To all esteemed members of the Gild,

What a great year we have enjoyed as we continue our journey to transform the Gild for future generations to recognize the opportunities this great industry can provide. I am so grateful for the efforts of all those who are volunteering their time to spread this message forward. We should all be proud of what the Gild represents and how today we have become more visible to the industry than ever before.

Our efforts will be ongoing with our Marketing and Education committees. Though it is very difficult to find the time in this very fast paced industry it is obvious the men and women that volunteer countless hours are passionate about the motivation and vision of Gild membership. These works will be impactful for years to come.

As the year comes to a close let us all reflect back on the many Blessings we all enjoy being a part of this industry. The comradery and subsequent friendships of this family is unlike any other industry association. Take a moment and truly take in the Sidebar and allow yourself to enjoy the moments that have been captured. Think about the future moments as we all continue to grow and transform this great organization.

Happy Holidays with the Left,

Scott
On the West Coast, caped Suppliers went on stage for the Gild’s Capes on Stage portion of the APGA Annual Conference Opening Ceremony. PM XXXV Young presented a Gild tile and a $500 charity check to APGA Chairman, Greg Henderson. The charity check was made payable to Mr. Henderson’s charity of choice, Iron Works Men’s Ministry, a Men's Ministry based in Covington County, Alabama but serving men around the world.
The Gild held its annual Great Council meeting July 31, 2018. Immediately following the Great Council meeting, Supplers gathered for a Gild Gathering hosted by District 4 Warden, Jon Beam, in Tampa, FL. Thanks to the generosity of Supplers in attendance, $333 was collected towards the Gild coffers.
The AGMSC Gild Breakfast had a total of 18 attendees. Guest speaker, Ron Orkis of Dominion Energy Gas Operations, Youngstown Office, gave an interesting talk on how his hobby, which is a Scuba Diving Instructor, was used during a flood to shut off a gas line underwater.
District 2 Warden Patrick Van Beek presented a Gild Tile to guest speaker, John Webster, Director Natural Gas Division, Hutchinson Utilities Commission.
Southwest Alderwoman Julie Boyd hosted an impromptu Gild Gathering during the ASGMT in Houston, TX. Pictured from left to right: Dean Lightfoot, PM XXXIII Jim Micklos, Nick Meole, Bill Dobbins, SW Alderwoman Julie Boyd, Rick Schneider

APGA Operations Conference Gild Gathering
The Foundry Lounge, Chattanooga, TN
October 30, 2018
District 3 Holiday Luncheon
Capital Grill – Houston, TX
December 6, 2018

Above is a picture of the wreath on 41’s wine locker at The Capital Grille, viewed at the District 3 Gild Christmas luncheon.
NEW SUPPLERS……..
Please join me in welcoming the following new Suppliers of the Gild:

- David Orr, General Manager of Quarter Turn Resources, Inc. David became involved in the Natural Gas Industry in early 2001 by working for a Valve Distributor selling to the Natural Gas Utility Market. In 2005, he joined the Flowserve Corporation Nordstrom Plug Valve Division. He joined his present employer, Quarter Turn Resources, Inc. in 2011.

- Christine Austin, Engineered Sales & Operations Management. She was previously a Sales Engineer with Balon Corporation since 2009. Christine started in the gas industry as a draftsman with Michigan Gas Utilities in 1990. During this time, Christine served as draftsman, engineering technician and engineer.

- Nick Kohart, Executive Vice President of IMAC Systems, Inc. in Tullytown, PA. Nick started working at IMAC Systems Inc. part time and summers in 1998. He transitioned to full time by 2003.

- Nicole Ford became the Director of Sales at Itron, Inc. in 2017. Initially Nicole joined Schlumberger as a process/manufacturing engineer in 1996. In 2001, the Kentucky division was sold to Actaris US Gas, Inc. and subsequently sold to Itron in 2007. During the past 22 years, Nicole has worked in Manufacturing, Product Marketing and Sales. Each role was related to providing and supporting gas measurement and regulation products as well as systems and solutions to the natural gas industry.

RETIRE SUPPLERS……
- George Lomax retired from Heath Consultants, Inc. in September 2018. George was formerly the Mid-Atlantic Alderman.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM……
As a reminder, the membership proposal form is available on the Gild website at: [http://suppliersgild.org/member-login/membership-proposal/](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 they have 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 their candidate.

6. Should any Gild member disapprove of the candidate’s election, they shall, within twenty-one days from date of notification of approval of candidate by the Great Council, state their objections truthfully to the Mayor in a confidential communication. The objection will be communicated to the Great Council who, within twenty-one 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.
HIGHER GILD.....
- Ray Foster of U.S. Valve Services & Training, Inc. moved onto the Higher Gild September 4, 2017. Here is a link to Ray’s obituary: https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/stafford-tx/raymond-foster-7549175

A DAY IN GILD HISTORY.......

The above picture was taken during PM IX Lee A. Brand’s 1963-1965 term
Below are Gild Accomplishments during this period, taken from PM IX’s Gild Chronicles:


1965... THE GILD'S TWENTY-NINTH YEAR. Education: objective, why I am a Supplier. Bill Guitteau, Founder of Gild, 81 years old. Gild endorses AGA effort for a commemorative stamp. Guy Wadsworth, President AGA, receives Town Crier Lamp. Annual Wassail was held at Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. “B. J.” Bjorenson was Master of Revels. Ben Gault was elected mayor.

View more Past Mayor Chronicles on the Gild website at: http://supplersgild.org/history/chronicles/

UPCOMING EVENTS....... 
- December 18, 2018 1:30pm - 4th Annual Colonial District 7 Gild Christmas Party at Benjamin Steakhouse, New York, NY hosted by Warden Paul Sully. SOGO’s Christmas Dinner Christmas Party follows at 4:00pm.

- December 20, 2018 11:30am - Gild Christmas Luncheon at the Firehouse in Old Sacramento, CA hosted by Warden Vincent O’Connor.

THINKING AHEAD ....
April 29 – May 3, 2019 - AGA Operations Conference & Biennial Exhibition & Spring Committee Meetings Gild Burgher Breakfast & Capes on Stage at the Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN.

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

Hark! The Herolds’ Fanfares calle
To Christmassse in ye olde Gild Halle
Where Banners gay and Greenes withal
To merrie Feaste bid Suppliers 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 Suppliers’ Palates vie.

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

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

MAYOR’S MEMO……..
Wishing you all a blessed holiday season & very Happy New Year!

With the Left Hand Truly,

Mayor J. Scott Kleppe