I am pleased to update you on the latest progress in revitalizing the Gild. The upcoming Gild Gathering at the SGA Operating Conference marks the one year anniversary of when that process began. Through combined efforts and many contributing hands, several advancements have been made to “Gas up the Gild.”

Mayor Brown continued the Gild’s tradition of publicly presenting its Annual Gild Award to Jon Huddleston who accepted the Award on behalf of Grant Yoshihara of Northwest Natural Gas at the AGA Operations Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

A charity check was donated on behalf of the Gild to Grant Yoshihara’s charity of choice, Returning Veteran’s Project. Here is the information that Grant provided: “RVP is a local, 501(c)(3) that was formed in 2005. It coordinates and provides free confidential services and workshops to returning military veterans in the area of mental health and physical therapy where federal services are often inadequate. While most of the professional services provided are donated by health care professionals, donations are used to support the cost of providing clinical workshops, pathways for intervention, and creating a network for easy access to services. The website link is www.returningveterans.org. Please see attached Thank You letter from Grant Yoshihara.”
Gild Officers, Alderman and Wardens proudly displayed the District 6 Flag during the AGA Operations Conference Opening Ceremony.

RECENT EVENTS........

In addition to the “Capes on Stage” at the AGA Operations Conference in May, the annual Gild Burgher Breakfast was held May 21, 2014, hosted by District 6 Warden, Russ Schrey.

NGA Gild Breakfast hosted by District 7 Warden, Scott Vigil, was held June 3, 2014 in Smithfield, RI
NEW CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OPTION……..
It was brought to our attention that a check requisition approval process for items such as the Gild dues payments can be both lengthy and difficult for some companies. We realize there are members who would like to remain in the Gild, but the dues payment via check option is difficult. Therefore we have added an option to pay using any major credit card via Paypal. This option has been extended to those who have not yet paid their 2014 dues and the option will be available to all on the 2015 dues invoices.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM……..
An online membership proposal form is now 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.
WORKING TOOLS BLOCKS……..
The Gild will reinstate the initiation ritual of introducing new members after their acceptance into the Gild. We plan to initiate new members into the Gild at the upcoming MEA Gild Breakfast in Rochester on August 14, 2014. Handing new members these blocks of wood is symbolic of our mutual respect as well as our singleness of purpose to fashion new horizons for the Gas Industry.

THE GILD WEBSITE ……..
The new Gild Website is up and running and continuing to expand. Once logged in to the Member Section, you will have access to The Constitution and By-Laws, the current Gild Membership List, Gas Industry Related Events Calendar, Forms, online membership proposal form and more. Check back often as the site is updated on a consistent basis.

The new site address is www.suppliersgild.org
User Name: gildgas
Password: 51pine12

WHO’s WHO in the Gild……
Attached is the current Gild Officers list to include the Aldermans, Wardens, Knights and Past Mayors. This list is also available on the Gild website.

You may download the current Gild Membership List which contains your fellow Suppliers contact information on the website at: http://suppliersgild.org/member-directory/

A DAY IN GILD HISTORY……..

PM XXVII Jim Donnelly presents the Mayor’s Cape to PM XXVIII David Bettinghaus at the Annual Meeting of the Gild held in conjunction with AGA at The Breakers in Palm Beach, FL April 24, 2001

RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY INNAURATO……..
I would like to take a moment to honor our former Asst. Keeper of the Treasure, Shirley Innaurato. The Gild was Shirley’s life for many years and Shirley was “The Gild.” We will be sending Shirley a Gild tile in recognition of her years of service.
HIGHER GILD……
Please take a moment of silence in remembrance of the following members who have moved onto the Higher Gild:

Bob Shupe, Former Warden
Ted Squires PMXIX

UPCOMING EVENTS…….
APGA
The Great Council will go on stage for the “Gild Capes on Stage” as part of the Opening Ceremony of the APGA Annual Conference held at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe, CA on Monday July 21 at 10:00am.

There will be a “Gild Gathering” at the APGA Annual Conference at 3:59 PM on Tuesday, July 22 in the Papoose Peak Room located on property of the Squaw Creek Resort. Please email anne@suppliersgild.com to RSVP.

SGA
There will be a Gild Gathering at the SGA Operating Conference in New Orleans. The Gathering will be held on Tuesday, July 29th at 3:00 PM in the Vitascope Hall Lounge at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. Please email Jim.Micklos@elster.com to RSVP.

AGMSC
The Gild will hold a Gild of Ancient Supplers Breakfast at the upcoming Appalachian Gas Measurement Short Course in Coraopolis, PA. The Breakfast will be Thursday, 6:29 AM at the Embassy Suites, Coraopolis, PA on 8/7. The cost of this breakfast is $35 each. Please email Russ.Schrey@elster.com to RSVP.

MEA
The Gild will hold its annual Gild of Ancient Supplers Breakfast at the MEA Gas Operations Technical & Leadership Summit in Rochester, MN. Breakfast will be held promptly at 6:29AM on Thursday morning, August 14, 2014 at the Doubletree Hilton Rochester in the “Commons Room.” The cost of this year’s breakfast will be $45.00 each. Please email mtrapp@michels.us to RSVP.

Preceding the Breakfast will be a Great Council Meeting on Wednesday August 13, 2014 at 2:00PM in Suite A of the Mayo Civic Center.

You may view the complete Gild Events calendar on our website at: http://suppliersgild.org/member-login/meetings/

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A Quote from Vince Lombardi:
“The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.”

With the Left Hand Truly,

Larry Brown
Mayor

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June 4, 2014

Gild of Ancient Suppliers
4555 S. Berkeley Lake Road
Norcross, GA  30071-1640
Washington, DC  20001

Subject:  Designated Donation to the Returning Veterans Project

Dear Member of the Gild:

I apologize for not being able to attend the opening general session of the AGA Operations Conference in Pittsburgh. Even though I am serving as Chair of the Engineering and Operations Section of AGA this year, I needed to return to Portland, Oregon for our Annual Shareholders Meeting, so I was only able to be present for the spring committee meetings.

I wanted to thank you for your generous donation of $500 on my behalf to the Returning Veterans Project here in Portland. This organization provides a very important service to our returning veterans, especially in a state that does not have a large military presence and as a consequence, has limited support services available to its returning veterans. NW Natural has several employees that have done tours of duty in the past decade, and I have a son who just finished six years of reserve duty as a United States Marine and thankfully, did not get deployed into a combat zone. However, his friends have been in combat so we see firsthand the impact this has had on them, and how the Returning Veterans Project fills a critical gap in services.

I also want to thank you for your long-standing support of the natural gas industry. Your engagement goes well beyond providing products and services that are used in the delivery natural gas to customers. The collaboration that exists in our industry is what continues to make us successful in everything from regulatory policy to employee and public safety.

Sincerely,

Grant M. Yoshihara
Vice President, Utility Operations
Officers of the Gild

GREAT COUNCIL
2013 - 2015

The Great Council of the Gild is composed of “Their Somewhat Dimmed Excellencies” — the past Mayors, plus the following officers:

**MAYOR, Larry Brown** - “His Excellency”

**SENIOR WARDEN, Ed Young, Jr.** - “His Somewhat Less Excellency”

**CLERK, Dean McGowan** - “His Accuracy”

**KEEPER OF THE TREASURE, Scott Kleppe** - “His Probity”

**ALDERMAN** – “Their Middling Excellencies”
- Scott Dineen – Far West
- George Lomax – Mid-Atlantic
- Carol Nolte – Northeast
- Tony Spivey – Southeast
Brad Frantzen – Midwest
Bruce Barnett – Canada
Kris Kimmel – Southwest

KNIGHTS - "Sir"
W.O. Danhausen*
P.D. Fowler*
W.F. Morris
S.T. Roberson
F.M. Chapman
G.W. Burrell
Wayne Hennigar
R.W. Lyall*
Gus Buchhalter

While they are not members of the Great Council, the titles of the other officers of the Gild are:

WARDENS – "Their Reflected Excellencies"
District #1 – Bill Murtaugh
District #2 – Michelle Trapp
District #3 – Julie Boyd
District #4 – Jeb Bell
District #5 – Steve D’Amato
District #6 – Russ Schrey
District #7 – Scott Vigil
District #8 – Mike Menger
District #9 – Frank Stanonik

HISTORIAN, Lloyd Pirtle

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, Scott Kranstuber – "His General Utility"

TOWN CRIER, Oliver Klinger - "His Vocality"

ASST. KEEPER OF THE TREASURE, Anne Blong

PAST MAYORS
P.M. XX M.W. Heath, Jr
P.M. XXI D.A. Crawford
P.M. XXII W.A. Hamilton
P.M. XXIII E.W. Murray*
| P.M. XXIV | S.L. Burns                        |
| P.M. XXV  | J.R. Ducate, Jr.                 |
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| P.M. XXVIII| D.H. Bettinghaus               |
| P.M. XXIX | J.W. Lyall                      |
| P.M. XXX  | Bruce Hotze                     |
| P.M. XXXI | Paul Wehnert                    |
| P.M. XXXII| Dave Campbell                   |
| P.M. XXXIII| Jim Micklos                  |