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Honorary Member from Western Australia



Brother Georgy and his wife Merle.

At the meeting in Charlestown on 1 April, Brother Stanley R. "Bricky" Georgy was elected an Honorary Member of Anniversary Lodge. This was subsequently approved by the M.W. Grand Master, Brother Jeremy J. Sawyer.

Right Worshipful Brother Georgy was born on October 29, 1915. He served with the Australia Military Forces during World War II as a member of a Commando Unit, seeing active service in New Guinea and Borneo.

He has been a member of the Fraternity for forty-six years and has been active in some capacity with the Fraternity for the majority of these years.

He is a member of The Moora Lodge No. 97, Western Australia, and served as Master of that Lodge in 1989, 1997 and 1998. He also served as Master of Miling Lodge in 1965. Miling Lodge later merged with The Moora Lodge. He is a Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and served his Grand Lodge as Country Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1985-1991. Brother Georgy has been Secretary of Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter for twenty years. He was installed

Orator of Mid Western Sovereign Council in 2001 and is scheduled to be Grand Commander of this Council in 2003.

He was appointed Grand Representative from Western Australia to New Hampshire on October 29, 1999 and presently holds that position. As Representative he is very faithful to the duties of this position. He corresponds with his counterpart, our Worshipful Master Brother Hirst, four to six times a year, even though he is eighty-five years old and does all his correspondence in longhand. Right Worshipful Brother Georgy always sends something of Masonic interest with each of his letters.

Congratulations and Welcome!



8 July Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Anniversary Lodge of Research will be held on Monday, 8 July 2002, at the William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH. Lodge will open at 7:00 P.M. After the business meeting, we will hold the semi-public Installation of Officers. Refreshments will follow.

Anniversary Lodge members and guests who wish to dine before the meeting will gather at the Far East Restaurant at 2466 Lafayette Road (Route 1), Portsmouth, NH at 5:00 PM for supper. Separate checks will be given to each party. Brethren and Ladies who will be having dinner prior to the meeting should let Brother Andy Hirst know by 5 July so he can adjust the reservation. He can be reached at 603-778-8874 or e-mail: <afhirst@empire.net>.

Directions to the restaurant: From the Portsmouth Traffic Circle, take Route 1 south for approximately 2 miles (go past Yokens), and the Far East Restaurant is on your right.



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Unless otherwise indicated, other Masonic Bodies are welcome to reprint articles from this newsletter provided that the article is reprinted in full, the name of the author and the source of the article are indicated, and a copy of the publication containing the reprint is sent to the editor.

Submissions to the newsletter are solicited and should be sent to the editor. Electronic submissions in an Office 97-compatible format are encouraged if possible.

Any opinion expressed in this newsletter is solely that of the author and not that of any Constituent Lodge or Grand Lodge.



Calendar for 2001-2002

Date and time: Sunday, August 19, 2001- 1:00 PM
Place: Leonard Sousa's House
1198 Goffstown Road, Manchester, NH
Event: Outdoor picnic - pot luck - bring food and utensils.
Barbecue available for those who want to cook.

Date and time: Monday, October 15, 2001 - 7:30 PM
Place: Red Mountain Lodge No. 68, Center Sandwich, NH
Event: Fraternal visit - No supper

Date and time: Tuesday, October 23, 2001 - 7:30 PM
Place: Concord, NH, Masonic Temple
Event: Special Meeting

Date and time: Sunday, January 6, 2002 - 7:00 PM
Place: East Gate Club at Saint James Lodge No. 102, Hampton, NH
Event: Fraternal visit - No supper

Date and time: Monday, April 1, 2002 - 6:30 PM
Place: Faithful Lodge No. 12, Charlestown, NH
Event: Fraternal visit - pot luck supper.

Date and time: Monday, July 8, 2002, 7:00 PM.
Place: William Pitt Tavern, Portsmouth, NH
Event: Annual Meeting and Installation



Membership

The by-laws of Anniversary Lodge establish two classes of members. Regular Members must also be members of a Constituent Lodge under the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, while Associate Members are members of Constituent Lodges under jurisdictions in amity with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. Under the by-laws approved at the January 2002 meeting and awaiting approval by the Grand Lodge, there is no fee for affiliation and the annual dues are \$10.00. The first year's dues should be included with the petition. Petitions for affiliation are available from the Secretary or the Editor and are acted on by the Secretary as he receives them. Please contact the Editor when you petition, and he will place you on the newsletter mailing list at that time.



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

Brother Glen Gordon was installed in March as High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 3 and as Thrice Illustrious Master of Davenport Council No. 5, both of Portsmouth, NH. Brother Glen is a Past Master and current Secretary of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth.

Brother Rodney A. Robinson of Portsmouth received the Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal at the Grand Chapter session in Nashua on 11 May. Brother Robinson has long been a mainstay of the York Rite in NH, and especially in Portsmouth.

The following members of Anniversary Lodge were installed at the Grand Lodge session on 16 May:

Albert P. Burgess	R.W. Deputy Grand Master
David J. Lamprey, Sr.	R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Jeremy J. Sawyer	R.W. Grand Treasurer
John C., Marden	R.W. Grand Secretary
Harold E. Fernald, Jr.	R.W. Grand Historian
Andrew F. Hirst	W. Grand Marshal
Donald A. Crete	W. Grand Steward
Bernard R. Watkins	W. Grand Pursuivant
Elmer C. Boutwell	W. Grand Tyler

Stewart L. Aronson	R.W.D.D.G.M. 1 st District
Mark E. Langis	R.W.D.D.G.M. 2 nd District
John F. Gordon	R.W.D.D.G.L. 1 st District
Gerald C. McHugh, Jr.	R.W.D.D.G.L. 4 th District

Anniversary Lodge has welcomed some new members over the past few months:

Clifton Hodgdon, of Northwood, NH, Past Master of Morrison Lodge No. 90, Northwood.

Richard A. Melvin, of Concord, NH, Past Master of Eureka Lodge No. 70, Concord, and a member of Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, as well as one of New Hampshire DeMolay's most dedicated advisors.

Joseph J. Howard, of Clinton, CT, a member of Siloam Lodge No. 32, Old Saybrook, CT, and current R.W. Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Editor's Note: This feature is intended to let the geographically (at least in New Hampshire terms) dispersed members of Anniversary Lodge learn about one another. Masonic and non-Masonic news, e.g., retirements, grandchildren, are welcome. Please send me your news. Most of my contacts are in the Seacoast Area and I do not want to miss news from the rest of the State. My apologies if I do, on occasion.



Message from the East

Today Anniversary Lodge #175 of New Hampshire is a shining example of Free Masonry in New Hampshire. It is built upon a solid foundation - years of dedication, thought, and planning and just plain hard work. I am well aware of the part every member of Anniversary Lodge played in the building of this Lodge. Your commitment and dedication shaped our past and laid the cornerstone for our present and future. Your perseverance in tough times is an inspiration as we face the future.

Our responsibility now is to maintain the momentum that has brought us to this point. The future years will be characterized by change, both, at the constituent Lodge level and the Grand Lodge. In future years our challenge will be to accommodate change while preserving the essence of the fundamental principles of our great Fraternity.

While the seasoned members have always been an important part of the total of Anniversary Lodge, your role will take on even greater significance as we move into the future. You have your ties to Anniversary lodge and have established yourselves as true Masons. You are uniquely qualified to help our new members and families make the transition into our great Fraternity. Welcome them and give them your support in their desire to make better citizens of themselves.

Of course, we ask your continued support to help those who have fallen to the wayside to bring them back into the fold. In your communities your strong voices have garnered support for Anniversary Lodge and its programs. You have earned Anniversary Lodge's respect and appreciation for your many years of dedication.

As I step down from the Oriental Chair, I ask that you continue to support those who shall follow and lead Anniversary Lodge to greater accomplishments in the future. Once a Mason, always a Mason. Thank you Brethren for a most enjoyable year.

Andrew F. Hirst
Worshipful Master



April Meeting

Brother L. Forbes Getchell, Past Master and Secretary, Anniversary Lodge of Research

Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175 met with Faithful Lodge No. 12 of Charlestown, NH, on 1 April 2002. After a presentation of the Major General John Sullivan Medal to a member of Faithful Lodge, Faithful Lodge presented Anniversary Lodge with a history of Faithful Lodge. W.M. Andy Hirst proposed Brother Stanley R. "Bricky" Georgy as an Honorary Member of Anniversary Lodge and Brother Georgy was elected.



Time for Brotherhood

Brother Jim May, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arizona
(from the February 2002 issue of *Arizona Masonry* and used with permission)

For nearly three centuries, Freemasonry has offered the world its prescription for peace and harmony. We admit good, moral men to our numbers, bind them together by solemn obligations, then send them forth to practice our lessons of temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, integrity and tolerance. Sounds like a winning combination, doesn't it? Early in our fraternal history, Freemasonry was a vital force for good in many parts of the world - from our own American Revolution to the struggles for independence in Mexico and South America, and in the end of the rule of kings by "divine right." But that's yesterday's news. What about today? Have we become, as some suggest, merely an historical curiosity, a footnote in the annals of time, an organization content to reflect upon a glorious past but seemingly unconcerned about its future? Are the critics correct? Are we irrelevant? Has time passed us by?

The truth hurts, and there's too much of it in questions like those. Our critics have a point. We no longer are what we once were. Our influence in society, at least here in the USA, has diminished significantly. Many impressive Masonic buildings, in cities and towns large and small, are in disrepair or stand abandoned. What's going on here? Who are we today? Who will we be tomorrow? How will we attract today's and tomorrow's good, moral men to join us? And what will we offer them in return for their commitment to our Fraternity?

Let's look at what we offer our members today. Much of it is laudable. We preach the same ideals and standards of everyday conduct that we always have. We offer opportunities for men to learn and grow, to practice brotherhood, to exercise leadership, to be of service to the needy and distressed. True, much of that learning and growing is self-directed - up to each member to search out for himself once he has made his way through the basics of a Candidate Education program. The search can be a rich and rewarding one for those who undertake it. The sad fact is that so few ever begin.

Then there's the gap between our promise and our performance, both individually and collectively. We Masons have for some time proved ourselves to be much better at "talking our talk" than we are at "walking our walk." For all our high-mindedness and idealism, we all too often act just as unbrotherly, intemperately and intolerantly as everyone else. We form cliques in our Lodges, snipe at each other, treat each other as poorly as we would treat total strangers. Is it any wonder that some of our own members walk away disillusioned? Does anyone ever ask those who disappear soon after completing their degrees just what it was that caused them to stop participating? We should be asking. And listening.

Let me give you one concrete example of an all too common bad practice. Over the last 10 years, the Lodges of Arizona have suspended an average of 250 Masons

EACH YEAR for nonpayment of dues. That's 2500 Masons in a decade. Yes, some are eventually reinstated (not quite 30%) but that still leaves over 1800 who disappeared from the Fraternity. How many of them were personally contacted by their brothers before they were suspended? How many of them, if contacted, would turn out to be financially distressed, or in poor health, or have just plain given up on the Fraternity because "no one cares"? How many of your Lodge brothers have no other contact with the Lodge other than an occasional Trestleboard and the annual dues reminder? Why is that? Every Lodge is supposed to be made up of men who care about each other, who visit the sick, who relieve the distressed - men who would not stand by silently when a brother who is out of work or disabled or in poor health is unable to pay his dues and is about to be suspended. How can we reconcile what we actually do with who we are supposed to be?

Is it possible that our Lodges have become too "corporate," too impersonal in some of their practices? Do we place so much emphasis on the business and financial aspects of Masonry, the stated meeting, the Lodge hall, the collection of dues -- that we shortchange ourselves on the real value of the Fraternity? How can we get back to "first things first"?

I've spent some time talking with Lodges and Lodge leaders about these issues. I try to make the point that, if we want to improve Lodge participation and if we want to attract good men to join our ranks, we need to change how Lodges behave -- what we do and how we do it. I am now coming to realize that the change we need is more basic than that. We won't get Lodges focused on doing the right things until we get ourselves, as individuals, focused on what Masonry is meant to be. That means recommitting ourselves to living up to our obligations, to striving to be better men, to acting honestly, fairly and justly toward each other.

In short, to becoming the brothers we obligated ourselves to being.



Passed From Labor To Refreshment

We note with sadness the passing of Brother Charles A. Clement, of Dover, NH. Brother Clement was a member of Moses Paul Lodge No. 96, Dover.



Research Lodge News

Texas

Courtesy of *The Occasional Bulletin* of Texas Lodge of Research, June 2002

On 16 March 2002, Brother L. Randall Rogers was installed as Worshipful Master of Texas Lodge of Research. Brother Rogers has a New Hampshire connection. He was a Chaplain with the U.S. Navy from 1951-1974 and was stationed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for a time.

Brother William P. Vaughn, Past Master and Fellow of Texas Lodge of Research, will give the 2002 Anson Jones Lecture in Wichita Falls, TX, on 15 June 2002. Brother Vaughn is the author of a number of papers and books, including *The Anti-Masonic Party in the United States, 1826-1843*.

Michigan and Ohio

Michigan Lodge of Research and Information No. 1 visited Ohio Lodge of Research at their annual meeting in Toledo, OH, on 18 May 2002. This was the first official visitation by the Michigan Lodge to another Research Lodge in its eighteen-year history. Brother Wayne S. Dill presented a paper on the Ohio-Michigan War. The paper is not year available but the encyclopedia informs us that the war occurred in 1835 over a contested strip of land containing Toledo and involved companies of the Ohio and Michigan militias. Congress eventually solved the problem in 1836 when Michigan entered the Union by giving Michigan the Upper Peninsula in exchange for the Toledo strip, which was assigned to Ohio.

California – El Camino Lodge of Research, Palo Alto

El Camino Lodge of Research reports in its April-June newsletter that the Lodge is making a panel of speakers available to Lodges in the area. Members of ECLR are presenting talks on topics such as: Masonic history, the medieval Knights Templar, Mark Twain, the "Mystic Tie," symbolism of the degrees, and military lodges.



“Perhaps He's Dead”

by Brother Neil E. Neddermeyer, D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Printed in the *Cinosam*-electronic newsletter, 24 March 2002 and used with permission

I was playing with the Shriners' band, In a small town, hot parade.

We had stopped to drink a thank you, for the tunes that we had played.

A hand was placed upon my back, by a woman with a crutch.

As I turned I saw a pretty face, and a smile came with that touch.

She told about a tear that came, when she saw the Shriners' band,

and how she remembered one Shriner, who had helped her once to stand.

"I was in the Shriner Hospital, I was frightened - I was low,

When an old man in a silly red hat, showed me that he loved me so."

"He visited me every Sunday, for possibly two years. He shared my pain and laughter, my joys, my thoughts, my tears."

"He must be in his nineties now, well no, perhaps he's dead,

but he did come to my wedding; to watch me stand, when I was wed."

"I wanted to keep in contact, with him for all my life, but I'm too busy being a mother, and I'm too busy being a wife."

"I just wanted to stop and thank you, for the things that he had done

To make my life more meaningful, to give my life some fun."

I watched her hobble off, as I stepped from the band

I saw her husband and her kids, and the crutch in her right hand.

I felt guilty for taking credit, for the Shriner who was strong but mild.

He knew no man stands straighter, then when he stoops to help a child.

I thought, some forty years from now, when a Shriner takes a bow.

Will he be thanked for something, that I am doing now.

Will they say that I was noble, that my silly hat was red?
Will they say "he's in his nineties now, well no, perhaps he's dead"?



From The Editor

In the last issue, I asked two questions for the readers of this newsletter.

1. Is the type too small for easy reading? I am using a 10 point font for most of the text.

2. Would you be willing to receive the newsletter electronically, as a PDF file on a web page, for example, instead of in the mail?

Based on the three responses I received, the font will remain the same and the newsletter will be available electronically to anyone interested.

On the subject of surveys, I note with mild chagrin a survey conducted over the past year by the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire and spearheaded by Brother and Sir Knight Rodney A. Robinson, a member of Anniversary Lodge. This survey addressed the functioning of Chivalric Masonry in New Hampshire and Brother Robinson reported the results in the January 2002 New Hampshire Supplement to *Knight Templar* magazine. He reports that several hundred survey forms were distributed but only eighteen returned. I will admit that I am one of those who did not return his form, due both to my lack of organization and to my general opinion that my thoughts would not make a difference and would not be welcomed by my Grand Commandery leadership. A lesson here is that when you are asked a question about the functioning of your Masonic body, you should respond, because your voice will certainly not be lost in the deluge of responses.

The next issue of the newsletter will be out in August or September and will contain the schedule for the 2002-2003 year and the report on our Annual Meeting.

A web site for Anniversary Lodge is up and "under construction" as the saying on the Internet goes. This may help to reduce postage and printing costs a bit as well as improve our communications and visibility. Mary and I will host it at no cost to the Lodge on our web site. The URL is

<http://www.furber.com/alor/>

and all issues of the newsletter are available as PDF files there.

And as always, a thank you to my wife Mary for her assistance.

I hope to see you at the Pitt Tavern in July.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber



Other News

Freemasonry in the Community Week in England and Wales

Wednesday 26 June to Tuesday 2 July have been declared "Freemasonry in the Community Week" and Grand Lodge, Provinces and Individual Lodges throughout England and Wales (and in some Districts outside the British Isles) and the Masonic Charities are planning a massive series of events involving the public during that week.

Book Award

The Livingston Masonic Library in New York City has awarded the 2000-2001 William W. Reese II Memorial Book Award to the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite for *The Valley of the Craftsmen*. This book is a pictorial history of the Scottish Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction and is available from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction.

New Exhibit at National Heritage Museum: "To Build and Sustain: Freemasons in American Community"

Excerpted from a Press Release from the Museum, and used with permission.

On 1 June, a new exhibit opened at this museum, which is operated by the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The exhibit "To Build and Sustain: Freemasons in American Community" will broaden public awareness of the principles of Freemasonry and its history.

Freemasonry's long history in America will be presented in an accessible and imaginative way. A series of display areas within the gallery will be designed to represent various American buildings create a town-like quality. Visitors will travel through the town's "streets" and "buildings" learning American history, meeting historic Freemasons, and discovering their work in America's communities.

The initial section of "To Build and Sustain" is divided into three parts that explain the origins of Freemasonry, its role in the American Revolution and the early Republic. The first part will show three sources that help create Freemasonry in the early 1700s, Judeo-Christian religion, medieval stonemason guilds, and the English Enlightenment. The second part will explain Freemasonry's development in the American colonies and its attraction to men like Benjamin Franklin. The third part will explain how Masonic and Enlightenment principles were used to establish the United States, with Brother George Washington's role in laying the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

The exhibition's second section provides reasons why men joined the fraternity from the end of the Anti-Masonic period to the present day. Divided into seven different

display cases or "buildings," each provides a historical and individual reason for membership. Self-improvement, social, family and community service activities among others have all attracted men. The Masonic principles that supported these activities also encouraged Masons to build and support new organizations such as the Shriners, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of DeMolay. Other Americans used Masonry as a model to build other fraternal organizations such as the Moose, Elks, or Knights of Columbus. The objects displayed in each "building" also illustrate the consistency of Masonic principles through time, from an 1870s Masonic charity account book to the disbursement of \$3 million collected by Freemasons for the September 11, New York Relief Fund.

The exhibition's concluding section provides information on how the today's Freemasons sustain modern American communities. Divided into three display areas they echo Freemasonry's tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth as they show Freemasons supporting religious and racial toleration, providing health care and disaster relief, while funding colleges and scholarships and building libraries and museums such as the National Heritage Museum. Through this work the visitor may understand that Freemasonry's purpose is to make "good men better," who, in turn, create, build and sustain good communities.

Throughout the exhibition will be various interactive and "touchable" ways for visitors to understand Masonic principles, symbols, and history. At the exhibition's conclusion will be a computer interactive that encourages visitors to explore detailed information on Masonic activities and information.

The museum has gathered important Masonic artifacts from more than 35 states, Canada and Europe that range from 1584 to 2001. Among the 175 artifacts and images to be displayed are: the trowel used by George Washington to lay the cornerstone of the US Capitol, a 1830 broadside from Nauvoo Illinois announcing a play at the Masonic Hall in support of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church and President Kennedy's Knights of Columbus membership card.

An important decorative arts piece will be loaned from Colonial Williamsburg. The Bucktrout Masonic Chair, made by Benjamin Bucktrout, between 1769-1775, was probably used by Peyton Randolph when he served as Provincial Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1774. Randolph was also the president on of the Continental Congress in 1775. The chair has never before been exhibited in New England, and has only been on loan in New York City, Minneapolis and Los Angeles. The bulk of the exhibit, however, will concentrate on artifacts from lesser-known Brothers who did unheralded but good work within their communities.

The National Heritage Museum is located at 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA. Telephone 781-861-6559. Web site: <http://www.monh.org>



A Lesser-Known New Hampshire Masonic Leader: Charles Gilman



Charles Gilman was born in Meredith, NH, on 14 December 1793. He was educated in local schools and became a lawyer through the time-honored method of reading law, being admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in 1826. In 1833, he moved to Baltimore, MD, where he prospered in the practice of law. In the spring of 1849, perhaps in response to the discovery of gold a few

months earlier, he moved to California, sojourning there for about five years, then returned to Baltimore, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Baltimore. He passed away on 9 September 1861.

His Masonic career was unusual in that it was spread over three separate Jurisdictions and he reached leadership positions in three separate branches of the Craft.

Brother Gilman became a Mason in Centre Lodge No. 20 in Sanborton, NH, being raised on 28 March 1825. Centre Lodge was chartered in 1809 and went dark in 1840, a victim of the Anti-Masonic period. He served as Senior Warden in 1827-29 and Treasurer in 1830. He was exalted in Union Chapter No. 7, Sanborton, in 1826 and served as High Priest of that Chapter from 1830 to 1833. He was present at the organization of Pythagorean Council, Sanborton, on 26 March 1827 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master from 1827 to 1829. He also became a Knight Templar and a member of the Scottish Rite, but when and where is not readily known. He was recorded as a Knight Templar in 1833 and a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in 1854.

He served the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire as a District Deputy Grand Master in 1828 and as Grand Master in 1832 and 1833. During his term as Grand Master, Masonry suffered from the Anti-Masonic movement and was in a struggle for survival against organized opposition and adverse public opinion.

After relocating to Baltimore in 1833, he affiliated with Wirgman Lodge No. 72 (now dark) and Phoenix Chapter No. 7 (now dark), and with Maryland Encampment (Commandery) No. 1, Knights Templar, in 1837. He later affiliated with Concordia Lodge No. 13. Concordia Lodge still meets in Perry Hall, MD.

He soon became active in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1838 and Grand Master in 1842. He served as Grand Master until his departure for California in 1849.

In 1842, he acted as chairman of the Convention of Grand Lodges in Washington, DC, meeting for the purpose of developing a uniform ritual for all U.S. Lodges. He was also chairman of another Convention in Washington in 1858, which discussed the formation of a General Grand Lodge for the U.S. None of these conventions bore fruit.

While in California, he presided as chairman of the Convention of Lodges prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of California in 1850. Brother Gilman was approached about becoming the Grand Master of California, but he declined because he believed his stay in California to be temporary.

In the Royal Arch, he was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland in 1836-1841. From 1835 to 1850 he was General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter. In 1853, he was elected General Grand King and in 1856, he was elected General Grand High Priest.

In Chivalric Masonry, we find that in 1847, Maryland Encampment No. 1 surrendered its Charter, but in 1848, largely through Gilman's interest and influence, it was reorganized and he was elected Commander. After returning from California, he served as Commander in 1855, 1857 and 1858, as well. This was well before the formation of the Grand Commandery of Maryland in 1871. At the national level, he was chosen General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Encampment (now the Grand Encampment) of the United States in 1835, serving in that office until 1850.

In the Scottish Rite, he was elevated to Active Membership in the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction on 4 May 1854, as the replacement for a recently deceased Active Member for Maryland, Brother Joseph K. Stapleton, 33°. He was elected to Honorary Membership in the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction on 3 April 1861. His election as an Active, not Honorary, Member in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is interesting, since at that time he was a resident of Maryland, a state then and now in the Southern Jurisdiction. It may have been connected to low-level disputes over territory between the two American Supreme Councils as the Nation expanded and the Border States such as Maryland suffered from confusion and disarray in that pre-Civil War period.

An interesting side of his character is shown by his mentoring of Edward Garrison Draper (1834-1858). Mr. Draper was an African-American man from Baltimore who graduated from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire in 1855. While at Dartmouth he decided to become a lawyer. He was unsuccessful at obtaining legal training in Maryland, but Brother Gilman, by then a prominent retired attorney, agreed to instruct him. Mr. Draper eventually finished his studies in Boston, where, unlike Maryland, he was allowed to attend court sessions with white law students, and after an examination, received a certificate stating that he would be well qualified to be admitted to the Bar in Maryland if he were a white citizen. Mr. Draper then left Baltimore for Liberia, where he fell ill and died of tuberculosis two weeks before his twenty-fifth birthday.

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