

Shephards Tavern

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of ways.

Not only was Shephard's a place to eat and drink but also a place to do business, hold public meetings, and write or receive mail. As one of the principal public houses of Charleston, it played an important part in the development of the city. It shared this honor with the Exchange Coffee House at Alexander Chisolm's on the Bay and Marshal's on the Bay "where gentlemen will have the Entertainment and Attendance usual in Coffee Houses abroad."

In 1734, a notice appeared in the South Carolina Gazette, a weekly journal printed in "Charles-Town." It announced tickets would go on sale for a play "The Orphan or the Unhappy Marriage" which was to be held at Shephard's Tavern at the intersection of Broad and Church



Left to right: Mark Sebring, Principal of Hazeltine Elementary School in Van Nuys, presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to Terry Klapp and S.K. Claude Klapp 32° K.C.C.H., in appreciation for their Volunteer efforts at Hazeltine elementary School. (Photo courtesy of Ron Balin)

Street on October 17th. This was the first season plays of any type to be presented in Charleston.

Also, in the October 28, 1736, Gazette, the following paragraph appeared: "Last night a lodge of Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, was held, for the first time, at Mr. Charles Shephard's, Broad Street, when John Hammerton, Esq. Secretary and Receiver General for this province, was unanimously chosen Master, who was pleased to appoint Mr. Thomas Denne, Senior Warden, Mr. Tho. Harbin, Junior Warden, and Mr. James Gorden, Secretary."

Shephard's Tavern burned down during a fire in 1740. After the ashes had cooled, it was rebuilt in the same spot using as many materials as could be saved from the original building.

Theatrical performances at Shephard's were held in a large public room called the "Court Room," so called because the province rented the large room for that purpose.

Welcoming ceremonies for newly arrived British governors were held at Shephard's, Dillon's, and Poinsettia's.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons, formed in 1754, met at Shephard's.

The "Sons of Liberty" held their meetings at Shephard's.

According to Charles Fraser's Reminiscences of Charleston, Shephard's was known popularly as the "Corner Tavern."

Charleston's First Troop of Horse was organized and the Court of Sessions was held at Shephard's.

Charleston's gentlemen came there to read, do business, hold public meeting, write and send letters.

An advertisement found in the South Carolina Gazette of November 19, 1744, notes: "The Subscriber has opened his House in Broad Street, where may be depended on, as Good Entertainment as this Province affords, and the Customers as obliging usage, Thy most obedient humble Servant, Charles Shephard."

An advertisement found in the South Carolina Gazette of May 16, 1743, notes: "The Hon. William Ball, Esq., announces Charles Shephard as Post Master for the province of South Carolina."

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Think About It!

By Ron Koretz, 32° K.C..C.H.

Several years ago, the National Institutes of Health hosted a consensus conference of experts to create guidelines regarding the treatment of hepatitis C. In theory, a consensus conference consists of a panel of physicians and educated lay people who hear all sides of the story regarding a particular medical issue and then retire to a closed room and draft a consensus statement to which all of the panel members can agree. Implicit in this process is the assumption that all of the evidence will be presented.

The consensus panel heard about the evidence from 28 speakers and, after completing their deliberations, issued a statement that advocated treatment for most patients with hepatitis C. What was poorly publicized in the final document was the fact that 21 of the 28 speakers had acknowledged some type of financial relationship with one or both of the two companies that manufactured the drugs used to treat hepatitis C. (For example, some of these speakers had research funded by the companies and others were paid by the companies to serve on their advisory committees or to give lectures about hepatitis.) Interestingly, even though all sides should have been heard, there was not a single speaker who had any type of relationship at all with agencies that would have to pay for the treatment or even members of the scientific community who had skeptical opinions about the value of treatment.

Perhaps the NIH is beginning to learn its lesson. In February of this year, a conference was scheduled to discuss the treatment of pregnant women who had herpes or of babies infected with that virus. Five experts were to present the evidence. However, it turned out that four of them, including the one who was responsible for coordinating the writing of

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the guidelines, had financial ties to the companies that produced herpes drugs. After being alerted by a variety of “watchdogs”, the NIH abruptly canceled the conference.

My comments should not be taken to mean that these guidelines are, or would have been, wrong. However, the conflicts of interest do cast a shadow over them. Unfortunately, in our current times, most researchers in any specialized medical field do have industry relationships. While they argue that these relationships are a means of surviving, the time may have come for the public to demand that researchers either refrain from becoming so compromised or, if they cannot, to be uninvolved in the processes that create policies afterward.

Think about it.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2007

Stated Meeting and

Knights of St Andrews Installation
(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)

Menu: Beef Short Ribs or Salmon

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Advisory Council Meeting

Santa Monica Masonic Center

“Riviera room” — 7 p.m.

Friday, May 25, 2007

8th Degree

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Dinner 7:00 p.m. — Degree 8:00 p.m.

Friday June 8, 2007

Stated Meeting and

Potentate's Visit

(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)

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Knights Of St. Andrew
Stated Meetings
First Friday of the Month
7 p.m. — Riviera Room

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Left to right: Leonard Stern of the Beverly Hills School District Adult Education Department, George Black 32°, Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix , and Mark Sebring, Principal of Hazeltine elementary School in Van Nuys. These Educators were honored at our March Stated meeting. (Photo courtesy of Ron Balin)

In Celebration of the 90th Birthday of William Nemoy
By Ralph S. Dunn & Ruth Benveniste

In Loving Memory of Maxine
By William Nemoy and his Lady Edythe

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Suppose you were an idiot.
And suppose you were a
member of Congress.... But then I
repeat myself.— *Mark Twain*

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