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Mel Blanc



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Known as "the Man of 1,000 Voices," Melvin Jerome Blank was an accomplished bassist, violinist and sousaphone player. Early in his career, he played in the NBC Radio Orchestra and conducted the pit orchestra at the Orpheum Theatre in Portland.

A voice specialist from radio, movies and TV, Blanc was rarely seen by his audience although widely recognized as the voice of virtually every major Warner Brothers cartoon character except Elmer Fudd. He is perhaps best known for the voice of [Bugs Bunny](#). Joining the Warner Bros. studio in 1936 (1937?), Blanc's voice was also featured as the original voice of Woody Woodpecker in 1940. The following year he was signed to an exclusive contract with Warner Bros.

His on-screen appearances were rare, but he had amusing moments in Neptune's Daughter (1949), Champagne for Caesar (1950), and Kiss Me, Stupid (1964); he also provided off screen voices for Strange Brew (1983). His autobiography, *That's Not All, Folks!*, was published in 1988.



OUR NEXT BUREAU MEETING
Sunday, September 17, 2006

Pasadena Scottish Rite

150 North Madison Ave.

Coffee and Rolls at 9:15 AM

Meeting Starts at 10:00 AM

Program

Most Worshipful

R. Stephen Doan

Past Grand Master

A Review of 2006

Grand Lodge Legislation

This is the most important meeting of the year. All of the Brethren planning to attend Grand Lodge, especially if they are voting delegates, will benefit from the explanation of the resolutions given by the Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan. This meeting is for [Master Masons only](#).

Grand Lodge is just around the corner. Each new year brings a new set of resolutions that sparks discussion and debate on the Grand Lodge floor. This year should be no different.

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Over the years, Blanc received many awards from civic organizations. Among them were the United Jewish Welfare Fund Man of the Year and the Show Business Shrine Club's first Life Achievement Award. One of Blanc's favorite charities was the Shrine Hospital Children's Burn Center.

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BROTHER BUGS?



Prayer At Valley Forge

Many people dismiss Washington's prayer at Valley Forge as sentimental legend. Yet the story is well grounded in the historical record. Our chief source is the eyewitness testimony of Isaac Potts, a Valley Forge resident who shared the following story with the Rev. Nathaniel Randolph Snowden (1770-1851), who then recorded it in his "Diary and Remembrances."

"I was riding with Mr. Potts near to the Valley Forge where the army lay during the war of ye Revolution, when Mr. Potts said, 'Do you see that woods & that plain? There laid the army of Washington. It was a most distressing time of ye war, and all were for giving up the Ship but that great and good man. In that woods (pointing to a close in view) I heard a plaintive sound as of a man at prayer. I tied my horse to a sapling & went quietly into the woods. To my astonishment, I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at Prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with his Divine aid, as it was ye Crisis & the cause of the country, of humanity & of the world. Such a prayer I never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying. I went home & told my wife. We never thought a man could be a soldier & a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington. We thought it was the cause of God & America could prevail."

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