



Ed Bartlett was born in Philadelphia. He became a salesman for Ruud Water Heaters' Boston Branch, but returned to Philadelphia in 1907 where he, his father and his brother started a heating business. Ed was elected president of the company in 1918. He was active in many state gas associations, and a member of the founding group of AGA. He married Helen Ainsworth Reed. They had two children, two granddaughters and five grandsons. Ed and his wife loved world travel.



Hold the cake cutting, Ed.

C. EDWIN BARTLETT

MAYOR II • 1941-1945

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1942 ... THE GILD'S SIXTH YEAR. Gild breakfasts grew in number and size during this year. AGA convention was held at Hotel LaSalle, Chicago.

1943 ... THE GILD'S SEVENTH YEAR. The Gild continued to hold breakfasts. The Gild held its usual successful Wassail, Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Mo., October 26 during the AGA convention.

1944 ... THE GILD'S EIGHTH YEAR. A new clerk, John Van Norden, American Meter Co., succeeded Albert E. Lindquist who passed on to the higher Gild. A gathering for Suppliers only was held in Chicago during the wartime AGA convention October 5-6.

1945 ... THE GILD'S NINTH YEAR. A Gild Oscar was presented to Alexander Forward, Managing Director of AGA and an Honorary Gild member. The Gild held its annual session during the first post-war convention of AGA in New York City, October 24. Joe Mulcare was elected mayor.



You're sure pretty.



No kiddin'!



A song in their heart.



You deserve the gift, Joe.



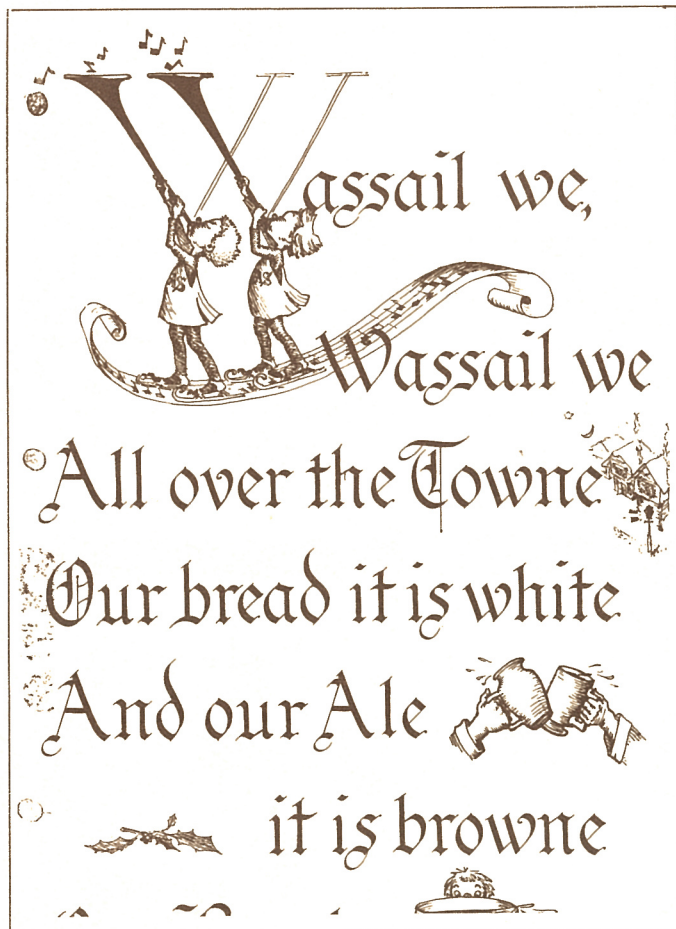
Not an unkind word.



Fun is the name of the game.



How sweet and beautiful.



Illustrated Wassail Song.



The Mayor:

Only once in his term does a Mayor of our Gild have the privilege of partaking in the ceremony which has come to be known as The Passing of the Bill Guitteau Ring.

It is fitting that we rise on this occasion in tribute to our founder and first Mayor, Bill Guitteau.

The Supplers rise. The Mayor:

Listen and give heed.

From the dimness of known history the ring, having no beginning and no ending, has symbolized eternal devotion. To me this ring has meant loyalty to the objects of our Gild, sincerity in our relationship Suppler to Suppler and service to our fellow citizens through the Gas Industry, our chosen field of endeavor.

That this ring, carrying the sentiments it has for me, should become just an item in an estate inventory, valued only at its intrinsic gold value, is a possibility as the years pile up and Excellencies get dimmer.

Therefore, Your Excellency, I return this ring to the Gild with hope that it will be worn or kept by you and each of your successors, giving the same inspiration as it did to me in the Gild's work.

With the Left Hand Truly Yours,
William S. Guitteau, PM-I.