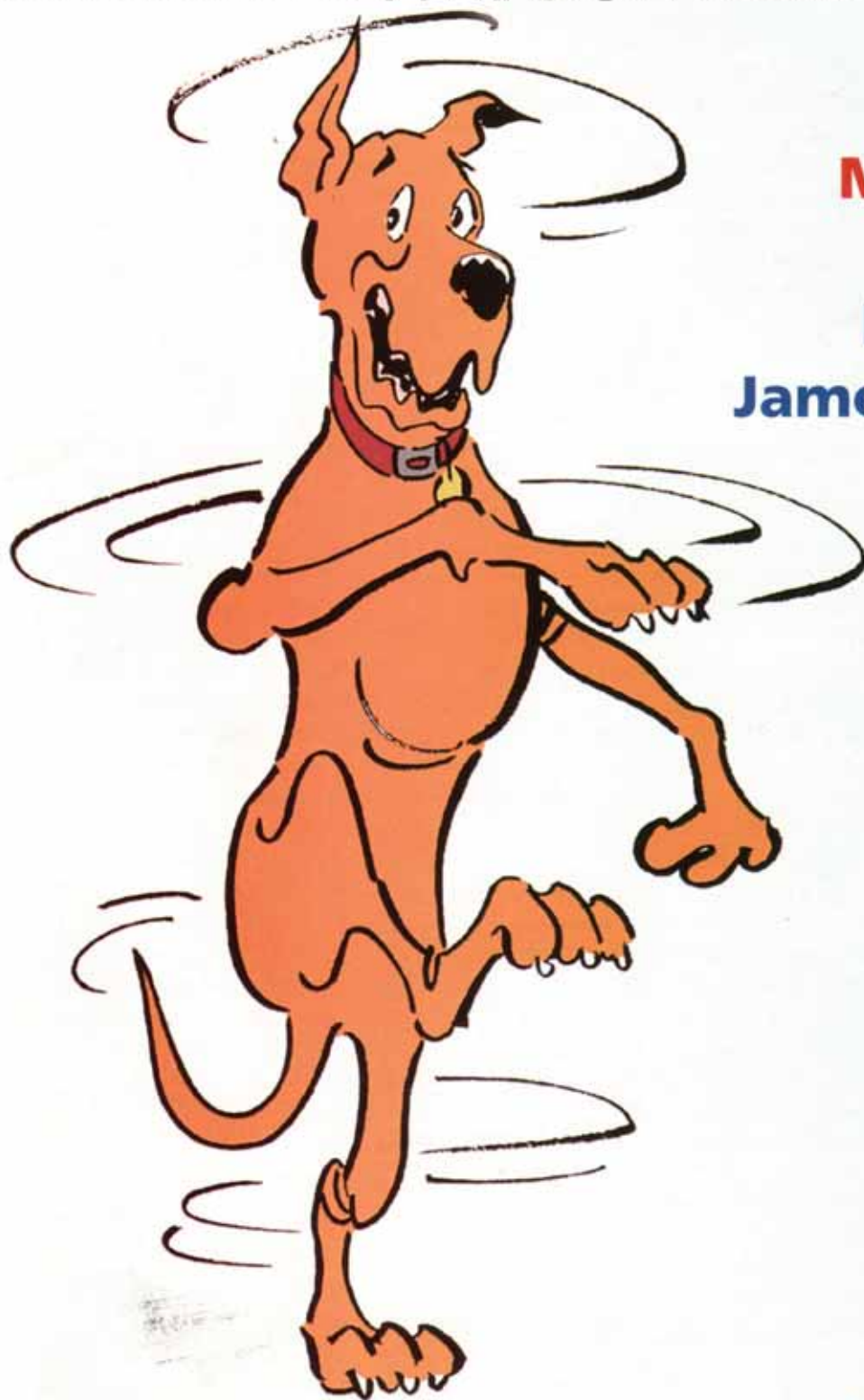


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Honored at
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It's All About Each of Us



Robert O. Ralston, 33°
Sovereign Grand
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Mass production has long been one of the sources of our nation's strength and vitality. It was this unique capability that propelled us to victory in World War II. Our factories turned out tanks, guns, planes, ships and everything else that was needed to support the military in quantities that stagger the imagination even today.

It was the genius of Henry Ford's assembly line that made possible the good life for so many Americans during this century. Mass production gave us jobs and kept our country from becoming the land of a few very rich and everyone else in poverty.

As Americans, duty requires us to thank those who contributed so much to creating a standard of living and way of life we have come to enjoy and accept as our rightful inheritance. Because of the availability of good jobs, we are the benefactors of quality education, excellent healthcare and a stable government.

But something happened over the past decade that's changing all this. As the headline in USA Today read, "Mass production gives way to mass customization." And it's made possible by the computer.

When a friend of mine arrives at his office tomorrow morning, a customized "newspaper" will be waiting for him on his computer screen with the news he wants. Whether it's a personal shampoo blend or vitamin mix, you can have your own custom formula in seconds. The personal computer is more personal than ever as manufacturers build them to individual customer specifications.

Meeting the exacting needs of millions of individuals seems overwhelming, but this is what today's consumers expect. The day of being satisfied with "one size fits all" or accepting something that "comes close" is gone.

All this is having a positive effect on charitable giving. At the Supreme Council, we're responding to our members' personal interests. This is why we have four individual charities—the Museum and Library, the Children's Learning Centers, Abbott Scholarships and Schizophrenia Research. Some members want their contributions spread across these charities, while others prefer to focus their giving.

We're becoming even more responsive to our members' charitable commitments with the formation of the Builders Council. Its mission is to bring together individual members with the work of the charities.

The Builders Council is a tangible way for each of us to express our love and affection for the charitable work of the fraternity with a planned gift or bequest that fits our personal circumstances.

Giving should bring satisfaction to the donor as well as financial assistance to the charity, and the Builders Council is in keeping with the Masonic tradition of honoring the individual. As you learn more about the Builders Council (see page 7 and the back cover for details), you can think about how you might participate.

If you were to ask me what makes Freemasonry unique, I would say, "It's all about you and me and each of us. It's about how we answer human need together and individually." The good news is that we are finding new ways—such as the Builders Council—to make the fraternity more meaningful by making it even more personal.

Sovereign Grand Commander



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Marmaduke

Enjoys the Day

By RICHARD H. CURTIS, 33°

Cartoonist Brad Anderson honored at Valley of Jamestown Reunion

When Brad Anderson, 32°, returned recently to Jamestown, NY, to attend the Valley's spring reunion, he was accompanied by an invisible dog. Before the day was over, Brother Anderson brought to life his favorite character — Marmaduke.

Brad, who created the Marmaduke cartoon more than 40 years ago, agreed to serve as the reunion's class sponsor in April. He was raised a Master Mason in Lakeshore Lodge No. 851, Brocton, NY, in 1957, and joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Jamestown in 1960.

Brother Anderson had accepted an invitation extended to him by Jon B. Putnam, 32°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley's Consistory.

During his return to Jamestown he had a full schedule. He spoke to the Scottish Rite Ladies Auxiliary one evening and was keynote speaker for the Valley reunion the following evening. Earlier in the week he was



Brad Anderson spoke at Jamestown with his sketch pad at his side.

the main speaker for the local historical society and guest speaker on a local radio program.

Although he and his wife Barbara, now live in Texas, the main character for the cartoon strip was conceived in 1954 while they were living in Jamestown.

Brad wanted to use a big dog for his main subject, so he chose a great dane. He thought a large dog would make a funnier cartoon character. The antics were modeled after a boxer named Bruno, owned by the son of his stepfather.

At the time, all dog names appearing in the comics were very short. He decided to look for a longer name, something that would make people sit up and take notice. His search led him to a story about a mouse named Mar-

maduke, and he thought that would make a great name for a big dog.

Marmaduke was never a puppy. He began as a full-grown cartoon dog. Brad points out, however, that Marmaduke, as a character, has changed over the years. "In the beginning, he seemed to view the world with a steadfast scowl of superiority." As the character mellowed with time, the artist was able to add dimension.

He has also changed the style of clothing, hairdos and cars to keep up with trends and fads. Says Anderson, "Dogs aren't easily influenced by fads but sometimes they are easily shocked or confused by us faddish humans."

Brad's flare for drawing began at an early age. He would sketch cartoon characters on his homework and test papers. He did not enjoy math classes.



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When we lived in Vista (California), we had a big shade tree in the backyard. It was one of my favorite places for dreaming up ideas. One day, while I was sitting there sketching ideas, Alice came out and lay down beside my chair. Soon little Dazy lay down beside Alice. Then our cat, Mama, walked over and lay down beside Dazy. Mama had a mouse in her mouth. She put the mouse down on the ground between her paws . . . And there we all sat. I managed to come up with some pretty good gag situations that day, and after about an hour I got up and left. I never saw the mouse again.

— From Anderson's
The Marmaduke Treasury

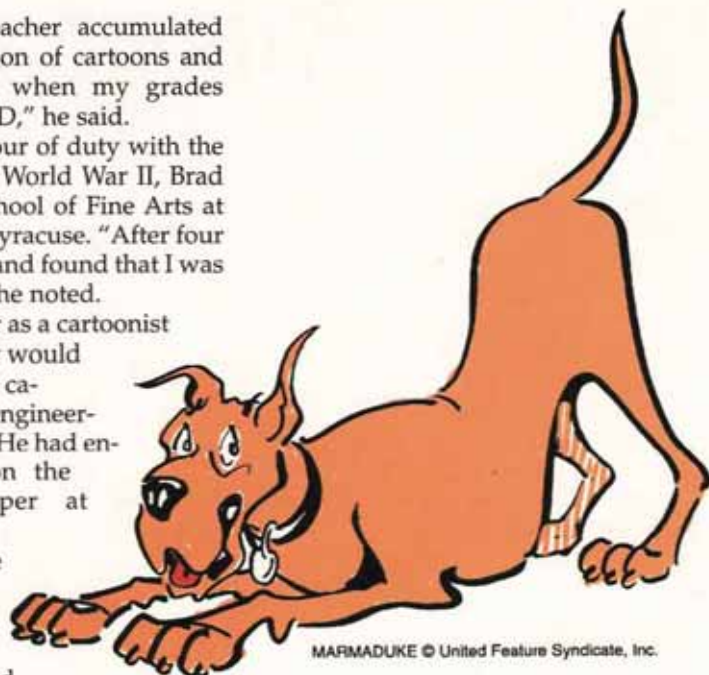
"My geometry teacher accumulated the largest collection of cartoons and was still smiling when my grades slipped from C to D," he said.

Following a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy during World War II, Brad enrolled in the School of Fine Arts at the University of Syracuse. "After four years I graduated and found that I was still a cartoonist," he noted.

Had his career as a cartoonist failed, he probably would have reverted to a career in industrial engineering or journalism. He had enjoyed working on the campus newspaper at Syracuse.

His freelance cartoons had begun to appear in *The Saturday Evening Post* and other magazines. His work was later picked up by National Newspaper Syndicate in Chicago. At first, there was a sense of disappointment when only eight newspapers carried the cartoon. Brad recalls his first check was for only \$5, because the syndicate had deducted production costs from his pay.

The number of papers running the cartoon had grown by the time the syndicate was sold to United Feature Syndicate, Inc., the current distributor. The main reason United Feature



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bought the Chicago syndicate was to obtain Marmaduke. Today the cartoon runs in more than 500 newspapers and reaches 110 million readers.

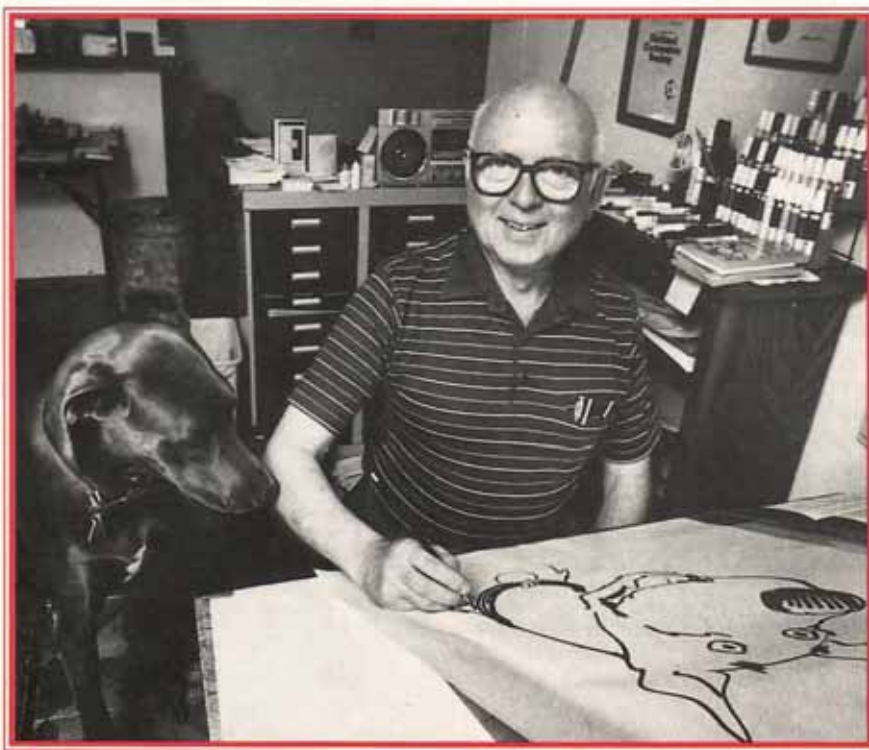
The National Cartoonists Society presented him with the Reuben Award for Best Panel in 1976.

Several years later, Brad published a collection of his cartoons in *The Marmaduke Treasury*. For the Foreword, "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz wrote, "Few cartoonists have been able to caricature a dog as well as Brad Anderson with his huge, ungainly, and lovable creature."

According to the syndicate, Marmaduke constantly scores well in comic surveys. Readers of the *Kansas City Star* voted Marmaduke one of their top ten comics for 1996. It also ranked among the top ten most frequently read comics in the Schenectady, NY, *Sunday Gazette's* 1996 survey.

Today, United Feature Syndicate is a division of United Media, an information and entertainment company that develops and markets 150 comic strips and editorial features worldwide, including *Peanuts*, *Marmaduke*, *Dilbert*, *Miss Manners*, *Jack Anderson*, and *Harvey Mackay*.

"The Marmaduke strip has never been just a gag," Anderson explains. "I refuse to just go for the joke every time. When you express so-called human emotions in an animal, you're getting into the real character of the dog. When you get into the character itself, you go a step beyond the cartoon and into life."



Anderson in his studio with his pal Gypsy.

➤ The situations basically deal with real life. "Sometimes when I draw a cartoon and think it might be too bizarre," he says, "fans of Marmaduke will write in and ask, 'How did you ever guess what our dog did?'"

Brad can display almost any emotion, sometimes with just his eyes or a flick of the eyebrow. He can make Marmaduke happy, sad, sleepy, belligerent, pensive, contemplative, smug, laughable, superior, or even sophisticated.

"Every Marmaduke cartoon is a lively situation," he says. "Even when he is sleeping, something is happening or about to happen. I don't care too much for cartoon panels with static situations, where two people are just talking or explaining what is happening. So I try my best to grab the reader's eye by having Marmaduke in action every day."

Anderson points out that Marmaduke is a very simple cartoon. He emphasizes that there are no great philosophical thoughts, no political comments, no stinging put-downs, and no insults. "I'd rather look for something funny, or tender, in our daily relationships with our dogs and pets."

Although some cartoonists hire a complete staff, Anderson works alone. From time to time he has picked up ideas from gag writers, and he frequently uses his wife's judgment to determine the success of a particular cartoon. Barbara also gets involved in some of the mechanical steps as well as the business end.

He and his wife and four grown children have had a number of family pets that have helped him generate subject matter. A lab named Gypsy decided to give birth to nine puppies while they were vacationing, and the return trip home in their station wagon provided plenty of excitement for the family.

There were also two dalmations, Duchess and Alice, a Chihuahua-terrier named Dazy, and two cats, Mama Kitty and King Tut.

Their most recent companion, a great dane which they had named Marmaladee, died last fall.

At the age of 74, Brad Anderson continues to crank out cartoons for the daily and Sunday newspapers. As he says, "Not only is this the best way I can think of to make a living, you might also say I just work for the fun of it."

Marmaduke



"Trust me, you're shedding, not going bald."



"He must be telling cat jokes again."



"Will I ever see it again?"



"Wanna swap?"



"No, you can't hide it under my pillow."



"Get your foot off the brake. We're not stopping for a burger!"

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Builders Council to recognize members' planned gifts for Supreme Council Charities

"Our charities are the heart of the Scottish Rite." With these few words, Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°, announced the formation of the Builders Council by the Supreme Council.

The Builders Council was established to honor members and their families who make a planned gift or bequest to support the work of one or more of the four Scottish Rite charities. Council membership extends to those having made a bequest or planned gift in the past, as well as those who indicate they will do so in the future.

Millions of dollars in planned gifts and bequests to Supreme Council charities have been made by our members, according to Wayne A. Lobley, 32°, director of development for the Scottish Rite, who points out that gifts range from a few hundred dollars to more than \$1 million.

One of the purposes of the Builders Council is to call attention to the broad support members give to the work of our charities.

Ill. Paul Lydens, 33°, who heads the charitable giving committee, points out that the Builders Council aims at broadening the understanding of members as to how they can insure the continued work of our Supreme Council charities.

Examples of planned gifts recognized by the Builders Council include the following:

- Any bequest by a will, living trust, or codicil.
- Life income charitable gifts.
- Charitable gift annuities.
- Charitable remainder trusts.
- Pooled income fund gifts.
- Retirement funds with a charity or charities named as a beneficiary.
- Gifts of real estate, tangible personal property such as art work or collections, interests in drilling rights, mineral rights, timber leases, royalties or easements.

The Builders Council offers members flexibility in making a gift that will enhance the work of a Scottish Rite charity. "We want our members to know that they can play a role in the future of our charities and that we will assist them in ways that are right for them," says Brother Lobley.

Included as Charter members of the Builders Council are those who have already made a planned gift to one of the charities. "Over the years, many members have taken the initiative to demonstrate their devotion to the charitable work of the Scottish Rite," says Commander Ralston. "They will be among our charter members, along with those who indicate their commitment in the months ahead."

Charter members of the Builders Council will receive a distinctive membership card and certificate. They will be invited to special Builders Council events and activities.



The Scottish Rite Builders Council

Q. What's the purpose of the Builders Council?

A. The Builders Council is the way the Supreme Council recognizes members for their commitment to Masonic charity through a bequest or planned gift. The Council gives members an opportunity to know how much we appreciate their commitment. It also calls attention to the humanitarian work of our four charities and dramatizes the role of individuals in helping to make life better for others.

Q. Is the Builders Council only for members of the Scottish Rite?

A. Symbolizing the Scottish Rite's dedication to charity, the Builders Council includes family members and other loved ones, as well as members of the Scottish Rite. Council membership is an appropriate way to honor those we love and respect.

Q. Do I qualify for Builders Council membership if I have already made provision for a gift to a Scottish Rite charity?

A. Yes. There are hundreds of members who have expressed their devotion to the Scottish Rite and its charitable commitments through a bequest, participation in the pooled income fund or another type of gift. The Builders Council's goal is to celebrate the generosity of everyone who shares a vision of providing for a Scottish Rite charity through a planned gift or bequest.

Q. What types of gifts qualify for Builders Council membership?

A. Here are a few of many possibilities: bequest of a specific property or amount or a percentage of an estate; bequest of residue of an estate; bequests using various charitable trusts; gifts that can provide a life income including annuities; naming a charity as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or pension.

Q. What are the tax benefits in giving to a Scottish Rite charity?

A. There can be significant tax advantages in contributing to a Scottish Rite charity depending on your individual situation. We encourage you to confer with your financial advisor. Wayne A. Lobley, 32°, of the Development Office at Supreme Council Headquarters will answer your questions and provide you with helpful information.

The Other Side of Dyslexia

Let's look at what the dyslexic student has to offer

We know the problems inherent in the lives of dyslexics, from low self esteem to frustration and fear of failure. We are aware of the tremendous challenges set before them as they try to survive in a world that does not always hear their cries for help.

Although it is of utmost importance to continue to explore all avenues to help the dyslexic fit into the mold of classic education, we need to step back for a moment and get a better picture of what dyslexia represents.

Rather than place so much emphasis on what the dyslexic student lacks, let's take a look at what he or she has to offer. Perhaps the best way to do this is to take a look at those people who reflect the other side of dyslexia, the side which is sometimes forgotten.

The name **Leonardo DaVinci** evokes a sense of awe and respect. He is best remembered as a great painter, sculptor, architect, musician, scientist, and futurist, and his works have inspired the world from the 15th century to modern day. Yet his spelling was erratic and his writing was peculiar. In the nearly 7,000 pages of his notes that exist today, his sketches are accompanied by his comments written back-

wards from right to left. He reportedly used a mirror to read his own notes! Despite these blatant indications that he was dyslexic, he used his different learning style to display his genius to the world.

And where would we be today without the 1,093 inventions of **Thomas Edison**? Who would ever imagine that his school teachers called him "addled" (muddled or confused)?



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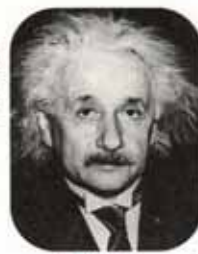
EDISON

In his diary, he reflected his learning concerns: "I remember I used never to be able to get along at school. I was always at the foot of my class." Yet his different learning style enabled him to invent the microphone, the phonograph, and the incandescent

lamp. His electric power plant was the first to be built, and he is credited with the discovery of thermal emission.

Young **Albert Einstein** was best described as a slow learner. He didn't begin talking until the age of three, and by school age, he was considered a daydreamer. The education system at that time demanded that students learn by rote, that is, by memory alone without understanding or thought. Einstein was not comfortable with this approach, since he was unable to give the quick responses required. He remembered taking his time to answer questions and then mouthing his responses once again silently after answering, to make sure his answers were correct.

His mind conjured up visions with ease, yet he had difficulty translating his visions into words. The theory of relativity was one of these visions. Even as a successful scientist, Einstein had trouble with writing. A typical paragraph consisted of just one



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rambling, extended, single sentence. His spelling and choice of words were inconsistent. Although he spoke several languages, his writing was unconventional in each of these

languages. Einstein's partiality to his different learning style is reflected in his belief that, "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Could a dyslexic ever become President of Princeton University? One might think that this idea is about as remote as becoming President of the United States. Yet, against all odds, **Woodrow Wilson** succeeded in doing both. He was nine years old before he was able to recognize all the letters of the alphabet, and it was another two years before he learned to read. As is typical of dyslexics, he was sometimes ambidextrous, and he had problems with foreign languages. Convinced that he had a learning problem, Wilson took courses in shorthand and typing to alleviate his frustration in writing.

It was under his administration that the Department of Labor, the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Trade Commission were created.

Although Congress rejected Wilson's dream of American membership in the League of Nations, his vision of a worldwide peace-keeping organization is realized today in what is known as the United Nations. In addition, women now have the right to vote, thanks to Wilson's foresight and imagination.

The list of famous people said to have been dyslexic includes many oth-



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OTHER DYSLLEXICS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED GREATNESS



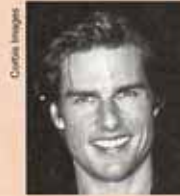
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ers, such as Hans Christian Andersen, Winston Churchill, Walt Disney, and Nelson Rockefeller. In more recent times, we have banker John Reed, athletes Bruce Jenner and Greg Louganis, and entertainers Tom Cruise, Whoopi Goldberg and Cher. What is it that these famous dyslexics possess that enables them to turn a disability into a gift? The answer seems to lie in the right hemisphere of the brain.

Research indicates that the right hemisphere of the brain of dyslexics is often larger or equal in size to the left hemisphere. This is the reverse of what is considered the norm. Consequently, many dyslexics display extraordinary right-brain abilities. Their superior visual spatial skills enable them to accurately see objects in relation to the space surrounding them. Thus, there is a high incidence of dyslexics who excel as mechanics, artists, engineers, surgeons, athletes and architects.

Despite the problems experienced with calculations in linear mathematics, dyslexics often demonstrate skill in mathematic conceptualization, another right-brain ability. This talent further supports some dyslexics' gravitation to the fields of engineering, science, and architecture. In addition, the right-brain abilities of social competence and keen intuition direct other dyslexics to sales and administration.

Traditionally, the right brain has been considered the wellspring of creative imagination. Thus, the performing arts is often a comfortable work or play environment for dyslexics. Many dyslexics who have become musicians, painters, sculptors, actors or actresses have used their right-brain skills to achieve success, despite their left-brain disability. In addition, creativity inspires futuristic thinking which, in turn, sets the stage for inventions and discoveries, such as those of DaVinci, Edison, and Einstein.

But what about the dyslexics who have these special gifts, yet never have the opportunity to utilize them? Their dyslexia may never have been diagnosed or properly remediated. These are the students who have been socially ostracized because of their academic failure. After years of negative experiences associated with school, they may join the ranks of the 35% of children diagnosed with learning disabilities who drop out of high school. Others may turn to a life of crime. It is estimated that 31% of those

Yet studies have shown that dyslexic children in mental health facilities, as well as those caught up in the juvenile justice system, can reverse their problems when given appropriate intervention. Results of research undertaken at Bellevue Hospital in New York indicate that children with emotional problems respond well to structured, multisensory tutoring in reading. Emotional disorders are either eliminated or greatly reduced. The University of California at Irvine offered 50 hours of reading remediation

What do famous dyslexics possess that enables them to turn a disability into a gift?

with learning disabilities are arrested within three to five years after leaving high school.

Another route too often taken by unremediated dyslexics is turning to drugs as a haven from life's cruelties and disappointments. It has been noted that 60% of substance abusers have learning disabilities. Given the statistic that 80% of learning-disabled students are dyslexic, a successful future does not bode well for them.

Not only does unremediated dyslexia impact our criminal justice system, it impacts our mental health facilities. Suicide is one of the alternatives taken by dyslexics who experience a loss of hope, as are behavior and psychological disorders. Their repeated attempts to succeed in school have failed, and their social lives have been a disappointment. The frustration dyslexics experience may turn to anger. Pent up anger is destructive whether it is directed outward toward society or inward toward oneself.

tion to juvenile delinquents and the rate of repeated crimes dropped to 41%. Imagine what 100 hours of remediation could do for these children and for society's well being!

The answer to a dyslexic's problem of low self esteem and its negative associative behavior is being addressed now by the 32nd Masonic Children's Learning Centers. They are offering dyslexics an antidote, by providing structured, multisensory tutoring in reading. They are giving these children hope, and they are preparing the way for them to use their special gifts — the other side of dyslexia.

Even if these remediated students never reach the degree of eminence of a Leonardo DaVinci, at least their lives will be changed for the better, as they increase their self esteem and begin to live more productive lives. And who knows what the future may bring. Perhaps the next Leonardo will have a Mason to thank!

Keep Within Compass

The theme of measuring virtue became a popular feature on ceramics

The compasses are used in operative masonry to measure and proportion the architect's plans, but in symbolic Masonry the compasses allude to measuring a Freemason's undeviating virtue and good moral character. Together with the symbol of a point within a circle and parallel lines, the compasses serve as a visual reminder to circumscribe passions and keep desires within due bounds.

In the 18th century, the moral degradation of society was metaphorically envisioned by artist William Hogarth as being in constant danger of shipwreck upon the rocks and shoals of a sea of social evils.

Brother Hogarth (1697-1764) served as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of England in 1735.

In three series of satirical narrative engravings titled *The Harlot's Progress* (1731), *The Rake's Progress* (1735) and *The Industrious' Prentice* (1747), Hogarth chronicled the moral decline of men and women as a result of the evils of sloth and drunkenness, gambling and dueling, seduction and adultery. Drinking, gaming, and lechery were prevalent vices of the 18th century that led many to their downfall and utter ruin.

Hogarth's metaphors of moral allusion were succinctly encompassed into a popular engraving, *The Upright Man*, which was first published in 1786 by London printseller Carington Bowles (1724-93). The allusion to

Compass or Compasses?

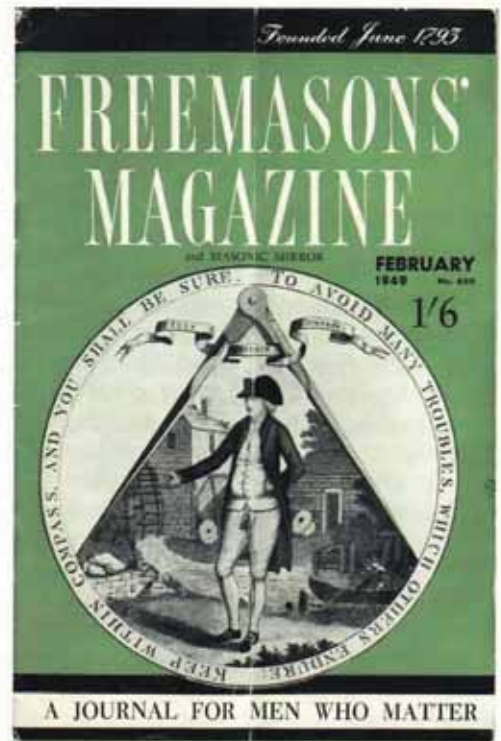
Which is it? *Compass* implies an instrument used to determine direction. *Compasses* are used to draw circles. The latter is a singular noun in plural form, such as scissors, pliers, trousers, etc. According to *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*, the Masonic symbol was called compass at a very early date, but Prichard's *Masonry Dissected* published in 1730 used both versions interchangeably. Today most Grand Lodges refer to the Masonic emblem as the "square and compasses."

— Editor

drawing in the reins of unbridled passion, as projected by the compasses and motto *Keep Within Compass*, applied to all levels of society. This theme was targeted at society in general, but the symbolism by which the message was delivered drew heavily from Masonic precepts.

Well into the Regency period (1811-20), London printers continued to issue popular engravings of gentlemen and ladies whose affluent composure appeared secure while they remained within the protective legs of the monumental compasses. They, as well as the world outside, were admonished that "Industry Produceth Wealth." and "Prudence Brings Esteem."

Men and women who succumbed to their vices were shown to arrive at a grim end in the Bridewell workhouse, Bedlam's asylum, the Newgate prison, or on the gallows at Tyburn.



Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror, Richmond, Surrey, England, February 1949. This magazine used the Keep Within Compass theme for its early covers.



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Keep Within Compass, copperplate engravings published by Carington Bowles, London 1786. A pair of prints warning men and women of evils attendant from unbridled passions, the end result of which was shown to be poverty, dishonor, and prison.



Those who could resist leading a profligate existence were destined to reap life's great rewards.

This ubiquitous design was readily adapted by a number of transfer-print engravers who specialized in churning out decorative scenes of topical interest for the potters of Staffordshire. Applied to common contemporary ceramics such as mugs and pitchers, the *Keep Within Compass* message was carried to America.

Items illustrated are from the collections of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, Mass.



Transfer-printed teapot made by John Aynsley of Lane End, Staffordshire, 1800-09. Both male and female versions of the *Keep Within Compass* motif decorate this teapot. The young lady is admonished to "Attend unto this simple fact, as thro this life you rove; that virtuous and prudent ways, will gain esteem and love." Beside her is an open trunk, filled with coins and a document inscribed "The reward of Virtue."

Transfer-printed plate by John Aynsley of Lane End, 1800-09. This male version of the motif was closely copied from the Carington Bowles engraving with addition of further reminder that "By honest and industrious means, we live a life of ease, then let the Compass be your guide and go where e'er you please."



Transfer-printed pitcher engraved by Thomas Baddeley of Hanley, Staffordshire, 1798-1822. This version is titled *The End of the Upright Man is Peace* and is accompanied by rhyme.



New Masonic Windows

*Museum adds color to
Farr Conference Center*

New stained glass windows have been installed in the Farr Conference Center at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage. The designs for the windows feature Masonic and Scottish Rite emblems.

The area designated for the conference center was previously an exterior courtyard enclosed by glass walls but had been serving no useful purpose.

The new design includes a multi-purpose meeting room capable of accommodating groups of approximately 150 for lectures, seminars, or other special events. A mezzanine overlooks the main floor.

The windows are on the mezzanine level. There are seven small windows toward the rear of the room and three windows on each side.

As the renovation was nearing completion, Grand Commander Ral-

ston envisioned placing Masonic emblems in the windows at the facility. The facet glass window in the main foyer of the museum, installed in 1975, has been a conversation piece for visitors.

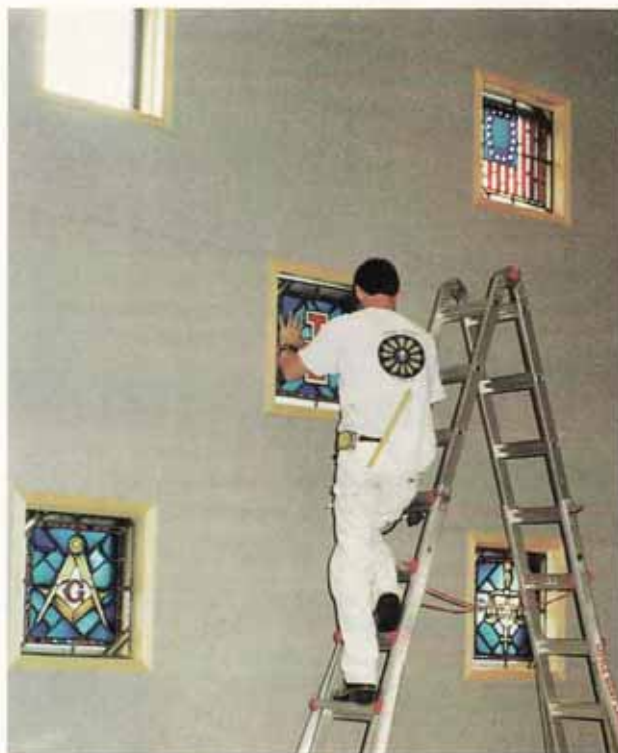
Ill. John R. Teller, Jr., 33°, who has been working with the Commander on a variety of projects, coordinated the design and installation with Our Glass, a division of Stained Glass Resources, Inc., of Hampden, MA.



Many hands were involved in the creation of the new windows for the conference center at the Lexington museum. The windows were designed by Scott McDaniel (above) of Stained Glass Resources, Inc.



The many steps in creating the finished product include glass cutting, painting, firing, glazing, soldering, cementing and finishing.



The windows at the rear of the mezzanine display the square and compasses, the emblems of the four Scottish Rite bodies, a 33° ring, and a 15-star flag similar in design to the historic flag in the front of the room.

The project was funded by donations from the Valleys of Boston, Cincinnati, Detroit, Southern New Jersey, and the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, as well as the Valleys in Maine in honor of Franklin G. Hinckley, 33°, and George F. Peabody, 33°.

The conference center is named for the late Ill. James F. Farr, 33°, a former Scottish Rite Deputy for Massachusetts and an Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council at the time of his death in 1993. A bequest

from his estate was used to assist with the renovation.

Ill. Brother Farr was instrumental in providing legal services during the development of the museum in the early 1970s and continued to maintain a keen interest in its development over the years.

One of his favorite stories was about a young boy who inquired of his father about some historic figures appearing in stained glass windows in a

Masonic Temple. His father informed him that they were famous Masons. Later when the boy was asked what a Mason was, he responded, "Someone that the light shines through."

"Jim Farr would be proud to have his name associated with this conference center," commented Commander Ralston, "and he certainly would be pleased to see the windows."



On each side of the mezzanine are windows with the Scottish Rite emblems.

Headlining the News

By RICHARD H. CURTIS, 33°

*CNN news anchor David Goodnow
has been keeping night owls awake*

After 18 years of broadcasting the late night news, Brother David Goodnow, 32°, has said it is time for a change.

Goodnow has been anchoring the 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. (Eastern time) shift for CNN Headline News since 1982. He learned to live "a hyphenated life," as he calls it, in order to devote time for his family.

He will step down from the anchor desk in late September in time to attend the Supreme Council session in Cincinnati, where he has been elected to receive the 33°.

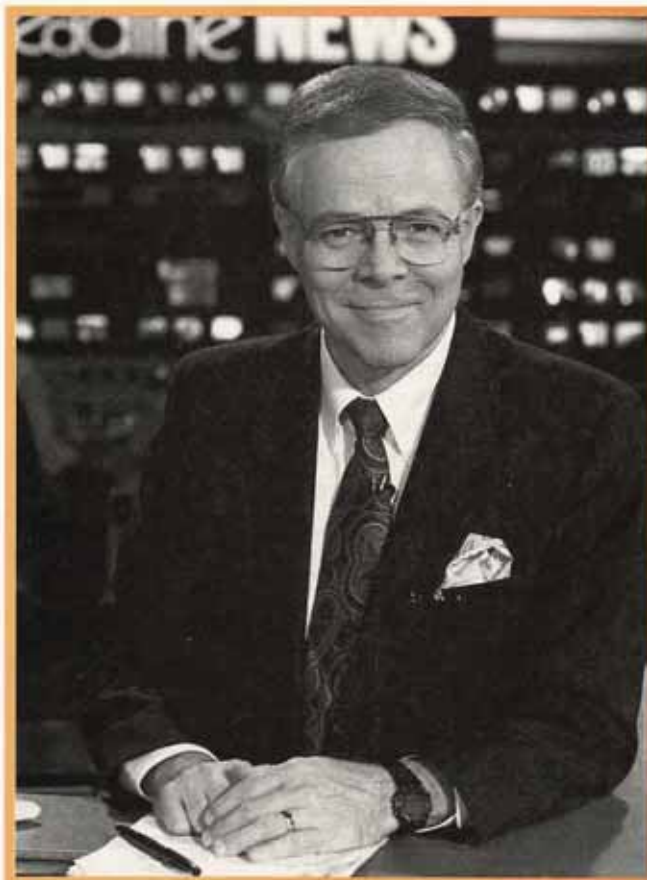
What are his future plans? He is leaving his options open. He may teach or he may do some corporate public relations consulting. He also will be freelancing for "voice over" projects. One thing is for sure. He looks forward to a good night's sleep.

As a young man, David became a member of Vincennes Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in 1952. In his household, Masonry was always spoken of with great respect, he says, so it was a natural move for him to join DeMolay.

Although he never served as Master Councilor, he took an active role with many speaking parts. His favorite was the dramatic DeMolay Degree.

He had considered pursuing a career in music, but instead he began working as a reporter for an Illinois radio station in 1959. Then it was back to Indiana to continue in the broadcasting field.

At Vincennes University, he became involved in establishing the first privately supported educational TV station in Indiana and was named a charter committee member of the Indiana Higher Education Television System. Goodnow has lectured at a number of universities on TV production, news gathering, writing, reporting



and anchoring.

He also served as a senior journalist and solo anchor for an ABC-TV affiliate in Evansville, IN.

After becoming a Master Mason in Lessing Lodge No. 464, Evansville, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville, he volunteered his services as a DeMolay advisor, where he enjoyed coaching the DeMolay Degree.

It was while he was anchor and news director at a television station in Terre Haute that he took a young man under his wing to break him into the business. The young man became a competent producer and then moved on to take a position with CNN.

Knowing Goodnow's qualifications, the young man suggested to David several years later that he send along his resume and a tape.

When David was offered a position as one of the original anchors for the newly created CNN Headline News, he made the move to the Atlanta headquarters.

His memory bank is overflowing with stories about major news breaks. There was Hurricane Andrew, the Bierut hijack, the Gulf War, to name a few.

He recalls the night the United States bombed Baghdad. He decided to go into the studio early that day because he sensed

something would happen. He had a keen interest in military history, and he had checked out the tides and the moon. Sure enough. He made it in time to see the announcement come through.

Goodnow knows that it is easy to catch the blame. One day he had a letter from an Arab and a letter from a Jew. Both complained about the same story, and both were convinced that the station was biased.

David was recognized with the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1984 and was recently inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame. (See accompanying story.)

Goodnow Inducted into DeMolay Hall of Fame

At a special ceremony in June, David C. Goodnow, 32°, became the newest inductee into the DeMolay Hall of Fame. Also inducted but unable to attend was Roy "Friday" Fitzgerald, a confidant of DeMolay founder Frank S. Land.

The original DeMolay Hall of Fame was started in 1937 by Brother Land to recognize the athletic achievements of Active and Senior DeMolays.

The initial inductees were Larry French, pitcher for the Chicago Cubs; Dick Bartel, shortstop for the New York Giants; Don Budge, national tennis champion; Stan Hack, third baseman for the Chicago Cubs; Lowell Spurgeon, football captain at Illinois University; Vern Struck, football captain at Harvard University, and Archie San Romani, olympic track miler.

The Hall of Fame was reorganized in 1986 to recognize Senior DeMolays who have "significantly added to our quality of life through their professional or career achievements, and who have brought honor to themselves and to the Order of DeMolay." Some have been inducted posthumously. The list includes entertainers, astronauts, athletes, government officials, educators and journalists.

Thoughts to Share with a Young DeMolay

The following is an excerpt of remarks offered by Brother Goodnow following his induction into the DeMolay Hall of Fame.

None of us have any idea how or to what extent our lives have impacted upon others, others we don't even know.

If you think who you are and how you conduct yourself aren't being observed closely by others, think again. Give yourself some credit. You might be more of a trendsetter than you know. Some people may hold you in high esteem and you not even know it. Impressionable young people may seek to duplicate you.

It's like the pebble tossed in the pond. The waves it makes may be small, but they spread out to affect many parts of that pond. From where we stand on the shore, we may not see here all the affects of the waves that are felt in the pond. But they are there.

What if you knew someone you would meet on a certain day would be strongly influenced by you? How would your day be changed? Would you have to be "on your guard" so as to make a difference in that other life?

What if you could rewind any day in your life that you were not on your guard? You could evaluate what you said and did. What if part of that replay would include those who observed you? This was something you didn't know at the time. You could see how they were affected by what they saw you say and do. It's too bad we don't have that kind of imaginary replay machine. It could be our personal monitor to show and tell us when we drop the ball.

When we become DeMolays we learn about certain rules that we're supposed to observe to govern our lives. If we really learn to live by those rules we will have made the giant step that ultimately means achievement.

When you have a chance to help someone, don't pass it up. Pass it on. You undoubtedly thanked the one who helped you when you asked for it. But it didn't end there. There is an

awful dictators might have been changed when they were children. Was there an event or series of things that happened to warp the child that might have been overcome by the positive actions of another? Could that positive action have been simply the upstanding, honest character of another person? How might this have affected a young Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin, or Saddam Hussein?

"It doesn't take a PhD to know how to make your life an example for good."

obligation. You can carry on with that kindness and it may not even take much time. Passing it on may become a very agreeable habit.

The job of living means many things. One is that we leave footprints of a sort. When we pass from this life to the next, others come along who will take up the baton and run the relay, doing their part, leaving their footprints.

How would history have been changed if special kindness had been extended by certain people at certain times? There have been many instances where lives could have been changed for the better by positive actions of a person or even a group of people.

Let's speculate for a moment on how the lives of some of history's most

Millions of lives might have been saved if the massacres they caused had not happened. Take a moment to ponder how things might have been changed years ago by the actions and upstanding character of a person who could influence a young mind in a positive way. Is there a young person out there right now who could become one of the world's next dictators unless someone steps in to lead by example?

DeMolays can be a force for good in their lives. The precepts are not complicated. The rules are simple. It doesn't take a PhD to know how to make your life an example for good. You are already out front in many ways by your decision to become a member of the Order of DeMolay.

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New Director for Learning Centers

Joseph J. Berlandi has been named executive director for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children. In this capacity he will coordinate the growth of the learning centers throughout the jurisdiction and implement guidelines for a smooth administration of the program.

Berlandi formerly maintained a legal practice in Boston and served as

general counsel for several associations. More recently he was executive director of the Mass. Association of Independent Diagnostic Companies.

He feels one of the biggest challenges to the growth of the centers will be the proper training of tutors to work with the students. Dr. Phyllis Meisel, who serves as director of clinical affairs, will be coordinating this effort.

There is also in place a committee charged with the responsibility of working with universities and colleges located near the various centers to consider graduate credit for those teachers working with the program.

Both Fairleigh Dickinson University and the University of Maine have accepted the plan and other universities have it under consideration.



Dyslexia Symposium

More than 60 educators and administrators gathered at Lexington in June for a symposium to discuss dyslexia and the curriculum for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children.

Dr. Phyllis Meisel, associated with Mass. General Hospital, introduced the curriculum and stressed the importance of uniformity throughout the centers. Dr. Meisel, who has been working with the tutors at the Greater Boston center, will be responsible for seeing that the proper clinical program is maintained at all centers.

The administrators and Valley chairmen met with members of the executive committee to review the operations manual and to discuss administrative matters.

Ill. J. Philip Berquist, 33°, president of the Children's Learning Centers corporation, stressed the importance of local committees to work with the executive director and members of the executive committee during the planning process for approval of site, plan, startup budget, fundraising and staffing.

32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children

Operating

Bangor ME
Newtonville MA
Lowell MA
Rochester NY
Pemberton NJ
Scotch Plains NJ
Tenafly NJ
Cincinnati OH
Youngstown OH
Toledo OH

Scheduled for 1998 Opening

Allentown PA
Reading PA
Milwaukee WI
Grand Rapids MI
Nashua NH
Harrisburg PA
Detroit MI

Scheduled for 1999 Opening

Chicago IL
Indianapolis IN
Bloomsburg PA
Cleveland OH
Philadelphia PA
Columbus OH
Pittsburgh PA

Scheduled for 2000 Opening

Dayton OH
Portland ME
Bay City MI
Scranton PA
Erie PA
Lancaster PA
Rhode Island
Connecticut
Delaware
Vermont

The Stamp Act

A Philatelic Review



By Robert A. Domingue



Born Feb. 12, 1893, at Clark, MO, Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley was graduated from West Point in 1915. He rose through the ranks from a 2nd Lieutenant in 1915 to Brigadier General in 1941 and on to General of the Army in 1950. During his illustrious career he served as a Commander during World War II, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, and Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. He died on April 8, 1981.

Brother Bradley was a member of West Point Lodge No. 877, Highland Falls, NY, being raised in 1923. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and the Shrine Temple in El Paso. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the Grand Lodge of New York in 1946 and was coroneted with the 33° in 1965. He is pictured on a few stamps of the world including this one from Ghana issued on July 6, 1995.



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Canada honored Edward "Ned" Hanlan on a stamp issued on July 4, 1980. This world champion oarsman was born in 1855 on Toronto Island. Only 5'8" tall and never weighing more than 155 pounds, he became the first Canadian ever to win a world rowing championship. Starting at the local level in 1873, he took the Ontario championship in 1875. The following year he won the U.S. Centennial Race at Philadelphia. In 1879 he won the English Championship and competed in 1880 for the world championship against a 6'4"



Australian giant. He won convincingly and retained his title until 1884. He died in 1908.

Brother Hanlon received his degrees in King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, Toronto, Ontario, being initiated on Jan. 9, 1879, passed on July 22, 1879, and raised 16 years later on Feb. 14, 1895.

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Brother Hugo Black received his degrees in Ashland Lodge No. 356, Ashland, AL, in 1907. He demitted from this lodge and affiliated with Birmingham Temple Lodge No. 636, Birmingham, AL, in 1908.

Born in Harlam, Clay County, AL, on Feb. 27, 1886, Hugo Lafayette Black received his law degree from the University of Alabama in 1906. He practiced law in Ashland and Birmingham and held several public offices before serving in the Army in World War I. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1926 and again in 1932, and played important roles in establishing the Tennessee Valley Authority and the passing of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. President Roosevelt appointed him an associate justice of the Supreme Court in 1937, and he served on that court until a week before his death in Sept. 1971.



A regular stamp of 1986 issued on his birthday pictures Hugo L. Black.

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Brother Paul Emile Janson was a member of the Lodge "Les Vrais Amis de l'Union et du Progres Reunis" in Brussels. He was initiated April 22, 1893, passed Dec. 30, 1893, and raised June 9, 1894. Belgium issued a stamp in his honor on April 15, 1967.

Born June 29, 1872, in Brussels, Paul E. Janson studied law there and became a barrister, earning a reputation as a politician and statesman. He was a leader within the Liberal Party and became a member of Parliament in 1914. In 1917 he was appointed Prime Minister. During World War II, he was arrested and deported to the concentration camp in Weimar where he died in 1944.



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Andre Marie de Chenier, the French poet, was born in Constantinople (now Istanbul), Turkey, in Oct. 1762. His father being consul-general of France, he was attached to the French embassy in London from 1787-90. Although he supported the objectives of the French Revolution, he was alarmed by the excesses of the Reign of Terror. His writings antagonized the revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre and he was arrested. After spending four months in prison, he was guillotined at the age of 32, two days before the fall of Robespierre. He is regarded by some as one of the most important French classical poets and as a forerunner of the French Romantic.



Brother de Chenier was a member of the famous Paris Lodge "Les Neuf Soeurs." He is pictured on a French semi-postal stamp of July 10, 1950.

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On Aug. 18, 1922, there were 28 leading citizens of Finland receiving their degrees in Freemasonry in Suomi Lodge No. 1. This lodge had been founded by seven Finnish members from America under a provisional charter from the Grand Lodge of New York. Among those citizens was Jean Julius Christian Sibelius, the great Finnish composer. When the Grand Lodge of Finland was formed in 1924, Brother Sibelius became the Grand Organist and wrote incidental music for use in lodge ceremonies. He was awarded the Grand Lodge of New York Distinguished Achievement Medal in 1938 and was an honorary member of the American Lodge of Research.



Born in Dec. 1865, while Finland was a Province of Tsarist Russia, his musical education started in 1885 when he entered the Helsinki Conservatory. He later studied in Berlin and Vienna and during his lifetime composed seven symphonies, a violin concerto, several tone poems and about 200 pianoforte compositions and songs. Early in his career he was truly poverty-stricken but his genius became so compelling that the Finnish government granted him an annual pension. He died on Sept. 20, 1957, at the age of 91, of a brain hemorrhage.

Finland noted Brother Sibelius' 80th birthday in 1945 with a stamp.



By THOMAS W. JACKSON, 33°

Freemasonry at the TOP by John E. Beaumont. Published in 1995 by Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Company, 3011 Dumbarton Road, Richmond, VA 23228. Available through So. California Research Lodge, P.O. Box 939, Ashland, OR 97520. \$8.76 (plus \$1.75 postage).

This small easy-to-read "how to" book is perhaps the most logical, practical and valuable instructive book



I have read on how to improve the operation of an organization. It is brimming with suggestions which, if applied, should improve the leadership skills of any reader. Although it is verbally directed to the lodge leader, its contents are adaptable to any fraternal organization.

The author is a Past Master of a lodge in Louisiana, a past officer of the York Rite bodies, holds the 33° in Scottish Rite, and has been recognized numerous times for his Masonic contributions. So he knows Freemasonry.

He also holds a Bachelor's Degree from Harvard University and a Master's Degree from the University of Paris. He hitchhiked around the world and has been to over 100 countries, so he should also know something about life and people.

The book's intent is to provide the skills through suggestion on how to reinvigorate a lodge in one year. During the year he served as Master, his lodge of under 400 members increased their membership by 105 members, 75 through raisings and 30 through affiliation. It went from years of loss to the greatest activity in its history and without any form of solicitation.

The author has divided the book into 16 chapters which make for easy referral, and the whole book can be read in a few hours. I read it on one round-trip plane flight. He begins with instruction to the Junior Warden and continues through the Master, offering valuable advice that is totally practical and without frills.

From that point forward, this text covers many subjects which will assist the reader in preparing his program and agendas. Not all the suggestions and programs contained in this book can be applied in every jurisdiction due to variations in Masonic law, but the vast majority can.

Do I recommend the book? Absolutely. I have taken courses in leadership training which provided less. Keep in mind, however, to be effective, application of the suggestions is necessary.



Dictionary of the Khazars by Milorad Pavic. Published in 1988 by Alfred A. Knopf, New York. \$19.95.

The review I write on this book is unique for several reasons. First, it is not a Masonic book. Indeed, it does not even mention the name Freemasonry. Secondly, I don't think I understand it. And, finally, unless you are willing to take the time to study it, I don't think you will either. So, why am I writing a review on it? I thought it was fascinating.

The author is a Brother and a friend. He gave me the copy I have, and I found it intriguing. It comes in two editions — a male and a female edition. The one I have is the female edition, but they differ by only 15 "crucial" lines.

Pavic is professor of literary history at the University of Belgrade and is one of Yugoslavia's most acclaimed poets. This book is his first full-length novel. It is an "acclaimed critical triumph and a major best-seller" thus far translated from the original Serbo-Croatian into eleven languages.

It is a story about a group of people, the Khazars, lost in history partially as a result of conversion from their faith (unknown), either Christianity, Judaism or Islam. They lived between the Caspian and Black Seas between the 7th and 10th centuries. This much, I assume, is accurate history.

The story is told of a ruler (Kaghan) of the Khazars who had a dream and brought in three philosophers (a Jewish rabbi, a Christian monk and an Islamic dervish) to interpret the dream. The one with the most satisfactory interpretation would then be rewarded by having the Kaghan and all the Khazars convert to his faith. This tale is the format for the book; the difficulty lies in understanding in the way the tale is told. The fault of failing to understand lies not in the writer but in the reader.

This novel is divided into three books: the red book, Christian sources of the Khazar question; the green book, Islamic sources on the Khazar question; and the yellow book, Hebrew sources on the Khazar question. The books are followed by two appendices expanding upon relative issues.

If you wish to read a book that is fascinating and confusing at the same time, this is a book for you. If you read for pure relaxation, it probably is not. I found it well worth my effort.



Let Your Work Become Your Mark by Stewart W. Miner. Published in 1986 by Anchor Communications, Drawer 70, Highland Springs, VA 23075-0070. Available through the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia.

I have had a great appreciation for the author of this book for many years as an administrator, a leader, and a friend. I just received this short book recently and after reading it have developed an even greater appreciation for him now as a writer.

The book is a collection of short talks he gave while serving as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia during 1985-86. He is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and has been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia since 1987.

Nineteen papers are included, each presenting a moral or ethical lesson. The papers in the first part of the book relate more to the lessons of Capitular Masonry and the second part to Freemasonry in general.

Although the papers were written over a decade ago, their purpose is timeless. Indeed, his writing is perhaps even more significant today than when it was written. I would encourage taking the little time required to read it.



Regalia of the Grand Lodge Officers — The Grand Lodge of Texas by Pete Martinez. Published in 1997 by The Key Products. Available from Pete Martinez, 2408 Holley Street, Tyler, TX 75701. \$18 (postpaid).

This publication looks more like a magazine than a book. It contains only 18 pages and is 7 x 9 1/4 inches in size. It is, however, not a magazine. It is a very well-produced visual presentation with definition of the regalia of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has what must be some of the most unique and most colorful Masonic regalia, i.e., aprons and collars, in the Masonic world. The designs were adopted in 1931, but regrettably the explanations of the designs were lost. This publication presents the efforts of James W. McClendon, Past Grand Master, performed in 1963 recreating the original meaning and symbolism of the designs, along with the colorful cre-

ation work of Wor. Pete Martinez. It also includes the Grand Masters' lapel pins and coins plus seals and emblems related to Texas Masonry.

The book is very attractive and is printed on high quality paper. It is significant that the artwork, which is impressively good, was created via computer. When printing in small quantities and with high quality, an unfortunate accompanying burden of higher cost is to be expected, thus the price.

I think Pete has performed a valuable service for his Grand Lodge. This publication will be valuable to Texan Freemasons as well as others interested in Masonic regalia.



From my years of experience in the Masonic fraternity, and especially in the last decade and a half, I have reached the conclusion that the craft's greatest tragedy today lies in the lack of knowledge of it within the membership. I suspect that this is universally true throughout the world, but ignorance of Freemasonry, its history, its meaning, and its purpose probably is more pronounced in North America than in almost any other area of the world. I made the observation several years ago that American Freemasons are the least knowledgeable Freemasons in the world, and I have found no reason to change this observation.

This ignorance of the craft is caused by a number of reasons, but primarily there are two underlying factors contributing to it. First and foremost, we as a craft in this country do not teach, nor do we require our members to learn. Most other world jurisdictions place much more emphasis upon Masonic education than do we.

Secondly, we have a membership that does not read. There are literally tens of thousands of volumes written on Freemasonry, and I doubt that 50% of our members have ever read *one*. This is truly a sad commentary when we acknowledge the importance today of being able to respond to our critics. Far too few of our members can even define the craft's purpose to those outside the fraternity.

The future of Freemasonry lies in the education of the membership. Only by understanding can one truly appreciate, and without appreciation we will never advance. I sincerely hope that the small part I play in this organization will stimulate a few others to read and to learn.



THOMAS W. JACKSON, 33°, is the Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the book reviewer for *The Northern Light*.

HealthWise

New test for Alzheimer's

Until now, Alzheimer's Disease, the fourth leading cause of dementia, has been virtually impossible to detect in early stages when symptoms could signal many different disorders. However, according to *Business Week* (Jan. 1998), a new test marketed by Nymox Pharmaceutical Corp., in Rockville, Md., measures a protein found in very high levels in Alzheimer patients. It is a simple urine test and should be available later this year.

Allergic? Cool it with the AC

A Georgia State microbiologist says that car air conditioners can aggravate allergy or asthma symptoms by spewing out fungi. According to *Men's Fitness* (Oct. 1997), you can avoid this problem by following these simple steps before and after using the air conditioner. Run the fan for a few minutes to dry out the system and open the windows for a few minutes afterward.

Salt-osteoporosis link

Elevated levels of sodium increase the rate at which calcium leaches out of the bone. Because calcium is the main component of bone, its loss can contribute to osteoporosis (weak bones that break easily.) Doctors recommend keeping daily sodium intake to less than 2,400 mg daily.

Pre-1990 blood transfusions

If you are one of the hundreds of thousands of people in North America who received a blood transfusion prior to 1990, medical authorities are asking that you be tested for Hepatitis C. The virus, which was identified in 1988, can take more than 20 years to exhibit symptoms. Thanks to improved screenings, authorities for the Centers for Disease Control say that the chance of infection through blood transfusions is very small today.

Little thyroid can cause big trouble

Do you have a case of the blues and blame it on work problems?

It could be a thyroid problem. Doctors from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists have found that thyroid problems are twice as common as anyone previously suspected.

Too little thyroid activity is a problem that affects millions of North Americans. It can cause everything from dry skin to depression.

A simple TSH blood test will tell if thyroid is underactive. If blood contains more than five microunits of TSH, or less than 0.5, the thyroid is out of whack. If not enough hormone is being produced, an inexpensive pill taken daily will put that important gland back on track.

For more information, call The Thyroid Foundation of America at (800) 832-8321.

Natural help for gastritis

People with gastritis and other stomach problems may benefit from an extract of licorice root called DGL. This form of licorice does not cause side effects such as high blood pressure which regular licorice can trigger.

Doctors writing in *Psychology Today* say it may clear up long-standing stomach problems. DGL works by increasing mucus production in the stomach, thus protecting the lining. It is also anti-inflammatory.

Just get moving

Though exercise may be the closest thing there is to the fountain of youth, three out of four adults are sedentary.

Everyday activities can improve your odds of stay-

ing healthy longer. All activity counts, whether it's walking the dog, climbing the stairs or working in the yard.

Doctors at the cardiac Rehabilitation and Prevention department of Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center say exercise doesn't have to be vigorous to be beneficial. Very moderate activity can significantly reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular disorders, obesity, cancer, and osteoporosis. The important thing is just to get moving.

Fountain of youth?

Scientists at Geron Corp. and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical center have been able to prevent the loss of DNA at the ends of chromosomes.

Each time a cell divides, it loses a little of its DNA, and when the DNA regions shorten enough, they signal a cell to stop dividing and die.

By preventing this loss researchers hope they can fight age-related conditions like vision loss, skin aging and heart disease.

Block those UVAs

Doctors at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center say most sunscreens block only UVB rays of the sun, those that cause sunburn. They don't block the long UVA rays that cause melanoma. Only two ingredients can do that, *zinc oxide* and *titanium dioxide*. Other sunscreens, when used generously, do protect against less malignant skin cancers, however.

New osteoporosis testing device

A portable device that uses ultrasound, not X-rays, to measure bone density has been approved. Hologic Inc.'s Sahara measures bone density at the heel. The patient slips a foot into the box, sound waves painlessly penetrate for 10 seconds, and the Sahara prints bone measurement results on a slip of paper. Its use is expected to become common.



Arnold Palmer is named to Learning Centers Board

Ill. Arnold Palmer, 33°, has agreed to serve as an honorary director on the board of directors for the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc.

The announcement was made in June by Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, following the conferral of the 33° on Ill. Brother Palmer. The ceremony took place at the Syrian Shrine Oasis Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio. The golf course, designed by Palmer, was dedicated earlier in the day.

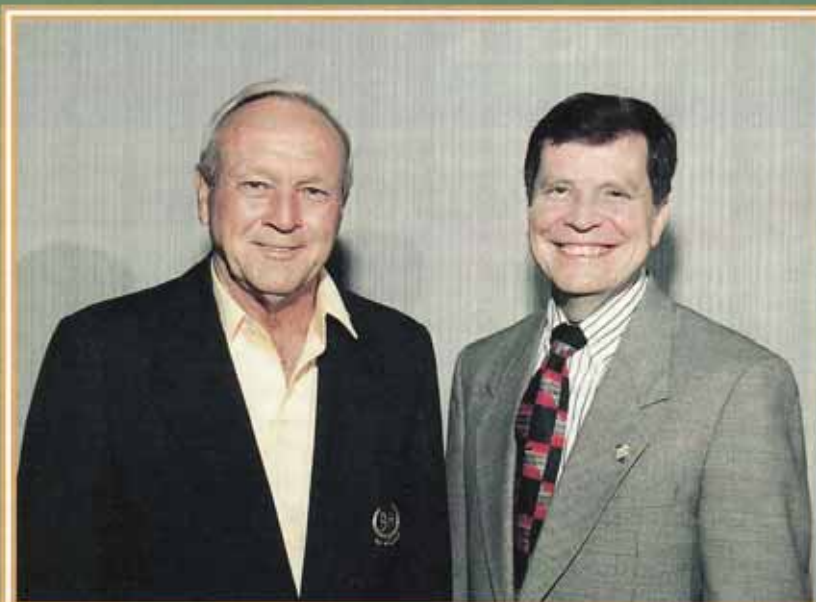
Arrangements for the conferral were made by Ill. James W. Salmons, 33°, Aide to the Grand Commander, in conjunction with the cooperation of Syrian Temple Potentate Harry Skiff, 32°.

Palmer, well-known golf professional, is a member of Loyalhanna No. 275, Latrobe, PA, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh.

Palmer was named "athlete of the decade" for the 1960s in a national Associated Press poll. Throughout his career he amassed 92 championships in professional competition, and 61 of the victories came on the US PGA Tour, starting with the 1955 Canadian Open.

Assisting the Commander at the 33° conferral were Pennsylvania Deputy C. DeForrest Trexler; Pennsylvania Active Members Ira B. Coldren Jr., and Drew W. Washabau, and Massachusetts Active Member J. Philip Berquist.

Palmer joins ten other honorary directors for the learning centers corporation. They are: Norm Crosby, Bob Evans, Robert L. Giesel, Carl H. Lindner Jr., John L. McCain, Pat Buckley Moss, Harold A. Poling, Clarence R. Smith Jr., Charles E. Spahr, and John H. Van Gorden.



Commander Ralston welcomes Palmer as an honorary director on the Children's Learning Centers corporation.

MASONIC WORD MATH

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

(STRESSFUL) + (YOUTH)

– (FROSTY) + (PREPARING) – (PLUS)

+ (BOAST) – (BITTER) + (SCONE)

– (AGREE) + (MERGED)

– (HUNGER) – (NOD)

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Clue for this puzzle appears on page 10.

Answer from previous issue: RITUALS



"The pro says I play like a lawnmower, putt, putt, putt."

VIEWS FROM THE PAST

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

The Future is Now

Time is broadly categorized as past, present or future. The past is history — it cannot be rescinded.

History teaches us that if the consequences of past actions were less than desirable, then we should avoid a repetition of them and seek more appropriate solutions when making decisions now.

The second half of this century has seen a technological and social revolution. We can physically cross the world within a day. We can communicate in "real" time, see events as and when they occur and respond immediately. The general level of education has increased significantly. The women's liberation movement has widened the horizons of both sexes. And the sexual revolution and narcotics interests have wrought changes which few would have contemplated even 20 years ago.

The dramatic changes have posed a challenge to the traditional institutions of family, school, church and government. The decisions being made now

will determine the kind of society in which we and our children's children will live.

Change is inevitable. Organizations and structures which do not recognize the changing environment will find themselves in a time warp. Inevitably they will lose their relevance and disappear into oblivion. History abounds with examples of organizations and individuals unable to appreciate that society is in a permanent state of evolution and that change is a necessary precondition of survival.

In contrast, those who have taken a long-range view and have planned for change have emerged in a stronger position. They have not waited for the future to arrive, but have anticipated it.

Change does not mean that core values must be discarded but rather that they be presented so that they are more easily understood and appreciated by a greater number of people.

The values of Freemasonry have stood the test of time and social change

Our Leadership Task

Have you ever thought of yourself as a leader? Why is it that we look to others for leadership?

The decline of leadership in our communities, organizations, and country is not just due to changing times. The absence of strong leaders has its roots in each of us.

Perhaps it is time to set the record straight: leadership does not come from others. It starts with us!

The so-called "great leaders" emerge from the life of a people. At whatever level, our leaders are a reflection of ourselves.

As Scottish Rite Masons, each of

us has a leadership responsibility to Freemasonry.

Here is something to think about for a moment. Ask yourself this question: "What have I done this past year to show that Freemasonry makes a difference in my life?"

Now is the time for each of us to get busy — developing leadership in our own lives. The results will be surprising. We will begin to see leaders starting to emerge all around us.

—From a message by Sovereign
Grand Commander Stanley F. Maxwell,
33°, in *The Northern Light*, Jan. 1981

Nothing

The person who said "there is nothing new under the sun" spoke a truism that is still prevalent. The attacks against Freemasonry are not new. They have been going on for centuries.

And there's nothing new about these attacks. The same old arguments are being repeated over and over again. Today the answers to these critics are the same as they have been for centuries. It's interesting to note that the courts, in almost every case, have provided the answers to these bigots.

"Freemasonry is a religion" is a claim heard over and over again. The courts have ruled on many occasions that this claim is false.

"It is a secret organization" is another cry of the critics. As far back as 1861 the courts said this is also false.

As one court noted: "The purpose and objects of the society have been

throughout the world. Its principles and landmarks provide a solid base for a fulfilling life both as an individual and as a member of society.

The challenge to individual Masons, to private lodges and to Grand Lodge is to improve our performance so that our organization is better understood. This demands critical self-analysis and positive planning. We must look at the conduct of our meetings so that they are efficient, educational and entertaining.

We must look at the pastoral care we give both to newly entered and established Masons to ensure that we maximize attendance and participation. We must remember that Freemasonry is a fellowship and ensure that at our meetings we can indulge that fellowship. Recruitment, retention and attractions of members will not happen at some time in the future unless we actively plan for them now.

A wise philosopher once said, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Take care not to squander it." As Masons, we would do well to heed that advice. Whatever is in the past cannot be changed — only used for guidance. It is important for Freemasonry that we realize that "the future begins now."

—From an editorial in *The New South Wales Freemason*, June 1996.

New under the Sun

made public in numerous books, periodicals, and public addresses." Since 1861 thousands more books, periodicals, and other tracts have been added to the public statements of the craft.

Alphonse Cerza, a noted attorney, professor of law, and respected Freemason, has once again provided the honored society of Freemasons with a valuable publication. He has made a life-long study of law and the principles of Freemasonry.

Anti-Masonry has been with us since before the formation of the Grand Lodge system that began in 1717. Cerza has studied this subject in greater detail than anyone else. What he has learned he has made available to anyone interested in learning the truth about Freemasonry.

"A very substantial part of the activity of this order is devoted to the

help of those who are needy and in distress," said a court in 1910. One might ask the critics: "How much does your organization spend to help others in distress who are not believers of your doctrine?" A truthful answer would probably be: "Little, or nothing."

Within the pages of this book are found the answers to those who belittle Freemasonry. Most important, these answers are provided by learned judges — not Freemasons.

Without question, this book should be in the library of every lodge, Grand Lodge, interested Freemason, and critic of the craft.

—From a Foreword written by Allen E. Roberts, 33°, for *The Courts and Freemasonry* by Alphonse Cerza, 33°, published by Anchor Communications in 1986.

What Is a Lodge?

The term "lodge" has come into such general use that the incongruity of calling the meeting place of a fraternal society a sleeping place or living quarters is accepted without question.

The additional meaning is of

purely Masonic origin and due to the fact that the usual meeting place for operative masons was in their common lodge or lodging close by the fabric under construction. The word is so used from the earliest of the Gothic Constitutions, and the lodge has continued for five or six centuries to be the center of Masonic activity and interest. Since freemasons were accustomed to travel, the common "loge," "logge," "luge" or "lodge" was the only home some of them knew.

The curious name "tiler," or "tyler," applied to the outer guard and usually the custodian of the lodge is unknown, but apparently did not originate in mediaeval times, for it does not appear in print until 1735. It has been suggested that, since a tiler covered a building, so the officer who guarded or covered a secret meeting was naturally called a tiler; also that the name arose from the fact, if it is a fact, that the guard was sometimes stationed on the roof of the lodge; but, more recently, it has been traced to the French name for a stonemason, *le tailleur de pierre*, which is no more persuasive than the other theories.

—From *A Comprehensive View of Freemasonry* by Henry W. Coil, 33°, published in 1954 by Macoy Publishing Company.

Restricted Parking

Parking is at a premium near some Masonic temples, especially when there is a special program. One night recently, a Brother was running a bit late so wasn't very careful when he pulled into a vacant spot — actually he pulled in at an angle — taking up two parking spots, and there were a lot of brethren who arrived after he did.

After the meeting, he noted an official-looking ticket stuck under the windshield wiper. However, instead of being a parking ticket, it was a "coupon" on which was printed:

"As a reward for your careful and courteous parking you have won the right to a case of Dial soap, a can of Right Guard deodorant and a Mennen stick deodorant all for your very own. As an added reward, there is also a 25-pound bag of Gaines dog food for your mother."

—From *At Refreshment*, by Stewart M.L. Pollard, 33°, published in 1987.

'Quick Quotes'

There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honor. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our encouragement, who will need our unique talents.

—Leo Buscaglia

What creates trust, in the end, is the leader's manifest respect for the followers.

—Jim O'Toole in *Leading Change*

You will stay young as long as you learn, form new habits and don't mind being contradicted.

—Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach

Opportunity is often difficult to recognize; we usually expect it to beckon us with beepers and billboards.

—William Arthur Wood

It's better to be a lion for a day than a sheep all your life.

—Sister Elizabeth Kenny

If people did not sometimes do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.

—Ludwig Wittgenstein

Set high goals and keep raising them once they are achieved. If you don't, a competitor will blow right by you while you're telling yourself what a great job you've done. Good enough never is!

—Carl Sewell

Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts.

—Nikki Giovanni

The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

His thoughts were slow;
His words were few, and never
formed to glisten.

But he was a joy to all his friends —
You should have heard him listen.

—Anon.

Sharing



Kids don't learn to share naturally. It's a skill that has to be encouraged and nurtured.

So say child behavioral specialists. They offer a variety of strategies parents can use to encourage sharing in three- and four-year-olds who are just learning to empathize with the feelings of others.

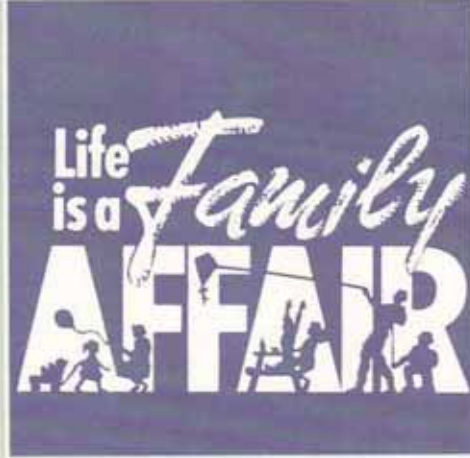
When children repeatedly have trouble sharing with a friend, consider setting a timer for 10 or 15 minutes to give them a cue when to trade toys. When a squabble over a toy arises, intervene by asking the children what they can do to resolve the conflict.

Set limits and take away toys if arguing gets out of hand.

Another good way to learn about sharing is by reading. Check the children's section of the library or bookstore for books about sharing. Some examples: *It's Mine!* by Leon Lionni; *Everybody Takes Turns* by Dorothy Corey; and *Big Bird Can Share* by Dina Anastasio.



"My wife deserves the contract. She came in with the lowest bid."



Court the unusual in a relationship

To put more oomph in your marital oompah, break the rules, recommends *Reader's Digest*.

- If your partner is always the one to make the first romantic move, this time you try it. Arrange for a surprise getaway or put love notes in the suitcase when he or she leaves for a business trip.
- If your partner always does the laundry, put your spouse in a good mood by doing it yourself.
- Create a date night, get dressed up and go out.
- In short: Do something new, court the unusual.

Talk to each other

When couples become parents, it's easy to be so busy that conversation between them almost ceases to exist. To reopen the lines of communication, psychotherapists say:

1. Actually talk to each other for a time every day. Take a few minutes to talk about each others' day. Show that you care.
2. Look for opportunities to talk. Do some things together that could be done separately. What you talk about is not important. Sharing conversation is.
3. Talk about activities you enjoy. It can energize your relationship.
4. Be intimate. It's O.K. to talk about sensitive subjects. Maybe start with, "It's not easy for me to talk..." Practice conversation.

Widow, widower benefit

A deceased person's spouse can roll over a partner's Individual Retirement Account into their own, without paying taxes on any part of it at the time of the rollover, say financial advisors.

Family prayers add grace to dinner

If your family is working on table manners and courtesy, don't forget to teach a dinner prayer which, besides the spiritual benefits, can provide a quiet start to a family gathering.

Almost every culture and religion has prayer, especially in thanks for food. Here are a few nice ones:

Ireland: Oh God, make us able; for all that's on the table! Amen.

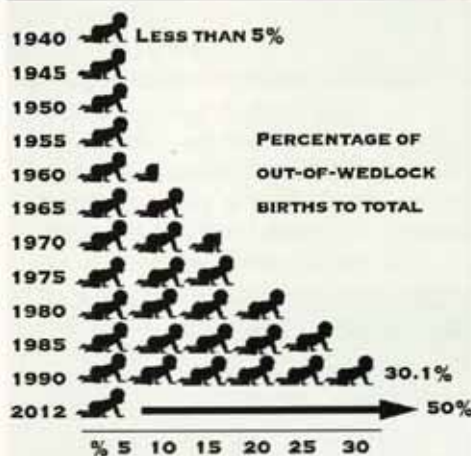
China: Each time we eat, may we remember God's love. Amen.

Traditional: Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts which we receive through thy bounty. Amen.

Armenian: Let us in peace eat the food that God has provided for us. Praise be to God, for all his gifts. Amen.

Traditional: For every cup and plateful; God make us truly grateful.

Give kids a chance



Government figures show that a child born out of wedlock statistically has fewer chances for a good education and a successful future. Still, the percentage of children born to unmarried parents continues to climb. It is predicted that half of all children will be born out of wedlock by the year 2012.

Wedding stats

Figures compiled by *Smart Money* magazine: Average wedding cost in the Midwest, \$16,195; in New York City, \$29,454. Percentage of American women who "saved themselves" for marriage, 17.8. Yearly amount spent on wedding and engagement rings in the U.S., \$3.3 billion. (The 1995 expenditures of the Ecuadorian government, \$3.3 billion.)

Students at Learning Centers Draw Holiday Cards

Students at the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers have put their creative talents to work by drawing holiday designs. The youngsters' creations have been reproduced as a package of holiday cards.

The drawings were submitted for judging to select the best entries. The grand prize winner was Bobby from the Frank & Bette Paul Learning Center in Rochester, NY.

A winning entry was selected from each of the six Learning Centers participating in the program.

Local winners were Anthony from the Scotchwood Center, Scotch Plains, NJ; Tyler from the Greater Boston Center, Newtonville, MA; Kevin from Greater Lowell (MA); Jessica from the Burlington County Center, Pemberton, NJ, and Bobby from Collins-Dearing Center, Youngstown, OH.

Other students' work in the card package includes art from Kaitlin, Greater Lowell; Kasey, Burlington County; Liz and Spencer, Rochester; Kathleen, Greater Boston, and Quinton, Youngstown.

So that they may share their artwork with others, the cards have been packaged as a set of 12 cards and are available for \$12 per set.

This is not a fundraising project and the donation is not tax deductible. The use of the cards, however, promote the Children's Learning Centers. An explanation of the program appears on the back of each card.

You can order sets of cards from 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc., P.O. Box 519, Lexington, MA 02420-0519. Or call 1-800-647-3394.

Greetings from 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc.



THOUGHTS TO SHARE

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There are those who don't know what DeMolay stands for. The only thing they may ever know about DeMolay, and you, is what they see you doing and saying in your life. Telling people how to live is one thing. Demonstrating it by your actions is another thing altogether.

These same young men may not know exactly what it is about you as a DeMolay that is different but they can sense something different. They may not be able to explain what it is about your actions and attitudes but they know you have something that may be better than what they have in their lives. For them, you put a face on the organization. You breathe life into it.

If they see and hear someone they know to be a member of this fraternity acting and speaking in a dishonorable way, they may never ask you about DeMolay. They may think it's nothing but some kind of club and continue looking for strong leadership and example from another person.

We all know there are some very bad people out there looking for disciples. They want to find someone with a loss of purpose, someone easily influenced. How many of those lost souls would have been changed if they could have seen and followed the example of a persuasive DeMolay?

We in the news business have the sad duty to report what seems to be an unraveling of our society. The sad and

sometimes cruel stories seem to come without end. Some of them are gruesome beyond belief. It seems we have almost become accustomed to events that continue to tell of the dehumanizing of us all. Life seems cheap. There are some of us who remember when this kind of widespread, angry social behavior was not even dreamed of. We would have thought it was only wild fiction.

Our society has gotten more sinister in the last several decades. Reporters have seen it change with great speed. People explode in anger at one another over what may be just simple things: road rage, school rage, just plain rage. We've all heard about

people "going postal." When that joke began to make its rounds on the evening talk and variety shows, the audiences would laugh. If and when we laugh at that these days, we laugh nervously because it could happen anywhere. It's not really

funny anymore.

You are leaving footprints as you pass through your life. Others may see and follow them. You may not know it, but you may be the example in a critical moment in the life of another. You could actually be setting the course for the rest of the life of another human being. You may be that pebble in the pond. Make sure the waves you make in the lives of others are the right kind.

"Make sure the waves you make in the lives of others are the right kind."

On the Lighter Side

While we have no actual proof, journalists claim these headlines were printed in the newspapers:

- Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers
- Iraqi head seeks arms
- Teacher strikes idle kids
- Squad helps dog bite victim
- Juvenile Court to try shooting victim
- Kids make nutritious snacks
- Ban on soliciting dead in Trotwood
- Lansing residents can drop off trees
- High school dropouts cut in half
- Hospitals are sued by 7 foot doctors
- Air head fired
- Drunk gets nine months in violin case
- Two Soviet ships collide, one dies
- Killer sentenced to die for second time in 10 years
- Red tape holds up new bridge
- Man struck by lightning faces battery charge
- Enraged cow injures farmer with ax
- Old school pillars are replaced by alumni

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Footnotes*

* *Living with a ZIP change.*

Life has not been easy these days trying to update letterhead and envelopes. Here in Lexington, MA, the area code for phone numbers was changed in February from 617 to 781.

The day before the change, however, the U.S. Postal Service announced that Lexington and surrounding communities would have a new Zip code by summer but the new codes would not be released until after May 1 — too late to provide the data for the May issue.

On July 1, we started using our new ZIP codes. That's right — there's more than one.

If you plan to send us something via regular mail (some people call it "snail mail," but, dear postmaster, we'll call it "regular" mail), then you should use this address:

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Perhaps you'll find it just as easy to Fax us at 781-863-1833 or send us an e-mail at dcurtis@supremecouncil.org, but don't expect us to stop every few minutes to respond immediately to every incoming fax or e-mail. Be patient. We're trying to cope in this world of "instant" communication.

* *Media coverage.*

Frequently we receive correspondence from readers who are concerned about a news story or television program that appears to be a slap at the Masonic fraternity. In some instances the objection may be only a minor point, yet the reader is irate and wants to see something done about it.

The Masonic Information Center has been reviewing Masonic coverage in the media and in most instances will respond to erroneous or misleading information.

One example was a segment on the TV show "Millennium," aired on the Fox network. The major characters in the series are attempting to uncover a plot that threatens to take over control of the world. One character points to a one-dollar bill and tells the other that the eye in the pyramid is a Masonic seal and that the Latin words indicate a new world order.

Any Mason might chuckle over the ridiculous nature of these comments, yet the uninformed non-Mason could easily assume the fiction is really fact. After all, there are some anti-Masons out there today who continue to spin this yarn.

There have been many attempts to link the design of the currency to Freemasonry. Sometimes these tales are initiated by overzealous Masons who would like to think that Freemasons and the fraternity had everything to do with anything ever produced in the world.

The late Ill. Allen E. Roberts, 33°, spent a great deal of time trying to debunk myths. For several years, his "Masonic Myths" column ran in *The Northern Light*. He later followed up with a book, *Masonic Trivia and Facts*, published in 1994 by Anchor Communications (PO Box 70, Highland Springs, VA 23075).

We would also call your attention to a *Short Talk Bulletin* issued by the Masonic Service Association. "Eye In the Pyramid," written by Dr. S. Brent Morris, 33°, traces the history of the development of the Great Seal and gives the facts about the All-Seeing Eye.

* *History Channel.*

Many have inquired about a program that appeared on the History Channel. The show on Freemasonry was broadcast originally in February but has

been rebroadcast a number of times. It was basically a fair treatment outlining the history of the fraternity.

The producers interviewed two non-Masonic scholars who have written extensively on Freemasonry. Their analysis is used throughout the one-hour program.

The cable channel has been amazed at the number of requests for copies of the show. One source indicated that it was their largest response ever.

* *In Search of Information.*

The Masonic Information Center was established several years ago to respond to critics of Freemasonry and to see that the fraternity is put in its proper perspective.

There have been a number of brochures published by the Center. Here is a rundown on several recent ones.

"Get a Life" responds to those who attempt to portray the fraternity as a religion.

"What's a Mason?" answers basic questions about the craft.

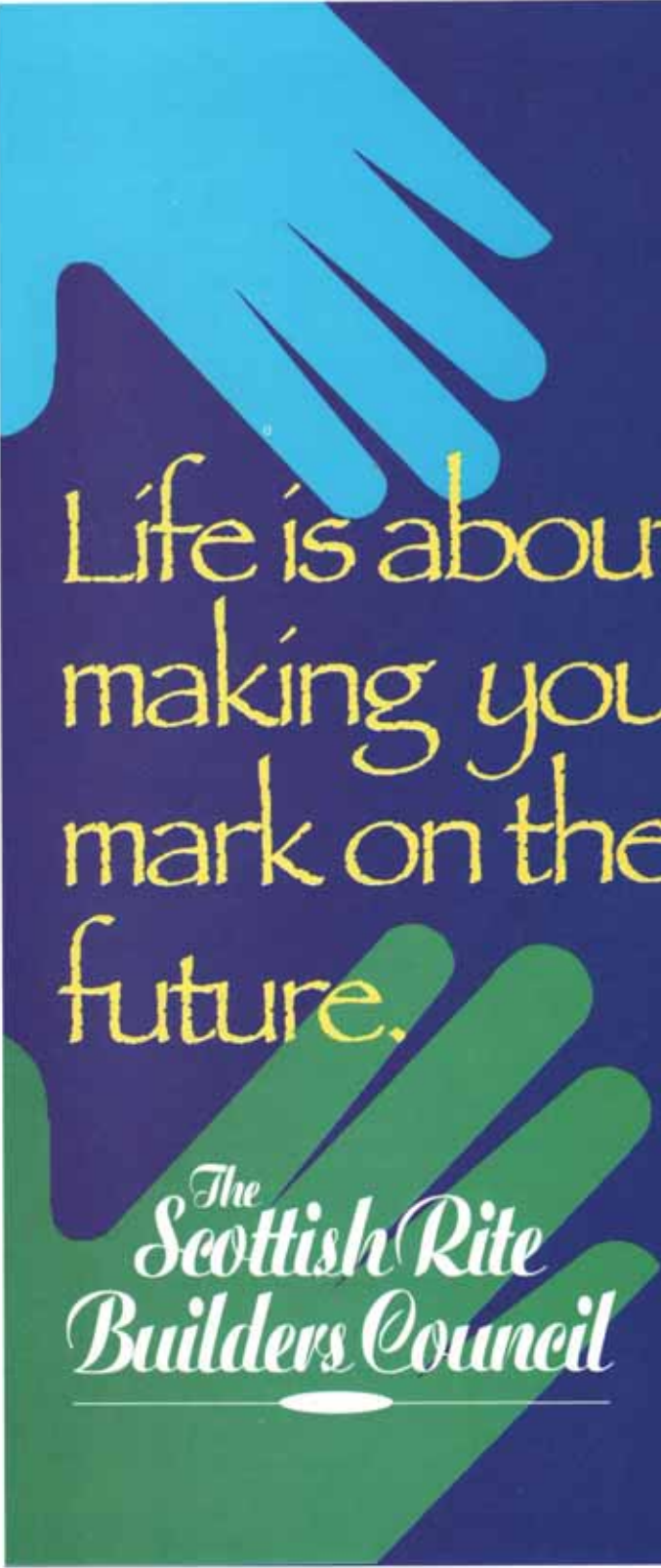
"There Is No Sin in Symbols" shows how symbols are used in many ways and for many purposes and answers those who try to find distorted meanings in Masonic symbols.

Is It True What They Say about Freemasonry? is a book written by Art deHoyos and S. Brent Morris. It looks at the methods used by anti-Masons and goes into detail with solid proof to denounce their false allegations.

The Center is a division of the Masonic Service Association. To request information on material published by the Center or to report incidents of Masonic abuse, write to 8120 Fenton St., Silver Spring MD 20910-4785, or call 301-588-4010.



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