



# R. G. BRENNAN

## Mayor XV 1976-1977

### OFFICERS

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J. E. JENNINGS	J. P. WILSON
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SERGEANT AT ARMS  
WAYNE A. HAMILTON

HISTORIAN  
CARL SORBY, P.M. IV

### WARDENS

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| 1. ROBERT J. MURRAY  | 6. JOSEPH W. ADAMS         |
| 2. CHARLES W. GUPTIL | 7. VERNON C. WELSH         |
| 3. CLAY G. BRASWELL  | 8. G. H. R. O'DONNELL, JR. |
| 4. WILLIAM D. EDENS  | 9. THOMAS C. ROCHE, JR.    |
| 5. DONALD W. PROUX   | 10. A. T. CROSSCOMBE       |

ASST. CLERK AND ASST. KEEPER OF TREASURE

CHARLOTTE T. BJORENSEN  
SHIRLEY INNAURATO

Mayor Brennan has been associated with Rockwell International in various sales and marketing positions for over 25 years. Currently, Director of Marketing for the Municipal & Utility Division. He originally lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma but worked with Rockwell in Texas, California, and now Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mayor Brennan is a member of AGA, PCGA, and GAMA. He has served 7 years as a member of the Board of GAMA, previously served 3 years on the Board of Pacific Coast Gas, as well as 3 years on the Board of the Western LPGGA. Served in various positions with the Manufacturer's Section of PCGA including the position of General Chairman. Gerry and wife, Marcia enjoy their family of 8 children, 6 girls and 2 boys. Marcia and Gerry have been very active in Christian Youth Activities over the years and have also worked with Mexican orphanages while in California. Personal hobbies include camping, photography, fishing, tennis, and golf.

## ACTION IN PROGRESS

Mayor Brennan and his officers wasted no time in actionizing programs and plans for the Gild when he took office. A primary objective—communications—thus was born. The Gild Gazette designed to keep the members informed. A calendar of events for members planning and breakfast meetings. News of district meetings and what went on as things to come. Breakfast meetings brought out a record number of suppliers. Alderman and Warden's planned well and the Gild flourished. Functions were reviewed at great council meetings, the first Feb. 8 - 9, Bay Hill Country Club and Lodge, Orlando, Florida. Gama Annual meeting - Hot Springs, Va. There was a great need for all out cooperation between all segments of the industry and the Gild of Ancient Suppers. Cooperate they did. The problems of gas shortage was not one mans problem or that of government. Shortages in material prevailed. Inflation raised its ugly head again and again. Gama played an important role, proudly we can say. The four of these executives were Gild members and plenty of know how. A.G.A. shared in Gild functions and their leadership was honored at the annual convention. The financial condition of the Gild was strong. Charlotte Bjorenson resigned as assistant clerk leaving a void until the appointment of Shirley Innaurato. The Gilds 40th anniversary Sky Top Penn. (Birthplace of Gild) was chaired by Alderman Bernie Gardner. The great council meeting at Sawmill Creek provided for more and more Gild activity including some golf lessons for Howie Goss, P.M. XIII and Al "Poncho" Beck. Joe Adams came to Sawmill on a bicycle and went home in a Lincoln—great day.

October 10, 1976, 39th Annual Session of the Gild. Mayor Gerry Brennan in Command, supported by 32 officers and members including P.M. Howie Goss, XIII and P.M. James Chaisson, XIV. Every district was represented. Words of appreciation were spoken for Charlotte Bjorenson who had served the Gild from 1969 to 1973. Husband "B.J." is doing real well. Words of welcome were spoken for Shirley Annaurato who is now our Ast. Clerk. Plans in full swing for the 40th Anniversary of the Gild. Pocono Manor, Sky Top Lodge, Pa.

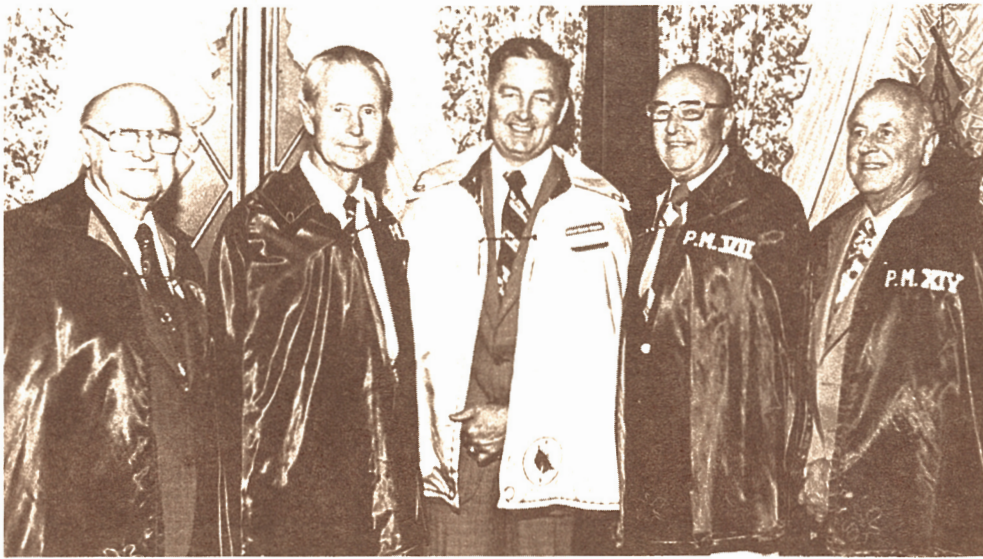
Breakfast meetings and suppers gathered in bigger numbers. The districts all reported fine attendance. Communications played its part. The fine work of Tom Pender and his co., Robertshaw got the Gild Gazette off the ground. Bill Dannhausen and his company. Gas Industries is now doing a great job and carrying on. Much thanks is in order to both Tom and Bill.

1977 got off to a fine start with a great council meeting held Feb. 13, Orlando, Florida. May 10th was the 40th Anniversary of the Gild at Sky Top Lodge, Pa. and it was a gala event. Memories and nostalgia all over the place. P.M. Joe Mulcare, of the original 13 was there to add the spice and other seasonings. Warden Joe Adams was master of ceremonies and Alderman Bernie Gardner was pleased. Master of Revels, Jay Wilson and his committee did a superb job on the wassail planning for suppers and burgers and wives in Atlanta. Mayor Gerry lauded the membership for their zeal and response to Gild Activities. Mayor Brennan presented the Gild Lamp to Paul Reichardt outgoing A.G.A. Chairman. "See Picture". "Ye Olde Capital City Club" was chosen for this wassail.

Other Hi Lites. Senior Warden Mike Grace, a much traveled man was in action all over. Aldermen were hard put to keep up with the calendar of events. But they did. Wardens had a variety of breakfast menus and principal speakers at all breakfasts and luncheons. 34 suppliers travelled to Pocono for the 40th birthday of the Gild. Bill Hamilton, P.M. VI, Karl Schick, P.M. VII, Jim Chaisson, P.M. XIV, Joe Mulcare, P.M. III. Gama Annual Convention and Gild Breakfast attended by 72 suppliers. Bob Seymour, Chairman, A.G.A. honored guest.

Mayors Award went to suppliers William B. Ashby for his great service to the Gild & the Gas Industry. The Knighting Ceremony was conducted by Jim Chaisson, P.M. XIV. Congratulations to "Sir Bill".

Mayor Brennan was the recipient of a very special signet and ring set with "B" and diamonds for his outstanding service to the Gild. New Mayor Mike Grace was the orator. P.M.'s attended many of the Gilds sessions.



FOUR great P.M.s enjoy the festivities of the Gild and do a lot of reminising about the supplers and wassails over the years. They agree in one voice there's nothing like the Gild of Ancient Supplers anywhere in the world and Mayor Brennan agrees 100%.

P.M. James Chaisson, P.M. Karl Schick, Mayor Brennan, P.M. William Hamilton, P.M. Joe Mulcare.



Mayor Brennan (white cape) surrounded by his team of heavy hitters (officers). They just came out of a planning meeting and are happy about the whole thing. Can hardly wait to go into action. Here we come.

After this we're accepting our bid from Hollywood.



This is what it's all about. A wonderful get together at breakfast – fun and gaiety – serious moments and admonishments, "go get em Tiger", is on the Mayor mid-center sitting. "Sir Bill" Ashby agrees (with his legs crossed.) Wish I could do that.

Plenty of sage advice for the P.M.s to the Mayor. From left to right, Karl Schiek, James Chaisson, Mayor Brennan, Joe Mulcare, William Hamilton, Mike Grace, Senior Warden.



Look us over — Walter Morris (Clerk), Bill Ashby ("Sir Bill"), Mayor Brennan, P.M. Chaisson, Russ Skinner (his probity), Bernie Gardner (Alderman), Clay Braswell (warden).



Left to right. Front row, Ned Norman, Wayne Hamilton, Russ Skinner, Bill McDonnell. 2nd row, Walter Morris, Jerry Brennan, Sam Houston. Back row, Jim Chaisson, Mike Grace.



Left to right, Mayor Gerry Brennan, Paul Reichardt, Chairman A.G.A.

Boston Beams and scrod came later. Twas a great breakfast for the suppliers. Gathered Dist. 9-7-1-4-3 and 8 were there to enjoy a typical Boston breakfast meeting. Sergeant at Arms pointed a long Ken Taylor finger at the late ones, no-pins, and "the truth is not in him", you name it and it cost. Dave Sampson, Pres, NEGA, honored guest and speaker. Mayor Brennan said it all to warden T. C. Roche Jr. District 9 - you've done it again.

Let's give the suppliers a real college try this year. We got things going for us, says Mayor Brennan, and the goose hangs high. Breakfasts are terrific all over the districts. Everybody's pitching. The wassail is coming up. Membership is strong. You are a great bunch.

Two happy people pose for this one. Mayor Brennan, the giver of the cherished Gild "Bell Ringer" Lamp Award to Paul Reichardt, Chairman A.G.A. in recognition of the fine cooperation the Gild of Ancient Suppliers enjoy thru their close relationship with the American Gas Association and sharing in each others problems and the maintenance of our free enterprise system.



Sr. Warden Mike Grace does his stuff well at his well attended breakfast. G.A.M.A. convention Homestead. May 10, '76. Everybody had a great time.



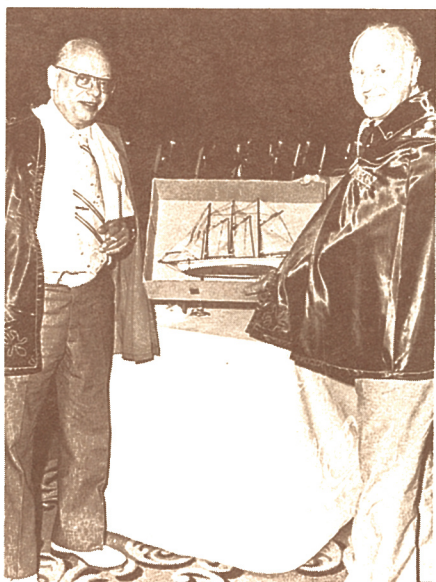
They got up early for this one and like all breakfast eyes became open in the first few minutes. It's wonderful to say good morning to suppliers.



We're all here for you to look at and remember a wonderful luncheon March 22, '77. After this posing bit there was time for Fun and Reunion. What's more enjoyable than suppliers from all over getting together.



Many nice things happen to suppliers whenever they meet and this nice thing happened to P.M. Chaisson when Mayor Brennan presented the Award of Sage for outstanding, unselfish service to the Gild and suppliers everywhere.



Two Happy People. P.M. Chaisson, right, and Mayor Brennan, left, toast each other and exchange past achievements and talk about the term of office coming up at the Annual Wassail. A truly great affair.

Ned Norman, P.M. XI (left), Traveler - Inventor - R.R. Buff - Artist - Ship Builder, presents "Blue Nose", operating model to outgoing Mayor J. Chaisson, P.M. XIV. Happy is the man who sails. This was a masterpiece and P.M. Ned built the whole thing.

