As the year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the recent activities and accomplishments of the Gild throughout 2014.

“Capes on Stage”
APGA Annual Conference
Lake Tahoe, CA
July 21, 2014

Gild Keeper of the Treasure Scott Kleppe and Senior Warden, Ed Young, Jr. accompanied Mayor Brown who presented a Gild Award to Matt Ballard, President of Sevier County Utility District at the APGA Annual Conference in Lake Tahoe, CA. A charity check was donated on behalf of the Gild to Matt Ballard’s charity of choice, Seymour Rotary.

In conjunction with the APGA Annual Conference, Gild members gathered for a Gild Gathering at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe.
RECENT EVENTS

Past Mayor XXXIII Jim Micklos hosted a Gild Gathering in conjunction with the SGA Operating Conference in held at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans on July 29, 2014.

The AGMSC Gild Breakfast hosted by District 6 Warden, Russ Schrey was held at the Embassy Suites in Coraopolis, PA on August 7, 2014. A Gild tile was presented to Burgher, Alan W. Ziegler of Dominion Transmission.

District 3 Warden Julie Boyd hosted the District 3 Holiday Luncheon at The Capitol Grille in Houston, TX on December 11, 2014.
NEW SUPPLIERS…….. 
Please join me in welcoming the following new Supplers of the Gild:

- Brian McDonald, Sales Engineer with WGS Equipment & Controls, Inc. in Garnet Valley, PA. Brian has been serving the gas industry since 2002. He was previously a Regional Manager with Eagle Research Corp. before becoming a Sales Engineer at WGS Equipment & Controls, Inc.

- Jim Deale of Rainbow City, AL is involved with Sales, Marketing & Business Development at Honeywell. Jim has served the gas industry for 44 years, starting with Alagasco in Pressure Control & Measurement before moving on to Sales with Mercury Instruments and most recently to Honeywell.

- Chris Hearne of Indianapolis, IN is a Territory Manager with Groebner. Chris has 38 years of experience in the gas industry; 4 years with Indiana Gas, 21 years with Citizens Gas before becoming a Territory Manager with Groebner.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM……..
An online membership proposal form is available on the Gild website at: 
http://suppliersgild.org/member-login/membership-proposal/
Any member of the Gild may propose any eligible person for membership. National and Regional Association Staff personnel shall also be eligible for Gild Membership providing they meet the ten year industry involvement requirement.

Pursuant to Article 1 of the By-Laws:
3. The clerk will communicate with the references given by the proposer and upon receipt of their replies will forward copies of the proposer’s letter and replies from references to all members of the Great Council who will approve or reject the candidate.

4. In the case of approval of the candidate by four members of the Great Council, the Clerk shall immediately write to all members of the Gild telling them the name, business connection, years of service and address of the candidate and that he has been approved by the Great Council.

5. In the case of lack of approval by four members of the Great Council, the Clerk shall immediately notify the proposer of the rejection of his candidate.

6. Should any Gild member disapprove of the candidate’s election, he shall, within thirty days from date of notification of approval of candidate by the Great Council, state his objections truthfully to the Mayor in a confidential communication. The objection will be communicated to the Great Council who, within sixty days from first approval, shall elect by vote of at least, four members of the Great Council, or in the lack of such vote, reject the candidate.
ADDITIONS TO GILD WEBSITE……..
In effort to maintain a digital record of the Gild’s history and past publications, a new section has been added to the History tab on the Gild website. You may now view the original Gild Chronicles at: http://suppliersgild.org/history/gild-chronicles/

You will also find some of the early Past Mayor Chronicles in the History tab of the website, beginning with the Gild of Ancient Suppliers Founder, 1937-1941 PM William S. Guitteau.

As a reminder, the following credentials are required to login to the Gild website:
Website address is www.suppliersgild.org
User Name: gildgas
Password: 51pine12

A DAY IN GILD HISTORY……..

David Fish, Sir Gus Buchalter, Dean Lightfoot and current Keeper of the Treasure, Scott Kleppe join Suppliers for a Gild Breakfast held in conjunction with the AGA Operations Conference in Dallas, TX May 1, 2001.

UPCOMING EVENTS……..
Stay tuned for the 2015 Gild Events Calendar which will be posted to the website as soon as we verify the dates and locations for the Gas Industry-related events.

There are plans to Knight a Gild member at the 2015 AGA Operations Conference in Dallas.

You may view the complete Gild Events calendar on our website at: http://suppliersgild.org/member-login/meetings/
A Christmas Poem to Gild Members by P.M. V Stephen Day (1953):

Hark! The Heralds’ Fanfares calle
To Christmasse in ye olde Gild Halle
Where Banners gay and Greenes withal
To merrie Feaste bid Supplers alle.

Beholde a Host of Brethren free
Alle Care forgotte in Revelrie —
And eke in this good Companie
Some well-kenned Friends thou mayest see!

“Alle hail the Boar’s Head” is the Cry;
With feathered Swan ’tis borne on high
As Pasties, Hams and Christmas Pie
To please the Supplers’ Palates vie.

The Wassail Bowl refilled full oft
Each Bumper charges to be quaffed,
As good Mayor Stephen, his aloft;
Calls Supplers alle their Song to waft:

“Good Supplers now in sweet Accord
A hearty Merrie Christmassse forward
To alle the World as to each other.
We’ll even calle a Burgher Brother!”

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season & very Happy New Year!

With the Left Hand Truly,

Larry Brown
Mayor