

VERGERS' GUILD OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
***** THE PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MEMO *****

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To : All Members of the VERGERS' GUILD

Well, with Easter, etal, I never did get out the Monthly Memo for April 1990. Maybe I better not call this a "monthly memo".

We had the biggest attendance ever for any day, here at St. George's, with over 1800 people packing in for the three Easter morning services. Everything went smoothly, and everyone was happy and delighted with the day's outcome. I hope that each of you had a very enjoyable and happy Easter Day, and that your Easter Season is filled with rich blessings.

Two important items for you.

? HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1990 ?

If your name is not on the enclosed Current Membership Paid 1990, then Mark Graham in Atlanta has not received your renewal for 1990 ! -- I have enclosed a another renewal form 1990 for you. After next month I will no longer send you information and memos. If you are not going to renew, please let us know that, and let us know why ?

! PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION !

Lori Lamma is in the process of preparing and sending out 1990 VGEC Conference Registration Application Form this month. We hope to have an exciting 2ND NATIONAL EUCHARIST & CONFERENCE of the VGEC in San Francisco, CA from Saturday, August 4 through Tuesday, August 7. I know that with the success of our first Conference last November, here in Nashville, a lot of you will want to attend the next one; and I hope to meet many more of our members who were unable to attend in Nashville.

Another reason to renew your membership for 1990, is to be able to attend the conference in San Francisco. You must be a paid up member to attend.

I should be getting artwork very soon from the printer in Kansas, who is working on the master artwork of the Seal that Scott Weir designed; then I will be able to send bids out for pins, badges, ties, scarfs, stationery, etc.

We are still looking for someone from the VGEC ranks who is interested in being a Editor of a newsletter, or some publication that we will do on a certain regular schedule. If you would be interested, please let me know.

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I want to welcome some new members into the VGEC, who have joined the Guild since the publication of the Directory in January ! I welcome you on behalf of the entire Guild, and look forward to your active participation within the Guild. We are truly an international group now, that we also have members from England and Canada.

LASTN	FIRST	MIDDL	ORGNZ	CITY	STATE	CNTRY
BARROW	NORMAN	E	Saint James' Episcopal Church	Pewee Valley	KY	USA
CAMERON	BARBARA	T	Church of Saint Peter	Cobourg	ON	CANADA
CAMPBELL, LGV	JOHN	G	Carlisle Cathedral	Carlisle		ENGLAND
CASSIDY	GENE	H	All Saints-by-the Sea Episcopal Church	Santa Barbara	CA	USA
CLARK	GEORGE	B	Christ Episcopal Church	Ansonia	CT	USA
GRANT, JR.	RUSSELL	F	Saint Andrew's Cathedral	Jackson	MS	USA
INSLEY, JR	ROBERT		Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul	Washington	DC	USA
JONES, D/SSJE	LAURENCE	T	Cathedral of the Incarnation	Baltimore	MD	USA
KINGSBURY	BILLINGS	B	All Saints' Episcopal Church	Worcester	MA	USA
MacKAY	HUGH	S	Cathedral Church of Saint Paul	Boston	MA	USA
SMALLRIDGE	ROGER	W	Cathedral of Saint Philip	Atlanta	GA	USA

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Enclosed also find a article about VIRGES & MACES, that I have reprinted from the Spring 1990 (Issue #171) THE VIRGER of the CEGV.

Please keep writing to me, and sending me various information, and questions? Please let other vergers, who do not know about the development of the VGEC, know that the VGEC is organized and needs their support and involvement. God Bless You !

Faithfully,

Bill

William H Gleason
 President, VGEC

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MEMBERS' BUILD OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Current Membership - PAID 1990

LASTN	FIRST	MIDDLE	CHURCH	CITY	STATE	CNTY
ANDERSON	CHARLES	WILLIAM	Grace Cathedral	San Francisco	CA	USA
ANDREWS	MICHAEL	C	All Saints' Episcopal Church	Orange	NJ	USA
ANDREWS	PETER	W	Trinity Church/Saint Paul's Chapel	New York City	NY	USA
ANDREWS	GEORGE	B	Saint James' Church	Hendersonville	NC	USA
ANDREWS	NORMAN	E	Saint James' Episcopal Church	Pawnee Valley	KY	USA
ANDREWS	ROBERT	L	Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church	Grand Prairie	TX	USA
ANDREWS	THOMAS	R	Cathedral Church of the Nativity	Eshelban	PA	USA
ANDREWS	TED		Saint Ignatius' Episcopal Church	New York City	NY	USA
ANDREWS	WILLIAM	R	Trinity Church/Saint Paul's Chapel	New York City	NY	USA
ANDREWS	MARTHA	R	Saint James' Episcopal Church	Upper Montclair	NJ	USA
ANDREWS	EDGAR	S	Cathedral of Saint Philip	Atlanta	GA	USA
ANDREWS	BARBARA	T	Church of Saint Peter	Cobourg	ON	CANADA
ANDREWS	THOMAS		Saint Paul's Cathedral	London		ENGLAND
ANDREWS, LGV	JOHN	G	Carlisle Cathedral	Carlisle		ENGLAND
ANDREWS	GENE	H	All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church	Santa Barbara	CA	USA
ANDREWS	GEORGE	B	Christ Episcopal Church	Ansonia	CT	USA
ANDREWS	NORMAN	R	Christ Church	Williamsport	PA	USA
ANDREWS, USN (Ret)	JOHN	A	Saint Mark's Episcopal Church	Santa Clara	CA	USA
ANDREWS	ROBERT	J	Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine	New York City	NY	USA
ANDREWS	GERARD		Saint Alban's Episcopal Church	Auburndale	FL	USA
ANDREWS, FEEZY	DAVID	W	Westminster Abbey	London		ENGLAND
ANDREWS, JR	DOLORE	A	All Saints' Episcopal Church	Birmingham	AL	USA
ANDREWS	TON	R	Saint Francis' Episcopal Church	Desham Springs	LA	USA
ANDREWS	WILLIAM	DOOPER	Saint George's Episcopal Church	Nashville	TN	USA
ANDREWS	LLOYD	B	Saint Mark's Church	Tampa	FL	USA
ANDREWS	MARK	EMORY	All Saints' Episcopal Church	Atlanta	GA	USA
ANDREWS, JR.	RUSSELL	P	Saint Andrew's Cathedral	Jackson	MS	USA
ANDREWS	CHESTER		Saint Paul's Episcopal Church	Gaithard	CA	USA
ANDREWS	DAVID	R	All Saints' Episcopal Church	Worcester	MA	USA
ANDREWS, JR	TRUMAN	O	Saint Peter's Church	San Pedro	CA	USA
ANDREWS, JR	MARCUS	B	Episcopal Church of the Resurrection	Franklin	TN	USA
ANDREWS	A	ROSS	Saint Paul's Episcopal Church	Selma	AL	USA
ANDREWS	HOWARD	G	Saint Peter's Episcopal Church	Eggersterville	NY	USA
ANDREWS, JR	H	NORMAN	Saint Thomas Church - Fifth Avenue	New York City	NY	USA
ANDREWS, JR	WILLIAM	E	Saint Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral	Jackson	MS	USA
ANDREWS	THOMAS	DUDLEY	Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine	New York City	NY	USA
ANDREWS, JR	ROBERT		Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul	Washington	DC	USA
ANDREWS	T	VINCENT	Grace Cathedral	San Francisco	CA	USA
ANDREWS	DAVID	R	Trinity Church/Saint Paul's Chapel	New York City	NY	USA
ANDREWS	KARL	BAILEY	All Saints' Episcopal Church	Phoenix	AZ	USA
ANDREWS, WYSSJE	LAURENCE	T	Cathedral of the Incarnation	Baltimore	MD	USA
ANDREWS	HOLLINGS	B	All Saints' Episcopal Church	Worcester	MA	USA
ANDREWS	ROBERT	J	Saint Bartholomew's Church	Atlanta	GA	USA
ANDREWS	DWANE	H	Saint Luke's Episcopal Church	Long Beach	CA	USA
ANDREWS	JOCK	C	Saint Luke's Church	Lincolnton	NC	USA
ANDREWS	LORI		Grace Cathedral	San Francisco	CA	USA
ANDREWS	RAY	L	Calvary Episcopal Cathedral	Sioux Falls	SD	USA
ANDREWS	WALTER	L G	Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church	Houston	TX	USA
ANDREWS	HUGH	S	Cathedral Church of Saint Paul	Boston	MA	USA
ANDREWS	JAMES	J	Grace Episcopal Church	Trenball	CT	USA

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LASTN	FIRST	MIDDLE	ORGANZ	CITY	STATE	CNTRY
McCLEESTER, OSS.	CLIVE		Southwark Cathedral	London		ENGLAND
McCLELLAN	NATHAN	SAMUEL	Saint John's Cathedral	Knoxville	TN	USA
McGANEY	JAMES	DELL	Christ Church Cathedral	St. Louis	MO	USA
MITCHELL	NOBART	T	Saint Thomas Episcopal Church	Minneapolis	MN	USA
MORGRET	ANDREW	J	Calvary Episcopal Church	Memphis	TN	USA
MOSS	HERB		Church of Saint Jude the Apostle	Cupertino	CA	USA
MUGLER	FREDERICK	G	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church	New York City	NY	USA
PELLETIER	DAVID	J D	Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine	New York City	NY	USA
PERRY	RICHARD	P	Cathedral of Saint Philip	Atlanta	GA	USA
PORTER	WYNE	K	Christ Church Cathedral	Indianapolis	IN	USA
RAPP	ROBERT	W	Church of the Good Shepherd	Austell	GA	USA
ROLLASON	SALEIGH	KEMP	Trinity Episcopal Cathedral	Miami	FL	USA
RONDERU	MAURICE		Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church	Marion	MA	USA
SCHABELSKI	BENJAMIN	J	Christ Church Cathedral	St. Louis	MO	USA
SMALLRIDGE	ROGER	W	Cathedral of Saint Philip	Atlanta	GA	USA
STACY	DONALD	R	Cathedral of Saint Philip	Atlanta	GA	USA
STONE	WILLIAM	C	Christ Church Cathedral	Indianapolis	IN	USA
TAYLOR	JAMES	DANIEL	Church of the Transfiguration	New York City	NY	USA
MEIR	SCOTT	M	Grace Episcopal Cathedral	Topeka	KS	USA
WILLIAMS	JOHN	T	Church of Saint Michael & Saint George	Clayton	MO	USA
WILLIAMS, USG (ret)	F	PERRY	Church of the Ascension	Seattle	WA	USA
WILLOUGHBY	LEWIS		Grace Cathedral	San Francisco	CA	USA
WINDERSON	KENT	D	Grace Episcopal Cathedral	Topeka	KS	USA
YOUNG	BONNAR	H	Christ Episcopal Cathedral	Salina	KS	USA
ZANCO	STEPHEN		Christ Church Cranbrook	Bloomfield Hills	MI	USA

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VIRGES AND MACES

The history of Virges and maces is very long and interesting. The word 'virga' in Latin means 'rod' and the word 'mace' comes to us from the Roman word 'mattea' meaning 'club'. Originally a weapon of war, the mace was used to clout the enemy from horseback. The clouting end was not the decorated finial but what is now the butt of the handle. Virges have in fact, through time, been turned around and are now carried 'upside down'. The Weapon of war did not have a decorated finial as we know it today, but was marked with a symbol of ownership, and later a Coat-of-Arms. The other end of the club was much larger and often barbed or spiked. The club, and later the virge or mace was carried to its owner by the 'hitting-end' so that he received the handle, and so it became the custom that the owner held that end. This became more significant as the Coat-of-Arms developed, since no servant would dare cover or hold this symbol of his master's status.

As the advent of long range weaponry came about, the club went out of use on the battle front. However, the mace remained popular as a symbol of strength and authority and because of its new ceremonial role the 'club-end' shrank and the Coat-of-Arms developed. By the 16th and 17th centuries the very large Civic Maces were very common, the Maces of State being perhaps the best known examples. Two of these are used in the House of Lords and one in the House of Commons; without these maces both houses are powerless. The history and ceremonial connected with these three maces is well worth further study. These maces are so large (4 feet - 10 1/2") and so ornate that they bear little resemblance to their lethal forebears.

Vergers' wands evolved into much smaller versions of their sinister parents and elaborate brothers. In many churches and cathedrals the virge was not only used to clear the way for processions, but also to discipline unruly choristers, and so a smaller implement was more practical, since church gatherings were, on the whole, peaceable affairs. As with the civic maces, virges have become ornate and varied in shape, size and design since they took on their ceremonial role.

Gordon Watkins
Chairman, CEGV