



**EARL WILLIAM MURRAY**

Earl William Murray, affectionately known as "Moose", was born in Dayton, Kentucky, on July 16, 1926, the son of Helen Marie Smith and John Earl Murray. He was the brother of seven sisters and one brother. He attended Dayton High School where he excelled and lettered in all sports — track, basketball, and football. He was named a member of Northern Kentucky Athletic Director's Association *Hall of Fame*. He graduated from Dayton High School in 1944 and entered the United States Marine Corps in World War II on 19 August 1944.

He entered Purdue in the Fall of 1946 and played football and lettered four years. He majored in Physical Education. While at Purdue he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Gimlets. He was named Sigma Chi All Star Team and named and played on the All Star North Squad of the North-South game in 1949. He graduated from Purdue in June, 1950. In July, 1950, he married Elizabeth Emeral Hedger (Pat) and they later produced four children: Mary, Michelle, Michael, Mark and six grandchildren.

He was drafted in 1950, by the Baltimore Colts and played one year until the team disbanded. He then was drafted by the New York Giants and the following season by the Pittsburgh Steelers. After his football career, he taught and coached at Hughes High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, for one year. He then accepted a position with Robertshaw Controls in Pennsylvania in 1954. He remained with Robertshaw for 35 years, retiring in December, 1989. He was Director of Marketing.

Some of his other interests were golf, fishing, hunting, photography and activities of the church. "Moose" was Past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council #6546 and a member of Msgr-McMahon's Fourth Degree Assembly. He was a member of the Cursillo Movement and Charismatic Prayer Group. He was very active in the church of St. Edward's, serving in the capacity of Alter and Eucharistic Minister, Usher and many various duties.

**GILD MEETINGS**

- 5/92 Moose Murray — Mayor XXIII elected at 55th Annual meeting, GAMA at Naples, Florida.
- 8/92 Great Council meeting at Williamsburg, Virginia.
- 10/92 Great Council and AGA Wassail at Chicago Yacht Club.
- 2/93 Great Council at Innisbrook, Tarpon Springs, Florida.
- 4/93 Great Council Supplers Wassail and 56th Annual meeting at GAMA, Arizona Biltmore.
- 8/93 Great Council meeting at Atlanta Airport.
- 10/93 Great Council and AGA Wassail at Washington, D.C. Press Club
- 2/94 Great Council meeting at Innisbrook.
- 4/94 Great Council, Supplers Wassail, and 57th Annual meeting at GAMA, Scottsdale, Arizona.

**E.W. (MOOSE)  
MURRAY  
MAYOR XXIII 1992-1994**

**OFFICERS**

- John R. Ducate, Jr. Senior Warden
- Dana Chase, Jr. Clerk
- Steven L. Burns Keeper of the Treasure

**ALDERMEN**

- Pete Arnold Dick Howard
- Art Byrne G.F. Edwards, Jr.
- John Laughner John McNamara
- John Poole

**MASTER OF REVELS**

Sir W.O. Dannhausen

**SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Bernard S. Lee

**TOWN CRIER**

Mike Miller

**HISTORIAN**

J.W. Adams

**WARDENS**

- 1. Mike Babcock
- 2. Charles Groebner
- 3. Jim Donnelly
- 4. Winston North
- 5. Bob Hemphill
- 6. Herb Ray
- 7. John McGowan, Jr.
- 8. Bob Barwick
- 9. Tom Skinner
- 10. Ted Traynor

**ASSISTANT CLERK/TREASURER**

Shirley Innaurato

**Gild Chronicles 1992-1994**

8/14/92 Great Council — Williamsburg, VA — All outdoor activities rained out. The need for cost containment at the Fall AGA Wassail was emphasized. New Wardens selected as well as appointive officers by the new mayor.

10/18/92 Great Council — AGA Chicago, IL — Expected Wassail attendance is 150. Many competing functions. The Gild Lamp was presented to Richard Farman, AGA Chairman and President of S. California Gas. Emphasized the need for all members to nominate Gild candidates.

2/19/93 Great Council — Innisbrook Resort, Tarpon Springs, FL — Chicago Wassail was under budget due to efforts of Danhaussen, Edwards and Burns. The Chicago Yacht club was a great location. PM XXI Crawford will become Historian and will update chronicles. A breakfast annual meeting will take place on Tuesday morning at the GAMA Annual Meeting. Annual dues increased to \$110.00.

4/25/93 Great Council — Phoenix, AZ — Total membership at 486. GAMA Wassail expected attendance in excess of 100.





PM 23 and Pat Murray at GAMA 4/94



Gild Lamp presented to David Jones 10/93



Town Crier Mike and Clerk Dana swap stories



"I really want to be king, not mayor"

**Mayor's Sidebar 6/92**  
*In closing, I would like for you to bear this in mind: The Gild only exists because you recommend members who will support and proliferate the Gild with new members who possess the same high standards as yourself. SEARCH and GROW with QUALITY PEOPLE. M.M.*



Warden Groebner presents Tile to MGA Chairman Jeff Yount



Warden North presents Tile to SEGA Chairman



Mayor "Moose" presents Tile to Warden of the Year, Jim Donnelly



At Gild Breakfast "Sir Seth" attempts to fine Wayne Johnson, SGA Chairman



PM XX Heath and Treasurer Burns flanked by Wardens Donnelly and North; AGA Distribution Conference Gild Breakfast 5/92 K.C.

**Mayor's Sidebar 3/94**  
*At this time I would like to make some comments regarding the positions of Alderman and Warden. Since you are closer to the members that anyone else in the Gild, your input and insight at meetings at this level will make a great difference in Council voting. Look at the schedule of Great Council Meetings and plan to attend as many as possible. Further, make a commitment that your duties as outlined in the Constitution will be carried out to the fullest and to the very best of your ability. It means the difference in either maintaining the Gild's strength or if not, the Gild is weakened. The position should, above all, be accepted with the call to serve. M.M.*



### Mayor's Sidebar 1/93

Let us proudly launch a campaign to create a membership record again so that the Gild may grow and Supplers can continue to be a player in the gas industry. While you are looking around for new members, be alert to new potential officers within the Gild. We will have an election the Spring of '94 and would welcome new blood with leadership aptness. There is plenty of time to think about it, so go ahead and submit your nomination(s) to be put on the slate. On the note of participation, don't ever believe you have nothing to contribute; not just in the Gild specifically, through the walk of life generally. That always brings to mind a great philosopher who said, "The world is an incredible unfulfilled tapestry, and only you can fulfill that tiny space that is yours." Put another way, you have something to give. Give it. M.M.



Joe, Moose, Alice, Bob, John and Seth at Innisbrook



Neeleys and Ducates at AGA Wassail, Chicago Yacht Club



Moose and John dazzle the photographer



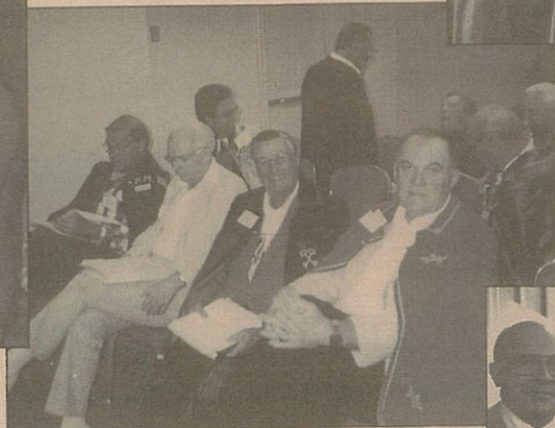
Larry and Buddy enforce the Gild's Rules at MGA Supplers Breakfast



Sir Bill, Bernie the Sergeant at Arms, and Suppler Ruth Stidger at Chicago Yacht Club Wassail



Young collects fines while Lyall tries to divert his attention. GAMA 4/94



The Gild's 56th Annual Meeting at 6:29 am. Everyone's wide awake!



Dana Chase, Moose Murray and Howie Goss (PMXIII)



Bill Young, Moose and John Ducate pass the latest jokes at breakfast

### Mayor's Sidebar 7/93

Remember, since you are out there and see these people, I rely on everyone of you to make the first overture in supplying the names to Great Council for consideration.



Voted to continue sending postcards to all members in any district where a breakfast is being held.

4/27/93 — 56th Annual Session — Arizona Biltmore — Forty members attended 6:29 am breakfast and Annual meeting. Declining membership discussed, but 10 year requirement retained by majority vote. A "Membership Committee" with a Gild officer as chairman was recommended to focus on membership increases. A by-law change was voted and approved to clarify reinstatement of former members returning to the industry.

8/3/93 Great Council — Atlanta Airport — Discussed upcoming AGA Wassail in Washington, D.C. High cost area requires some cut back on food and entertainment. Jim Donnelly appointed to fill vacancy as Southwest Alderman.

10/10/93 Great Council — Washington — Membership at 480. Wassail attendance at the Press Club expected to be over 100.

Warden of the year award to Jim Donnelly. Lamp presentation to past Chairman of AGA, David Jones. New district #3 Warden Orval Pierce.

2/11/94 Great Council — Innisbrook — Reviewed D.C. Wassail, well under budget, many Burgers were "no-shows" due to conflicting Monday night functions at AGA. Quality of Wassail was "First Class". Future Wassails will return to Sunday night. Membership survey was analyzed for all the good suggestions.

4/17/94 Great Council — Scottsdale, AZ — Membership at 480. Gild needs a fax machine. Ten new candidates approved. Spring meeting breakfasts have been well attended.

4/19/94 — 57th Annual Session — Scottsdale, AZ — Gild in good financial condition. Don Flamm donated fax machine to the Gild. Steve Burns elected Mayor and PM Moose Murray made an Honorary Master Sage of the Gild.

Here I am again. This time to bid farewell as Mayor and also to convey sincere thanks to each and everyone for allowing me the honor to serve. It has been indeed a privilege to serve and represent this most distinguished group.

It is also extremely gratifying to now reflect back on my tenure and see our Gild Members forever forming the leadership to meet the ongoing challenges within the gas industry. To see the unity and fraternity growing stronger with the passing of time. To observe the complete adherence to all of the Gild's objectives.

It is rewarding to remember how there was never hesitation whenever I would seek assistance. When I asked for financial subsidy for the AGA Wassail, you reached into your pockets willingly. When I asked for input, you all gladly responded to the questionnaire. Most recently, a request for a Fax to help with Gild communications — and like magic — it arrived. A very personal thank you, Don Flamm for this most generous gift. Likewise, to all who have given and served so benevolently.

You will now be hearing from your new Mayor, Steve Burns, who was elected at the 57th Annual Session. He will fill you in on the happenings at Scottsdale and also future events. Steve has shown enthusiasm from the beginning and will be an excellent Mayor.

Much obliged to all once again for your support and assistance, but more importantly, for being a friend. God bless.

Sincerely With The Left,

E.W. (Moose) Murray  
Past Mayor XXIII  
June 1, 1994

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"Moose" died on July 14, 1994. One day before he and Pat's 44th wedding anniversary and two days before his 68th birthday. He had a beautiful funeral attended by many people and his body was attended by the Knights of Columbus in full dress and escorted to his resting-place.

He was well loved and remembered by all and touched on many lives in a positive way. He will be remembered for his integrity, honesty, sense of humor and hard work. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. A giving man who loved life, and faced death in the same manner as he lived life. He loved God, Country, family and friends and was deemed "THE GENTLE GIANT"!