a retired social studies teacher and school administrator. Having served as Most Wise Master, he is now the Secretary for both the Valley of Binghamton and the New York Council of Deliberation.

Ill. Brother Olmstead, 59, of Perrysburg, Ohio, has just completed a term as Grand Master for Ohio. For the Valley of Toledo he has served as Commander-in-Chief and is currently its Executive Secretary.

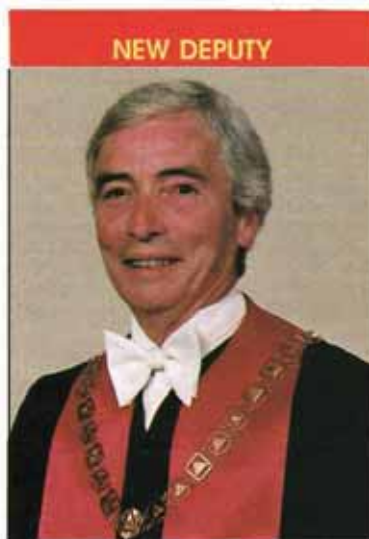
Ill. Brother Miller, 67, of Moorestown, N.J., is a consultant for IMCO, Inc. He was Thrice Potent Master for the Valley of Southern New Jersey and has been active in all branches of Freemasonry.



Elected Emeriti Members of Honor of this Supreme Council were the following Sovereign Grand Commanders: Ill. J.M. Humphrey, 33°, Scotland; Ill. Gordon S. Griffiths, 33°, New Zealand; Ill. Rudyardo V. Bunda, 33°, Philippines; Ill. Gabriel Jesus Marin, 33°, Argentina, and Ill. Jesus Milciades Batista, 33°, Dominican Republic.



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Sconyers
Rhode Island

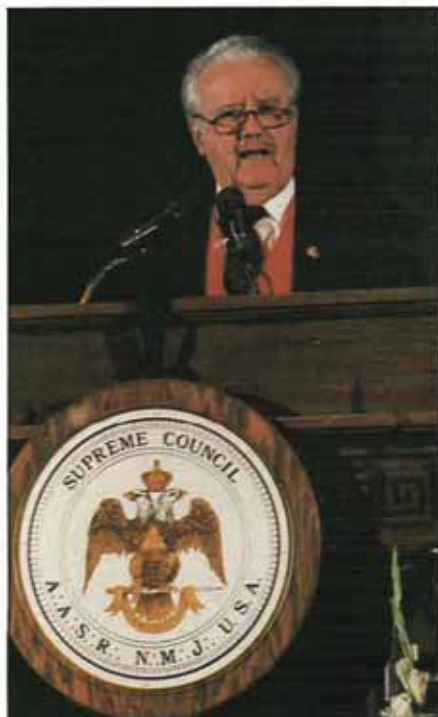
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In his annual Allocution, the Grand Commander expressed his regard for what has transpired in the past, awareness of the needs of the present, and desire to lead and plan for the future. During the past two years he has been in the process of reviewing methods and operations to determine the most effective approach to strengthen the fraternity. "Our goal is to provide the best service possible in the most efficient manner," he said. "Just because 'we have always done it that way' does not mean that we cannot take a fresh look at new directions." He pointed out that some approaches may not be the easiest paths to follow but that "we will take the difficult route if we feel that a particular approach will best serve the fraternity in the long run."

Member survey. Commander Ralston announced plans for a member survey to update files. "Once completed, we will implement programs that will create a stronger bond among Scottish Rite Masons."

A Scottish Rite Mason who relocates to another state in the Jurisdiction



Former Wisconsin Governor Lee Dreyfus, 33°, excited the audience with a major address. Excerpts of his remarks will appear in the February issue.

Masons in his new location who have similar fields of interest.

Later extensions would include a mentoring program, which would help a fellow Scottish Rite Mason through advice and tutoring in his chosen field and assistance in the process of searching for employment.

Strategic planning. A year ago the State of the Rite Committee recommended establishing a strategic or long-range planning committee to develop a strategic plan for the Jurisdiction. Under the chairmanship of Ill. Robert W. Clarke, 33°, Active Member for Massachusetts, a progress report was presented at the meeting. (see details on page 16.)

Dues billing. The Grand Commander reported on the progress of the new Supreme Council dues billing system, which has resulted in substantial savings to the Valleys. Under the new system a membership card for the current year is enclosed with the member's first bill, and members are reminded

will now be placed in touch with the nearest Scottish Rite Valley to his new home. From the results of the survey we will eventually be able to provide him with names of other Scottish Rite

Baxter is First Recipient of New Award

A new Medal of Honor has been created by the Supreme Council, and the first recipient is Ill. Sidney R. Baxter, 33°, retiring Active Member at Large and Administrative Assistant to the Sovereign Grand Commander.

For 45 years, Ill. Brother Baxter has provided faithful and dedicated service to the Supreme Council. Since the Union of 1867, there have been only 12 Sovereign Grand Commanders. He has served as administrative assistant for the last six Commanders. As the medal was being presented, Grand Commander Ralston said, "Sidney's tremendous wealth of knowledge about the Supreme



Council operations is unparalleled."

Two areas that have been particularly close to his heart are international relations and the Supreme Council charities. During the admin-

istration of Grand Commander Bushnell, a satellite office was maintained in Detroit, and Ill. Brother Baxter agreed to relocate during those years to manage at that location.

"He can be considered an 'elder statesman' in terms of his 22 years as an Active Member," said the Grand Commander, "but it hardly compares to his 45 years of devotion to the Supreme Council."

Having reached the age of 75, the retirement age for Active Membership, he now becomes an

Active Emeritus Member.

In response to the presentation of the new medal, Ill. Brother Baxter made particular note of the support he has received from his wife Mona.

that the receipt of the card does not mean that the dues have been paid. The billing is now handled for the local Valleys through Supreme Council headquarters. More effort will be taken to send timely reminders for unpaid dues.

Fraternal recognition. On the recommendation of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, the reconstituted Supreme Councils of Hungary and Poland were recognized.

Prince Hall. By unanimous consent, a resolution was approved to extend recognition to Prince Hall Scottish Rite within those states in which the Grand Lodges have agreed to exchange fraternal recognition. (See separate story.)

Rituals. On recommendation of the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matter, a newly rewritten 14° now becomes the Tentative 14°. The committee reported that it is also working on some minor adjustments to the 12°, and those will be presented at a future meeting.

Sponsoring clergy. A program has been instituted to assist members of the clergy who apply for Masonic membership. (Full details of this program appear on page 16.)

Balloting procedure. Under the present system, all prospective candidates for membership in the Scottish Rite must be elected by ballot. The State of the Rite Committee feels that this method of electing candidates is unnecessarily time-consuming and redundant.

"Because membership in the Scottish Rite is predicated on good standing in the Symbolic Lodge, a petitioner has already undergone a successful process of investigation and to conduct another investigation is superfluous. The investigation and election process is merely a time-wasting formality, and example of obsolete procedure which continues on in spite of an apparent lack of any real value."

The committee proposed that the balloting be eliminated and that candidates be qualified by sponsorship of two Scottish Rite members and validation of a lodge secretary.

The matter will be reviewed and a resolution will be presented at next year's Annual Meeting.

Deputy's Assistant. A new position of Deputy's Assistant has been instituted for a three-year trial period in Ohio and Massachusetts. It will be the responsibility of the Assistant to be the liaison between the Deputy and the Valley officers.

Scottish Rite Recognizes Prince Hall

Ratification of a resolution presented at the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction was the final step in the process of recognizing the Supreme Council, NMJ, Prince Hall Affiliation.

A year ago, Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston was authorized by vote of the Active Membership to confer with the leadership of the Prince Hall Affiliation of the Scottish Rite to explore the possibility of mutual recognition.

At a January meeting held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Mass., Commander Ralston met with Samuel Brogdon, Jr., Sovereign Grand Commander of the Prince Hall Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction. Both agreed in principle to present a resolution recognizing the legitimacy of the two Supreme Councils. Each would retain its sovereignty and remain autonomous within its respective jurisdiction.

The resolution was approved by the Prince Hall Supreme Council in June and by this Supreme Council in October.

The action provides for Scottish Rite recognition only within those states for which the Grand Lodge has extended recognition. It will also apply to other Grand Lodges as they recognize Prince Hall Grand Lodges.

Currently there are 17 Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada that have extended recognition. The Canadian provinces are New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec. The Grand Lodges in the United States are California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Vermont. Ohio, the most recent Grand Lodge on the list, approved recognition in October.

Also, the United Grand Lodge of England recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts last December.

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.

(INVITATION) + (STRUCTURE) -

(VIRTUE) + (TROUBLING) - (RAIN) +

(YELLOW) - (CULTURE) + (REACTION)

- (TOWNS) + (FARMER) - (BELONG) -

(IRON) + (SEND) - (STRAIN) - (DEFECT)

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Answer from previous issue: PHILANTHROPIES

Clue for this puzzle appears on page 18.

The Future of a Fraternity

DeMolay and Masonry can grow together

By DANIEL E. HOULAHAN, 32°

The Order of DeMolay is in a real position to help secure the future of all organizations within Masonry.

Why? Because DeMolay members know Masons. They look up to them. They appreciate the time Masons spend with them and they are already aware of, and familiar with much of the nomenclature, symbols, philanthropies, morals and values of the many facets of the craft.

But, just as DeMolay can help secure the future of Masonry, Masonry can help firm up the foundation of today's DeMolay and in doing so assist in laying the cornerstone of the next generation of Masons.

By collectively working on membership, together we can grow!

Of any 100 young men who become members of the Order of DeMolay, 30 will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure. But in later life, most of these will remember that they had been DeMolays and will speak well of the program, the lessons it teaches, and will remember the fact that it was sponsored by a group of Masons.



Only rarely will a DeMolay ever be in any trouble with the law — a tribute to the lessons of DeMolay and the values imparted to young minds by men who are Masons.

Five of every 100 DeMolays will become Master Councilors of DeMolay chapters and therefore have direct interaction with the Masonic organization which sponsors a chapter. One of the five, will later say that he valued the experience of being Master Councilor above his college degree and will most assuredly remember it was made possible because of a group of Masons.

Many DeMolays find their vocation in life through merit bar work and other DeMolay involvement, all because a group of men, Masons, sponsored a DeMolay chapter.

Many young men have experienced their first introduction to some form of organized religion by attending church or temple as a chapter function or in conjunction with their sponsoring body, the Masons.

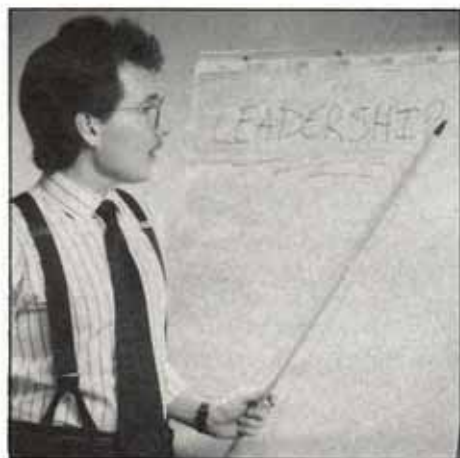
It's interesting to note even though only 1 out of every 1,000 young men in the United States between the ages 12 to 21 years joins DeMolay, many of this nation's leaders in business, religion, politics, and Masonry were DeMolays in their teens. These men remember their DeMolay experience was made possible because of Masons.

Approximately 16 of every 100 DeMolay members will value their time in DeMolay so much that they will "give back" to DeMolay by serving as an adult volunteer in later life, most certainly as a Mason.

Yes, even though the percentages are not known, there are a considerable number of DeMolay members who, because of their DeMolay chapter's participation with a special group of men, will go on into the Masonic lodge. Then, subsequently into Scottish Rite, York Rite, Knights Templar, High Twelve, Eastern Star, and the Shrine.

It is often said in advertising and public relations that product knowledge and awareness is everything. Well, this is also true when we speak of the future of all Masonry. All DeMolay members are taught lessons and values collective of those from Masonry. They learn about and know who the Masons are and what Masonry is all about.

DeMolays usually meet in Masonic buildings. For the most part, they are already plugged into, and working for, one or more Masonic philanthropies. Many DeMolays have Masonic employers for after-school jobs. In some cases, the Masons who serve as DeMolay ad-



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visors are the only male role models some DeMolays have.

Earlier this year the Order of DeMolay directed the Gallup Organization to conduct a survey among non-DeMolay young men and DeMolay members to determine their awareness and opinions of Masonry. Here are the results.

Almost all DeMolay members said they were familiar with the Masonic fraternity.

Nearly all members (94%) said they were aware that the Masons (or groups of Masons) sponsor their DeMolay chapters and that the dedicated men who make up their Advisory Council are mostly Masons.

Of the non-DeMolay group of young men surveyed, only 17% had ever heard of Masonry or the Masons.

The non-DeMolays who had heard of Masonry were then asked what their opinion of Masonry or the Masons was:

- 17% of those who had heard of Masonry had a completely positive opinion about the craft.
- 38% of those who had heard of Masonry said they had a somewhat positive opinion of Masonry.
- Lastly, 44% of the non-DeMolay young people who had heard of Masonry said their opinions ranged from not having one, to somewhat negative, to completely negative.

Conversely, when asked about their opinion of the Masonic fraternity, 95%

of all DeMolay members said their opinion of Masonry was positive to completely positive.



Representing DeMolay International at the Supreme Council Session in Milwaukee was Ben W. Johnson, II, International Master Councilor. Ben is a junior at the University of Kentucky, where he majors in political science and has aspirations of a career in law. He was introduced to the audience by Joe A. Williams, 32°, Grand Master of the DeMolay Supreme Council.

— STAN SEGIA PHOTO

The RITE PATH in LIFE

Kids today need the lessons taught by Masonry. And, Scottish Rite and Masonry need future members. The Northern Jurisdiction is joining with other Masonic groups to assist The Order of DeMolay (the Masonic youth group for young men) with its membership efforts. A large number of DeMolay members go into Masonry and Scottish Rite in later life. Therefore, it's only natural to get young men started down that "Rite" path early.

If you know of a young man who is at least twelve years of age who might benefit from membership in DeMolay, please complete the following membership referral and send it on to DeMolay International. They will do the rest!



Your Name
and address: _____
Name of young man: _____
Date of Birth (if known) _____
Address: _____
Name of young man: _____
Date of Birth (if known) _____
Address: _____
Name of young man: _____
Date of Birth (if known) _____
Address: _____

- () I would like to sponsor the above young man (men) into DeMolay. Please contact me in order to do so.
- () I'd like to help secure the future of Masonry and support today's DeMolay by donating directly to DeMolay's membership efforts. Enclosed is my contribution of: \$15() \$25() \$50() \$100() Other() _____.

Please send to: **DeMolay International**
10200 N. Executive Hills Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri 64153-2317.

This program, in support of DeMolay, is being made possible by the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago and by The Supreme Council 33° Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

DeMolay members already know about Masonry. They have good opinions of Masonry. Many DeMolay members join Masonry in later life. So the more DeMolay members the more Masons of tomorrow!

Please take the time to complete the DeMolay-Masonic Membership Referral form above. Fill it out, send it in, and help DeMolay today and Masonry tomorrow.

Together we can grow!

If you would like to know more about the Order of DeMolay or about how your Masonic organization can sponsor a DeMolay Chapter, contact the International DeMolay Service and Leadership Center at:

10200 North Executive Hills Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64153
(816) 891-8333

The Question of Religion

Pennsylvania Mason seeks answers to anti-Masonic attack

A Pennsylvania clergyman who is also a Master Mason was recently confronted by a fellow clergyman for being associated with Freemasonry. The non-Mason based his attack on the book, *Freemasonry: the Invisible Cult in our Midst*, by Jack Harris. Confused by many of the comments in the book, the Mason wrote to Ill. George H. Hohenschildt, 33°, Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The letter was referred to Ill. Thomas W. Jackson, 33°, Grand Secretary and book reviewer for *The Northern Light*.

The frustrated Mason says, "I have personally defended Freemasonry as a *fraternity*. How-

ever, after reading Harris' book, I must say he gives convincing information indicating that Freemasonry has all the marks of being a *religious order*."

Ill. Brother Jackson points out there have been a number of anti-Masonic books written over the years. "Attacks against the craft were written even before the first Grand Lodge was formed in 1717," he says. Basically, those which are taking place today are originating from radical fundamentalist individuals."

Here are his answers to some of the questions posed by the Pennsylvania Mason.

Q. Do we or do we not take the vows of Freemasonry to heart? If we do, then why is a Past Master allowed to reveal all the secrets of the vows we all took?

A. If a man chooses to violate his vow taken on the Holy Bible, the fraternity has no control to prevent it. I suspect this tells a great deal of the value of the man. Harris joined Freemasonry in 1961 and demitted in 1972 presumably after affiliating with a fundamentalist religious group. This is not to imply that all fundamentalists are anti-Masonic. Indeed, many fundamentalist Christians are members of the craft.

Q. Harris states that "a Mason may not close with prayers in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Is this true?

A. The statement is emphatically in-

correct. Freemasonry emphasizes that all men have the right to use prayers that are suitable to his belief. We do not close prayers in the lodge room in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ because there may be men of different religions sitting in the lodge room. Our prayers are directed to God, and how any member acknowledges his God is his freedom of choice.

Q. Harris states, "Whether it be Anderson in 1723, or Pike and Mackey in 1870, or the Grand Lodge in America in 1973, they all say the same thing: 'If you want to worship Christ, go to your church. We worship the Grand Architect of the Universe' (the god of Freemasons)."

A. I cannot disagree with Pike or Mackey when they say, "If you want to worship Christ, go to your church." We were never meant to be a House

of Worship. But I totally disagree with any implication that there is a unique God of Freemasons. To reference God as "Grand Architect of the Universe" is simply an acknowledgement of the supremacy of His being. How can that be wrong? Even the Holy Bible uses different titles for God.

Q. Harris says, "When Freemasonry speaks of the Bible, it is not speaking of the New Testament theology in light of Jesus Christ. Masonry's definition of holy writ depends on which religion is being discussed."

A. We reference the whole Bible, not just the New Testament, and there is no Masonic Bible that distinguishes it from any other Bible. In the years you have spent in Freemasonry, have you ever noted a Bible on any of our Altars that was unique to the craft other than some preface information showing

where specific terminology relates to craft use?

Q. Harris states, "Many Christian Masons believe they are worshipping god in the lodge room because of clever manipulations of Biblical terminology."

A. His statement is wrong in its very premise. The lodge room is not a House of Worship, and, although we open and close with prayer and invoke His presence during our meetings, we have never claimed to be an institution designed for the *worship* of a Supreme Being. A basic tenet of our craft is to teach the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. If we were to choose to restrict this Brotherhood of Man to Christians only, we would be violating that very tenet of Brotherhood.

Q. How can an American be loyal to his government, obey its laws and yet at the same time agree to murdering a member of the craft who exposes the secrets of Freemasonry? If someone says this is only symbolic, then why require such an oath in the first place?

A. Harris, as well as anyone else who is familiar with the historical background of Freemasonry, knows very well that the penalties of the obligation

are purely symbolic and date back to a time far preceding our formal organization when secrecy was a mandate for survival. I would mention, however, that we have not used the penalties in an obligation in Pennsylvania Freemasonry for over a decade.

Q. Are we anywhere close to what Harris says we are — "a religious cult"? A cult can be loosely defined by the thesaurus as "band, faction, group or sect."

A. There is no question that we do not fall within what Harris chooses to define as a religious cult. We are not a band nor a faction nor a sect, although we certainly are a "group" of men. We are, however, above all else, a brotherhood, which the thesaurus uses to define a fraternity.

Q. Should we reform our documents? This would eliminate the embarrassment for Jews and Christians as they discover later, according to Harris' book, that they belong to an organization which does not solely believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Creation, instead of a god who may only be assumed to be God, according to Harris' description of God.

A. There should be no embarrassment created, because we have never

claimed to be an organization limiting our membership to Christians and Jews. Any good man accepting a monotheistic theology is qualified for membership in Freemasonry. Eliminate this concept and you limit the Brotherhood of Man.

Q. Harris defines the "G" and states that "the big G stands for Geometry."

A. You may recall that in the Second Degree there is reference to the letter "G" standing for geometry and, more importantly, God, but we must not forget that the "G" for the name of the Supreme Being begins with "G" in the English language but may not do so in another language.

Q. Wouldn't it be helpful for lodges to require all members to read Harris' book and then have them attend a meeting to hear someone explain the arguments Harris puts forth against Freemasonry?

A. To require Harris' book to be read by all members and not require any other books would be of no great value to either a Freemason or a non-Mason. There are many books written by anti-Masons, but there are many more books supportive of Freemasonry written by both Masons and non-Masons.

I would encourage you to read *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, by Richard Thorn, M.D. Brother Thorn is a graduate of Ashland Brethren Theological Seminary, a medical doctor having served as a medical missionary, and an ardent Freemason.

I also recommended *Fundamentalism and Freemasonry* by Gary Leazer, Ph.D., and *A Pilgrim's Path* by John J. Robinson. Dr. Leazer (a non-Mason) is president of the Center for Interfaith Studies and headed the study of Freemasonry for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. John Robinson, a noted author, was also a non-Mason when he wrote this book. The book explains why after years of study of the craft he wanted to be a Freemason.

Each of these books are of value to anyone questioning his Christian ethics with relationship to Freemasonry.

I would ask any member who questions the values, the ethics, and the morality of Freemasonry to ask himself when he ever found anything in the craft which was in conflict with his own values and the values taught by his religion.

We are not a Christian organization; we have never laid claim to be a Christian organization, but we look to Christian morality and ethics as a guide to our lives. That does not detract from the moral and ethical value of the Jewish religion or any other religion whose views on morals and ethics are the same as ours. Freemasonry, more than any other organization on earth, emphasizes the need for toleration.

For hundreds of years man has been killing man in the name of God because of differences in religious beliefs and lack of toleration, and they are continuing to do so today. Freemasonry has no problem with man respecting and loving another man with a religion different than his.

Freemasonry offers no dogma, no creed and no means to salvation. These belong to the Church. We are religious in that we require a belief in a Supreme Being, but we are not a religion. If we did not require a belief in God, we would not be under attack today.

— Thomas W. Jackson

Strategic Plan is Endorsed

A strategic plan for the Supreme Council was approved at the Milwaukee session.

The plan describes the vision for the future of the Supreme Council, its strategies, core values and mission that will serve as driving forces to improve administrative capacity, reinforce a commitment to Freemasonry, and expand the impact of our charitable outreach programs in a global society.

Ill. Robert W. Clarke, 33°, Active Member for Massachusetts and chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee, outlined the following strategies and their objectives:

1. Be an organization that is managed effectively.

- Assess the current organizational design and recommend the most effective managerial system for the future of the Rite.

- Assure the implementation of the strategic plan in each Council of Deliberation within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

2. Be attractive to interested Masons of good character.

- Establish a marketing plan to become well known and understood as a worldwide fraternity within the Masonic family.

- Sponsor and coordinate programs of interest to members, families, and the community.

Increase youth awareness and interest in the fraternity.

- Establish a wide spectrum of tangible benefits of membership.

- Cultivate target markets for prospective candidates.

- Provide for the extensive orientation and education of candidates and families through pre-application and initiation process.

- Design a plan to actively involve all members in the work of Scottish Rite.

- Network through intrafraternal strategies to attract more eligible men into the fraternity.

3. Be led by men with leadership skills.

- Identify future leaders in the community and establish a resource list for use by Masonic Awareness Committees.

- Recruit men with leadership potential into the fraternity.

- Design a process of responsibility within the Scottish Rite Bodies.

- Develop a plan to keep leadership actively involved in fraternal affairs over the long term.

- Network with leadership training sources.

4. Be active in the community at large.

- Develop a plan to effectively network with selected national and community organizations to further enhance an awareness of Scottish Rite.

- Establish an ongoing public relations program with national and community media, including *The Northern Light*, to promote awareness of the philosophy and charitable outreach of the fraternity.

- Design an Action Plan to encounter negative voices and untrue statements about the fundamental purposes and philosophies of Freemasonry

and the Scottish Rite fraternity.

- Coordinate an Intrafraternal Task Force to dialogue with Grand Lodges, York Rite, and the Shrine fraternities in an effort to establish intrafraternal relations and strategies.

- Hold regular meetings with the leadership in the So. Jurisdiction as well as Prince Hall Freemasonry in states recognized by the Grand Lodges.

- Expand the impact of Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers within the local school systems and the community at large.

5. Be endorsed by the entire family.

- Evaluate the social and ethical needs of families in today's society.

- Develop a plan to provide continuous family-focused programs so that member families will receive direct benefits from a membership in the Scottish Rite fraternity.

- Design a process that established a long-term sense of commitment to the Rite among families, widows, friends, and community leadership.

6. Be financially strong to accomplish the long-range mission.

- Develop a financial plan for the long-term financial independence of Scottish Rite, its programs, membership benefits, and its charitable outreach.

- Stimulate endowment giving through educational and professional interaction with members, families, widows, and friends of the fraternity.

- Streamline general operational expenses through consolidations, networking, and other intrafraternal and community strategies.

- Establish one or more fundraising programs.

- Assess the pros and cons of promoting membership benefit plans which inure to the financial benefit of Scottish Rite.

- Develop a financial business plan for each Valley.

7. Be recognized as a fraternal organization that is committed to charity.

- Assess the current impact of Scottish Rite outreach programs in light of the objectives of the strategic plan.

- Increase the involvement of our members in our charitable outreach.

- Develop a plan to increase membership as a by-product of charitable support.

The committee will continue to work within these guidelines to suggest ways to implement the plan.

New Program Assists Clergy

Over the years there have been numerous attempts by non-Masons to identify Freemasonry as a religion. The accusations have come from various church officials and extremists. Many have done so to further their own selfish interests. Although Freemasons have continually pointed out that the fraternity is neither a religion nor a threat to religion, there have been those who still viciously attack with erroneous statements to serve their own end.

Masons who are clergymen know that there is no conflict. They often

become the fraternity's best spokesmen and provide valuable assistance from a "grass roots" level to help overcome the confusion over the subject of Freemasonry and religion.

To increase this understanding, the Supreme Council approved a plan at its recent Annual Meeting to provide the Symbolic Lodge initiation fee for any clergyman seeking admission. The annual dues, of course, would be the responsibility of the individual.

Scottish Rite application fees will be waived by the local Valley.

The Stamp Act

A Philatelic Review

By Robert A. Domingue



A US stamp released in 1975 for the upcoming Bicentennial depicts the death of Gen. Joseph Warren at Bunker Hill as painted by Trumbull. Born in 1741, Dr. Warren was graduated from Harvard in 1759, studied medicine in Boston and soon acquired a high reputation. He became very active in the Revolutionary activities delivering fiery orations and serving on the provincial congresses. He was chosen a Major General on June 14, 1775, and was mortally wounded at Bunker Hill three days later.



Brother Warren received his degrees in St. Andrew's Lodge in 1761 and was elected Master in 1768. The following year he was granted a commission as Provincial Grand Master of Masons in Boston, New England and within 100 miles of same — he organized the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts that year and retained the position until his death. In 1772 the jurisdiction of his commission was extended to include all of North America.



Eloy Alfaro, born on June 25, 1842, at Montecristi, Ecuador, served two terms as President of his country — 1897-1901 and 1907-11. He enacted more laws and regulations in the field of education and toward betterment of his people and the Indian population than all the other presidents of his country combined. As president he reduced the power of the Roman Catholic Church by confiscating the



landed estates held by the church. While in exile in Panama, he imported Ecuador-made toquilla hats and sold them to travelers — they became known as the "Panama Hat." During an unsuccessful revolution in January 1912 he was brought to Quito and assassinated in a prison cell.

Brother Alfaro has honored philatelically again in 1995 when he was shown on an issue commemorating the centenary of the Alfaria revolution. He was raised with Brother Jose Abel Castillo, another Ecuador patriot, in 1880 in Lodge "Luz del Guayas" of Guayaquil. The friendship of these two men flourished when they joined a Masonic lodge — "the only place where young men of Jewish ancestry could express in deed, ideals contrary to those of the ruling Catholic church."



Fiorello H. LaGuardia, affectionately called "The Little Flower" by his fellow New Yorkers, was honored by the US with a 14-cent stamp issued in 1972 — 25 years after his death. Born in 1882 in New York City, he served six years

as an American Consulate in Hungary and Austria. Following a three-year assignment as an interpreter at Ellis Island, he began law practice in New York City in 1910. He served in the U.S. Congress from 1917-19 and 1923-33, followed by three terms as mayor of New York City (1934-45). He served during World War I in the U.S. Air Service.

Brother LaGuardia was raised in Garibaldi Lodge No. 542, New York City, in 1913, and received life membership there in 1933. As the cover shown here indicates, he was the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York to the Grand Lodge of Arizona in 1942.



Many nations of the world have honored Brother Wolfgang Mozart with postage stamps. One of the most recent was issued by Tanzania this year as part of an extended death bicentennial recognition. Born in 1756, this great musician composed 23 operas, 52 symphonies, 25 string quartets, 56 church works and hundreds of other compositions during his 35-year lifetime. It is estimated that the total number of com-

positions was more than 600 — some of them, such as "The Magic Flute," were done expressly for Masonry.

Brother Mozart was initiated Dec. 14, 1784, in Lodge "Zur Wohltatigkeit" (Benevolence) in Vienna and received his Fellowcraft degree on Jan. 7, 1785, in Lodge "Zur Wahren Eintracht" (True Harmony) at the request of his lodge. He was raised April 22, 1785.



The biography of Brother Harry S. Truman is well known. One of the many stamps which have honored or pictured President Truman is a Guyana Souvenir Sheet released in 1995 to honor famous people.

Brother Truman was made a Mason in Bolton Lodge No. 450, Grandview, MO, in 1909. He served that lodge as Senior Warden in 1911 but left to become the founding Master of Grandview Lodge No. 618 in 1913. In 1940 he was elected Grand Master of Masons in Missouri. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in 1917 and became a member of Ararat Shrine Temple in Kansas City. He received the 33° on Oct. 19, 1945, while president — the first president to be so honored. The Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction made him the first recipient of the Gourgas Medal in 1945.

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By THOMAS W. JACKSON, 33°

The Sacking of the Masonic Temple in Jersey by the Nazis in 1941 by Dennis Perrin. Published in 1993 by Lewis Masonic, England. Available through So. California Research Lodge, P.O. Box 6587, Buena Park, CA 90622. \$10.40 plus \$1.75 postage.

Most of us are familiar with the Nazi persecution of Freemasons during World War 2. This book records what took place on the Isle of Jersey during this period. Jersey, along with Guernsey, which also experienced the sacking of its Masonic Temple, are part of the Channel Islands.

This small book tracks the development of Freemasonry on Jersey, the building of the Temple, the occupation and actions of the Nazis, and the refurbishing of the Temple. It serves a purpose by specifically documenting actions by the Nazi Party against Freemasonry in this location. It also serves a more valuable purpose by keeping alive the knowledge of what can happen to the craft when freedom dies.

The author, Worshipful Dennis George Perrin, was born in and lived on Jersey until 1940 when he left to actively participate in the war. Members of his family were extremely active in the craft in Jersey, and he has served in numerous capacities, both for the Grand Lodge and Appendant Bodies.

It was interesting that some of those in the German High Command responsible for administering occupation law in Jersey had historic connections with Freemasonry and did not take active aggression against either the members or the building. Regretfully, their administration did not sit well with the German High Command, and they were replaced by others which resulted in the sacking of the Temple. What was not looted was systematically destroyed by direct order from Fuhrer headquarters.

Most of the contents of the building were shipped to Berlin to be used in an anti-Masonic exhibition. Fortunately, following the war, part of the material taken was returned by the Offenbach Archival depot in the American Zone of Occupation. A Past Master of an English Lodge was principally responsible for much of the effort in seeing that this material was returned. There is still hope to this day that additional items will be found and returned.

The Temple is restored beyond its former splendor. There are more lodges today on the isle than before the war. Freemasonry survives and the Nazis fail. I found it to be an interesting little book.



The Medal of Honor — The Letter G in Valor by S. Kenneth Baril. Originally published in 1994 by the Weidner Publishing Group, 490 Cornwall Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410. Second edition in 1995. \$16.95 plus \$3 postage.

I reviewed the 1994 edition of this book in November 1994. In it, the author listed all then-known recipients of the Medal of Honor who were Freemasons, along with brief biographical information and the citation defining the action resulting in its presentation.

Since that edition the author has received a considerable amount of additional information regarding other members of the craft awarded the Medal of Honor. His 1995 edition includes brothers missing in the first edition due to lack of knowledge. The number of pages has increased from 100 to 260. As I indicated in my prior review it provides a segment of Masonic significance which might otherwise have been ignored.



Fiat Lux — Selected Masonic Essays by V. Rajendran. Published in 1991. Available through V. Rajendran, 38 TPK Road, Madurai 625 001, India. \$3 plus \$9 postage.

I received a copy of this book in 1992 from the author with whom I have been acquainted for several years, and I finally had the opportunity to read it. It is a compilation of articles and essays which he has been collecting over his years of membership. Brother Rajendran has been an active Freemason under the Grand Lodge of India since 1954 and served as Deputy Grand Master for that Grand Lodge. Although he does not claim to be an accomplished author in his own right, I suspect he underestimates his abilities. He has provided a service to the craft by combining these articles into one publication.

The author states in the preface that he has "learnt to keep his antenna out for inspiration in thought-provoking writings of wise Freemasons," and, from this publication, I can do nothing but agree with this statement. He has divided the book into 12 chapters under the headings of History, Rituals, Symbolism, Immortality, Morality, Truth, Temple, Tolerance, Philosophy, Fraternity, Rituals, Pillars, and Happiness. Within those chapters, he has placed the inspirational and informative articles from his collection. The chapter on Happiness is made up of short, humorous stories which offer little value to the book, but the prior 11 chapters more than make up for any lack of value of the 12th.

These "essays" have been written by both noted and lesser-known Masonic writers from Grand Lodges around

the world, although most of them are written and/or published under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of India. Some answers in the "Temple" chapter are not accurate for all Grand Lodges due to jurisdictional variations, such as the definition of the duties of the Deacons, and that must be realized by the reader. I also had a serious problem with the definition of the lesson of the Third Degree when it implied a representation of "death and resurrection." This may be a lack of understanding on my part or a difference in translation of the meaning, but it subjects us to criticism by some theologians who question the religious connotation of the craft.

When reviewing a book, I note page numbers of specific sections to which I wish to refer. In reviewing this book, I found myself doing so frequently. There were many sections in the book which I was not only glad I read but wished I had written. I wrote comments to myself to refer to specific essays which brought up subjects about which I would like to write in the future.

The book is not long nor is it difficult to read, but anyone moved by those inspiring qualities of the craft will appreciate reading it. These writings have probably caused me to think more about my future writing than any book I have previously read. It is a book worth reading, and I recommend it.



The Queen's Chameleon by Joy Hancox. Published in 1994 by Jonathan Cape Random House, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 2SA, England. £18.99.

A friend of mine loaned me two books several months ago which he thought I might be interested in reading because they contained references to Freemasonry. One was *The Queen's Chameleon*. I made no connection between the two books until I had finished this one and noted that it referred to *The Byrom Collection*, which is the title of the second book. I found both to be by the same author, and both are written about the same personage. I possibly will review it for the next issue. It preceded *The Queen's Chameleon* in publication having been published in 1992.

Hancox, an Associate of the Royal College of Music, was stimulated to the research which led up to these two volumes in an attempt to trace historical information on former owners of the farm on which she lived. The owner's name was Thomas Siddal, and both he and his father were Jacobites, both were also executed — the father in 1715, the son in 1745 — for participation on behalf of the Jacobite cause. The research led the author into the life of a remarkable man.

In attempting to obtain information on Siddal, Hancox's attention was directed to John Byrom, a contemporary of Siddal, because of the detailed journal he kept during his lifetime. Much of Byrom's writings were deliberately destroyed, possibly to conceal some of the activities of his life. This is regrettable and a loss to our knowledge of 18th-century thought as well as historical knowledge. Even though his name may not be well

known to many of us, he did have an impact in that period of history. Frankly, I never heard of John Byrom, and Freemasonry is referred to only obliquely throughout the book, but it reinforces our knowledge of the attractive power of our craft to the great thinkers in that day, of which John Byrom clearly was one.

John Byrom was a Freemason having belonged to a French lodge, and there can be no doubt that Freemasonry, which he was probably drawn to as many enlightened minds were, had an impact on his life. Most of those great minds were associated with organizations where they were able to carry on intellectual discussions. Freemasonry was as important then as a focal point as were the Royal Society, the Sun Club, and the Cabella Club which John Byrom founded.

Anyone familiar with early Freemasonry, and certainly the student of the craft, is familiar with the names of Hogarth, Desaguliers, Radclyffe and others cited in this volume. He will recognize their importance in the development of the Masonic fraternity as well as their association with the other enlightened organizations. All were contemporaries and associates or friends of Byrom. When I started reading this book, I thought it was going to be uninteresting reading, but the more I read it the more engrossed I became in it. It began to read more like a stimulating mystery novel than a historical biography.

John Byrom was an accomplished poet and much of his writings are in that form. He is also regarded as a "playboy, a philosopher, and possibly a spy." He developed a system of shorthand which probably has a great influence on shorthand to this day. I was amazed how significant this mundane subject could be. Evidently shorthand in that day was as significant and important to the intellectual mind as computers are in this day. It led him into positions of extreme importance including not only his connections with the great minds but even into the Royal Family.

John Byrom's life was filled with intrigue at least equivalent to those of any other period of history. Indeed, one of the most remarkable aspects of this man's life is that he lived to die of old age. His life was not one of unblemished decency. In fact, much of his life's activities were not those of which we would be proud. According to the author he had a long association with and fathered a child by a woman who was to become the Queen of England.

I recognize that some of the conclusions reached by the author are speculative although based on thorough research. I found the book to be stimulating reading, and I think any student of early Freemasonry and its association with the era of enlightenment would enjoy and appreciate its contents.



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HealthWise

■ A good mood the natural way

Forget "feel better" pills. You can get a natural high by:

(1) Using a bath brush. Doctors say a long-handled bath brush stimulates the skin and increases the body's natural antidepressant serotonin.

(2) Skipping caffeine and sugar. They make you feel good at first but leave you with low energy in a short time.

(3) Eating "happy foods." The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture says sunflower seeds contain tryptophan, a natural antidepressant, as does evening primrose which can be mixed with peanut butter.

(4) Adding exercise, massage, and music to feel better fast.

■ Tune up your workout

Should you walk with Bach? Or pump iron with heavy metal? What you listen to while exercising may actually help tune up your workout.

Researchers tested the effect of different types of music on young adults while they exercised on a treadmill. Fast, loud rock music boosted heart rate, which limited endurance.

Slow tunes, what researchers call "elevator music," lowered heart rate, allowing the joggers to huff and puff longer without feeling any more tired.

The relaxation brought on by the soft music, according to experts at Louisiana State University, enabled joggers to keep going longer. The more rousing rock music, however, made them feel less relaxed, causing them to tire earlier.

■ Best drink costs less

You can refill a glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a six pack of soda pop.

And water has no sugar or caffeine. Drinking water regularly is the simplest, least expensive thing you can do to maintain good health, according to the *American Journal of Public Health*.

■ Laser surgery for snoring

A new surgical procedure is being demonstrated in New York's St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. Dr. Yosef Krespi uses a precisely focused carbon dioxide laser that reduces the sides of the uvula, the tissue that hangs from the palate, and reshapes the soft palate adjoining it. In addition to being disruptive to the sleep of others, loud snoring is associated with constricted air passages, which deprive the brain of oxygen during sleep, a condition known as sleep apnea. Sleep apnea can cause irregular heartbeats, stroke and high blood pressure. The technique was conceived by French specialists in 1990.

■ Want to change your looks? Sleep on it

If you lost an hour of sleep last night, it will be written all over your face today. According to the Sleep Disorders Center at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, when you are sleep deprived, muscle tone of the face is diminished. Facial muscles sag, you will have bags under the eyes.

Additionally, when you lose sleep, skin becomes somewhat dehydrated, making wrinkles show up more. And dermatologists at Case Western University contend that lack of sleep reduces circulation in the skin, which may emphasize circles under the eyes and wrinkles.

■ Reasons kids need braces

It's easy to see that kids with crooked teeth need braces, but the American Association of Orthodontists says all kids should be screened

by an orthodontist after permanent teeth begin to come in. If teeth are crowded, they will be difficult to clean and prone to decay. Those that protrude are easily injured, and their surfaces can become worn. If bite problems aren't corrected, they can lead to gum disease, tooth loss and headaches. Early treatment is less costly than waiting until adolescence.

■ Stand easy in spite of varicose veins

If you have varicose veins, try these ways to alleviate discomfort and to slow progression:

Wear support stockings. Drug stores carry a good line of below-the-knee support hose for men and women. Generally, you don't need above-the-knee support.

Walk. Muscle contractions in your legs help pump blood back to your heart.

Elevate your legs. The American Nurses Association recommends elevating legs above the level of the heart. Do this for 10-15 minutes three or four times a day.

Move around. Don't sit still or stand still for long periods. Change positions frequently.

Control your weight. Being overweight puts extra pressure on veins.

■ A sporting look at portion sizes

Joan Horbiak, an author, dietician and consultant, turns portion sizes into imagery that's easy to remember. For example:

- A serving of vegetables, pasta, rice or noodles is about the size of a racquetball.
- A serving of meat, fish or poultry is about the size of a deck of cards.
- A serving of cheese looks like a golf ball.
- Servings of fresh whole fruits, muffins and bagels are about the size of a baseball.

To further help with portion sizes, Horbiak cites studies done by Duke University that show people are likely to fill their plates to the edges, no matter what size the plate is. She suggests using a smaller plate. It's likely that you will go back for seconds, but at least it will be a conscious decision.

They Belong to History



**VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11TH**

Our veterans, what kind of people are they? General Douglas MacArthur's answer follows, excerpted from his famous "Duty, Honor, Country," speech. Of a veteran, he said:

His name and fame are the birthright of every citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He needs no eulogy from me, or from any other man. He has written it in red on his enemy's breast.

When I think of his patience in adversity, his courage under fire, and his modesty in victory, I am filled with an emotion of admiration I cannot put into words. He belongs to history as furnishing one of the greatest examples of successful patriotism. He belongs to posterity as the instructor of future generations in the principles of liberty and freedom. He belongs to the present, to us, by his virtues and by his achievements.

In twenty campaigns, on a hundred battlefields, around a thousand campfires, I have witnessed that enduring fortitude, that patriotic self-abnegation, and that invincible determination which have carved his statue in the hearts of his people.

From one end of the world to another, he has drained deep the chalice of courage. In my memory's eye I see those staggering

columns of the First World War, bending under soggy packs on many a weary march, to form grimly for the attack, blue-lipped, covered with sludge and mud, chilled by the wind and rain, driving home to their objective, and, for many, to the judgement seat of God.

Always for them: Duty, honor, country. Always their blood, sweat, and tears, as we sought the way and the light and the truth. And 20 years after, on the other side of the globe, again the filth of murky foxholes, the stench of ghostly trenches, boiling suns of relentless heat, those torrential rains, and the loneliness of jungle trails. . . . Always through the bloody haze of their last reverberating shot, the vision of gaunt, gastly men, reverently following the passwords of "Duty, honor, country."

. . . The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he bears the deepest wounds of war. But always in our ears ring the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers: "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

Duty, honor, country.

Brother MacArthur honored all men and women of the armed forces, past and present.

These are fitting words for 1995, 50 years after the end of World War II.

Valley Publications Receive Franklin Awards

Brother Franklin Awards were announced at the recent Supreme Council Annual Session, and ten Valleys were recognized. Since 1989, Valleys have been encouraged to submit entries for competition. The program was designed to honor outstanding Valley publications and to offer a critique to all Valleys submitting entries for consideration.

Valley publications are an important part of the process of communicating with the membership. The review allows editors an opportunity to consider new ways of presenting information in printed form.

For the competition, the Valleys are rated according to the size of the membership. For Valleys with less



than 2,000 members, top honors went to the Valley of **Bridgeport, CT**; Leo H. Lohrman, 33°, editor. Honorable mention went to the Valley of **Jamestown, NY**, Robert W. Boenig, 33°, and Robert E. Eaglesome, 32°, editors; and the Valley of **Lewiston-Auburn, ME**, Kenneth C. Carlin, 33°, editor.

For Valleys with memberships of 2,000-5,000, the first place winner was the Valley of **Milwaukee, WI**; John K. Shannon, Sr., 33°, editor. Valleys receiving honorable mention were the Valley of **Buffalo, NY**, Steven L. Rost, 32°, editor; and the Valley of **Northern New Jersey**, Gilbert W. Maymon, 33°, editor.

In the highly competitive category of larger Valleys, the first place winner was the Valley of **Pittsburgh, PA**, Harry E. Killen, III, 33°, editor. Three Valleys received honorable mention: the Valley of **Cleveland, OH**, David B. Mackey, editor; the Valley of **Indianapolis, IN**, Alan G. Lisle, 33°, editor; and the Valley of **Toledo, OH**, George O. Braatz, 33°, editor.

VIEWS FROM THE PAST

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

The Lesson of Universality

One of the great intellects and profound thinkers of the 20th century was Ill. Roscoe Pound, 33°, for many years Dean of the Harvard Law School and a world-renowned scholar. We can be proud of the fact that he also was a devoted Mason throughout his long lifetime and a brilliant speaker and writer on Freemasonry, especially in the field of Masonic philosophy.

Near the end of one of his philosophical addresses he said:

"My brethren, we of all men owe it to ourselves and to the world to be universal in spirit. Universality is a lesson the whole world is learning and must learn. But we ought to know it well already. We ought to be upon the front bench of the world's school, setting an example to our more backward school-fellows."

In this simple yet forceful language, so typical of this great man, he confronts us with one of the cardinal teachings of Freemasonry. In

doing so he also points up the fact that ours is an organization with a purpose and challenges us to pursue that purpose effectively.

Here is a lesson which each of us in a position of leadership should take to heart. It is not enough for us simply to conduct our meetings, confer our degrees, etc. — however faithfully we may attend to those duties. Our task is to make our Masonic teachings effective forces in our lives and in the lives of our members and through them in the communities in which we live. That task is not finished by the simple conferring of a degree. To complete the task we must develop an enthusiastic and dedicated membership. Therein lies the real challenge to our leadership, and our success in achieving it will be the real measure of our success as leaders. Dean Pound, as always, hit the nail right on the head.

— George A. Newbury, 33°
Nov. 1970

Public Relations is Your Bag, Too

Every Mason is a public relations man — whether we want to admit it or not.

Strange as it may seem, people think of Masonry what they think of you. If you will reflect, you think the same way about the places you frequently go. The same is true of the restaurant where you enjoy the atmosphere and food. If you visit a new place to eat and the waitress pays little attention to you and your party, you form a negative opinion of the establishment.

So it is true — you create an opinion because of the people with whom you have had contact who represent that business or organization.

The very same rules apply to our organization of Masonry. Let one known Mason offend a member of our society and immediately an impression is formed of the entire organization.

— James L. Norman, 33°
Sept. 1970

*These selections for the
25th anniversary year
are excerpts from the
1970 issues of
The Northern Light.*

Trying to Live on Negatives

It is easier to criticize someone else than to construct something ourselves. Attacking the ideas and allegiances of others gives a warm glow of superiority, at no expense of thought.

Negatives are so much easier than positives. Perhaps that is one big reason for the lamentable fact that on the stage and in much current fiction, for every one character we would care to admit to our home for 15 minutes, there are at least a dozen who ought to be rounded up by Jack Webb, Chief Ironside, or some psychiatrist.

The tendency to live on negatives is deceptive in that it is an escape mechanism. People fly from dealing with inner conflicts and frustrations by substituting outward ones.

The tragedy of negatives is that violent revolutionaries heat up the unsuspecting with what they should be against and do not tell them what they should stand for. So large numbers become the "innocent front" and the "transmission belt."

Any citizen worthy of the name must live on positives. The great days in any nation have been those when great answers have been given to the question, "What are you for?"

Well, what is Scottish Rite for?

The answer is clear and positive. We teach that every man may live his own life as he wills it but limited by his responsibility to God and his recognition of the rights and privileges of others.

We hold the conviction that men do not gather grapes from thorns nor figs from thistles. We believe that we are building the new temple in the hearts of men every day — that it continues from generation to generation.

What is the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for?

It is the supreme task of the Scottish Rite to inspire men to seek righteousness because it is right, justice because it is just, goodness because it is good, and truth because it is true.

— Rev. John G. Fleck, 33°
Sept. 1970

Let's Get Concerned

Members alone do not make Masonry an effective force. Nor is it sufficient to establish Lodges and confer degrees, even though the ritual is a most impressive one. Masonry must be more than words, pins, rings, jewels, and aprons. To be meaningful and dynamic, Masonry must call each of its members to a life of service and helpfulness.

What seems to be sadly lacking in man's relation to man is *communication*. Once man communicates with his brother, he sets the stage for ironing out differences and providing mutual assistance.

But in order to communicate, man must first "be concerned" about his fellow. For too long he has been too unconcerned!

How can we, as Masons, generate this vital concern for our fellow man, both within ourselves and within others?

The first requirement is, of course, to get a "mental set" that all of us here on this earth are vitally important to each other — we are all in this scheme of things together.

If we will but look about us, we will find mountains of opportunities

for being helpful to our fellow man.

There are people in far-away lands who can use our understanding and our assistance.

As we look abroad, we must not neglect those things close at home and, in fact, within our own families.

When did you do some nice little thing for your wife that prompted her to remember that she is somebody special in your life and that she gives your life a special meaning?

When did you extend a compliment to one of your children, providing them with the deep satisfaction that they have done well and with the incentive to do even better?

And when did you sit down with your family altogether to enjoy the warmth that family togetherness can bring?

The Scriptures tell us that "THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF."

There is the answer: And the results of this super consciousness of others will prove very satisfying.

— George A. Goodling, 33°

Nov. 1970

More than a Fraternity

I wish all of you might share the privilege which is mine of attending scores of Masonic meetings throughout the country. If you could, you would be impressed by the great influence the fraternity exerts on literally millions of people — Masons and their families and friends.

Recently I attended the annual session of the National Sojourners — a Masonic group composed entirely of active or retired officers in the Armed Services of the United States. The fraternity is very popular among the officers of these services. High-ranking officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who have served our country in some of its most distinguished posts are active and dedicated workers in the craft, and among the most eloquent exponents of our Masonic teachings.

In June it was my privilege to speak at the morning service in the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, New Hampshire. It was a Masonic service following the consecration of plaques in honor of the Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and New Hampshire Consistory. Over 3,000 were present in an awe-inspiring outdoor setting in the mountains of New Hampshire.

Freemasonry packs more of dynamism into its activities and influence than we Masons realize. It is more than a fraternity. It is a force for good, striving to perpetuate and to extend those humble virtues which our forebears wove into the fabric of our institutions and the character of our people — virtues which have made her great and alone can keep her great.

— George A. Newbury, 33°

Sept. 1970

'Quick Quotes'

Pay attention to your enemies. They are the first to discover your mistakes.

— Antisthenes

The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of one hour.

— Japanese proverb

Spoon-feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon.

— E. M. Foster

God gives every bird a worm, but he does not throw it into the nest.

— Swedish proverb

Truth isn't always beauty, but the hunger for it is.

— Nadine Gordimer

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

— Dali Lama

Our greatest weariness comes from work not done.

— Eric Hoffer

Man has no choice but to love. For when he does not, he finds his alternatives lie in loneliness, destruction and despair.

— Leo Buscaglia

There are three things extremely hard: Steel, a diamond, and to know one's self.

— Benjamin Franklin

If you are not for yourself, who will be? But, if you are for yourself alone — what are you?

— Rabbi Hillel

There is only one basic human right, the right to do as you please unless it causes others harm. With it comes only one basic human duty, the duty to take the consequences.

— P. J. O'Rourke

Our schools can teach Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmatic more effectively when parents teach Respect, Responsibility and Reliability in the home.

— William Arthur Ward

My joy in learning is partly that it enables me to teach.

— Seneca

■ Staying financially well over the holidays

Here are some tips for having a debt-free holiday season.

Set your holiday budget. Decide what you can spend this year. Include the cost of wrapping paper, shipping, travel, extra food and entertaining. If you feel like Scrooge, remember, you're the one who has to pay the bills, not the gift recipients.

Start planning now. Check the ads, window shop, and look at catalogs before you start to buy. Write down gift ideas and prices. Gift certificates help to keep budgets in line.

Be creative if you are so inclined. Baked goods and craft items make personalized gifts. Holiday joy is not directly tied to a price tag.

Make a shopping list and stick to it. If your circle of family and friends has become too large to cope with, consider calling some of them to say you are just sending cards this year. (They could be pleased that they won't have to shop for you either.)

Do it soon. Waiting until the last minute causes stress to take over. You might buy more expensive gifts just to get the shopping done.

■ New trend: Minibrations

They're celebrations of life's little landmarks. A recent study shows that big and formal parties are less popular than they once were. People are opting for impromptu mini-gatherings with friends and family. Small get-togethers were preferred by 81% of those surveyed; 62% say they enjoy leisure time at home more than going out, and 53% hold a small party or go to one at a friend's house at least once a month. Reasons to celebrate included holidays, meeting a deadline at work, a kid's great report card, and sighting the first snow of the year.

■ Colleges offer family fun and education

Many colleges offer week-long family vacations on campus, complete with a week of classes, cafeteria cui-



sine, and sleeping quarters in the dorm.

A week at Indiana University costs about \$180 for adults, and \$130 for kids. The majority of programs are offered at private schools. Many attendees are alumni or their families, but the colleges encourage any interested person or family to sign up.

Special programs are offered for children including farm and museum tours, crafts and sports instruction.

Good programs are offered at Cornell University (Ithaca, NY); Washington and Lee University (Lexington, VA); Stanford University (Palo Alto, CA); Emory University (Atlanta), and Penn State University.

■ Four minutes of conversation

The average couple interviewed by The Center for Lifestyle Management (Pittsburgh) devotes four minutes per day to meaningful conversation. Short nurturing messages are the lifeblood of a relationship, the Center concludes. There is a lot of significance to such messages as "Did you have a good day," and "Thanks for putting the dishes away." Such messages have more meaning than a long conversation about current events.

■ Compare the cost per ounce

Shoppers often purchase a large container of a food product (even if they can't use it for some time) because they are convinced they pay less per ounce than they would for a smaller size. But a study published in the *Tufts University Diet & Nutrition Letter* shows that larger sizes in

several types of products often cost more per ounce. These products included certain brands of tuna, ketchup, vegetable oil, peanut butter, preserves, frozen juice, tomato sauce and breakfast food.

■ Dad takes a nap

David Mauer, a father of five writing in *Child* magazine, says a dad's nap on the weekend is important and has a wonderful rejuvenating power.

Here are his instructions on how to nap effectively: (1) Wear more clothes so you don't get cold. (2) Allow at least an hour for the ideal siesta. (3) Never nap in a bed. Only on a chair or couch will a nap be really special. (4) Start the nap in an upright position. Pull out some boring article or work from the office so you look busy. Rub your eyes, then proceed to recline or stretch out.

■ Make your car last longer

Your new car will last up to twice as long, according to *Nutz & Boltz*, if you drive gently for the first 50 miles and vary your speed frequently for the first 1,000 miles. Remember that most engine wear occurs in the first moments after starting a car. Let the engine run for one minute before driving so cylinders will not be starved for oil. Avoid downshifting except on long, steep grades, otherwise use brakes to slow the car. And never drive with dirty or worn-out oil.

■ Blooming needs of African violets

If you are having trouble getting your African violets to bloom, try following this advice from the book *Successful House Plants* (Ortho).

African violets need long days to promote growth. Leggy stems and the absence of blooms indicate insufficient light. Older varieties bloom for four months and then rest for four months. Newer hybrids may not need a rest period.

They thrive at night temperatures between 65 and 70° F.

Make sure the pot is not too big because they bloom best when their roots are crowded.



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A Gift for You!

Each Scottish Rite member of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will receive in the mail soon a copy of a new 1996 calendar. The calendar will feature famous Masons who have appeared on U.S. postage stamps. The stamps will be accompanied by a brief biographical sketch of each personality. The colorful collection includes John Paul Jones, Will Rogers, Harry S. Truman, Douglas Fairbanks, F. A. Bartholdi, Douglas MacArthur, George M. Cohan, James Hoban, Lewis & Clark, Jimmie Rodgers, Buffalo Bill, and Admiral Byrd.

Accompanying the calendar will be a letter from the Sovereign Grand Commander announcing a campaign to support Scottish Rite Masonic Learning Centers. There will be no obligation to respond, but it is hoped that the calendar will be an added incentive to support Scottish Rite's newest charity.

The Postage Stamp Collection



The Mind's Eye Schizophrenia Research

By DR. STEVEN MATTHYSSE, Director
Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Research Program

The eye's mind. Dr. Edward Lewis and two colleagues won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in October for their work on genetic control of the formation of the body plan in the fruit fly. Lewis was honored for discovering a complex of genes that define the laying down of the main features of the fly's body.

Dr. Lewis' experiments have led to the realization that embryonic development is orchestrated by a hierarchical set of instructions, starting with large aspects of the body plan and working down to its microscopic structure. These instructions are encoded in the genes.

In the eye of the fruit fly, it has been possible to trace in exquisite detail the way genes control the wiring diagram of the retina. In the fruit fly eye, there are hundreds of tiny clusters of cells that receive light from the outside world and transform it into electrical impulses that are transmitted to the brain. As the cluster develops in the embryo, each cell sends biochemical signals to the neighbors it contacts, informing them what type of cell it is, and what type of cell its neighbor is supposed to be.

This work is cumulatively a towering achievement, being the first time that the developmental program leading to formation of an organ in the embryo has been understood in detail. And if normal development can be so understood, so can the abnormal. Therein lies the relevance to schizophrenia.

This column has referred often to the search for genes contributing to schizophrenia; the work on the fruit fly eye shows the deeper motivation. Genes are the blueprint for the process of development, their sequential actions controlling the building of the unfathomably complex structures in the brain that make possible thinking, emotion and action.

If we had a gene for schizophrenia, we could find out where the architectural plan goes wrong. And one day we will!

Peter Lawrence, in his delightful book, *The Making of a Fly*, describes how perilous Lewis' funding was in the early stages of his work, because of the newness of his ideas. "Nowadays Lewis might have lost his grant, but these were more permissive times; he was undeterred and faced up to the daunting task."

Our job, as a Foundation, is to make sure the "Lewises" of schizophrenia research do not lose their grants!

Our Readers Respond

Old Buck

I enjoyed your recent article on Brother James Buchanan ("Old Buck," Aug. 1995). However, I would note that in the Presidential election of 1856, John C. Fremont was the candidate of the newly formed Republican Party not the Whig Party.

Stephen J. Rynkewitz, Jr., 32°
Lewistown, PA

As a native of Lancaster, Pa., and member of Lodge No. 43, I wish to express appreciation for the article on President James Buchanan, who lived most of his life in our fair city.

As you know, Brother Buchanan served as Master here. Many of us thought it would be quite appropriate and timely now to permanently honor him by taking the necessary steps to attach his surname as prefix to our lodge designation. Lodge No. 43 is the only one in this District without a specific name of identification. However, this was not to be, as apparently much of the underlying adverse feeling mentioned in the article remains to this day.

Howard H. Bailey, 32°
Lancaster, PA

President Buchanan is still highly regarded, which is evident by the frequent use of his name. The Buchanans

were and remain one of the more prominent Scottish clans. The Hay clan, one of my ancestors was a sept of the Clan Buchanan. The first recorded ancestor was the Marquise de la Haye who came to Scotland in 1160 and was given the title of Baron of Erroll for his service against raiding Vikings. A descendant, William Hay, was knighted by King James of Scotland with the title, Earl of Erroll, in 1453 and given Slains Castle on the Firth of Tay for similar service.

This might be of assistance to others who are interested in researching their lineage.

Robert E. Watson, 33°
Elizabethtown, PA

Exercising his right

I wish to take exception to statements made by Gary Wayne Smith ("Our Readers Respond," Aug. '95). Brother Smith, an admitted Southern Baptist, has taken it upon himself to attack Brother Jackson's reviews.

Brother Smith's position seems to be that certain individual Southern Baptists can attack Masonry whenever they choose to, and that Freemasonry should not be allowed to defend itself. I think Brother Smith forgets that we live in a country whose Constitution guarantees free speech, even to those who choose to speak in half truths, or to tell outright lies.

Brother Jackson had every right to give his opinion of Mr. McKenney's book. It's his job as a book reviewer.

James McGhie, 32°
Wilmington, DE

Wake-up call

After reading an article in the *Washington Post*, "Life in the Fez Lane" (Sept. 24), on the decline of Masonry and Masonic organizations, my first reac-

tion was to consider writing a response for the general public about my view of Masonry. The authors clearly were not Brothers. They were not berating the fraternity, but some of their views, understandings, and facts were not "Masonic." I was angry and was going to set them straight! I re-read the article the next day and realized what made me angry was that they were right.

We need to do something or our great fraternity will be gone, or as they put it, "become irrelevant."

After only eight years my experiences and travels in Masonry have been anything but irrelevant. Increased awareness, better family relationships, a deeper faith in God, new friendships, just to name a few areas. But, who knew this? No one. I had become a quiet Mason. It took being away from lodge for over a year and an article about the decline of Masonry from non-Masons to wake me up. I now realize it is up to me to make Masonry exciting to me again. How can you tell when someone is excited about something? They talk about it from their heart.

We do not need to hide the fact we are Masons! If men see we are excited and truly believe in Masonry and its teachings, they will ask how to become a part of our great fraternity. And we will tell them, and they will tell others.

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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.

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Footnotes*

*** Prince Hall unity.** The first Scottish Rite Valley to extend an invitation to its counterpart in the Prince Hall Affiliation was the Valley of Madison, Wisconsin. In attendance was Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°. The Valley was conducting its 150th Reunion on Oct. 21, and the class was named in honor of the Grand Commander. Also attending were representatives from a local Prince Hall Valley.

A meeting of the Valley of South-eastern Massachusetts on Oct. 30 also welcomed Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons.

The Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Massachusetts have extended relations for visitation. Under the Supreme Council resolution passed at the recent Annual Meeting Scottish Rite recognition is extended to the states in which the Grand Lodge has taken action.

*** For heroism.** Ill. Thomas M. Maxwell, 33°, 1st Lt. Commander in the Valley of Bridgeport, has been awarded the Heroism Award by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America. He had witnessed a major collision between a motorcycle and an automobile on Memorial Day weekend and was able to provide valuable first aid to the victims prior to the arrival of EMT's. He also had marshaled several volunteers to assist him. The victims praised him for his instinctive response in saving their lives.

*** Media update.** Appearing in the Sept. 24 issue of the *Washington Post* was an unflattering account of Masonry today. The authors of the article spent a considerable amount of time on their research. Their conclusion is not what Masons would like to hear.

They refer to the decline of mem-

bership in fraternal organizations as a casualty of "an American society at war with no-longer-fashionable notions of community and fellowship."

The two authors visited a Masonic Renewal seminar in Arizona, a regional Shrine convention parade in Vermont, the Scottish Rite House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., and a gathering of lodge members attending a meeting. Following the lodge meeting they observed, "You cannot help but be impressed with the good nature of the group, its happy adherence to ceremony, its gentlemanly respect for title and position, its quaintness and its overriding civility. It reminds you of a time long gone."

Although much of the story does not necessarily portray the fraternity in the best light, the message between the lines is important. The truth is that Freemasonry does have something to offer today and there is a definite need for it. Our task is to polish the image.

*** Translations.** *The Craft and Its Symbols*, by Ill. Allen E. Roberts, 33°, has been one of the most popular Masonic books in the United States. It will now have an even wider audience. At the request of International Grand Lodges it has been translated into Spanish and Finnish.

*** Florida sojourners.** Once again we call to the attention of 33° members traveling to Florida that there are several groups holding monthly luncheon meetings. For information about the Bonita Bay Club, contact Ill. Harlan E. Hatfield, 33°, 1209 SE 23 Ave., Cape Coral, FL 33990. (Phone: 813-772-1165). For the Tampa luncheons, contact Ill. Stanley E. Moulton, 33°, 2117 Jacaranda Way, Sebring, FL 33872. (Phone: 941-382-3669).

*** Apology.** We extend an apology to the Southern California Research Lodge for publishing the wrong price for the revised edition of Harry Carr's *Freemason at Work*. When our book reviewer provided us with a review for the August issue, we inadvertently inserted a lower price. This caused some confusion not only at SCRL but also among the readers who attempted to order the book. The correct price is \$21.30 (plus \$1.75 shipping within the U.S.).

Incidentally, SCRL is an excellent source for Masonic books, and the list continues to get longer. If you would like a copy of the list, write to Southern California Research Lodge, P.O. Box 6587, Buena Park, CA 90622. (Phone: 714-821-1019).

*** Video news.** In the August issue we announced plans for a new cable TV series to promote Freemasonry. The half-hour videos, produced by Capstone Productions, will be designed in a newsmagazine format. The plan is to prepare four videos per year.

Executive producer Jackson Polk hopes to distribute the first video soon but would like to receive additional confirmation of orders before initiating the program. The project asks individuals or lodges to subscribe to the series of four videos for \$240. The videos can be shown at a lodge meeting but — more importantly — are designed to be hand-carried to your local cable station so that Masons and non-Masons in your area can get a good look at the fraternity.

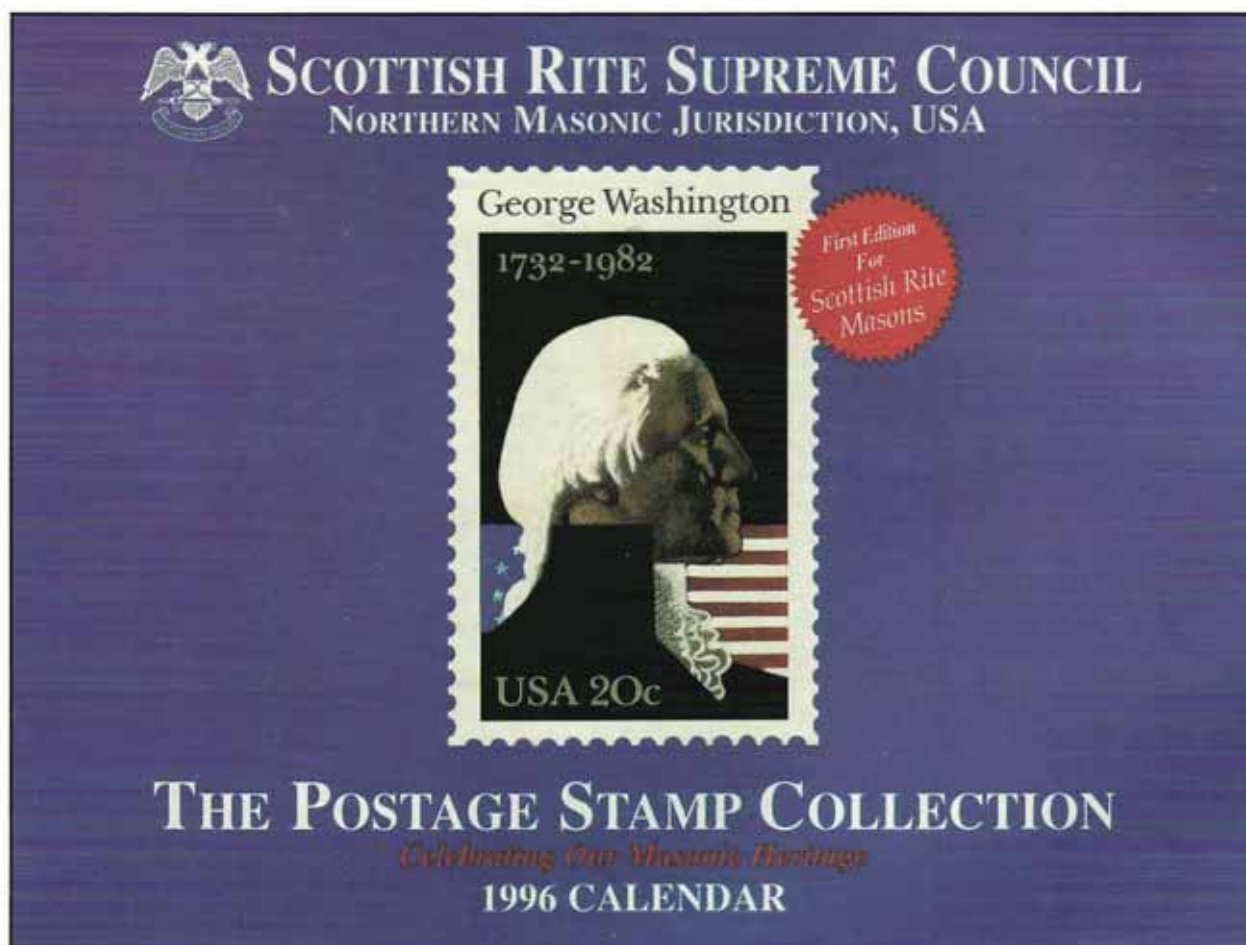
The series will include segments on current Masonic events, historical events, symbolism, philosophy, Masonic charities, book reviews, and sketches of personalities.

For further information or to place your order, contact Jackson Polk, Capstone Productions, Inc., 12002 Citrus Grove Rd., N. Potomac, MD 20878. (Phone: 301-948-1468).



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