

HISTORY  
OF  
THE GRAND LODGE  
OF  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1962-1991

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## FOREWORD

Worshipful Brother Carl R. LeVine is due high commendation for the completion of research that had been underway for a number of years. As an active Freemason in this Jurisdiction since his raising in Takoma Lodge No. 29 (now Hiram-Takoma Lodge No. 10) on June 22, 1948, he was especially well suited for the task. During his Masonic career he has served at various times as Master and Secretary of his Lodge; as Chairman of a number of Grand Lodge committees, including the Jurisprudence Committee and the Code Revision Committee; and as Grand Lecturer previous to his appointment as the Grand Historian. In every instance his work has been marked with excellence. He is the recipient of many honors, including the Distinguished Service Award of the Grand Lodge in 1982 and the Valentine Reintzel Medal in 1991.

Brother LeVine has effectively patterned his work on the historical contributions of predecessor Grand Historians in this Grand Lodge. He has done so in an innovative manner, correctly chronicling those prevailing issues which have so perplexed Freemasons in this Jurisdiction over the course of the past three decades. In consequence we now have, within the covers of a single document, an accurate thumb-nail sketch of Masonry's record in the immediate past, one which will certainly serve as a useful prologue to what we hope and pray will be a fruitful and prosperous future. By his labors we have all been enriched.

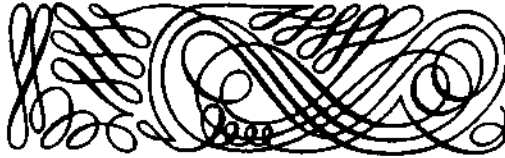
Commendation is also due my two immediate predecessors in office, Most Worshipful Brothers Darwin A. Brock and Jerold J. Samet, for their unwaivering support of this effort. Both are due our thanks for giving the work that impetus and direction which was so essential to the completion of this supplement to the history of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia.



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## INTRODUCTION

In the intervening years since the publication of M.W. Brother Ray Baker Harris' Sesquicentennial History of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia, covering the period 1811-1961, several Grand Masters have expressed their desire to see the history of this Grand Jurisdiction brought up to date. Grand Master Darwin A. Brock in 1991 appointed the author to the position of Grand Historian and requested that this project be accomplished.

M.W. Brother Harris' work (1811-1961) included the period that was previously covered by W. Brother Kenton Harper, Grand Historian and Past Master of Naval Lodge No. 4, in his centennial history published by the Grand Lodge in 1911. It might seem appropriate to follow the criterion established by these exemplary Grand Historians and begin at the beginning, i.e., 1811. In my opinion, however, nothing substantial could be gained either in knowledge or interest by retracing the steps of our learned predecessors. The present work, therefore, will rely on the essential information contained in the previous texts (through 1961) and make this history, with a slight exception, (the Addendum to 1961), a supplemental chronicle beginning in 1962.

The Grand Lodge was without the services of a Grand Historian from 1962 through 1970, when W. Brother Ralph H. Gauker was appointed to that office by Grand Master Robert F. Sutphin and served until his death in 1979. Thenceforth, M.W. Brother L. Robert Baker served in 1980; W. Brothers Harold Grainger in 1981, Burton Penn in 1982, and M. Russell Stogsdill in 1984; and M. W. Brother Elmer F. Stein in 1983 and from 1985 until his untimely death in 1989. W. Brother Milton Fields served in 1989 and 1990. We are deeply indebted to these Brethren for their work in preserving the history of this Grand Jurisdiction and particularly to M.W. Brother Stein for his prodigious effort in assembling data and information that have greatly facilitated the creation of this edition of the history of this Grand Lodge.

The principal sources for this history have been the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge from 1961 to date and the reports of our distinguished predecessors.

We have attempted to bring to light the significant events in the annals of this Grand Lodge. Certain particulars may have been omitted that others may have included. Circumstances make the choice ours. It is to be hoped, however, the reader will acquire a panoramic view of the vitality of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, appreciate how it has progressed over the years, and develop a sense of what the future holds for it.

Carl R. Le Vine  
Grand Historian



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## ADDENDUM TO 1961

**B**rother Ray Baker Harris, in his history of the Grand Lodge for the period 1811-1961, closes 1961 with a section entitled "The Sesquicentennial Year 1961 — Special Services." This section consists of programs and pictures covering the celebrations of February 22nd in Constitution Hall; the October 8th Service of Thanksgiving in the Washington Cathedral; and the Sesquicentennial Banquet at the Shoreham Hotel on November 29th. It does not, however, cover the Semi-Annual and Annual Communications.

### *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES*

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Free And Accepted Masons in Finland and to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia at its Semi-Annual and Annual Communications, respectively.

### *RELAXATION OF PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP*

Section 89 (now Section 103) of the Masonic Code read "No Lodge shall accept the petition of any candidate who is under twenty-one years of age at the time of the presentation of his petition to the Lodge, or whose physical defects are such as either to prevent him from being properly instructed or from conforming literally to all the requirements of the several degrees in Ancient Craft Masonry". Up to 1961 this provision of the Code had been strictly adhered to.

W. Brother Frank A. Kenyon, Worshipful Master of Joppa Lodge No. 35, proposed a relaxation of the physical requirements for candidates as detailed in the Code, and with the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge

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approved the following modification: (placing a comma after the word Masonry) “but in the event the candidate is unable to conform literally to all requirements of the several degrees in Ancient Craft Masonry, the Grand Master is authorized to permit the reception of the petition if, in his opinion, the candidate can perform substantially to such requirements.”

Mr. John A. Mattos, having lost a portion of his left leg below the knee, was the first candidate to receive the degrees following the amendment of Section 89. They were conferred upon him in Joppa Lodge No. 35.

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1962-1970

*RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES*

**A**t its Annual Communication on December 19, 1962, the Grand Lodge extended its hand of fraternal friendship to recognize the Grand Lodge of India and the Grande Loge de Belgique ( Belgium ).

*DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER SCHOOLEY*

The Grand Lodge bowed in sad but proud memory of its Grand Master of 1946, William E. Schooley, who passed to the Grand Lodge above on January 21, 1962 and was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.

*DEATH OF PAST GRAND LECTURER BAGEANT*

W. Brother Edgar E. Bageant passed into the presence of our Supreme Grand Master on February 23, 1962. W. Brother Bageant served with distinction as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge from 1945-1958 and as Grand Lecturer Emeritus from 1958-1962.

*RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE OF TURKEY*

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge, at its Semi-Annual Communication on May 8, 1963, extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Turkey and approved the exchange of Grand Representatives.

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### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND SECRETARY BABCOCK*

Right Worshipful Brother Raymond Nelson Babcock departed this life on March 16, 1963, having served this Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary with great distinction from 1952 to his retirement on December 27, 1962.

### *GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE — 1963*

The Grand Masters Conference was held in Washington, D.C. in February, 1963 to enable the several Grand Masters to get better acquainted; exchange and discuss their jurisdictional problems and blessings; and to pay tribute to our distinguished Brother George Washington. The Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, M.W. Brother Charles B. Gilley, welcomed the distinguished visitors and made them feel at home.

### *DEDICATION OF LODGE HALL*

In a very impressive ceremony the Grand Master presided over the dedication of the new Lodge Hall of Anacostia Lodge No. 21.



Fire destroyed Potomac Lodge Hall on July 7, 1963

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### *DESTRUCTION OF POTOMAC LODGE HALL*

On July 7, 1963 a disastrous fire destroyed Potomac Lodge Hall in Georgetown, along with many antiques and other prized possessions. Several Lodge charters and valuable Lodge paraphernalia were saved through the heroic efforts of W. Brother Elmer F. Stein, Past Master of Brightwood Lodge No. 43, who was a Battalion Fire Chief in the District of Columbia Fire Department at that time.

### *GRAND MASTERS AWARD*

On May 27, 1963, at a banquet in the Statler Hotel at which more than 850 brethren and many members of the United States Congress and various other government officials were present, the Grand Master presented the Grand Masters Award to United States Senator and Brother Harry F. Byrd for his outstanding service to Masonry, to his home state, and to the people of the United States.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER HARRIS*

The passing of M.W. Brother Ray Baker Harris on April 22, 1963 occasioned, among all Masons who either knew him personally or had observed his qualities of character and intellect, great sorrow and sense of loss. M.W. Brother Harris served as Grand Master in 1957. Among his many Masonic accomplishments — as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee for its sesquicentennial celebration — was the compilation of a summary history of the first one hundred years of the Grand Lodge (1811-1911) and a more detailed history for the fifty years to 1961.

### *LAYING OF CORNERSTONE*

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Harry B. Savage, pursuant to an invitation received from the Master of Potomac Lodge No. 5, called a Special Communication of Grand Lodge on November 14, 1964 at the offices of Weaver Brothers, Wisconsin and N Streets, N.W., for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of a new Lodge Hall being erected at 1210 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., the site of the building destroyed by fire in 1963.

The cornerstone was laid in accordance with the ancient ceremonies of the fraternity, the Grand Master using the George Washington trowel. A complete list of the articles deposited in the copper box within the cornerstone is printed in the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge. Selections incidental to the use of the elements of consecration were rendered by a quartet of singers.

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## *FORMATION OF MEMORIAL LODGE*

A dispensation to form "Memorial Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia, U.D." was issued by Grand Master Harry B. Savage. The sole purpose of this special Lodge was to conduct courtesy funeral services when requested to do so.

## *TRIBUTE TO A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES*

On May 7, 1964, a well attended Grand Masters Award Dinner was held to pay tribute to the former President of the United States, Harry S. Truman. M.W. Brother Truman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was present.

## *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER JOHNSON*

M.W. Brother J. August Johnson served this Grand Lodge as Grand Master in 1960 and as Grand Secretary from 1962 to his death on February 23, 1964. M.W. Brother Johnson was greatly respected and loved for his deep sense of responsibility and dedication to Masonic principles.

## *DEDICATION OF NEW LODGE HALL*

On August 14, 1965 Grand Master Lex L. Dodds, accompanied by officers of Grand Lodge, dedicated the new Lodge Hall of Potomac Lodge No. 5, F.A.A.M. of the District of Columbia, situated at 1212 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. The George Washington Gavel was used in the ceremonies.

## *CHARTER TO MEMORIAL LODGE*

Having operated in an efficient manner since it received a dispensation at the Annual Communication of December 16, 1964, Memorial Lodge was chartered at the Semi-Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on May 12, 1965, with M.W. Brother Convass B. Dean being named as its first Master.

## *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTERS DANIELS AND LARNER*

M.W. Brother Ara M. Daniels, Grand Master in 1941, was called to the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe on January 14, 1965. He served the fraternity and this Grand Lodge in a most distinguished manner.

M.W. Brother Noble D. Lerner, Grand Master in 1942, was called to "The

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Eternal East" on February 4, 1965. He was a descendant of a family rich in Masonic associations and traditions. Sixty years prior to his installation as Grand Master, his grandfather, also named Noble D. Larner, had filled that office with outstanding ability. Our fraternity reaped the benefit of a wise and efficient administration by a second Noble D. Larner.

### *NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ON MASONIC EDUCATION AND SERVICE*

On May 21 and 22, 1965, the Grand Lodge was host to an assembly of Grand Masters, chairmen of Education Committees, Grand Lodge officers, and others who participated in the Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Service. All the Grand Jurisdictions in the northeastern United States north of Virginia were represented. The major subject of the conference was "The Image of Masonry".

### *CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS — 1965*

The Conference of Grand Masters returned to Washington, D.C. in February 1965 after a one-meeting sojourn in Kansas City, Missouri in 1964.

### *MASONIC STONES SALVAGED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE*

M.W. Brother Renah F. Camalier, Past Grand Master, was delegated in 1952, while Grand Master, to deliver to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States, Mexico and the Philippines certain stones, bearing the Masonic marks of the workmen, which had been removed from the original foundation of the White House at the time of repair work completed during the Truman administration. This assignment had been completed with one stone left over. This information was submitted to M.W. Brother Truman who suggested that the stone be presented to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The Grand Lodge concurred with this suggestion at its Annual Communication on December 15, 1965.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTERS STEUART AND MACPHERSON*

M.W. Brother Leonard P. Steuart, Grand Master in 1938 and an internationally known Craftsman, was called to the Celestial Lodge above on January 17, 1966. He was laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

M.W. Brother Gregor Macpherson, Grand Master in 1955, died March 18, 1966 and was interred in Arlington Cemetery. No Grand Master served his Grand Lodge with greater zeal, assiduity, and devotion.



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## *RESCISSION OF RECOGNITION OF A GRAND LODGE*

At the Annual Communication in 1966 the Grand Lodge withdrew recognition from the Grand Lodge of France (Grand Loge de France). This action was taken in consequence of the establishment of relations between the Grand Lodge of France and the Grand Orient of France.

## *OPTION AT THE ALTAR*

Taking cognizance of the fact that religious practice prevented some Masons in this jurisdiction from kneeling at the altar when arranging or displacing the Great Lights, the Grand Lodge approved, at its Annual Communication in 1966, a recommendation to permit the individual performing those duties to stand or kneel at his option.

## *ESTABLISHMENT OF PYTHAGORAS LODGE OF RESEARCH*

Having operated under a dispensation issued by the Grand Master on December 21, 1966, a charter was granted to Pythagoras Lodge of Research. The primary function of this Lodge is to promote, encourage, conduct and foster Masonic education, research, and study. The charter became effective as of May 10, 1967.

## *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER BOGLEY, JR.*

The Masons of the District of Columbia were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Past Grand Master Reuben A. Bogley, Jr. on September 26, 1967. M. W. Brother Bogley served this Grand Lodge as Grand Master in 1959. He served the fraternity diligently and with great credit to himself and his Masonic forebears. He was laid to rest in Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

## *RECOGNITION OF BRAZILIAN GRAND LODGES*

At its Semi-Annual Communication on May 10, 1967, the Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Grande Loja de Parana and the Grande Loja de Pernambuco in Brazil.

## *CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS EXISTENCE OF ANACOSTIA LODGE No. 21*

M.W. Bro. William P. Jacobs, Jr., Grand Master in 1968, granted two dispensations of note — one to permit Anacostia Lodge No. 21 to hold a Special Communi-

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cation to be opened after the close of Grand Lodge on the evening of December 27, and the other to permit the same Lodge to open at a Special Communication at 12:01 A.M. on December 28, 1968. These dispensations allowed the Lodge to confer the Master Mason Degree at each communication, one to close its first 100 years of existence and the other to begin its second centennial.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER BOGLEY, SR.*

Less than a year after the death of his son, M.W. Brother Reuben A. Bogley, Jr., M. W. Brother Reuben A. Bogley, Sr., Grand Master in 1932, died on May 8, 1968. An excerpt from his Annual Report is as applicable today as it was in 1932: "When Masons no longer recognize their obligation to God, they will no longer recognize their obligation to humanity. Masonry in the heart is the heart of Masonry. The heart must come under the conquering sway of Almighty God, who alone will bring us to recognize our sacred obligations".

### *RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGES OF BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY*

On December 18, 1968, the Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Grande Loja Maconica de Estado de Goias in Brazil and to the Grand Lodge of Paraguay. The exchange of Grand Representatives with these Grand Lodges was also authorized.

### *REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION*

In 1968 the Committee on Work and Lectures established five regional schools of instruction. The schools were located at Takoma Lodge Hall, Anacostia Lodge Hall, Naval Lodge Hall, Potomac Lodge Hall, and William R. Singleton Lodge Hall.

### *MAKING A MASON AT SIGHT*

The Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, M.W. Brother Milton D. Korman, convened an Occasional Lodge in the Scottish Rite Temple on December 16, 1969 for the purpose of making Admiral Arleigh A. Burke a Mason at Sight. The Grand Master informed Brother Burke that his conductors for the three degrees, Charles T. Macdonald, Thomas Webb Dodge, and Charles B. Gilley, Jr. were chosen because they were Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and all had formerly served in the United States Navy.

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### *DEATHS OF PAST GRAND MASTERS DODDS AND STANLEY*

M.W. Brother Lex L. Dodds, Grand Master in 1965, whose homespun quality endeared him to all who knew him and to whom he was simply "Lex", entered the Celestial Lodge on January 18, 1969. M.W. Brother Dodds also served as Grand Secretary from December 27, 1968 until his untimely death.

Past Grand Master Dean Hill Stanley, Grand Master in 1948, Grand Treasurer from 1954-1968, and Grand Treasurer Emeritus from 1968 until his death, died on April 20, 1969.

The loss of these two eminent and dedicated Masons was keenly felt by all who labored, as they did, in the vineyards of Masonry.

### *GRAND HISTORIAN AND GRAND LODGE PHYSICIAN*

The Masonic Code of the District of Columbia was amended at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on December 17, 1969 to include, for the first time officially, the positions of Grand Historian and Grand Lodge Physician.

### *REVISION OF FUNERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING CREMATION*

In 1953 Acting Grand Master Frederic B. Blackburn rendered a decision prohibiting the holding of the Masonic funeral service over the remains of a brother after his body had been cremated. In recognition of the fact that cremation was becoming more common as a method of disposal of the deceased body, the Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication in 1969, approved a proposal to permit Masonic Memorial or Funeral Services, with the approval of the Grand Master, over the remains of a brother after cremation.

### *RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF IRAN*

The Grand Lodge of Iran was established on March 1, 1969, and after due investigation during the year, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia fraternally recognized its new sister jurisdiction at its Annual Communication in 1969.

### *GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE — 1969*

The annual Conference of Grand Masters was held at the Shoreham Hotel in February, 1969. This prestigious body was hosted by the Grand Master of Masons

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of the District of Columbia, M.W. Brother Milton Korman. The increasingly severe problems facing Masonry, forced by new social and industrial developments in all jurisdictions, were the focus of attention.

### *FIRST TABLE LODGE*

On the evening of September 15, 1969, Anacostia Lodge No. 21 held the first Table Lodge in the District of Columbia. The scheduling of Table Lodges was suggested to the 1969 Association of Worshipful Masters by Grand Master Milton Korman as a way to promote sociability.

### *DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP*

At the start of the decade of the 1970s the total membership in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was 17,816. At its peak, at the end of 1953, the total enrollment in 48 Lodges was 25,334. The Grand Lodge, in a period of sixteen years, suffered a loss in membership of 29.7 percent. This decline was attributable, in large part, to the change in demographic structure of the city and to the continuing suburbanization of the Washington metropolitan area.

### *DEATHS OF PAST GRAND MASTERS DEAN AND SAVAGE*

M.W. Brother Convass B. Dean, Grand Master in 1961, entered the Celestial Lodge above on April 11, 1970. Affectionately known as "C.B." or "Connie", M.W. Brother Dean excelled in ritualistic work, having served as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work and Lectures for 14 years (1940-1954). He served as Grand Treasurer in 1969; was the first Master of Pythagoras Lodge of Research; and having been instrumental in the creation of Memorial Lodge, served two terms as its Worshipful Master. The Grand Lodge suffered a great loss in his passing.

M.W. Brother Harry B. Savage, Grand Master in 1964, died on June 20, 1970. His great speaking ability; his dignified bearing; his interest in Masonic history; his dedication to Masonic principles, coupled with his wit and humor will long be remembered by the Brethren. In December, 1968 he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge and in December, 1969 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and served in that office until his passing. Having served his country well, he was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

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### *DEDICATION OF NEW MEETING PLACE*

At a Special Communication on September 29, 1970, the Grand Lodge dedicated a meeting place for Samuel Gompers Lodge No. 45 and Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 50. Both of these Lodges held a joint communication for the purpose of dedication.

### *LODGE SYSTEM OF MASONIC EDUCATION MADE MANDATORY*

The Masonic Code of the District of Columbia was amended in December, 1970 to make the use of the Lodge System of Masonic Education mandatory.

### *NAME CHANGE FOR MEMORIAL LODGE*

In recognition of the efforts of M.W. Brother Convass B. Dean in the formation of Memorial Lodge, the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution at its Annual Communication in 1970 to change the name of that Lodge to Convass Brown Dean Memorial Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia.

1971-1975

*CONSOLIDATION OF TEMPLE-NOYES LODGE No. 32  
AND CATHEDRAL LODGE No. 40*

The merger of Temple-Noyes Lodge No. 32 and Cathedral Lodge No. 40, was approved by Grand Master Robert F. Sutphin on October 1, 1971. The membership voted to change the name of the Lodge to Temple-Noyes-Cathedral Lodge No. 32. Confirmation of the new name and issuance of a new charter was approved by Grand Lodge on December 15, 1971. This merger was the first of its kind in the history of this Grand Lodge.

*GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE — 1971*

Past Grand Master Samuel W. McIntosh, who had been selected to serve as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America in February 1958, retired from that position at the Conference meeting in February 1971. The Conference immediately elected him Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus.

*DEATH OF GRAND MASTER ENGLEBERG*

Having served but fifty-two days as Grand Master for 1972, M.W. Brother N. Norman Engleberg was summoned to the Supreme East on February 17, 1972. Stricken with a fatal illness he had the great fortitude to make his plans for the year, to be installed as Grand Master, and to appoint his aides before relinquishing his life here on earth.

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### *CHANGE IN SUCCESSION TO OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER*

Upon the death of Grand Master N. Norman Engleberg, R.W. Brother Frank A. Kenyon, Deputy Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, became Acting Grand Master in accordance with the provisions of the Masonic Code as then written.

At a Special Communication on June 15, 1972, Section 22 (now Section 23) of the Grand Lodge Constitution was changed to read in part, "In the event of the death of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master succeeds to all his duties, powers and prerogatives together with the title of Grand Master, without the necessity of further installation." Upon adoption of this change M.W. Brother Frank A. Kenyon became Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia for the remainder of the year 1972.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER WOLFE*

Distinguished gentleman, citizen and loyal Craftsman, M.W. Brother Ralph McPherson Wolfe, Grand Master in 1961, the sesquicentennial year of our Grand Lodge, was summoned by our Supreme Grand Master on November 13, 1972.

### *RECOGNITION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS*

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1972, for what is believed to be the first time in our jurisdiction, the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment for the purpose of welcoming and recognizing representatives of The International Order of Job's Daughters and the Order of DeMolay. These young people expressed their appreciation to the members of Grand Lodge and the Lodges for their support. They were accorded a standing ovation and invited to join with the Grand Master and members for lunch. Recognition of the Masonic-related youth organizations at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge continues to the present time.

### *MERGER OF ACACIA LODGE NO. 18 AND BENJAMIN B. FRENCH LODGE NO. 15*

Acacia Lodge No. 18 and Benjamin B. French No. 15 were consolidated at their request on October 1, 1972. Acacia Lodge No. 18 gave up its charter and its members became members of Benjamin B. French Lodge No. 15, there being no name change.

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### *ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW STANDING COMMITTEE*

On December 20, 1972 the Grand Lodge, assembled at its Annual Communication, approved the establishment of a new standing committee to be called the Committee on Unfinished Business. At each succeeding communication this Committee reports on the status of matters carried over from the previous communication.

### *RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE IN BRAZIL*

Acting upon the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge, on December 20, 1972, extended fraternal recognition to the Grande Loja Do Ceara, Brazil, and authorized the exchange of representatives.

### *ACTIVATION OF A GENERAL PAST MASTERS ASSOCIATION*

A general Past Masters Association, authorized at the 1945 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, was not officially formed until 1973. The purpose of the organization was "to encourage social relations among Past Masters of this jurisdiction; to promote the general welfare of Masonry; to form a medium to enable the Past Masters to continue their activities outside their several Lodges; to assist the Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia in any undertaking he may deem fit to assign to it; to extend such aid and assistance to the Masters Association as it may request; to form a link between Masonry and civic affairs under the direction of the Grand Master; and to assist any worthy Masonic endeavor under the direction of the Grand Master or officers of the association." The Past Masters Association has functioned to the present time.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER ROEPKE*

M. W. Brother Otto Bismarck Roepke, Grand Master in 1935, died on January 30, 1974 after having lived his life as a distinguished public servant, zealous and devoted Mason and, most especially, a respected friend of all. No one could be insensible to the fact that his life and achievements were vast influences for good within and outside our great fraternity.

### *ADOPTION OF GRAND LODGE FLAG*

At its one hundred sixty-fourth Semi-Annual Communication, on May 8, 1974, Grand Lodge adopted a flag to be displayed at its communications and carried in public processions, when directed by the Grand Master.



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### *CLARIFICATION OF VOTING IN GRAND LODGE*

Section 15 of the Grand Lodge Constitution was amended in 1974 to ensure that no member of Grand Lodge would be entitled to more than one vote, except for the presiding officer.

### *HONORS TO THE GRAND LODGE*

Two Past Grand Masters were singularly honored by Sister Grand Jurisdictions in 1974. M.W. Brother Marvin E. Fowler was awarded the Josiah Hayden Drummond Distinguished Service Medal by the Grand Lodge of Maine and M.W. Brother William P. Jacobs, Jr. was presented the John Blair Medal by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Joseph Hayden Drummond was Grand Master of Maine, 1860-1862, and John Blair was the first Grand Master of Virginia, 1778-1780.

### *CONCURRENT JURISDICTION GRANTED BY GRAND LODGE*

Although waivers of jurisdiction on petitions for the degrees had in the past been graciously granted by our sister jurisdictions, Maryland and Virginia, no official policy regarding concurrent jurisdictions had been established by any of the three Masonic sovereign entities. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, at its Annual Communication on December 18, 1974, amended Section 96 (now Section 111) of our Constitution to permit granting of concurrent jurisdiction to any geographical area which likewise grants concurrent jurisdiction to residents of the District of Columbia.

### *CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES*

On October 1, 1974, Myron M. Parker Lodge No. 27 and Joseph H. Milans Lodge No. 38 were ordered by the Grand Master to consolidate with Potomac Lodge No. 5, both Lodges giving up their names and charters.

### *GRAND MASTERS AWARD BANQUET*

On October 25, 1974, the Brethren of this jurisdiction and many distinguished guests assembled at the Statler Hilton Hotel to honor Brother and Assistant Attorney General of the United States, William B. Saxby of Ohio, who gave a most stirring after-dinner address.

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### *MAKING A MASON AT SIGHT*

On December 13, 1975, Grand Master William E. Eccleston convened an Occasional Lodge for the purpose of making Admiral John S. McCain, Jr. a Mason at Sight in recognition of his great service to America and his many contributions to civic enterprises. Brother McCain had petitioned St. John's Lodge No. 11 for the degrees of Masonry.

### *RECOGNITION OF A BRAZILIAN GRAND LODGE*

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Lodge Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication of December 17, 1975, recognized the Grand Lodge of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and authorized the exchange of Grand Representatives.

### *MEMORIAL STONE LAYING REDEDICATION OF ADAS ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE AND MUSEUM*

On June 22, 1975, since the Grand Lodge could not be convened on that day, it being Sunday, the Grand Master accepted, on a personal basis only, an invitation to participate in the ceremonies of rededication and placement of a Memorial Stone in the front wall of the restored building, formerly the Adas Israel Synagogue, situated on the Northeast corner of 3rd and G Streets, N.W. in Washington, D.C. The Grand Master was assisted by several Grand Lodge officers who accompanied him. The ceremonies ended with a stirring address by the Honorable Arthur J. Goldberg, former Associate Justice of United States Supreme Court.

### *MERGER OF LODGES*

Grand Master William E. Eccleston approved the merger of King David Lodge No. 28 and Naval Lodge No. 4, effective October 1, 1975. King David Lodge No. 28 gave up its charter and its members became members of Naval Lodge No. 4, there being no change in name or charter.

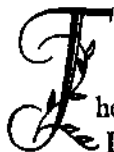
### *MAKING AN HONORARY PAST GRAND MASTER*

At its Annual Communication on December 17, 1975, the Grand Lodge approved a resolution making M.W. Brother Stewart W. Miner an honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. M.W. Brother Miner, while Grand Master of Virginia in 1974, was the primary moving force for the agreement,

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concluded in 1975, on concurrent jurisdiction between Virginia and the District of Columbia. This was the first time this Grand Lodge had ever granted such an honor.

1976-1980



*THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR — 1976*

The year 1976 was dedicated to the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence. Silver and bronze commemorative medallions were struck and distributed and a sword, known as "The George Washington Sword," was purchased and used in several events, including the installation of the Grand Master, M.W. Brother John B. Layton, in December, 1975.

*GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE — 1976*

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, which is conducted annually on dates near George Washington's birthday, was held on February 17 and 18 in Philadelphia. Grand Master John B. Layton and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia were honored by the election of M.W. Brother Layton as chairman of the 1976 Conference Committee.

*PRESENTATION OF BICENTENNIAL MEDALLION  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES*

On March 22, 1976, Grand Master John B. Layton, accompanied by officers of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Masters and officers of the Appendant Masonic Bodies, visited the White House to present a Grand Lodge Silver Bicentennial Commemorative Medallion to the President of the United States, Brother Gerald R. Ford, the fourteenth Mason to hold that office. It was most appropriate that the medallion depicted likenesses of both our first Masonic President of the United

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Left to Right: Marvin E. Fowler, P.G.M.; Frederic B. Blackburn, P.G.M.; William P. Jacobs, Jr., P.G.M.; Samuel W. McIntosh, P.G.M.; William H. Scott, President 1976 Association of Worshipful Masters; Robert F. Sutphin, P.G.M. & Grand Treasurer; Charles B. Gilley, Sr., P.G.M.; William H. Minnick, Grand Secretary; William H. Rohrman, P.G.M.; William E. Eccleston, P.G.M.; W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr., Grand Chaplain; John B. Layton, Grand Master; Thomas W. Dodge, P.G.M.; Edward S. Paylor, M.I. Grand Master, R. & S.M.; Carl R. LeVine, Grand Lecturer; H. Kenneth Kingsbury, P.G.M.; Milton D. Korman, P.G.M.; Ernest C. Barker, Grand Commander, Knights Templar; George F. Moyer, Junior Grand Warden; Frank A. Kenyon, P.G.M.; Gerald R. Ford, The President; Paul F. Liverman, Potentate of Almas Temple; Walter B. Godbey, Grand High Priest, R.A.M.; Morris F. Hewitt, Senior Grand Warden; Charles V. Brewer, Deputy Grand Master.

States, George Washington, and President Ford. Brother Ford responded graciously and thanked the Brethren for the honor given him.

### *A SALUTE TO PATRIOTISM*

On May 29, 1976, Grand Master John B. Layton, accompanied by officers of

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Grand Lodge, Past Grand Masters, and other Masonic dignitaries, led a parade down Wisconsin Avenue to the Washington Cathedral where a Special Communication was convened. During the impressive ceremonies the following artifacts associated with our First President and America's most distinguished Mason, George Washington, were presented: The George Washington Bible, the George Washington Inaugural Sword (Replica), the George Washington Trowel (Replica) and the George Washington Gavel— the latter with the permission of Potomac Lodge No. 5.

### *REENACTMENT OF LAYING OF CORNERSTONE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*

The original cornerstone of the District of Columbia was Masonically laid at what is now Jones Point on April 15, 1791. This stone is at the southernmost boundary of the Federal District. Other stones were later placed at one-mile intervals along the boundaries of the Federal District, all taking their bearing from this original stone.

On October 9, 1976, at 3:00 P.M., the exact hour of the laying of the original stone, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in impressive ceremonies conducted by Grand Master John B. Layton and officers of Grand Lodge, reenacted the parts played by their predecessors at the first cornerstone laying.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTERS MARRS AND DODGE*

M.W. Brother Aubrey R. Marrs, Grand Master in 1944, was summoned to the Celestial Lodge above on March 10, 1976. He served as Grand Master with great distinction and was best remembered as a man of exemplary character and great ability.

The Masons of the District of Columbia were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death, on October 19, 1976, of Past Grand Master Thomas Webb Dodge, Grand Master in 1966. Very active in the Masonic fraternity and its affiliated bodies in the District of Columbia and in Virginia, he will always be remembered for his faith, his loyalty, his zeal, and the good he performed and reflected daily upon all those about him.

### *DEATH OF GRAND TILER WEIMER*

Worshipful Brother Karl T. Weimer faithfully served the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia as Grand Tiler for twenty five years until his death in 1976. In an outstanding manner he had carried on the tradition of Hiram Lodge No. 10 — that of providing the Grand Tiler for the Grand Lodge.

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## *MERGER OF LODGES*

Grand Master Charles V. Brewer approved the consolidation of Barristers Lodge No. 48 with Lebanon Lodge No. 7, the latter becoming the surviving Lodge, with no name change being made. At the end of 1977 the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia consisted of 42 Lodges with a total membership of 12,767.

## *HONOR TO THE GRAND MASTER*

The Grand Master of the Grande Loja De Minas Gerais (Brazil) bestowed upon Grand Master Charles V. Brewer the Order of the Eagle, which is the highest honor that Grand Lodge can bestow upon a Brother Mason. M.W. Brother Brewer was the first United States citizen to receive this honor.

## *GRAND MASTER'S AWARD TO FORMER PRESIDENT FORD*

On December 22, 1977, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, Grand Master Brewer presented the Grand Master's Award to the Honorable and Brother Gerald R. Ford, former President of the United States, for his record as a great citizen, statesman, patriot and Freemason, and particularly for his skill and ability in taking over the reins of the nation at a time of great internal crisis.

## *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER MATTIX*

One of the strongest links in our fraternal chain of brotherhood was broken upon the death of Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Paul R. Mattix, Grand Master in 1945, on February 27, 1977. His clearness of thought, his consistency, and his reverence for the fundamentals of Masonry combined to rank him as a peer among distinguished Masons who had served as Grand Masters.

## *POSTHUMOUS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND LODGE*

The Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication on December 21, 1977, approved a resolution to elect Most Worshipful Conrad Hahn, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of Connecticut and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, as an honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Since M.W. Brother Hahn had died suddenly before the resolution could be presented, the Grand Lodge, in session, unanimously approved the bestowing of this honor posthumously.

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### *AN ADDED DAY TO GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION*

Due to the inability of Grand Lodge to complete its business on the day scheduled for its Annual Communication (December 21, 1977) the Grand Master, for the first time in the recorded history of Grand Lodge, called a Special Communication to be convened on the next day, December 22, 1977, to complete the work of Grand Lodge.

### *MANDATORY RITUAL REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO A MASTER'S INSTALLATION*

In an effort to raise the standard of proficiency of Masters of Lodges in the ritual of opening and closing a Master Mason Lodge, the Grand Lodge, at its Semi-Annual Communication in May 1978, approved an amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution requiring aspirants to the office of Worshipful Master to obtain a certificate of proficiency prior to installation as Master.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER CAMALIER*

Past Grand Master Renah F. Camalier, Grand Master in 1952, failed to answer the roll call of the Brethren on June 14, 1978. He left a large imprint upon the civic life of Washington, D.C. and upon Masonry in this jurisdiction. M.W. Brother Camalier was designated by President Harry S. Truman to arrange for the presentation of one of the Masonic marked stones, discovered during the rebuilding of the White House, to each of the nation's Grand Lodges.

### *EDICT BY GRAND MASTER HEWITT*

In response to an action taken by the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Grand Master Morris F. Hewitt in 1978 issued an edict stipulating that no organization in the District of Columbia, which requires Masonic membership either directly or indirectly as a prerequisite for membership, may permit any suspended or expelled Master Mason, in this or any other jurisdiction, to retain membership in or attend meetings of said organization.

### *CONSOLIDATION OF COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 3 AND JUSTICE LODGE NO. 46*

Grand Master Hewitt, acting upon request, approved the merger of Columbia Lodge No. 3 and Justice Lodge No. 46, effective as of December 11, 1978 and, on December 19, 1978, he approved a name change to Justice-Columbia Lodge No. 3, with Justice Lodge No. 46 yielding its charter.



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### *TRAVELING JEWELS*

The concept of the use by officers of Grand Lodge of traveling jewels, which were anonymously donated to the Grand Lodge, was initiated by Grand Master Hewitt in 1978. The regular Grand Lodge officer jewels are very valuable, and to prevent their loss, the traveling jewels were to be used by the officers when visiting Lodges in this or other jurisdictions. This practice continues to the present time.

### *CONSOLIDATION OF GEORGE C. WHITING LODGE No. 22 AND SOJOURNERS LODGE No. 51*

With the belief that the merger would result in the betterment of the Lodges and of Masonry in general, Grand Master George F. Moyer approved the consolidation of George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22 and Sojourners Lodge No. 51, the merger to become effective on May 9, 1979. Sojourners Lodge No. 51 yielded its charter, with the new Lodge retaining the name of George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22.

### *ALLOWING MASTERS TO CALL OFF COMMUNICATIONS*

Prior to 1979 the Master of a Lodge could not legally call off a stated or special communication without the permission of his Lodge for any reason. At its Annual Communication on December 1979, the Grand Lodge approved an amendment to Section 65 (now Section 76) to authorize the Master of a Lodge to legally call off such communications without the vote of the Lodge, under certain justifiable circumstances.

### *STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP AT THE END OF 1970-1979 DECADE*

At the end of 1979 the Grand Lodge consisted of 42 Constituent Lodges, with a total membership of 11,712. In comparison, at the end of 1969, there were 48 Constituent Lodges, with a total membership of 17,816, representing a decrease of 6,104 or 34.3 percent in a period of ten years. Death accounted for the major share of this decline.

### *CONSOLIDATION OF CONGRESS LODGE No. 37 AND HARMONY LODGE No. 17*

Effective January 17, 1980, Congress Lodge No. 37 merged with Harmony Lodge No. 17, with the latter being the surviving Lodge.

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### *OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS*

At its Semi-Annual Communication in May, 1980, the Grand Lodge approved an amendment to the Constitution permitting installation of officers at either an open or closed ceremony, the open installation being circumscribed by certain necessary conditions. The first open installation of Grand Lodge officers was held on December 27, 1980, when M.W. Brother John C. Schleter was installed as Grand Master.

### *REDUCTION OF THE RITUAL OF THE DEGREES TO WRITING*

From the very beginning of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, certain secret portions of the ritual of the symbolic three degrees were transmitted strictly from mouth to ear. By 1980 it became apparent that the corps of qualified instructors in the ritual was extremely thin and, since it was clearly indicated that further deterioration would occur in the foreseeable future, the ritual in this jurisdiction was in grave danger of being lost.

Acting upon a resolution proposed at its Semi-Annual Communication in May, 1980, the Grand Lodge approved the reduction to writing of the ritual of this jurisdiction, as approved for use by the Grand Lodge, in its entirety, word for word, including the esoteric portion.

### *AUTHORIZATION TO SELL THE MASONIC TEMPLE*

Recognizing that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge precluded proper maintenance and operation of the Masonic Temple at 801 13th Street, N.W., the Grand Lodge, at its Semi-Annual Communication on May 14, 1980, approved a resolution allowing the Trustees of the Grand Lodge to enter into a contract for the sale of the Temple.

### *RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE OF URUGUAY*

Having met recognition standards, including legitimacy of origin, exclusive territorial jurisdiction, and adherence to the Ancient Landmarks, the Grand Lodge of Uruguay was extended fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in December, 1980.

### *ESTABLISHMENT OF SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERSHIP PIN*

Since 1934 the Grand Lodge had recognized, with a distinctive button and card,

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the Brethren of the Constituent Lodges who had been Master Masons in good standing for fifty years. A number of Brethren had continued their membership and service to the Craft for sixty years. In December 1980 the Grand Lodge authorized the presentation of a sixty-year pin and card of suitable design for those Master Masons who attained that length of service.

### *GRAND MASTER SCHLETER HONORED AT GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE*

The Grand Masters Conference of 1981 was held in February at Orlando, Florida. The Masonic Service Association (MSA) held its 62nd annual meeting in conjunction with the Conference. This Grand Lodge was honored by the selection of M. W. Brother Schleter to serve as Chairman of the Conference Committee. This was the first time that a Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia was so honored.

1981-1985



*CHANGE OF DATE FOR GRAND LODGE ELECTIONS*

The annual election of Grand Lodge officers had historically been held on December 27th, the St. John's Day Communication. At its Semi-Annual Communication in May, 1981, the Grand Lodge changed the Masonic Code to provide for the election of its officers at the Annual Communication in December at 2:00 P.M.

*COMPLETION OF REDUCTION OF THE RITUAL TO WRITING*

In May of 1981, one year after receiving authorization to reduce the ritual of this jurisdiction to writing, Grand Lecturer Carl R. Le Vine reported that the work had been completed and the work, in book form, now reposes in a double lock container in a safe in the Office of the Grand Secretary. The book contains the following material:

- a. the resolution by which the work was authorized;
- b. a legend of symbols used in the text;
- c. sketches of the form of a Lodge and positions of the square and compasses for the three degrees;
- d. the ritual of the three Degrees;
- e. the ritual of the fifth tile
- f. the ritual of opening and closing of a Master Mason Lodge;

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- g. the ritual of the Past Master's Degree; and a
- h. detailed description of all floor work and explanatory material.

Access to the book is limited to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Work and Lectures Committee, and then only to one of these in the presence of one of the others.

### *RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALASKA*

The Grand Lodge of the State of Washington had chartered nineteen Lodges to operate in the State of Alaska. Twelve of these Lodges decided to organize a new Grand Lodge of Alaska. The remaining seven Lodges chose to remain with the Grand Lodge of Washington. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in 1981, acting upon the opinion expressed in the 1981 Report of the Commission on Information for Recognition, recognized the Grand Lodge of Alaska and approved the exchange of Grand Representatives.

### *MERGER OF LODGES*

In his address to Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1981, Grand Master Schleter expressed concern about the merger of Lodges. During his year he approved the consolidation of Chevy Chase Lodge No. 42 with Hiram Lodge No. 10 (henceforth to be known as Hiram Lodge No. 10) effective May 7, 1981, and The New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 with Federal Lodge No. 1 (henceforth to be known as Federal Lodge No. 1), effective July 10, 1981.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER MACDONALD*

The Craft was saddened by the death of Most Worshipful Charles Temple MacDonald, Grand Master in 1967, on September 9, 1981. M.W. Brother MacDonald was a staunch patriot and an ardent Mason.

### *ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

For the first time in its long history the Grand Lodge held its election of officers during the Annual Communication in December, 1981. The Masonic Code was changed at the 1981 Semi-Annual Communication to provide for this procedure which has continued to the present time. M.W. Brother Elmer F. Stein was the first Grand Master to be elected at an Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

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### *HIGH TWELVE CLUB No. 576*

On Wednesday, January 20, 1982 the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, and Officers of Grand Lodge and their families attended a dinner for the presentation of the Charter of District of Columbia High Twelve Club No. 576 at the Kenwood Country Club. Grand Master Elmer F. Stein, the guiding force in the formation of the Club, was installed as the Charter President of the Club which had been authorized by Grand Lodge in 1977 and was finally organized in 1981.

### *TEN DOLLAR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT*

To alleviate the financial crisis in which the Masonic Temple Association had found itself during the past several years, the Grand Lodge, taking action at a Special Communication on February 17, 1982, approved a ten dollar per capita assessment, half of which was to be paid immediately and the remainder in July of 1982.

### *COMMITTEE ON MASONIC CODE MAINTENANCE*

The maintenance and up-dating of the Masonic Code of the District of Columbia had not, in the past, been given adequate attention. The matter prompted the Grand Lodge in May, 1982, to approve the establishment of the Committee on Masonic Code Maintenance.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER BLACKBURN*

On November 7, 1982, M.W. Brother Frederic Barton Blackburn, Grand Master in 1954, died. M.W. Brother Blackburn was a Mason of complete sincerity and devotion, unselfish in his attention to his responsibilities, and courageous in facing the problems of the Craft.

### *GRAND LODGE HOSTS NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ON MASONIC EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES*

In May 1982 the Grand Lodge was host to the 27th Annual Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries. The theme of the Conference was "Pride in Masonry." Grand Master Stein and several Grand Lodge Officers presented papers on the subject which were well received.

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### *MERGER OF LODGES*

Continuing a trend of the past several years, two Lodges, Brightwood Lodge No. 43 and Warren G. Harding Lodge No. 39, consolidated. The merger was approved by the Grand Master, effective June 15, 1982. The new Lodge was named Warren G. Harding-Brightwood Lodge No. 43, with the former giving up its seal and charter.

### *VISIT BY MEMBERS OF DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA*

The Grand Lodge was honored by the visit of a large number of members of the District Grand Lodge of Natal, South Africa. They and their ladies were touring through the United States. The visitors were received and treated so royally that the group was reluctant to leave, saying it was one of the finest visits they had ever had anywhere. Masonic ties were greatly strengthened between the two Grand Lodges.

### *SALE OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE*

The Masonic Temple Association entered into a contract on August 24, 1982 with the Holladay Corporation, acting on behalf of the National Museum of Womens Art, Inc., for the sale of the Masonic Temple at 801 13th Street, N.W., thus bringing to a close more than seventy years of Masonic activity at that site. Most Worshipful Brother Stein, in concluding his address to the Grand Lodge, said: "It is with sadness I close this report, not for myself, but for my Grand Lodge. Since 1811, 171 years ago, there has always been a building of some sort that Masons of the District of Columbia could point to with pride and say — this is our Masonic Temple. Now the Temple is gone. Although we will have our last Grand Lodge Communication in our Temple on January 23, 1983, it is for the purpose of saying goodbye only. I am saddened to know that it was in my year in the Grand East that, due to conditions beyond our control, we had to give up our home for lo these many years."

### *MAKING HONORARY MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE*

For services rendered, the Grand Lodge, on December 15, 1982, approved the selection of M.W. Brother Thomas R. Dougherty, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and Director of Hospital Visitations, Masonic Services Association, as honorary Past Grand Master and R.W. Brother Stewart M.L. Pollard, Executive Director of the Masonic Services Association, as an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

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### *A BLIND WORSHIPFUL MASTER*

In 1982, for the first time in 171 years of our history, a blind Mason, Worshipful Brother John E. Wilkerson, was serving as Master of one of our Lodges—Osiris Lodge No. 26. The Grand Master commented on the outstanding work Worshipful Brother Wilkerson had accomplished in that Lodge over the years in which he had been a member. This event further justified the change made to the Masonic Code of the District of Columbia in 1961 to relax the physical requirements of membership.

### *HONOR GIVEN TO GRAND MASTER STEIN*

The Grand Lodge was honored by the presentation to Grand Master Elmer F. Stein of the Christopher Champlin Medal for Distinguished Masonic Service by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in May, 1982. This prestigious award, given only to Master Masons of other jurisdictions and with only one being given each year, was presented for the first time to a Master Mason of the District of Columbia.

### *LAST MEETING AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE*

Grand Master Donald L. Malloreay called a Special Communication on January 26, 1983, the purpose of which was to say farewell to the Masonic Temple at 801 13th Street, N.W. The cornerstone of the Temple was laid on June 8, 1907 and the building was completed in September, 1908. The dedication was held on September 19, 1908, and as was stated at that time, "Thus by regular gradations and measured steps the fraternity in the District of Columbia arrived at the goal of its ambition for a quarter of a century, the possession of a Temple worthy of Masonry and worthy of this City, the mecca of every American." After an occupancy of 75 years the fraternity was again without a Masonic home.

### *DEATH OF GRAND LECTURER EMERITUS GEORGE W. FEIDT*

The Masonic Code of the District of Columbia assigns the Grand Lecturer the duty of instructing the constituent Lodges in the work and lectures of the first three degrees of Masonry, as determined by this Grand Lodge, and to correct any erroneous work. No one performed these duties more diligently and with more dedication than Worshipful Brother George W. Feidt who served the Grand Lodge in this capacity for eleven years and later, as Grand Lecturer Emeritus, until his death on January 27, 1983.



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## *CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES*

The trend towards a smaller jurisdiction in terms of the number of constituent Lodges continued as the Grand Master complied with the merger requests of Samuel Gompers Lodge No. 45 and Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 50. A new entity was formed, known as Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45, with Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 50 yielding its charter in favor of Samuel Gompers Lodge No. 45. The consolidation was effected on June 14, 1983.

## *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTERS HEWITT AND KORMAN*

On July 14, 1983 M.W. Brother Morris Franky Hewitt, Grand Master in 1978, was called to a transcendent duty beyond the reach of any living being on earth. He was a man for all seasons. The Brethren of Grand Lodge felt an acute sense of loss upon his passing.

M.W. Brother Milton Daniel Korman, Grand Master in 1969, was called to take his place in the Celestial Lodge above on September 27, 1983. He was a man whose character exemplified the principal tenets of our Order, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. That ringing admonition in that Great Light of Masonry, the Holy Bible, "Justice, justice shalt thou pursue," was the shining goal on which M.W. Brother Korman based his distinguished career.

## *BROTHERHOOD NIGHT*

On March 23, 1983, after two years of looking into the advisability of joining in, a bus load of Brethren, headed by the Grand Master, traveled to Nur Temple in Wilmington, Delaware at the invitation of the Grand Master of Delaware. They joined for Brotherhood Night with 450 Brethren from five jurisdictions to enjoy an outstanding evening. Our Grand Lodge continues to participate in this annual event, along with the Grand Lodges of Delaware, as host, and the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

## *THE GRAND MASTER'S AWARD OF RECOGNITION*

In every viable organization there is a group of people who give unsparingly, and without recognition, of their time and effort for the good of the organization. They have no particular assigned duties but are just the "workers". Grand Master Mallorej, desiring to recognize at least a few of these devoted people, created the Grand Master's Award of Recognition and at a ceremony at the Scottish Rite Temple on September

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14, 1983, before a crowd of some 300, presented his Award of Recognition to twenty members and friends of the Fraternity.

### *THE J. CLAUDE KEIPER ALTAR*

The marble altar, known as the J. Claude Keiper Altar, was taken from the now sold Masonic Temple to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, where it rests on display on the first floor under the Great Seal of the United States of America. This altar was erected to the memory of M.W. Brother Keiper, who served as Grand Master in 1911 and as Grand Secretary from 1922 to 1944.

### *RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE OF SPAIN*

The Grand Lodge of Spain (Gran Logia De Espana), consecrated on November 6, 1982, having met all the necessary standards for Masonic recognition and having already been recognized by the majority of Grand Lodges of the United States and throughout the world, was officially recognized on December 21, 1983 by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. The exchange of Grand Representatives was also authorized at that time.

### *DEATH OF GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS MINNICK*

The Brethren of Grand Lodge were deeply saddened by the death of Grand Secretary Emeritus William Howard Minnick, who served the Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary from his appointment to that office on June 20, 1970 until his retirement in December, 1982. Right Worshipful Minnick died on June 28, 1984.

### *CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES*

The diminution of the number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction continued in 1984. Hiram Lodge No. 10 and Takoma Lodge No. 29, finding it to their advantage to consolidate their membership, obtained the approval of Grand Master James M. Burns to create a new Lodge, effective December 3, 1984, to be known as Hiram-Takoma Lodge No. 10. Also arriving at the same conclusion, Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 and Trinity Lodge No. 41 became Pentalpha-Trinity Lodge No. 23, effective December 3, 1984.

### *MASONIC STATUE OF LIBERTY FUND*

The Statue of Liberty and the facilities at Ellis Island, long a point of entry for

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those fleeing oppression and seeking the freedom of the United States, had deteriorated to the point that a Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Commission was created to raise funds nationally for the purpose of restoring and reconstructing these two monuments. The Grand Lodges of the United States agreed to join in this fund drive at the Grand Masters Conference in February, 1984. Grand Master Burns appointed a committee, chaired by Most Worshipful Brother Frank A. Kenyon, to organize the collection drive for this Grand Lodge. A total of more than \$20,000 had been collected when the fund drive ended in October, 1986.

### *HONORING THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL*

On October 19, 1984, at the magnificent House of the Temple, with practically every seat occupied in the beautifully appointed Council Chambers, Grand Master Burns presented the Grand Master's Award to Illustrious Brother William E. Eccleston, Past Grand Master and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Washington, D.C. and to Mrs. Dorothy Eccleston, his wife. The Nation's Capital Order of DeMolay also participated and presented Ill. Brother Eccleston a token of their appreciation. The Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Henry C. Clausen and the Grand Secretary General, Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, also participated in the ceremonies.

### *EDICT ON THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES*

Grand Master Burns issued an edict on April 23, 1984 clarifying the current policy of the Grand Lodge on the use of alcoholic beverages. The edict sets forth policies to govern the use of alcoholic beverages in the Constituent Lodges of this jurisdiction.

### *PROJECT SOLOMON II*

Taking action to reverse the downward trend in membership, Grand Master Theodore M. Kahn called a Special Communication on January 29, 1985 to receive a presentation by a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the membership enhancement program known as Solomon II.

Having obtained permission of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to use the program as well as the name, the specific objective of the effort, as stated by the Grand Master, was to rebuild Freemasonry within the District of Columbia to a minimum of 15,000 members within a period of seven years. The "kick off" of the project was a gala celebration that took place on September 30, 1985 in Constitution Hall, where

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more than 1200 Brethren and about 300 non-Masonic guests were in attendance. The Tall Cedars Singing Cedars and Chorus and Brother Burl Ives, the famous balladeer and story teller, provided the entertainment for the evening. The climax of the event was the dedication of the Cornerstone with Corn, Wine and Oil on the 27 foot high model of King Solomon's Temple erected on the stage.

### *THE VOICE OF FREEMASONRY*

The revival of the Grand Lodge publication, *The Voice of Freemasonry*, was noted by the distribution of the first issue of the paper in 1985. The purpose of the publication was to establish communication between the Grand Lodge itself and the members of the Craft in the District of Columbia.

### *MAKING AN HONORARY MEMBER OF GRAND LODGE*

In recognition of his goodwill and staunch support of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia while Grand Master of Maryland, M.W. Brother Roy A. Stetler, Jr. was, in May 1985, elected to honorary membership of the Grand Lodge as a Past Grand Master.

### *MERGER OF LODGES*

The Grand Master approved the consolidation of Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 33 with Albert Pike Lodge No. 36, to form Albert Pike Lodge No. 33 on March 18, 1985 and Hope Lodge No. 20 with William R. Singleton Lodge No. 30, to form William R. Singleton-Hope Lodge No. 20 on December 5, 1985. At the end of the year 1985 the Grand Lodge consisted of thirty-two Constituent Lodges and two Special Lodges, with a total membership of 8,991.

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1986-1989



*175TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRAND LODGE*

The year 1986 marked the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia. Several events highlighted this historic point in the life of the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction.

On February 23, 1986, at the request of Grand Master William C. Miskovic, some 150 Brethren gathered at Glenwood Cemetery to pay their respects to the memory of this Grand Lodge's first Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Valentine Reintzel. (The title of Most Worshipful for the office of Grand Master did not appear in the Constitution until 1820.)

The Grand Master laid a wreath on the gravesite and made appropriate remarks. A brief history of the life of our distinguished Brother was recited and Mrs. Ruth Gold, the great granddaughter of Valentine Reintzel, being present, spoke about her illustrious forbear. The blowing of taps rounded out this historic occasion.

A Grand Lodge birthday celebration was held on March 7, 1986 in the Presidential Room of the Capital Hilton Hotel. The highlight of this occasion was the building of a large styrofoam "birthday cake". As the Worshipful Masters of the Constituent Lodges and Heads of Appendant Bodies were introduced, each placed a pie-shaped piece of styrofoam on a platform until a five foot structure, the "cake", was completed. More than one hundred small lights outlined the four layers of the "cake" bringing those present to their feet in a standing ovation. A souvenir medallion, struck for the 175th Anniversary, was presented to each one in attendance.

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### *GRAND LODGE GOLF TOURNAMENT*

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home benefited from the proceeds of the first Grand Lodge golf tournament which was held at the Twin Shields Golf Club, Dunkirk, Maryland on April 28, 1986.

### *REVISED CONSTITUTION ADOPTED*

In 1985 Grand Master Theodore M. Kahn directed the Masonic Code Maintenance Committee, chaired by Grand Lecturer, Worshipful Brother Carl R. Le Vine, to revise the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge. The last previous revision occurred in 1964, and the Code had been printed in loose-leaf form in 1978. It had become apparent that certain decisions had become obsolete, some numbered written sections of the Code were ambiguous and the subject of varying interpretations, and the "squeezing in" and use of different printing type had made the Code difficult to read and the subject matter difficult to find. The completely revised Code was completed in 1986 and adopted by Grand Lodge at a Special Communication called for that purpose on September 29, 1986.

### *DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER ROHRMAN*

In the life of every successful institution, one or two individuals will be prominently marked as being in large measure responsible for its continued well being. Such a man was M.W. Brother William Henry Rohrman, who was called to the Celestial Lodge above on June 3, 1986. An outstanding and accomplished ritualist and instructor was lost to the Fraternity forever.

### *CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE*

In keeping with its resolve to make itself and Freemasonry in general better known among the profane world, the Grand Lodge sponsored, for the first time, a float in the Annual Cherry Blossom Parade held on April 11, 1987, a beautiful day complete with cherry blossoms in all their glory. The float depicted Masonic participation in the signing of the United States Constitution. It was well received by the more than 250,000 viewers and was awarded third prize.

Co-sponsored by the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, the float was again on display in the 1988 Fourth of July parade and this time won first prize.

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Grand Lodge float in the Independence Day Parade  
in Washington, D.C. on July 4, 1988.

### *200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES*

The Nation observed the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States which occurred on September 17, 1787. Grand Master L. Robert Baker, in company with some 300 Masons including Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters of twelve of the original thirteen colonies, on September 19, 1987 visited the National Archives Building to observe this historic document first hand. The original four pages of the Constitution were raised from the vault below for this special viewing. This was an honor rarely given to anyone. In this case it was granted in appreciation of the part played by the Masonic Fraternity in the creation of this superb document.

### *MERGER OF LODGES*

The Grand Master approved the consolidation of National Lodge No. 12 and Stansbury Lodge No. 24 to form a new Lodge, effective July 23, 1987, to be known as National-Stansbury Lodge No. 12. He also approved the merger of William R.



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Singleton-Hope Lodge No. 20 with Lebanon Lodge No. 7, effective November 9, 1987, to form William R. Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge No. 7. These consolidations reduced the number of Constituent Lodges in the District of Columbia to thirty, with a total membership of 8,120.

### *MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE*

Recognizing the essentiality of competent leadership to the welfare and viability of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master L. Robert Baker initiated the first Masonic Leadership Training Conference of Constituent Lodge officers. It was held at the 4-H Center in Front Royal, Virginia in the Fall of 1987. Masters, Wardens, Deacons and Secretaries received class room instructions specifically designed for them, held discussions among themselves and generally enjoyed the fellowship that abounded. The success of the Conference was so apparent that it has been scheduled for each succeeding year.

### *EDICT ON THE PENALTIES OF THE THREE DEGREES*

At a time when certain elements of the non-Masonic world misunderstood and criticized the alleged harshness of the penalties of the three Symbolic degrees, and when several Grand Jurisdictions, bowing for their own reasons to this unwarranted criticism, had deleted or altered the physical penalties, Grand Master Baker felt constrained to issue an edict as follows:

### *EDICT*

“Several Grand Jurisdictions have removed the physical penalties from the obligations taken by the candidate; others have added the word “Symbolic” before each penalty. It is my belief, however, that the Obligation being the heart of the degree, that the ritual should not be changed. At the same time I recognize that some clarification of the penalties would undoubtedly benefit the candidate’s understanding of his Obligation. To that end I therefore issue this EDICT to decree that the following statement be read to every candidate prior to his initiation in any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction:

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_,

You are about to be initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry. The reasons for the manner of your preparation to receive this degree will be explained to you following the conferral of the degree. During the conferral, you will be required to take

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upon yourself an Obligation of Obedience to the tenets of the Organization of which you have requested to become a member. This Obligation is of Ancient Origin and contains penalties for violations which are founded in antiquity and are wholly symbolic in nature. The only penalties which Freemasonry imposes in modern times for violations of its tenets and regulations are Reprimand, Suspension and Expulsion. We have chosen to leave the symbolic penalties in the Obligation because of their antiquity and to impress upon you the seriousness of your undertaking. You will now be conducted to the Lodge Room to become the principal personality in a drama which symbolically unfolds the beautiful lessons of our Order.”



### **Presentation of Certificate of Honor to President Reagan**

Left to Right: Carroll M. Bowman, Asst. Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council; Jack Jones, Imperial Recorder; Stewart W. Miner, Grand Secretary; William E. Chaney, Jr., Grand Marshal; C. Fred Kleinknecht, Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction; President Ronald W. Reagan; Raymond F. McMullen, Grand Master; Francis G. Paul, Sovereign Grand Commander, Northern Jurisdiction; Voris King, Imperial Potentate; Sidney Baxter, Asst. to Grand Commander, Northern Jurisdiction.

### *CERTIFICATE OF HONOR FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES*

On February 11, 1988, Grand Master Raymond F. McMullen, in company with the Grand Secretary and Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the District of

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Columbia and officials of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine of North America, met with the President of the United States, the Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan, in the Oval Office of the White House and presented him with a Certificate of Honor for his efforts in promoting good will and understanding throughout the world and in testimony of his firm belief in Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the principal tenets of the Masonic Order.

### *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES*

After thorough investigation of their regularity, the Grand Lodge, at its Semi-Annual Communication in May, 1988, approved the extension of fraternal recognition to the Gran Logia "Benito Juarez" Estado De Coahuila and the Gran Logia Valle De Mexico in Mexico and to the Grand Lodja Maconica do Estado De Rondonia in Brazil. Acting upon the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Lodge also withdrew recognition of the Grand Oriente of Italy.

### *NEW GRAND LODGE BUILDING*

Being without a building it could call its own since 1983, the procurement of such an edifice became a high priority. After much investigation, the Grand Lodge, at a Special Communication on August 31, 1988, approved the purchase of a building located at 5428-32 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., Washington, D.C. for a price of \$1,250,000.00, and on October 7, 1988, the Grand Lodge became the legal owner of this new property.

In the words of Grand Master Raymond F. McMullen, "We now have something that we can be very proud of. It has sparked the enthusiasm of the entire Craft. This building will play an important part in the future of Freemasonry in the District of Columbia."

### *MERGER OF LODGES*

Two Lodges, believing it to be to their advantage to consolidate, requested that they be allowed to do so. Grand Master McMullen approved their request and Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 and Osiris Lodge No. 26 became Osiris-Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 on December 12, 1988. The Grand Lodge was now pared down to 29 Lodges with a total membership of 7,825.

### *VALENTINE REINTZEL MEDAL*

M.W. Brother Raymond F. McMullen, Grand Master in 1988, during his term in

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office created and awarded Valentine Reintzel Medals, so named in honor of our first Grand Master.

In order to control the distribution of these medals, the Grand Lodge, in May 1989, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, that the Grand Master be authorized to present no more than three Valentine Reintzel Medals annually to Master Masons who have demonstrated exceptional devotion, loyalty and zeal toward the Craft and their Brother Masons. One of these honorees may be a Mason who is not a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction. All honorees are to be selected by the Grand Master."

### *MODIFICATION OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES*

The lifestyle of the younger generation of society in our present era has placed increasingly critical importance upon the apportionment of the element of time that must be devoted to the demands of daily living. Freemasonry, as with other fraternal organizations, does not, unfortunately, enjoy the high priority it once did, not only among those who are eligible to become worthy members but also among those already engaged in the vineyards of the Fraternity.

Recognizing the importance of this condition upon the future welfare of the fraternity in this Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge, at its Semi-Annual Communication in May, 1989, approved a change in the ritual (Section 74 of the Code) permitting Lodges, planning to confer the Entered Apprentice or the Fellow Craft Degree, to open and close the appropriate communications directly on the degree to be conferred.

### *NORTHEAST CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS, DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, AND GRAND SECRETARIES*

On July 16 and 17, 1989, for the first time in its history, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia hosted the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries. The Conference was attended by 12 Grand Masters, 13 Deputy Grand Masters, 12 Grand Secretaries, and one Grand Treasurer. Spirited discussions focused on evolving Grand Lodge — Appendant Body relationships; public and Masonic awareness efforts; Black Freemasonry; and a number of critical issues impacting on Freemasonry at the Grand and Subordinate levels.

### *CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES*

Grand Master Robert A. Statler approved the merger of King Solomon Lodge No. 31 and Warren G. Harding Lodge No. 43 to form Solomon Harding Brightwood

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Lodge No. 43 as of June 15, 1989 and, on September 14, 1989, the merger of Fort Dupont Lodge No. 52 and Lafayette Lodge No. 19 to form Lafayette-Dupont Lodge No. 19. The number of Constituent Lodges in the District of Columbia was now 27 with a total membership of 7,544.

### *DEATHS OF PAST GRAND MASTERS STEIN AND LAYTON*

M.W. Brother Elmer Frederic Stein, Grand Master in 1982, departed this life on August 12, 1989, and as the memorialist said, "only occasionally does one come along who possesses in one body, mind and spirit, so much that nobles our fellowship, warms our hearts, enriches our minds, and makes us glad that for a brief space of time we could bask in the radiance of his presence and the sunshine of his smile."

The fraternity also experienced a great loss and deeply mourned the death of M.W. Brother John Berry Layton, Grand Master in 1976, on October 5, 1989. An outstanding ritualist, a man of exceptional integrity, a dedicated and devoted Mason, a powerful influence in the community, and a pillar of great strength in every organization of which he became a member, Brother Layton will be sorely missed.

### *RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII*

The Grand Lodge of Hawaii, formerly under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, was formed on May 20, 1989. Having determined that it conformed to all the rules and usages of the Craft, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia extended its fraternal recognition and friendship to the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, the fifty-first Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, on December 20, 1989.

### *STATUS OF THE GRAND LODGE AT THE END OF THE 1980-1989 DECADE*

The decline in membership and in the number of Constituent Lodges beholden to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia continued during the decade of 1980-1989. Forty two Constituent Lodges existed at the end of 1979 with a total membership of 11,712. Through the decade the number of Lodges decreased from 42 to 27 and the membership from 11,712 to 7,543, a decline of 4,169. Since the establishment of the Solomon II Project in 1985 the Grand Lodge suffered a loss of seven Lodges and 1,448 members. However, in the last two years of this period the net loss in membership dropped sharply. Whether this improvement shows the effects of Solomon II remains to be determined.

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*MAKING MASONS AT SIGHT*

Grand Master Charles S. Iversen, invoking the prerogatives accorded the Grand Master by traditional and ancient usages, opened an Occasional Lodge on June 9, 1990 and made Messrs. Stephen J. Trachtenberg and Robert S. Carter Masons at Sight. At the time Brother Trachtenberg was President of George Washington University in the District of Columbia and Brother Carter, a public relations executive and former Chairman of the Republican National Committee. The ritual casts for each of the degrees are listed in the 1990 Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

*LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE OF ALMAS TEMPLE*

Grand Master Iversen called a Special Communication of Grand Lodge on June 20, 1990 for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new building for Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. The Grand Lodge was opened at the temporary offices of Almas Temple at 1275 K Street, N.W. and its officers and members then moved in procession to the building site at 1315 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. This occasion was the first time in forty three years that the Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia had the opportunity to lay a cornerstone at a public ceremony. The gavel and trowel used by Brother George Washington in Masonically laying the cornerstone of the United States Capitol Building in 1793 were used by the Grand Master in this unique ceremony. The gavel was lent by Potomac Lodge No. 5 and the silver trowel was provided by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 of Virginia. Many Masonic dignitaries and guests were present, including the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, several of his Imperial officers, and officers and Past

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Potentates of Almas Temple. During the ceremony a commemorative box containing many artifacts was deposited in the cornerstone. An interesting sidelight to this event was the fact that the Grand Master was also a Past Potentate of Almas Temple.



Laying of the Cornerstone of Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

June 20, 1990.

M.W. Brother Charles S. Iversen, Grand Master, with the George Washington Gavel in hand, conducts the cornerstone ceremony. Behind the Grand Master is Darwin A. Brock, Deputy Grand Master; Jerold J. Samet, Senior Grand Warden; and George R. Adams, Junior Grand Warden.

### *MEHR LODGE U.D.*

On August 27, 1990, Grand Master Charles S. Iversen, with the approval of Grand Lodge, issued a dispensation to the Master and Wardens of a proposed Lodge to be known as MEHR Lodge, U.D. The Lodge was authorized to function as a Subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, with authority to make and affiliate Masons and to conduct such other business and activities as are

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permitted to other Lodges in this Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge approved the issuance of a charter to MEHR Lodge, No. 90 at its Annual Communication on December 19, 1990.

Unlike Arminius Lodge No. 25, which does its work in the German language and uses a ritual that is in accordance with that taught in the Grand Lodge School of Instruction, MEHR Lodge No. 90 opens, closes and conducts its business in English using the ritual of this Jurisdiction; however it is permitted to confer the degrees in the Persian language (FARSI) and in accordance with the Emulation Ritual of the Grand Lodge of England.

MEHR Lodge No. 90 was the first Lodge in forty three years to be created by dispensation in the District of Columbia.

### *DEDICATION OF NEW GRAND LODGE BUILDING*

In an informal ceremony on October 14, 1990, Grand Master Iversen dedicated the new Grand Lodge office building at 5428 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., Washington, D.C.. Since leaving its quarters at 13th and H Streets, N.W. the Grand Lodge maintained an office in the Oriental Building Association building at 600 F Street, N.W. The new building was purchased in 1988, renovated as an office, library and museum, and occupied in May, 1990, prior to the dedication ceremony in October. Its splendid appointments make this new home for the Grand Lodge a most comfortable place to conduct its affairs for the foreseeable future.



**New Grand Lodge Building**



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### *LAYING OF WREATH IN WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL*

On September 29, 1907, President and Brother Theodore Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Washington National Cathedral, which was to be built in the manner of the cathedrals of the middle ages in England. Many years before its completion the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite placed a statue of George Washington near the front entrance of the building. On November 17, 1990, with the permission of the Cathedral Committee, Grand Master Iversen, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and their ladies, placed a wreath at the foot of the statue in a short, informal and impressive ceremony.

### *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES*

The Grand Lodge extended its hand of fraternal friendship to recognize the Grand Lodge of Roraima (Brazil) and the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Norte (Brazil) on December 19, 1990 and to authorize the exchange of Grand Representatives with those Grand Lodges.

### *CHANGE IN GRAND LODGE SCHOOL SESSIONS*

In an attempt to increase attendance, particularly among junior Constituent Lodge officers, at the Grand Lodge School Sessions, Grand Master Darwin A. Brock departed from the traditional Saturday evening classes and ordered them held on the first and third Saturday mornings for the year 1991.

### *CONSECRATION, DEDICATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF MEHR LODGE NO. 90*

The ceremony of Consecration, Dedication and Installation of the officers of MEHR Lodge No. 90 was effected at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge at Potomac Lodge Hall on the evening of January 29, 1991. Since the dispensation to permit MEHR Lodge to organize was granted by Past Grand Master Charles S. Iversen during his term as Grand Master, Grand Master Brock asked M.W. Brother Iversen to officiate at the ceremonies. The Lodge is now known as MEHR Lodge No. 90. The installation of its officers was conducted by R.W. Brother Robert B. Heyet, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile with Brother Mansour Hatifi as the first Worshipful Master, and Brothers Fred Khoshnevisan and Mike Ashrafi as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The occasion was celebrated at a Table Lodge dinner after the close of Grand Lodge.

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### *POSTPONEMENT OF SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

Because of a public disturbance in the area of the Scottish Rite Temple, at 2800 16th. Street, the Grand Master called off the Semi-Annual Communication scheduled for May 8, 1991 and called a Special Communication of Grand Lodge for May 15, 1991. The curfew imposed by the Government of the District of Columbia was lifted in time for the May 15th Communication.

### *MAKING AN HONORARY PAST GRAND MASTER*

For services rendered to Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, M.W. Brother Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont (1977-1979) and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, was elected as an honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge at its Semi-Annual Communication on May 15, 1991.

### *MAKING A MASON AT SIGHT*

In an Occasional Lodge opened at Takoma Lodge Hall on March 2, 1991, Grand Master Darwin A. Brock made Nathan Daniel Golden, a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., a Mason at Sight. Sixty seven years earlier, soon after completing a petition obtained from a local Lodge, Mr. Golden suffered a leg amputation, thus ending for several decades his quest for light in Masonry. The Grand Master's action enabled Brother Golden to realize his life long desire to become a Master Mason. Brother Golden was elected to membership in Osiris-Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 just a few months prior to his 96th birthday on July 4, 1991.

### *COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT*

Responding to an invitation received from the Grand Master of Virginia, Grand Master Brock, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers and their ladies, attended an impressive ceremony conducted by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Federal District at Jones Point in the City of Alexandria, Virginia on March 23, 1991.

### *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES*

At its Annual Communication on December 18, 1991, the Grand Lodge extended

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its hand of recognition and friendship to the Grande Loja do Estado de Sergipe, Brazil and the Grande Loja do Estado Tocantins, Brazil.

### *MERGER OF LODGES*

Finding it to the advantage of the Lodges to do so, Grand Master Darwin A. Brock approved the consolidation of Solomon-Harding-Brightwood Lodge No. 43 and Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14 to be effective December 23, 1991. The new Lodge was named Washington Daylight Lodge No. 14. The Grand Lodge was then composed of twenty-six Constituent and two Special Lodges.

### *PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE*

Reflecting back over the past thirty years, one could not be severely blamed for feeling concern about the direction Freemasonry in the District of Columbia has taken. Yet, careful study of the records of the fraternity and close observation of the activities of the Grand Lodge and its Lodges and members, leads one to conclude that discouragement and despair are not and should not be the orders of the day. Problems that are subject to man's control are being recognized and, in some measure, addressed. The scythe wielded by the Grim Tyrant, Death, has for the past several years been less active and the vitality of youth is beginning to make its powerful influence felt. Thus, in the second year of the last decade of the twentieth century, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in the 180th year of its existence, is looking down the short road to the twenty-first century with renewed confidence, enthusiasm and hope.

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*Portraits of Grand Masters*

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Convass B. Dean  
1962



Charles B. Gilley  
1963



Harry B. Savage  
1964



Lex L. Dodds  
1965



Thomas W. Dodge  
1966



Charles T. MacDonald  
1967



William P. Jacobs, Jr.  
1968



Milton D. Korman  
1969



H. Kenneth Kingsbury  
1970

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Robert F. Sutphin  
1971



N. Norman Engleberg  
1972



Frank A. Kenyon  
1973



Robert L. Morris  
1974



William E. Eccleston  
1975



John B. Layton  
1976



Charles V. Brewer  
1977



Morris F. Hewitt  
1978



George F. Moyer  
1979

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Perry A. Lester  
1980



John C. Schleter  
1981



Elmer F. Stein  
1982



Donald L. Mallorely  
1983



James M. Burns  
1984



Theodore M. Kahn  
1985



William C. Miskovic  
1986



L. Robert Baker  
1987



Raymond F. McMullen  
1988

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Robert A. Statler  
*1989*



Charles S. Iversen  
*1990*



Darwin A. Brock  
*1991*



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## Grand Lodge Officers for 1991

*Front Row: (L-R) Stafford Appel, Grand Lecturer; William T. Jenkins, Junior Grand Warden; Jerold J. Samet, Deputy Grand Master; Darwin A. Brock, Grand Master; George R. Adams, Senior Grand Warden; Stewart W. Miner, Grand Secretary.*

*Middle Row: (L-R) J. Philip Smith, Senior Grand Deacon; Robert F. Drechsler, Junior Grand Steward; William E. Chaney, Jr., Junior Grand Deacon; Vincent M. Mahoney, Senior Grand Steward; Eugene N. Richardson, Grand Chaplain; Carl R. LeVine, Grand Historian; Gerhard Meinzer, Grand Tiler; Edward A. Reed, Aide to the Grand Master.*

*Back Row: (L-R) Eldon J. Brown, Grand Marshal; Marvin I. Rosenbloom, Assistant Grand Chaplain; Albert C. Allen, Aide to the Grand Master; Bert L. Schrivener, Assistant Grand Tiler; Hugh Y. Bernard, Deputy Grand Lecturer; Robert H. Starr, Grand Sword Bearer; Lawrence S. Neudorfer, Assistant Grand Chaplain; Paul E. Adams, Grand Pursuivant.*

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*Summaries*

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SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1962-1991

Year	Grand Master	Lodge	Deputy Grand Master	Lodge	Senior Grand Warden	Lodge	Year	Junior Grand Warden	Lodge	Grand Secretary	Lodge	Grand Treasurer	Lodge
1962	Convass B. Dean	11	Charles B. Gilley	3	Harry B. Savage	31	1962	Lex L. Dodds	1	Raymond N. Babcock	12	Dean Hill Stanley	30
1963	Charles B. Gilley	3	Harry B. Savage	31	Lex L. Dodds	1	1963	Thomas W. Dodge	4	J. August Johnson, Jr.	48	Dean Hill Stanley	30
1964	Harry B. Savage	31	Lex L. Dodds	1	Thomas W. Dodge	4	1964	Charles T. Macdonald	43	J. August Johnson, Jr.	48	Dean Hill Stanley	30
1965	Lex L. Dodds	1	Thomas W. Dodge	4	Charles T. MacDonald	43	1965	William P. Jacobs, Jr.	15	Paul R. Mattix	29	Dean Hill Stanley	30
1966	Thomas W. Dodge	4	Charles T. Macdonald	43	William P. Jacobs, Jr.	15	1966	Milton D. Korman	45	Paul R. Mattix	29	Dean Hill Stanley	30
1967	Charles T. Macdonald	43	William P. Jacobs, Jr.	15	Milton D. Korman	45	1967	H. Kenneth Kingsbury	28	Paul R. Mattix	29	Dean Hill Stanley	30
1968	William P. Jacobs, Jr.	15	Milton D. Korman	45	H. Kenneth Kingsbury	28	1968	Robert F. Sutphin	52	Paul R. Mattix	29	Dean Hill Stanley	30
1969	Milton D. Korman	45	H. Kenneth Kingsbury	28	Robert F. Sutphin	52	1969	N. Norman Engleberg	45	Lex L. Dodds	1	Harry B. Savage	31
1970	H. Kenneth Kingsbury	28	Robert F. Sutphin	52	N. Norman Engleberg	50	1970	Frank A. Kenyon	35	Harry B. Savage	31	Convass B. Dean	11
1971	Robert F. Sutphin	52	N. Norman Engleberg	50	Frank A. Kenyon	35	1971	Robert L. Morris	44	William H. Minnick	3	Robert E. Proudley	15
1972*	N. Norman Engleberg	50	Frank A. Kenyon	35	Robert L. Morris	44	1972	William E. Eccleston	33	William H. Minnick	3	Robert E. Proudley	15
1972*	Frank A. Kenyon	35	Vacant		Robert L. Morris	44	1972	William E. Eccleston	33	William H. Minnick	3	Robert E. Proudley	15
1973	Frank A. Kenyon	35	Robert L. Morris	44	William E. Eccleston	33	1973	John B. Layton	29	William H. Minnick	3	Robert E. Proudley	15
1974	Robert L. Morris	44	William E. Eccleston	33	John B. Layton	29	1974	Charles V. Brewer	11	William H. Minnick	3	Robert E. Proudley	15
1975	William E. Eccleston	33	John B. Layton	29	Charles V. Brewer	11	1975	Morris F. Hewitt	5	William H. Minnick	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1976	John B. Layton	29	Charles V. Brewer	11	Morris F. Hewitt	5	1976	George F. Moyer	47	William H. Minnick	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1977	Charles V. Brewer	11	Morris F. Hewitt	5	George F. Moyer	47	1977	Perry A. Lester	17	William H. Minnick	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1978	Morris F. Hewitt	5	George F. Moyer	47	Perry A. Lester	17	1978	John C. Schleter	5	William H. Minnick	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1979	George F. Moyer	47	Perry A. Lester	17	John C. Schleter	5	1979	Elmer F. Stein	43	William H. Minnick	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1980	Perry A. Lester	17	John C. Schleter	5	Elmer F. Stein	43	1980	Donald L. Mallorey	34	William H. Minnick	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1981	John C. Schleter	5	Elmer F. Stein	43	Donald L. Mallorey	34	1981	James M. Burns	22	William H. Minnick	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1982	Elmer F. Stein	43	Donald L. Mallorey	34	James M. Burns	22	1982	Theodore M. Kahn	45	John C. Schleter	5	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1983	Donald L. Mallorey	34	James M. Burns	22	Theodore M. Kahn	45	1983	William C. Miskovic	21	John C. Schleter	5	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1984	James M. Burns	22	Theodore M. Kahn	45	William C. Miskovic	21	1984	L. Robert Baker	22	John C. Schleter	5	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1985	Theodore M. Kahn	45	William C. Miskovic	21	L. Robert Baker	22	1985	Raymond F. McMullen	21	John C. Schleter	5	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1986	William C. Miskovic	21	L. Robert Baker	22	Raymond F. McMullen	21	1986	Robert A. Statler	19	John C. Schleter <sup>1</sup>	5	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1987	L. Robert Baker	22	Raymond F. McMullen	21	Robert A. Statler	19	1987	Charles S. Iversen	15	H. Kenneth Kingsbury <sup>2</sup>	4	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1988	Raymond F. McMullen	21	Robert A. Statler	19	Charles S. Iversen	15	1988	Darwin A. Brock	19	Stewart W. Miner <sup>3</sup>	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1989	Robert A. Statler	19	Charles S. Iversen	15	Darwin A. Brock	19	1989	Jerold J. Samet	23	Stewart W. Miner	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1990	Charles S. Iversen	15	Darwin A. Brock	19	Jerold J. Samet	23	1990	George R. Adams	15	Stewart W. Miner	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52
1991	Darwin A. Brock	19	Jerold J. Samet	23	George R. Adams	15	1991	William T. Jenkins	14	Stewart W. Miner	3	Robert F. Sutphin	52

\* Deceased February 17, 1972. Vacancy filled by D.G.M. Frank A. Kenyon

<sup>1</sup> Resigned November 10, 1986 - Julius Gordin, PM of Albert Pike #33 appointed to fill unexpired term to December 27, 1986

<sup>2</sup> Resigned January 3, 1987 - Position vacant until February 6, 1987.

<sup>3</sup> Appointed Acting Grand Secretary February 6, 1987.

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Year	Grand Lecturer	Lodge	Grand Chaplain	Lodge	Grand Marshal	Lodge	Year	Grand Sword Bearer	Lodge	Grand Pursuivant	Lodge	Grand Tiler	Lodge
1962	George W. Feidt .....	39	Edward G. Latch .....	15	Richard H. Hart .....	22	1962	Robert F. Sutphin .....	52	Eulan I. Snyder .....	51	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1963	George W. Feidt .....	39	Edward G. Latch .....	15	N. Norman Engleberg ...	50	1963	Aubrey W. Quarles .....	7	Kenneth F. Shaffer .....	37	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1964	George W. Feidt .....	39	Edward G. Latch .....	15	N. Norman Engleberg ...	50	1964	John F. Isaac .....	19	Rodney F. Riddle .....	47	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1965	George W. Feidt .....	39	Edward G. Latch .....	15	John F. Isaac .....	19	1965	Harry C. Walker .....	7	Arleigh Hauser .....	29	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1966	George W. Feidt .....	39	Edward G. Latch .....	15	Joel D. Blackmon .....	23	1966	Robert L. Morris .....	44	John M. Johnson .....	39	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1967	George W. Feidt .....	39	Edward G. Latch .....	15	Wilbur T. Smith .....	43	1967	William E. Eccleston ...	33	Morris F. Hewitt .....	5	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1968	George W. Feidt .....	39	Edward G. Latch .....	15	John B. Layton .....	29	1968	James H. Ford .....	44	Charles V. Brewer .....	11	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1969	George W. Feidt .....	39	Edward G. Latch .....	15	A. Wallace Moore, Jr. ...	32	1969	Arthur J. Rapoport .....	45	Joseph W. Upton .....	44	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1970	Isadore Rosenthal .....	31	Edward G. Latch .....	15	James E. Spicer .....	28	1970	Maurice B. Baroff .....	16	Robert F. Drechsler .....	21	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1971	Isadore Rosenthal .....	31	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	George F. Moyer .....	47	1971	Arthur B. Crown .....	19	Rudy X. Poelsterl .....	25	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1972	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	John C. Schleiter .....	5	1972	Harold Grainger .....	31	Perry A. Lester .....	17	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1973	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	William R. Allder .....	35	1973	William H. Doblog .....	10	Harry L. Levin .....	45	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1974	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	James H. Ford .....	44	1974	Donald L. Mallorey .....	34	John B. Harry, II .....	30	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1975	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	Elmer F. Stein .....	43	1975	Henry E. Stowers, Jr. ...	32	Martin E. Holleman .....	19	Karl T. Weimer, Jr. ....	10
1976	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	Paul W. Poff .....	17	1976	Raymond F. McMullen ...	21	Milton Fields .....	50	Charles S. McDaniel .....	10
1977	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	Aubrey A. Gunnels .....	7	1977	Theodore M. Kahn .....	45	Nicholas G. Chacos .....	17	Charles S. McDaniel .....	10
1978	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	John J. Robertson .....	5	1978	Harry B. Smith .....	46	Julius Gordin .....	36	Charles S. McDaniel .....	10
1979	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	John B. Reece .....	47	1979	Lewis R. Edwards .....	4	L. Robert Baker .....	22	Charles S. McDaniel .....	10
1980	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	John B. Harry, II .....	30	1980	Gerald S. Rall .....	49	Nicholas G. Chacos .....	17	Charles S. McDaniel .....	10
1981	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	James C. Mosely, Jr. ....	5	1981	Hans Mende .....	25	Irwin T. Rosenblatt .....	50	Charles S. McDaniel .....	10
1982	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	Harold Grainger .....	31	1982	Max Beloff .....	45	Earl W. Engleman .....	43	Charles S. McDaniel .....	10
1983	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	Eugene N. Richardson ...	34	1983	Jules S. Tepper .....	45	Arthur B. Crown .....	19	Charles S. McDaniel .....	10
1984	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	Tasios Backus .....	22	1984	Thomas J. Yoder .....	19	Darwin A. Brock .....	16	William E. Chaney, Jr. ...	10
1985	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	Hyman Sandler .....	45	1985	George R. Adams .....	15	Theodore V. Villapando ...	43	William E. Chaney, Jr. ...	10
1986	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	W. Kenneth Lyons, Sr. ...	5	Ronald G. Wood .....	21	1986	William T. Jenkins .....	14	Frank G. Holtman .....	15	William E. Chaney, Jr. ...	10
1987	Carl R. LeVine .....	29	Eugene N. Richardson ...	34	George E. Whetzel .....	22	1987	Nelson O. Newcombe .....	49	Harry B. Smith .....	46	William E. Chaney, Jr. ...	10
1988	Stafford Appel .....	26	Eugene N. Richardson ...	34	William E. Chaney, Jr. ...	10	1988	Robert H. Younger .....	21	Grant R. Berning .....	44	Bernard Geffen .....	14
1989	Stafford Appel .....	26	Eugene N. Richardson ...	34	Vincent M. Mahoney .....	19	1989	Jules S. Tepper .....	45	Robert H. Younger .....	21	Bernard Geffen .....	14
1990	Stafford Appel .....	26	Eugene N. Richardson ...	34	Robert F. Drechsler .....	21	1990	Milton E. Daniel .....	5	Robert R. Miller .....	32	Bernard Geffen .....	14
1991	Stafford Appel .....	26	Eugene N. Richardson ...	34	Eldon J. Brown .....	7	1991	Robert H. Starr .....	45	Paul E. Adams .....	4	Gerhard Meinzer .....	25

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## Consolidated and Extinct Lodges 1811 - 1991

- Alexandria-Brooke #2 ..... Chartered February 11, 1811  
*Extinct 1833*
- Union #6 ..... Chartered July 9, 1811  
*Extinct 1835*
- Evangelical #8 ..... Chartered May 4, 1824  
*Extinct 1843*
- The New Jerusalem #9 ..... Chartered November 2, 1824  
*Consolidated with Federal #1 on July 10, 1981*
- California #13 ..... Chartered November 9, 1848  
*Became California #1 (CA)*
- Acacia #18 ..... Chartered December 28, 1863  
*Consolidated with Benjamin B. French #15 on October 1, 1982*
- Hope #20 ..... Chartered May 7, 1867  
*Consolidated with Lebanon #7 on Noember 9, 1987*
- Pentalpha #23 ..... Chartered May 4, 1869  
*Consolidated with Osiris #26 on December 12, 1988*  
*Became Osiris-Pentalpha #23*
- Stansbury #24 ..... Chartered November 12, 1873  
*Consolidated with National #12 on July 23, 1987*  
*Became National-Stansbury #12*
- Osiris #26 ..... Chartered May 14, 1890  
*Consolidated with Pentalpha-Trinity No. 23 on December 12, 1988*  
*Became Osiris-Pentalpha #23*
- Myron M. Parker #27 ..... Chartered May 13, 1891  
*Consolidated with Potomac #5 on October 1, 1974*

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- King David #28 ..... Chartered November 8, 1893  
*Consolidated with Naval #4 on October 1, 1975*
- Takoma #29 ..... Chartered November 8, 1895  
*Consolidated with Hiram #10 on December 3, 1984*  
*Became Hiram-Takoma #10*
- William R. Singleton #30 ..... Chartered May 8, 1901  
*Consolidated with Hope #20 on December 5, 1985*  
*Became William R. Singleton-Hope #20*
- King Solomon #31 ..... Chartered May 10, 1905  
*Consolidated with Warren G. Harding-Brightwood #43 on May 13, 1989*
- Mount Pleasant #33 ..... Chartered December 21, 1910  
*Consolidated with Albert Pike #36 on March 18, 1985*  
*Became Albert Pike #33*
- Albert Pike #36 ..... Chartered December 15, 1920  
*Consolidated with Mount Pleasant #33 on March 18, 1985*  
*Became Albert Pike #33*
- Congress #37 ..... Chartered May 11, 1921  
*Consolidated with Harmony #17 on January 17, 1980*
- Joseph H. Milans #38 ..... Chartered May 10, 1922  
*Consolidated with Potomac #5 on October 1, 1974*
- Warren G. Harding #39 ..... Chartered December 19, 1923  
*Consolidated with Brightwood #43 on June 15, 1982*  
*Became Warren G. Harding-Brightwood #43*
- Cathedral #40 ..... Chartered December 19, 1923  
*Consolidated with Temple-Noyes #32 on October 1, 1971*  
*Became Temple-Noyes-Cathedral #32*
- Trinity #41 ..... Chartered May 4, 1924  
*Consolidated with Pentalpha #23 on December 3, 1984*  
*Became Pentalpha-Trinity #23*



## HISTORY OF THE GRAND LODGE, F.A.A.M.

- Chevy Chase #42..... Chartered May 14, 1924  
*Consolidated with Hiram #10 on May 7, 1981*
- Solomon-Harding-Brightwood #43 ..... Chartered December 17, 1924  
*Consolidated with Washington Centennial #14 on December 23, 1991*  
*Became Washington Daylight #14*
- Justice #46 ..... Chartered December 15, 1926  
*Consolidated with Columbia #3 on December 11, 1978*  
*Became Justice-Columbia #3*
- Barristers #48..... Chartered December 19, 1928  
*Consolidated with Lebanon #7 on January 18, 1977*
- Benjamin Franklin #50 ..... Chartered May 12, 1937  
*Consolidated with Samuel Gompers #45 on June 14, 1983*
- Sojourners #51 ..... Chartered December 15, 1937  
*Consolidated with George C. Whiting #22 on May 9, 1979*
- Fort Dupont #52..... Chartered May 14, 1947  
*Consolidated with LaFayette #19 on September 14, 1989*  
*Became LaFayette-Dupont #19*

PRESIDENTS  
*of the*  
 ASSOCIATION OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS  
 1962 - 1991

Stafford Appel .....	26	1962
* William A. Alder .....	35	1963
Robert L. Morris .....	44	1964
* Walter R. Ostrom .....	5	1965
Daniel P. Knode, Jr. ....	38	1966
* Samuel L.O. Gates .....	31	1967
* Harvey P. Cannon .....	51	1968
Donald G. Chappell .....	47	1969
John L. Robertson .....	5	1970
Robert W. Stanley .....	26	1971
Bernard Geffen .....	14	1972
James E. Gardner .....	1	1973
Joseph A. Graves, Jr. ....	4	1974
C. Macaulay Ward .....	37	1975
* William H. Scott .....	12	1976
Warren H. Jernigan .....	1	1977
George R. Adams .....	15	1979
Burton Penn .....	50	1980
Robert A. Statler .....	19	1981
Darwin A. Brock .....	16	1982
F. William Hershiser .....	47	1983
John Greenwood .....	23	1984
Herbert Weber .....	47	1985
Kenneth L. Foran .....	43	1986
Dan L. Frederick .....	26	1987
* Vincent M. Mahoney .....	19	1988
Sheldon Rapoport .....	45	1989
Harvey E. Schuyler .....	16	1990
William L. Hatch .....	49	1991

\* Deceased

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RECIPIENTS  
*of the*  
 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

* J. Claude Keiper .....	3 .....	1942
* William T. Ballard .....	1 .....	1942
* Vernon G. Owen .....	33 .....	1942
* Joseph H. Milans .....	11 .....	1943
* L. Whiting Estes .....	32 .....	1943
* Charles E. Baldwin .....	28 .....	1944
* Carl H. Claudy .....	17 .....	1945
* John C. Palmer .....	15 .....	1946
* Clark C. Griffith .....	17 .....	1947
* Reuben A. Bogley, Sr. ....	22 .....	1948
No choice made .....		1949
* Noble D. Larner .....	19 .....	1950
* Horace S. Naylor .....	23 .....	1951
* John D. Cunningham.....	Norton, #199, Kansas .....	1952
No choice made .....		1953
No choice made .....		1954
* Harry Silverman .....	29 .....	1955
* Marx E. Kahn .....	17 .....	1956
* William E. Schooley .....	12 .....	1957
* George W. Feidt .....	39 .....	1958
* Raymond N. Babcock .....	12 .....	1959
* J. Williamson Cook .....	30 .....	1960
* William H. Rohrman .....	27 .....	1961
* John W. Lainhart .....	11 .....	1962
* Renah F. Camalier .....	15 .....	1963
* Samuel W. McIntosh .....	33 .....	1964
* John F. Isaac .....	19 .....	1965
* Robert C. Nicholson .....	41 .....	1966
* Milton R. Day .....	1 .....	1967

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No choice made .....		1968
* Paul S. Murphy .....	42	1969
* Karl T. Weimer .....	10	1970
Isadore Rosenthal .....	31	1971
Marvin E. Fowler .....	19	1972
* Elmer F. Stein .....	43	1973
* Harold F. Stoll .....	47	1974
* Raymond F. Brown .....	48	1975
* Judge N. Singleton .....	1	1976
George P. Zillig .....	45	1977
* Frederick L. Simmons .....	31	1978
William P. Jacobs, Jr. ....	15	1979
Milton Fields .....	50	1980
* Kenneth C. Buker .....	34	1981
Carl R. LeVine .....	29	1982
* J. Mason Culverwell .....	1	1983
Albert C. Allen .....	52	1984
Ernest J. Higgins .....	44	1985
Julius Gordin .....	33	1986
Robert F. Drechsler .....	21	1987
* Charles Carrico .....	22	1988
Harold Grainger .....	31	1989
John Greenwood .....	23	1990
Horace W. Parsley .....	10	1991

\* Deceased

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## GRAVESITES OF DECEASED GRAND MASTERS

ALEXANDER, Amos .....	1814 and 1817 .....	Virginia
ALEXANDER, Frederick Gooding .....	1892 .....	Glenwood
BAIRD, George Washington .....	1896 .....	Arlington
BALDWIN, Charles Erwin, Sr. ....	1913 .....	Cedar Hill
BETTELHEIM, Edwin Summer, Jr. ....	1949 .....	Arlington
BILLING, William Wright .....	1835-37 .....	Congressional
BLACKBURN, Frederic Barton .....	1954 .....	Fort Lincoln
BOGLEY, Reuben Augustus, Sr. ....	1932 .....	Rockville, MD
BOGLEY, Reuben Augustus, Jr. ....	1959 .....	Fort Lincoln
BORDEN, Roy Dowe .....	1953 .....	Fort Lincoln
BRADEN, John Quincy Adams .....	SD 1888 (Affiliated in DC 1914) .....	Unknown
BROWN, Walter A. ....	1906 .....	Glenwood
BROWN, Wisdom David .....	1929 .....	Cremated - Unknown
BURCH, Samuel .....	1825 .....	Unknown
CAMALIER, Renah Franzoni .....	1952 .....	Cedar Hill
CHAMBERLIN, Edward H. ....	1883 .....	Unknown
CHIFFELLE, Thomas Philotheos .....	1886 .....	Arlington
CLAUDY, Carl Harry .....	1943 .....	Cremated - Montana
COOK, Charles Frederick .....	1931 .....	
COOLIDGE, Augustus Burt .....	1908 .....	Rock Creek
COOMBS, Charles Cyrus .....	1922 .....	Cedar Hill
COOTE, Clement T. ....	1834 .....	Congressional
CROMELIN, Paul Bowen .....	1937 .....	Congressional
CUNNINGHAM, Joseph Harry .....	1920 .....	Hanover, NH
DANIELS, Ara Marcus .....	1941 .....	Glenwood
DAVIDSON, John .....	1815-16 .....	Unknown
DAVIS, Eldred Griffith .....	1877-78 .....	Oak Hill
DAVISON, David Samuel .....	1951 .....	Arlington
DEAN, Convass Brown .....	1962 .....	National Memorial Garden
DINGMAN, Harrison .....	1889 .....	Arlington
DIXON, David Gilmore .....	1895 .....	Rock Creek
DODDS, Lex Leon .....	1965 .....	Fort Lincoln
DODGE, Thomas Webb .....	1966 .....	Congressional
DONALDSON, Robert Bruce .....	1869-70 .....	Congressional
DOVE, Marmaduke .....	1839 .....	Congressional
DUNKUM, Gratz Everard .....	1927 .....	Fort Lincoln

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ELLIS, William M. ....	1844	Congressional
ENGLEBERG, Nathan Norman .....	1972	King David Memorial Garden
FARRINGTON, Marvin .....	1947	Cremated - Carmel, Maine
FINLEY, Mark Florus .....	1923	Rock Creek
FRAILEY, Charles Stitche .....	1855-56	Congressional
FRENCH, Benjamin Brown .....	1847-53 and 1868	Congressional
FULKERSON, Roe .....	1925	Florida *
GIBBS, James Thomas .....	1928	Rock Creek
GIBBS, Thomas Foster .....	1891	Glenwood
GINN, Lurtin Rufus .....	1905	Unknown
GRANT, Alexander .....	1915	Unknown
HAHN, Conrad .....	CT 1957 (Honorary DC 1977)	Parklawn
HARRIS, Ray Baker .....	1957	Cedar Hill
HENDERSON, William George .....	1900	Oak Hill
HEWITT, Morris Franky .....	1978	National Memorial Park
HEWITT, William .....	1820-21, 1828-29	Elkton, MD
HOLMEAD, James Edward Frisby .....	1864	Rock Creek
JACOBS, Sydney Robert .....	1926	Arlington
JERMANE, William Wallace .....	1916	Fort Lincoln
JOHNSON, Isaac LaRue .....	1875-76	Oak Hill
JOHNSON, John August, Jr. ....	1960	Arlington
KEIPER, Joseph Claude .....	1911	Cedar Hill
KEYWORDTH, Robert .....	1840-41 and 1843	Congressional
KIMBALL, Harry Gilbert .....	1933	Glenwood
KORMAN, Milton Daniel .....	1969	King David Memorial Garden
KURTZ, Daniel .....	1818-19	Unknown
LARNER, Noble Danforth .....	1881-82	Glenwood *
LARNER, Noble Danforth .....	1942	Glenwood
LAYTON, John Berry .....	1976	Cedar Hill
LEE, Jesse Washington, Jr. ....	1888	Rock Creek
MACDONALD, Charles Temple .....	1967	Arlington
MACPHERSON, Gregor .....	1955	Arlington
MAGRUDER, William B. ....	1845-46 and 1854	Oak Hill
MARRS, Aubrey Ridgeway .....	1944	St. Helena Church, Beaufort, S.C.
MASON, John, Jr. ....	1842	Christ Church, Alexandria, VA *
MATTIX, Paul Rhodes .....	1945	Cremated - home backyard by wife
McCORMICK, Alexander .....	1812-13	Congressional
McCOY, Joseph Sylvester .....	1880	Congressional

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McINTOSH, Samuel Wallace .....	1956 .....	Cremated - Parklawn
MERRILL, Henry Stephen .....	1894 .....	Unknown
MILANS, Joseph Hercus .....	1919 .....	Congressional
MOULDER, John Nicholson .....	1826-27, 1830-32, 1838 .....	Unknown
MURCH, Benjamin Wilson .....	1912 .....	Carmel, Maine
NEWTON, Thomas John .....	1914 .....	Congressional
OBER, George Clark .....	1910 .....	Congressional
O'NEILL, Charles Joseph .....	1921 .....	Congressional
OWEN, Vernon Goldsborough .....	1934 .....	Rock Creek
PAGE, Yelverton Peyton .....	1863 .....	Congressional
PALMER, Samuel Claxton .....	1898 .....	Oak Hill
PARKER, Myron Melvin .....	1884-85 .....	Rock Creek
REGAR, Robert Smith .....	1935 .....	Muddy Creek Cemetery, PA
REINTZEL, John Valentine, Jr. ....	1811 .....	Glenwood
ROBERTS, Charles Francis .....	1924 .....	Rock Creek
ROEPKE, Otto Bismarck .....	1936 .....	Cedar Hill
ROHRMAN, William Henry .....	1958 .....	Rock Creek
SAMPLE, James Anthony .....	1890 .....	Rock Creek
SAVAGE, Harry Butler .....	1964 .....	Arlington
SCHOOLEY, William Eugene .....	1946 .....	Arlington
SEATON, Malcolm .....	1902 .....	Congressional
SEATON, William Winston .....	1822-24 .....	Congressional
SIMPSON, Henry Kedglie .....	1909 .....	Cedar Hill
SMALL, John Henry, Jr. ....	1899 .....	Rock Creek
STANDIFORD, Harry .....	1901 .....	Oak Hill
STANLEY, Dean Hill .....	1948 .....	Columbia Garden, VA
STANSBURY, Charles Frederick .....	1862 and 1871-74 .....	Congressional
STEIN, Elmer Frederic .....	1982 .....	Parklawn
STEUART, Leonard Pinkney .....	1938 .....	Cedar Hill
THOMPSON, Eugene E. ....	1939 .....	Rock Creek
TOWERS, Lemuel C., Jr. ....	1918 .....	Congressional
TRIMBLE, Matthew .....	1897 .....	Rock Creek
TURNAGE, Nedham Coy .....	1940 .....	Arlington
WALKER, George Harold .....	1903 .....	Oak Hill
WEIGHTMAN, Roger Chew .....	1833 .....	Congressional
WEST, James A. ....	1930 .....	Congressional **
WETMORE, James Alphonso .....	1904 .....	Fort Lincoln
WHITING, George Carlyle .....	1857-61 and 1865-67 .....	Oak Hill

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WHITNEY, Horace A. ....	1879	.....	Oak Hill
WILLIAMSON, Landon Cabell .....	1893	.....	Fort Lincoln
WITTEN, James William .....	1917	.....	Cedar Hill
WOLFE, Ralph McPherson .....	1961	.....	Hagerstown, MD
WOODMAN, Francis Joseph .....	1907	.....	Somersworth, NH *
YZNAGA, Jose Maria .....	1887	.....	Rock Creek

\* Unconfirmed locations

\*\* Unconfirmed location - previously believed to be in Fort Lincoln



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## LODGE AFFILIATIONS OF GRAND MASTERS 1811 - 1991

### **Federal Lodge No. 1**

McCORMICK, Alexander (2)  
BURCH, Samuel  
COOTE, Clement T.  
DONALDSON, Robert B. (2)  
BROWN, Walter A.  
DODDS, Lex L.

### **Brook Lodge No. 2**

ALEXANDER, Amos

### **Columbia Lodge No. 3**

MOULDER, John N. (2)  
GIBBS, Thomas F.  
KEIPER, J. Claude  
GILLEY, Charles B.

### **Naval Lodge No. 4**

DOVE, Marmaduke  
ELLIS, William M.  
PAGE, Yelverton P.  
OBER, George C.  
ROEPKE, Otto B.  
BORDEN, Roy D.  
DODGE, Thomas W.

### **Potomac Lodge No. 5**

REINTZEL, John Valentine  
KURTZ, Daniel (2)  
MASON, John, Jr.  
CHIFFELLE, Thomas P.  
SEATON, Malcolm  
TOWERS, Lemuel C., Jr.  
HARRIS, Ray Baker  
HEWITT, Morris F.  
SCHLETER, John C.

### **Lebanon Lodge No. 7**

DAVIDSON, John (2)  
HEWITT, William (2)  
SEATON, William W. (3)  
WEIGHTMAN, Roger C.  
KEYWORTH, Robert (3)  
DAVIS, Eldred G. (2)  
DIXON, David G.  
SIMPSON, Henry K.

### **The New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9**

HEWITT, William (2)  
BILLING, William W. (3)  
CHAMBERLIN, Edward H.  
DINGMAN, Harrison  
HENDERSON, William G.  
COOMBS, Charles C.  
REGAR, Robert S.

### **Hiram Lodge No. 10**

MOULDER, John M. (4)  
MAGRUDER, William B. (3)  
WALKER, George H.  
FINLEY, Mark F.  
KIMBALL, Harry G.

### **St. John's Lodge No. 11**

STANSBURY, Charles F. (5)  
LEE, Jesse W., Jr.  
STANDIFORD, Harry  
MILANS, Joseph H.  
TURNAGE, Needham C.  
DEAN, Convass B.  
BREWER, Charles V.

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**National Lodge No. 12**

FRENCH, Benjamin B. (7)  
FRAILEY, Charles S.  
JOHNSON, Isaac L. (2)  
NEWTON, T. John  
SCHOOLEY, William E.

**Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14**

WHITNEY, Horace A.  
SMALL, John H., Jr.  
WITTEN, James W.  
STEUART, Leonard P.

**Benjamin B. French Lodge No. 15**

WHITING, George C. (7½)  
FRENCH, Benjamin B. (1)  
PARKER, Myron M. (2)  
SAMPLE, James A.  
WETMORE, James A.  
GRANT, Alexander  
GIBBS, James T.  
CROMELIN, Paul B.  
CAMALIER, Renah F.  
JACOBS, William P., Jr.  
IVERSEN, Charles S.

**Dawson Lodge No. 16**

HOLMEAD, James Edward Frisby  
BROWN, Wisdom D.  
DAVISON, David S.  
BROCK, Darwin A.

**Harmony Lodge No. 17**

GINN, Lurtin R.  
FULKERSON, Roe  
CLAUDY, Carl H.  
LESTER, Perry A.

**Acacia Lodge No. 18**

O'NEILL, Charles J.

**LaFayette Lodge No. 19**

McCOY, Joseph S.  
LARNER, Noble D.  
MERRILL, Henry S.  
COOLIDGE, Augustus B.  
DUNKUM, Gratz E.  
LARNER, Noble D.  
FOWLER, Marvin E.  
STATLER, Robert A.

**Hope Lodge No. 20**

BAIRD, George W.  
CUNNINGHAM, J. Harry

**Anacostia Lodge No. 21**

ROBERTS, Charles F.  
MISKOVIC, William C.  
McMULLEN, Raymond F.

**George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22**

PALMER, Samuel C.  
MURCH, Benjamin W.  
BOGLEY, Reuben A., Sr.  
BOGLEY, Reuben A., Jr.  
BURNS, James M.  
BAKER, L. Robert

**Pentalpha Lodge No. 23**

YZNAGA, Jose M.  
TRIMBLE, Matthew  
JERMANE, William W.  
WEST, James A.  
DANIELS, Ara M.

**Stansbury Lodge No. 24**

ALEXANDER, Frederick G.

**Osiris Lodge No. 26**

WILLIAMSON, L. Cabell  
JACOBS, Sydney R.

**Myron M. Parker Lodge No. 27**

ROHRMAN, William H.

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### **King David Lodge No. 28**

BALDWIN, Charles E.  
KINGSBURY, H. Kenneth

### **Takoma Lodge No. 29**

WOODMAN, Francis J.  
MATTIX, Paul R.  
LAYTON, John B.

### **William R. Singleton Lodge No. 30**

STANLEY, Dean Hill

### **King Solomon Lodge No. 31**

SAVAGE, Harry B.

### **Temple-Noyes Lodge No. 32**

COOK, C. Frederick  
FARRINGTON, Marvin

### **Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 33**

OWEN, Vernon G.  
McINTOSH, Samuel W.  
WOLFE, Ralph M.  
ECCLESTON, William E.

### **East Gate Lodge No. 34**

MALLOREY, Donald L.

### **Joppa Lodge No. 35**

KENYON, Frank A.

### **Cathedral Lodge No. 40**

THOMPSON, Eugene E.

### **Chevy Chase Lodge No. 42**

McPHERSON, Gregor

### **Brightwood Lodge No. 43**

MACDONALD, Charles T.  
STEIN, Elmer F.

### **Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 44**

BLACKBURN, Frederic B.  
MORRIS, Robert L.

### **Samuel Gompers Lodge No. 45**

KORMAN, Milton D.  
KAHN, Theodore M.

### **Petworth Lodge No. 47**

MOYER, George F.

### **Barristers Lodge No. 48**

MARRS, Aubrey R.  
JOHNSON, J. August, Jr.

### **Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 50**

ENGLEBERG, N. Norman

### **Sojourners Lodge No. 51**

BETTLEHEIM, Edwin S., Jr.

### **Fort Dupont Lodge No. 52**

SUTPHIN, Robert F.

### **AFFILIATED**

BRADEN, John Q.A. - #33

### **HONORARY**

DOUGHERTY, Thomas R. (NJ)  
HAHN, Conrad (CT)  
MINER, Stewart W. (VA)  
STETLER, Roy H. (MD)

( ) Indicates this person served as  
Grand Master more than one year.

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### Facts of Interest About Our Grand Masters

#### **Served from a now extinct Lodge:**

Amos Alexander from Brook Lodge No. 2 in 1814

#### **Served as Grand Master from two different Lodges:**

William Hewitt - The New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 - 2 years 1820-21  
from Lebanon Lodge No. 7 - 2 years 1828-29

John N. Moulder - Columbia Lodge No. 3 - 2 years 1826-27  
from Hiram Lodge No. 10 - 4 years 1830-32 and 1838

Benjamin B. French - National Lodge No. 12 - 7 years 1847-53  
from Benjamin B. French Lodge No. 15 - 1 year 1868

#### **Most Years Served as Grand Master**

Benjamin B. French - 8 full years 1847 through 1853 and 1868

George C. Whiting - 7½ years 1857 through 1861 again in  
1865 into 1867 dying while in office in his 8th year.

#### **Shortest Term Served by a Grand Master**

52 days - N. Norman Engleberg  
December 27, 1971 to February 17, 1972

#### **Last Grand Master to Serve More than One Year**

Myron M. Parker - 1884-85

#### **Youngest Grand Master**

29 years - James Edward Frisby Holmead - 1864

#### **Oldest Grand Master**

77 years - Elmer Frederic Stein - 1982

#### **First to Receive a Past Grand Master's Jewel**

Charles Stitcher Frailey - 1855-56

#### **Affiliated Past Grand Masters**

John Quincy Adams Braden - Grand Master in South Dakota in 1888

Affiliated with Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 33 in 1914

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### Honorary Past Grand Masters

Conrad Hahn - Connecticut 1957 - made posthumously in 1977  
Stewart W. Miner - Virginia 1974 - made in 1975  
Thomas R. Dougherty - New Jersey 1971 - made in 1982  
Roy H. Stetler - Maryland 1977-78 - made in 1985

### Grand Masters who Died in Office

Yelverton P. Page - September 26, 1863 at age 40  
George C. Whiting - September 4, 1867 at age 51  
David S. Davison - June 12, 1951 at age 57  
Roy D. Borden - June 19, 1953 at age 56  
N. Norman Engleberg - February 17, 1972 at age 62

### Grand Masters who Served More than One Year

8 years - Benjamin B. French  
7½ years - George C. Whiting  
5 years - Charles F. Stansbury; John N. Moulder  
4 years - William Hewitt  
3 years - William W. Seaton; William W. Billing; Robert Keyworth  
2 years - Amos Alexander; Daniel Kurtz; Robert B. Donaldson; Eldred  
G. Davis; John Davidson; Charles S. Frailey; Isaac L. Johnson;  
Noble D. Larner; Myron M. Parker  
1½ years - Frank A. Kenyon

All other Grand Masters served one year.

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