



Brick, Block & Trowel

Masonry Institute Newsletter

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Directors Corner

We at the Masonry Institute are pleased to be able to re-introduce our newsletter *Brick, Block, & Trowel*. Our plan is to have it issued quarterly to bring our Members, Associates and Architectural firms a varied update of what we are doing as an association.

We welcome any suggestions, critiquing anyone may have. If you would be interested in contributing an article of interest for publication, please feel free to contact me @ 866-529-7994 or e-mail me @ jdgreer04@rivnet.net

For those who may not be aware of our up and running website; please visit

<http://www.masonryinstitute.us>

We are also asking for Sponsors for the publication and distribution costs. Your company name and logo will be featured in the publication. We have an estimated cost of \$200-\$250 for printing and set up work which is very reasonable in today's market.

To all our members, this is really your publication so please take an interest and get involved.

Regards,
Joyce Greer

Mid Atlantic Fire Safety Construction Advisory Council

In January of 2003 the Mid Atlantic Fire Safety Construction Advisory Council (MAFSCAC) was created. This coalition of the masonry, precast, and ready-mixed concrete associations have pooled their resources for the common ideal of promoting fire-safe construction through the use of balanced design with non-combustible concrete construction (NC³) products. The current membership organizations that are funding MAFSCAC are the Masonry Institute, the Masonry Institute of Maryland, the Concrete Masonry Promotions Council, the Mid Atlantic Precast Association, the Maryland Ready-Mix Concrete Promotions Council, the Professional Masonry Association, and the Northeast Cement Shippers Association.

The primary objective of MAFSCAC is to influence adoption

of changes to local building codes that are more favorable to NC3 building products (throughout the Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia area). This is to be accomplished over time by promoting NC3 building products through establishing a presence at trade show events, establishing a direct mail program with a target audience of building and fire officials, architects and other decision-makers, and through holding seminars with presented by technical "experts". In addition, the Council will be utilizing the help of a building codes consultant. At this time the council has identified several potential candidates for this position and we are preparing to exhibit at this year's Maryland State Firemen's Convention in Ocean City this June.

1ST LOCAL MASONRY EXPO TO BE HELD THIS SEPTEMBER

Four local associations are coming together to put on a Masonry Expo. They are the Masonry Institute, Masonry Institute of Maryland Inc., Concrete Masonry Producers Council, and Professional Masonry Association.

The Expo will be comprised of Masonry Contractors, Suppliers and Educational Seminars as a part of the all day event.

The purpose of this Expo is to invite General Contractors, Architects and School Board Representatives to come and share a day of learning and to share information that will foster a better understanding of our masonry industry and establish groundwork for better working relationships.

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Design Awards

Held
November 19, 2002

at
Clyde's Tyson's Corner



Commercial Construction \$500,000 to 1,000,000

- 1st Place: Holiday Inn Select
- Architect: Pence Freidel
- Mason: South County Construction
- Supplier's: Capital Brick & Tile
Ernest Maier Block

Institutional Construction More than \$1,000,000

- 1st Place: Louis Stokes Health Services
Library
- Architect: Hiller Group
- Mason: Calvert Masonry
- Supplier's: Capital Brick & Tile
Ernest Maier Block



Commercial Construction More than \$500,000

- 1st Place: Harris Teeter
- Architect: Bondurant Associates
- Mason: L.F.Jenning's Inc.
- Supplier's: Potomac Valley Brick
Supreme Block Products



PLEASE NOTE:

The Craftsmanship Awards were held February 25, 2003 and will be featured in the next issue.

Design Awards

Institutional Construction
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000

1st Place: Lewis Quadrangle
 Architect: Muse Architect's
 Contractor: Lacy Construction
 Supplier's: Potomac Valley Brick
 United Concrete Products



Residential Construction

1st Place: Girls & Boys Town
 Architect: Muse Architect's
 Mason: Frontier Masonry
 Supplier's: Potomac Valley Brick
 Ernest Maier Block

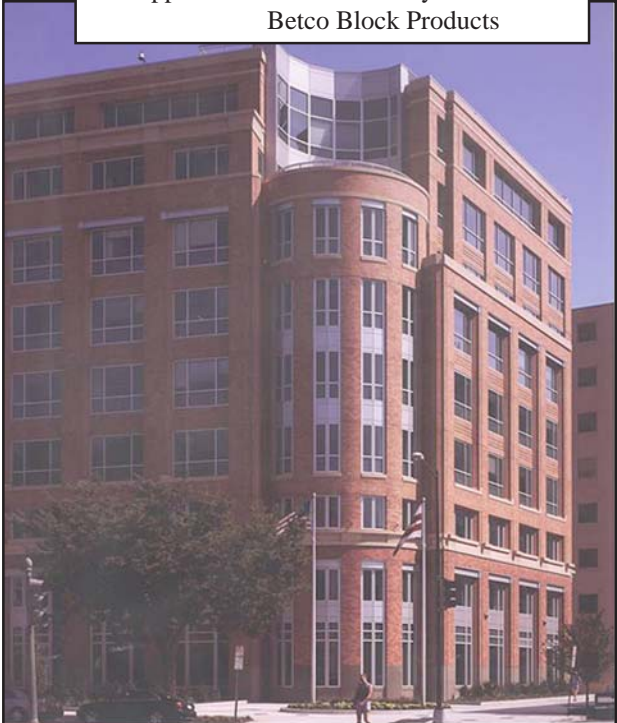
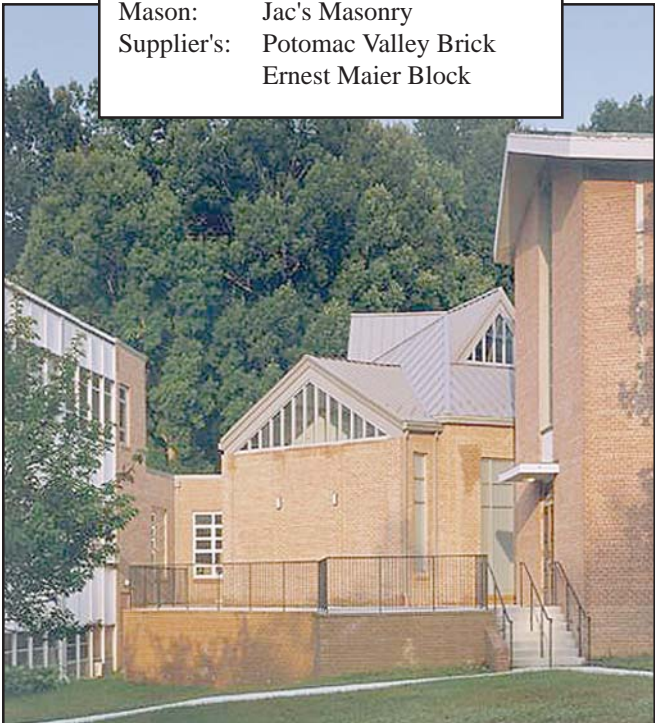


Commercial Construction
More than \$1,000,000

1st Place: 601 New Jersey Ave.
 Architect: Hickcock Warner Fox
 Mason: Genco Masonry, Inc.
 Supplier's: Potomac Valley Brick
 Betco Block Products

Remodeling Construction

1st Place: Covenant Hall
 Architect: Muse Architect's
 Mason: Jac's Masonry
 Supplier's: Potomac Valley Brick
 Ernest Maier Block



LOCAL APPRENTICES DO WELL IN NATIONAL COMPETITION, TAMPA FL.

The Masonry Institute is proud to announce that attending the MCAA yearly convention in Tampa, FL. this past March, two local apprentices competed in their year class and won.

Darryl McNeil, employed by EGS Masonry, won 1st Place for 1st year apprenticeship class.

Kevin Willis who is employed by L. F. Jennings Inc, won 2nd Place for 2nd year apprenticeship class.

We are very proud of these two young men. We are confident of their value to our industry now and in the future.



Darryl McNeil (center) was presented with the first place award for 1st year apprenticeship from Bill Mc Connell, (left) President of the MCAA, and Don Winkler (right) who represents the Canadian Masonry Society.



Kevin Willis (center), second place winner of the 2nd year category, is pictured with Wayne Long, (left) General Superintendent for L. F. Jennings, Inc., and his Foreman Sam Gensel (right).

MASONRY EXPO

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There are to be booths to represent the above participants at a cost of \$500.00. A full day of activities, seminars, food and beverages are all included in the cost of the booth. For more information and to reserve a booth please contact: Chris Formhals@ 410-952-9010, Rob Greer @ 703-531-2326, or Rob Bertazon@ 410-557-7340

Safety Tip

OSHA defines “competent person” as “one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.” Be as diligent a competent person regarding safety issues as you are directing the work on your project. They go together.

— *INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS* —

Masonry has support of VICA Skills USA.

Promoting a career in masonry to Americas youth is one of the primary goals of the masonry construction industry and its members. Although this is often a task easier said than done, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) has done an exceptional job marketing the masonry trades to high school and technical college students. Their main vehicle for the past 34 years has been the Masonry Competition at the National Skills USA Championships event.

Today, the Skills USA Championships is a multi-million

dollar event held in Kansas City's Bartle Hall that occupies a space equivalent to eight football fields. In 2003, there will be more than 4,000 contestants in 75 separate events ranging from architectural drafting to culinary arts to electronic technology to masonry. And whether it pertains to masonry or not, for young students searching for career opportunities or direction in life, this is an event to see.

This year's championships and masonry competition is scheduled for June 26 when approximately 50 aspiring masons will compete for the national title—a much greater turnout

compared to just 12 competitors in 1969's inaugural contest in Memphis, Tennessee.

Considering each competitor has won their local event and continued through the state finals, this challenge showcases the best masonry students in the nation.

The SPEC_MIX organization, along with the MCAA, PCA, NCMA, BIA, Marshalltown Trowel and Bon Tool Co. are all proud to sponsor this spectacular affair and encourage contractors across the United States to support their local VICA masonry program. Together we can build a bigger, better workforce.

Marian Marshall/ Government Affairs Representative/ MCAA

Since opening the Government Affairs office for the Mason Contractors Association of America (MCAA), I have joined numerous coalitions and formed alliances with various associations and businesses representing large and small employers across the country. We all share common goals and interests: promote growth and stability in our industries, minimize their tax and regulatory burdens and maximize our influence and visibility across all segments of government. Some of the key issues we have been working on collectively and individually include ergonomics, tax reform, health care reform, silica exposure, and federal procurement. I'm proud to be a member of the National Coalition on Ergonomics through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In fact,

I'm on their Steering Committee to help ensure that the application of any standards - voluntary or otherwise - put forward by the Department of Labor do not unfairly impact the construction industry. Our association is also one of more than a hundred organizations that comprise the Association Health Plan Coalition. The AHP Coalition was created several years ago to advocate and enact legislation to allow trade associations to offer more affordable health care benefits for their member companies. We've also been promoting the economic stimulus and growth package put forth by the Bush Administration that we believe is absolutely vital to the new job creation and fiscal prosperity. On the issue of silica, I'll be representing the mason contracting industry during

working group meetings held by the Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) to formulate a new standard further limiting silica exposure. Two of our members will also be part of a small business roundtable to review the impacts of a new silica standard on the masonry industry. These are crucial issues for our industry and I want you to know that I'm right in the middle of all of them. But as they say in Washington, it's not always what you say or who says it, but how you represent your case. Undoubtedly many of you have the background and technical expertise on these issues that I may never have. With that in mind, feel free to pick up the phone or email me at mjmarshall@masoncontractors.com I look forward to hearing from you.

MASONRY INSTITUTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**MONDAY JUNE 16, 2003**

MASONRY INSTITUTE GOLF TOURNAMENT
NORBECK COUNTRY CLUB

OLNEY, MD.

SATURDAY JULY 19, 2003

FASTEST TROWEL COMPETITION
ERNEST MAIER BLOCK PRODUCTS / SPONSOR

HYATTSVILLE, MD.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

MASONRY EXPO
MARTINS CROSSWINDS

GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2003

APPRENTICESHIP COMPETITION
SUPREME BLOCK PRODUCTS / SPONSOR

WINCHESTER, VA.

All of these upcoming events will be announced with invitations and flyers as the event nears.

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