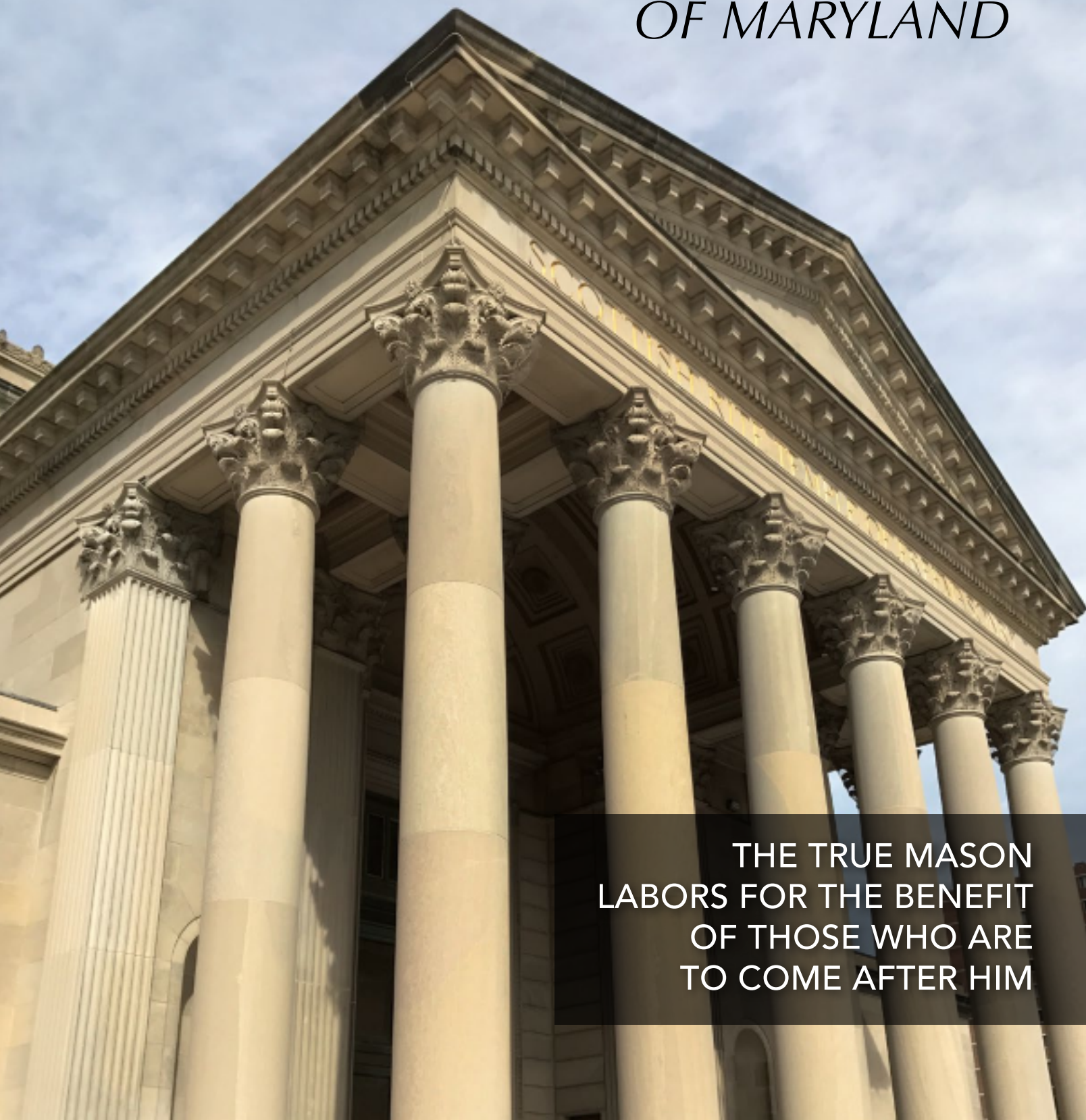




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**A MESSAGE FROM**

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings to All,

I hope this issue of our Rite News finds everyone  
well and reflecting on a wonderful summer that  
is now history. Cool weather has signaled that  
winter is rapidly approaching.

I want to extend my sincerest congratulations  
to our newest Honourmen. New Knights  
Commander of the Court of Honor, new  
Inspectors General Honorary, and a new Grand  
Cross who were all honored in Baltimore.  
The celebration concluded with a four course  
banquet. I want to say thank you to all those  
who participated in the degrees and assisted  
in the many different areas that make things  
happen! You all did an awesome job; one that  
made the day memorable for all who attended.  
These new caps may never be asked for. They  
are never given freely, each is earned. On  
behalf of all our Scottish Rite members, I  
extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation  
for the time, energy, and dedication you have  
given to our gentle fraternity. A new cap is  
not the end of your work, but the beginning  
of new expectations. It means new leadership  
for each Valley, new ideas, visions, and new  
responsibilities. We must also thank the ladies of  
each new Honourman for sharing their time.

Speaking of time, classes and degree work are  
under way for our Fall Reunion on November  
4th. It is not too late to bring in a new Scottish  
Rite Member. Who knows? You may bring in a  
future Honourman. The Feast of Tishri will be  
conducted on Wednesday November 15th. Why



not bring a friend and help celebrate the harvest  
and take home a bag of fresh fruit. Plans are  
underway for the annual Christmas Program on  
December 10th at 2:00pm. Brother Bob England  
and his Lady Jo Ann are working furiously on the  
train garden. If you would like to help or have  
any trains or train parts, your time or donations  
would be very welcome. As you can see, the  
Orient of Maryland has a lot going on this year.

Congratulations are in order for both  
Susquehanna and Frederick Valleys. The Supreme  
Council just issued a new charter for the Deer  
Creek Chapter of Rose Croix, and Frederick  
has been issued letters temporary for their new  
Council of Kadosh (with rumors that a consistory  
might not be too far away...)

Now, may I wish each of you a bountiful  
Thanksgiving, joyous Christmas, a prosperous  
New Year, and the blessing of good health and  
much happiness; now and always.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
in Maryland**





# Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

By: MW Kostas Vourvoulas, 33° – Jephthah Lodge #222



IT IS VERY APPROPRIATE that I am writing this piece just after returning from the Scottish Rite Biennial Sessions in Washington D.C. It was a very informative and enjoyable session. Brothers and their wives from all over the world attended. The Universality of Masonry was never more apparent than at this event. It did not matter from what part of the globe you came or what language you spoke, we were all part of one Masonic Family.

The world today has become a dangerous place in which to live. It seems that many groups do not care about their fellow man. They are only concerned with their own agenda. It does not matter what color a person's skin is or what religion they practice, resorting to violence and other reprehensible behavior cannot be tolerated. Reasonable

people from all walks of life must come together and put an end to these senseless acts.

Organizations such as ours are the vehicles by which change can be achieved. The Tenants of the Craft; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are exactly what is needed to end the behavior that is tearing humanity apart.

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As we all are aware, that by the exercise of Brotherly Love the whole human species is regarded as one family. This is clearly represented in our Fraternity because men are able to meet in peace and harmony regardless of their race, color or creed. Masonry is one of the few organizations capable of bridging this gap.

Relieving the distressed is a duty that we all share. There can be no greater calling than helping our fellow man in his time of need. Through all of the charities that the Masonic Family operates, we are able to assist many people who are in need of our help.

Truth is a divine attribute and the basis of all good. To be true, not only to ourselves, but to everyone around us is what we strive for. If we do not deceive and are always sincere in our words and actions in dealing with others, the world at large will be a much better place in which to live.

Therefore, let us practice the Tenants of Masonry and spread them throughout the world, teaching men that, by using these guidelines, the behavior of today will become a thing of the past and the future will become a much brighter place.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and our entire Masonic family as we continue spreading the light of Freemasonry throughout the world.

# How Many Brothers?

By: Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33° – Annapolis Lodge #89 – Orient Personal Representative, MWPGM



HOW MANY BROTHERS does it take to make a Scottish Rite Mason? If you consider all twenty-nine degrees, it will take quite a few. Yes, it will vary in each Valley and Orient, but let us just suppose that we could make a rough estimate of the typical class that is exposed to six or seven degrees. Each degree will require from 10 to 30 brethren in the cast. Therefore, we start with about

150 brothers. We have about 5 brothers in the robing room. There are about 10 or 12 in the property room. Then come the electricians and sound operators, about 10 more. So you see, with the office staff and other brothers who greet, and the Knights of St. Andrews, we are over 200 participants only on reunion day. When you consider all else, including the various lodge meetings and rehearsals, you can see how much time and how many people it takes in Baltimore to make a Scottish Rite Mason. Our SGIG, Marlin Mills, is quick to point this out to most classes.

Why do I bring this up at this time? It is to encourage all of our Scottish Rite Brethren that we need each of our brothers help and support in all of our

degree work. If each of us are able to just accomplish small parts of the total work, how much more fulfilling it will be for all of us. Remember my brethren, the joy and fellowship that we cultivate while preparing for these degrees is one of the great rewards that we receive for being a Mason. Please my brother, if you are not just now participating in some way (either great or small) then let me encourage you to fulfill that part of your Masonic obligations where you promised to dispense light and knowledge to your uninformed brethren. Sometimes you do not have great hours to assist others, but just remember that the small amount of time and effort that you can sometime expend may be just the correct thing that is the difference between success and failure.

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## Valley of Baltimore

By: Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33°, GC – Personal Representative for the Valley of Baltimore



**COMMENCING IN 1998** and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, initiated a program of recognition for outstanding Junior ROTC students. This initiative recognizes high school youth enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) unit for their scholastic excellence and patriotic Americanism efforts. The award consists of a medal, ribbon and a certificate suitable for framing.

### JROTC

Army  
Frederick Douglas High School  
Cadet Lemar E. Howard

Navy  
Woodlawn High School  
Cadet Jordan Wood

Air Force  
Laurel High School  
Cadet Tynesha D. Smith

Marine  
Chesapeake High School  
Cadet Malik Kahn

Navy  
Mergenthaler Vocational  
Technical High School  
Cadet Ryan Means

Navy  
Dundalk High School  
Cadet Keith Elliott

Army  
Atholton High School  
Cadet Taehyun G. Lee

Army  
Howard High School  
Cadet Diamond Benton

Air Force  
Charles H. Flowers High School  
Cadet Darius Moore

Air Force  
Oxen Hill High School  
Cadet Paul Romero

Air Force  
High Point High School  
Cadet Barbara Dokoski

Army  
Polytechnic Institute  
Cadet Naz Henderson

Commencing in 2002, and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, instituted a similar award for ROTC cadets. Like the JROTC Award Program, the recipient receives three recognitions: a certificate suitable for framing, a medal, and a ribbon.

### ROTC

Army  
Johns Hopkins University  
Cadet Cameron White

Army  
University of Maryland  
Cadet Kristina McKenna

Air Force  
University of Maryland  
Cadet Nicholas Jodon

Air Force  
University of Maryland  
Cadet Hazel Mouayang

Army  
Morgan State University  
Cadet Charles Davis

Army  
McDaniel College  
Cadet Tyler Ambrose

Army  
Mount St. Mary's University  
Cadet Joseph Remaniak

Army  
Bowie State University  
Cadet Victor Ramos

*Special thanks to Illustrrious Brother John S. English, 33°, Illustrrious Brother Oswald E. Kinat, 33°, Honorable Brother W. Miles Cole, 32°, KCCH and Honorable Brother Daniel L. Roberts, 32°, KCCH for assisting in making this year's presentations.*

## Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: W. Michael Boughman, 32°, KCCH – Pythagoras Lodge #123 – Venerable Master



**GREETINGS BRETHREN** and welcome to a new season of Scottish Rite Masonry. The Royal Arch degree, in one form or another, is present in most systems of higher degrees in Freemasonry. In the York Rite, it forms the capstone of the Capitular degrees, while in the Scottish Rite, it is present primarily in the 13th Degree called Royal Arch of Solomon. In the Scottish Rite legend, reference is made to a far older tradition involving Enoch. In Morals and Dogma, Pike writes of him "Enoch, we are told, walked with God three hundred years, after reaching the age of sixty-five -"walked with God, and he was no more, for God had taken him" His name is signified in the Hebrew, INITIATE or INITIATOR. The legend of the columns, of granite and brass or bronze, erected by him, is probably symbolical, that of bronze, which survived the flood, is supposed to symbolize the

mysteries, of which Masonry is the legitimate successor-from the earliest times the custodian and depository of the great philosophical and religious truths, unknown to the world at large, and handed down from age to age by the unbroken current of tradition, embodied in symbols, emblems, and allegories."

**EQUILIBRIUM  
and love for  
mankind are  
the way  
forward to  
a better  
tomorrow.**

To paraphrase the legend, Enoch deposited a secret trove which preserved the secrets relating to true knowledge of the name of God, and knowledge of civilization and the arts, in a secret chamberconsisting of nine sequential arches beneath the earth. This trove was discovered by certain laborers while working to complete Solomon's Temple, and the secrets were preserved therein until the destruction of that temple, when they were again lost for a time. The York Rite Royal Arch legend deals more with this aspect of loss and recovery, while the Scottish Rite

Royal Arch deals more with the recovery of knowledge lost earlier but then rediscovered during the time of Solomon. Either way, the symbolism is the same: the preparation for and recovery of knowledge so that it might be perpetuated to future generations. Like all allegories in masonry, this can have multiple meanings.

Uncovering knowledge buried within one's self and growing as a person can be one meaning. Another, more explicit political meaning, could be working to perpetuate and preserve libertyfor future generations by creating a single document to list all the proper functions and limits of government: A Constitution. In either case, the preservation of what is good against "inundation and conflagration" is central to the teachings of Masonry. Various passions and troubles assail us all, every day. Sometimes the world seems balanced on the edge of a knife, but as Masons, let us not lose sight of the central truth that lies within, sometimes buried or hidden by the arguments of the day but always within reach: that EQUILIBRIUM and love for mankind are the way forward to a better tomorrow.

In closing, I hope you have all had a most enjoyable summer. I look forward to greeting you at future meetings and at the various degrees and events throughout the fall.



## Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

By: Hon. S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH – Annapolis Lodge #89 – Wise Master



**THIS IS MY LAST MESSAGE** as Wise Master for the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix, and I just want to say that I have truly enjoyed serving in the Rose Croix line this past year. My journey advancing in the line and participating in the Knight of Rose Croix degree team over the last seven years has been very enlightening.

We have had a good year in the fraternity. We have had

several new brethren initiated and become 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons. We've also had some degrees conferred recently that have not been seen for a while, furthering our masonic knowledge and continuing the tradition of the Scottish Rite being the "College of Freemasonry."

Of course, coming to degree conferrals and social events is important, but there are so many things you can do to further enrich your Scottish Rite experience. You can participate as a cast member, helping in the robing room, or become a stage, lighting, or sound crew member. There are also educational avenues the Rite provides that allow you to learn about the degrees and the meanings behind them, such as the Master Craftsman

program. And of course, the rituals of our fraternity offer so much philosophy, symbolism, and teachings that can lead you down several rabbit holes of research that can last you a lifetime.

Looking ahead, I see a bright future for the Scottish Rite in our Valley and Orient in general. I wish my successor Hon. Bro. Bob Reynolds, 32° KCCH much success in the upcoming year. Thank you to all the Scottish Rite brethren that devote their time and energy to making our fraternity successful. I would also like to thank our S.G.I.G, Ill. Bro. Marlin L. Mills, 33° for his leadership and support.

See you soon at the Scottish Rite Temple!

## JROTC/ROTC Presentations 2017



## Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Bro. James W. Meulendyke, 32° – Pythagoras Lodge #123 – Commander of Kadosh



**I HOPE EVERYONE** had a relaxing summer and festive Independence Day. As summer fades and we head into fall, activity here at the Scottish Rite picks up.

Over the years I've noticed that one of the more well received degrees by candidates is the 21st, Noachite, or Prussian Knight. The great stage craft our brothers display in the degree is captivating. As time went by, I wondered if there could be thematic unity between the represented Prussian Vehmgericht and the Noachite tradition.

I began with a look at Morals and Dogma, which, to summarize, had two main points. Always act humbly, "You are especially charged in this Degree to be modest and humble, and not vain-glorious nor filled with self-conceit." Secondly, do not air others' dirty laundry, "With the errors and even sins of other men, that do not personally affect us or ours, and need not our condemnation to be odious, we have nothing to do;" These two themes are fairly obvious in the staged degree. The second theme ties nicely with the story of Noah and his son Ham in Genesis 9:20-27 where Ham, seeing the state of his father gossips to his brothers, instead of covering his father. . When Noah awakes, Ham is cursed while his brothers are blessed.

Another strong point for thematic unity comes from tradition of the Seven Laws of Noah (or Noachide Laws).

1. Do not deny God.
2. Do not blaspheme God.

3. Do not murder.
4. Do not engage in illicit sexual relations.
5. Do not steal.
6. Do not eat from a live animal.
7. Establish courts/legal system to ensure obedience to said laws.

The representation of the Prussian Vehmgericht is the implementation of the 7th law to enforce the 5th. In the actions of Olaf, we find humility. While in the actions of the Grand Chapter, we find the implementation of the Vehmgericht and Noachide Law, thus granting the degree a thematic unity in its two titles, despite its singular history.

Brethren as always, it is a pleasure to serve, and I look forward to observing this fantastic degree with you on our upcoming reunion day. Thank you to all who work so hard to stage these degrees and carry forth the Light of Masonry to future generations.



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# Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33° – Thomas J. Shryock Lodge #223



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brother Mehler Hart, 32°, our new member of the Valley of Southern Maryland. Mehler is the Master of Thomas J Shryock

Lodge. Mehler usually sits in the East and presides over the meetings in this building, so it was interesting to see his reaction when he received his 4th degree in a room that should have been familiar to him but was completely different. It is always a thrill to take our new members to Reunion Day at the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore. It is a very special building.

Brother Jeremy Deal, 32°, our Venerable Master, also runs a very active Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program. He covers most every event

in St Mary’s County. Recently, he received a request from a family for an identification package for an elderly man that tends to wander off and gets lost. They said that such a kit would be a great help to them. Jeremy provided them a kit for the elderly gentleman and felt like it may be a good idea to consider for the future.

If you are ever in Southern Maryland on the first or third Wednesday, stop in at the Valley of Southern Maryland. You will be among friends and, I know you will see someone you know.

## THE MASTER MASON FRIEND WHO:

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2. Would like to join with other earnest men in an absorbing study of present day problems;

3. Would appreciate turning, for just a little while, from the constant struggles of day to day existence to commune with the noblest intellects of all time, brought to him in matchless degrees.
4. Enjoys viewing worthwhile drama, well presented;

5. Finds the hearty fellowship and goodwill of other men inspiring and enjoyable.

6. Is willing to enter into true fraternity with other men when he finds them worthy; and

7. Has caught the gleam of Masonic inspiration from his Blue Lodge work and is ready to seek the truth still further;

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# WHAT IS THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

*Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles after thou hast gathered in thy corn and wine.*  
*Deut. 16:13*

The Feast of Tabernacles also commemorates the ceremonies of the completion and dedication of King Solomon’s Temple, which was begun in the year 2992 \*A.L., and finished in a little more than seven years. In the year 3001 \*A.L., six months after its completion, in the month of Tishri, the seventh month of the Jewish sacred year, the Temple was dedicated with reverential ceremonies to the one Living and True God. That these ceremonies would reach the highest religious significance, King Solomon postponed the dedication until the Feast of Tabernacles, the 15th day of Tishri, a day he well knew would bring every zealous Israelite to Jerusalem.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has proclaimed the Feast of Tabernacles as the Feast Day of the Lodge of Perfection, the 15th day of Tishri, (October).

As did the Israelites of old and the New England Pilgrims, Scottish Rite Freemasons gather to acknowledge the mercies which God has poured upon them with lavish hand. It is a time of rejoicing, yet a time to pay humble adoration to the Great Architect of the Universe, without whose aid there would be no harvest.

*\*Anno Lucius – Freemasonry adds 4,000 years to our current calendar year (example: 2011 becomes 6011 A.L.).*

After the Ceremony, a “sit down” dinner will be served in the Banquet Hall & each attendee will receive a bag of fresh fruit

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**9th and 10th Degrees**

By: Hon. S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH – Annapolis Lodge #89 – Degree Master

**THIS FALL, A DEGREE TEAM** composed of Scottish Rite members from Annapolis Lodge No. 89 will be conferring the 9th and 10th degrees in the Valley of Baltimore. The Elu (meaning Elect) degrees, of which these are a part, are sometimes referred to as “vengeance” degrees because of the detailed retaliation against the ruffians contained in the rituals.

Many of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, as they are worked today, are quite different than the original versions. Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Albert Pike 33° received several ritual manuscripts when he was a newly initiated 32° Scottish

Rite Mason from Ill. Bro. Albert Mackey, 33°. Pike revised the degrees into a form that is more recognizable to us today. Using the original degrees as a



framework, he infused various philosophies into them and made them “workable” so they could be more easily conferred, not just communicated—which was a common practice in the early Scottish Rite.

The Elu degrees were no exception and were also included in the manuscripts Mackey gave to Pike. You can read the original degrees in *Albert Pike’s Masonic Rituals and Formulas* (DeHoyos, 2010). The three Elu degrees descend from an eighteenth century Masonic system no longer worked called the Adoniram Rite. This was a French Masonic Order consisting of 12 degrees that also contained other degrees that are part of the current day Scottish Rite.

The 9th, 10th, and 11th degrees are all being conferred in the Valley of Baltimore this fall on October 18. I hope you can come out and see these unique degrees.

**Terrazzo Floor Restoration**



*Photos, from right:*  
Floor with 50 years of wax buildup, Stripping off the many layers, and Close-up of wax on and wax off.



# A Short History of Cerneauism on Maryland’s Eastern Shore

By: Bro. Michael S. Bauman 32°, Coats Lodge #102



**THE IRREGULAR CERNEAU** Scottish Rite of Freemasonry began in the year 1807 in New York City. Joseph Cerneau, a jeweler by trade, came to New York from Cuba and constituted a Sovereign Grand Consistory of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. This irregular Scottish Rite body was rival to what is today the Supreme Council 33° Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. Although for a very short period of time they were united, this did not last long and the rivalry continued. Throughout the 1800s, up until the early 1900s, the Cerneau Consistories continued to work degrees throughout the northern and some parts of the southern jurisdiction. Brother Albert Pike was vehemently in opposition to Cerneauism and sought to rid the northern and southern jurisdiction of its influence. Pike spent much of his later years in life focusing on stopping the expansion of Cerneauism.

The Cerneau Rite eventually made its way to Maryland’s Eastern Shore. On 1 March 1889, 43 master Masons were

duly assembled at Coats Masonic Temple in Easton, Maryland for the purpose of receiving the fourth through the thirty-second degrees in the ancient and accepted Scottish Rite as organized by the illustrious brother Joseph Cerneau. The illustrious

**Brother Albert Pike was vehemently in opposition to Cerneauism and sought to rid the northern and southern jurisdiction of its influence.**

brothers, Grand Commander Dr. Ferdinand J.S. Gorgas, known for being a pioneer in the field of dental medicine, and James McGrath, Deputy Grand Master of Ceremonies were present. It was announced that a constitution or charter had been granted to form a Consistory of Sublime Princes and Commanders

of the Royal Secret. That same day, Maryland Consistory No. 52 was inaugurated in Easton, Maryland. The officers were then elected and installed. The first rendezvous of Maryland Consistory No. 52 was held on 23 March 1889. During this meeting, the by-laws were set before the consistory and approved. On 2 June 1891, six brothers suddenly demitted; it wasn’t long after that several more demits were to follow. The existence of Maryland Consistory No. 52 was short-lived; it was only three years before the dissolution of the consistory. The last Rendezvous on record is dated 15 March 1892. The minutes abruptly end on 15 March 1892 with no further records from the consistory. Today, much of what is left of Maryland Consistory No. 52 remains in a storage space above the Lodge room and some of historical items are on display in the dining area of Dr. John Coats Masonic Hall in Easton, Maryland.



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# How We Bring Members into the Fraternity is Far Less Important Than What We Do with Them Afterwards

By: Ill. Bro. Richard E. Fletcher, 33°, MWPGM Vermont

*Continued from previous issue*

There are many reasons that could be given why Freemasons are not noticed the way they used to be. But the most important one is that we simply are not out there, where we can be seen, the way we used to be, not just going to lodge but in the work lodge’s used to do in the community - visiting the sick and afflicted, caring for the widows and orphans, helping our neighbors. The Masonic basics are rarely on the agenda anymore.

Remember the old Mason who came to every meeting, never went through the chairs, had no Masonic titles but taught the lectures to new candidates and told them what the lodge was all about? We don’t see many of those old timers anymore either. Oh - I know some are still there, but they are not as visible as they used to be, and they are not as numerous.

What happened? Tragically the ones that used to help us in lodge either are not there anymore or are not used any more. The help we used to receive from others is not a hidden value. It is a forgotten value.

Another aspect of lodge attendance from which we also seem to have drifted is the support we used to give to each other. Can Masons working

together possibly make a difference? Let me share with you from his book The Mystic Tie, the story Allen E. Roberts tells about Robert Burns, the Scottish Freemason and poet.

Before Robert Burns became a Freemason, he was known to few in Scotland. Great Britain, and the world, didn’t know of his existence. This would change thanks to his Masonic brethren.

Burns was persuaded by Gavin Hamilton, the Master of Lodge Loudoun Kilwinning at Newmilns, to collect and publish his poems. He did. The edition was limited to 600, of which the members of St. John’s Lodge of Kimarnock took 350. In every respect, this could be called a Masonic edition. Burns had no money, so his brethren fully supported the enterprise. It was printed by John Wilson, an enthusiastic Mason. It was dedicated, naturally, to Gavin Hamilton.

Still without funds, Burns decided to seek his fortune in Jamaica. But just before he was to leave, he received a letter from a Dr. Blacklock. Burns was urged to go to Edinburgh to arrange for a second printing of his poems. This proved to be a turning point in his life. There he visited Canongate Kilwinning Lodge and met Lord Glencairn. Glencairn liked Burns

and obtained a position for him in the Excise. Most important, Glencairn persuaded members of the nobility to subscribe to the works of Burns.

It was said of the Edinburgh edition of Burns’ Poems: “surely never a book came out of a more Masonic laboratory.” The author, printer, illustrator, and publisher were all Freemasons.

Three years later, Lord Glencairn died, and Burns wrote his “Lament for James, Earl of Glencairn.” Many consider the last verse of this elegy the finest Burns had ever written:

The bridegroom may forget the bride  
Was made his wedded wife yestreen;  
The monarch may forget the crown  
That on his head an hour has been;  
The mother may forget the bairn  
That smiles sae sweetly on her knee;  
But I’ll remember thee, Glencairn,  
And a’that thou hast done for me!

When was the last time you heard and a’that thou hast done for me! in lodge?

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## Lobsterfest



## Biennial Sessions 2017





## Valley of Frederick — Knights of St. Andrews

By: SK Clifford Gaston, 32° – Columbia Lodge #58 – Knight Commander



**KNIGHTS,  
MASTERS,  
SQUIRES  
AND  
BROTHERS  
OF THE  
ORIENT OF  
MARYLAND –**

I hope your summer has been

a joyous one. So far, 2017 has been and continues to be a very joyous time for the Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley Of Frederick. In my previous letter, I stated that I looked forward to serving with and for all fellow Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA) Organizations in Maryland and Scottish Rite brothers in

2017, and would shoulder more than my share of the task. So far this year, our Knights have provided many different services to the Valley, including numerous Color Guard services for the Valley of Frederick, Missing man table, conducting a Festive board, helping along with our other KSA brothers in the most recent Biennial convention and participating in the Columbia lodge open house on September 9th in Frederick, MD. So you can see, we are involved in a lot of events, and are a supporting organization, as well as one assisting with the Valley's educational, ritualistic, social, fund-raising, and traditional

programs. I have been so lucky and proud over these last few months to be a MASON and to be able to get around and meet some of you glorious fellow Knights, Masters and Brothers. All of you have made a positive and lasting impression on me. Rob Mitchell, your stories during the Biennial make me want to sit in the library of the House of the Temple (HoT) with a sleeping bag and read everything, Illustrious Marlon Curtis, we share a brotherhood that stretches more than just masonry...it's a creed!!! RTLW! I was able to meet so many great and grand people. May God Bless you all and always stay humble and kind!!

## Sons of Liberty Masonic Bikers Association



**DO YOU RIDE A MOTORCYCLE** of ANY kind, spend time with like-minded brothers and tell people you are a Mason? If you answered yes, we want to hear from you! We are **Low Twelve Masonic Riders of Maryland** and We want to meet you. We wear different hats in life and in Masonry. We are Fathers and

Sons, Scottish Rite, Past Masters, Tylers, Shriners, Tall Cedars and everyone in between.

Our purpose is to provide a social and fraternal outlet for Freemasons who ride and desire to socialize and travel the open roads with their brethren. Boy, do we ride! We also like to introduce Freemasonry to bikers and bikers to the world of Freemasonry. While we wear identifying patches and black vests like all groups do, the Low Twelve Riders are not a gang, MC, or 1%er Club. We are required to represent the fraternity in a positive light at all times.

The Low Twelve Riders serve as a Masonic Booster Club by helping to raise Masonic Awareness while we attend public motorcycling events and supporting our Blue Lodges. Low Twelve Riders chapters have helped to increase Masonic membership through our presence and visibility during public motorcycle events and rallies. For information, contact Bro. Vilkas at [charlie569brown@yahoo.com](mailto:charlie569brown@yahoo.com).

We have three different chapters in the state, so no matter where you live in Maryland or southern Pennsylvania, there is always a brother close to you!

## Reading Masons and Masons Who Do Not Read

By: Bro. Albert G. Mackey, 33° (1807-1881)



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In the commencement of a war, hundreds flock to the lodges in the hope of obtaining the "mystic sign," which will be of service in the hour of danger. Their object having been attained, or having failed to attain it, these men become indifferent and, in time, fall into the rank of the non-affiliates. Of such Masons there is no hope. They are dead trees having no promise of fruit. Let them pass as utterly worthless, and incapable of improvement.

THERE IS A second class consisting of men who are the moral and Masonic antipodes of the first. These make their application for admission, being prompted, as the ritual requires, "by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, and a desire of knowledge." As soon as they are initiated, they see in the ceremonies through which they have passed, a philosophical meaning worthy

of the trouble of inquiry. They devote themselves to this inquiry. They obtain Masonic books, they read Masonic periodicals, and they converse with well-informed brethren. They make themselves acquainted with the history of the Association. They investigate its origin and its ultimate design. They explore the hidden sense of its symbols and they acquire the interpretation. Such Masons are always useful and honorable members of the Order, and very frequently they become its shining lights. Their lamp burns for the enlightenment of others, and to them the Institution is indebted for whatever of an elevated position it has attained. For them, this article is not written.

But between these two classes, just described, there is an intermediate one; not so bad as the first, but far below the second, which, unfortunately, comprises the body of the Fraternity.

THIS THIRD CLASS consists of Masons who joined the Society with unobjectionable motives, and with, perhaps the best intentions. But they have failed to carry these intentions into effect. They have made a grievous mistake. They have supposed that initiation was all that was requisite to make them Masons, and that any further study was entirely unnecessary. Hence, they never read a Masonic book. Bring to their notice the productions of

the most celebrated Masonic authors, and their remark is that they have no time to read—the claims of business are overwhelming. Show them a Masonic journal of recognized reputation, and ask them to subscribe. Their answer is, that they cannot afford it, the times are hard and money is scarce.

And yet, there is no want of Masonic ambition in many of these men. But their ambition is not in the right direction. They have no thirst for knowledge, but they have a very great thirst for office or for degrees. They cannot afford money or time for the purchase or perusal of Masonic books, but they have enough of both to expend on the acquisition of Masonic degrees.

It is astonishing with what avidity some Masons who do not understand the simplest rudiments of their art, and who have utterly failed to comprehend the scope and meaning of primary, symbolic Masonry, grasp at the empty honors of the high degrees. The Master Mason who knows very little, if anything, of the Apprentice's degree longs to be a Knight Templar. He knows nothing, and never expects to know anything, of the history of Templarism, or how and why these old crusaders became incorporated with the Masonic brotherhood. The height of his ambition is to wear the Templar cross upon his breast.

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## Biennial Session 2017

Photos Courtesy of Ill. Marlon K. Curtis, 33° - Valley of Washington, Orient of DC



## Piety and Charity

By: Hon. Charles Matulewicz, 32°, KCCH – Palestine Lodge #189



MORALS AND DOGMA has pulled together ideas from across the world's cultures to illuminate this Masonry that our forefathers have left in our care and it is not easy going. Pike's words are not the words we use, and our education no longer includes Cicero and Herodotus... but for those that persist, there are wise and serious truths to be found. Let's consider two ideas: piety and charity.

In the Prince of the Tabernacle, Pike works through the Grecian Mysteries and their purpose. He strikes home the point that piety is the underlying purpose... but he never explained piety to what. Maybe it is best to explain what piety is and what it was. Words, like so many things, change over time and when the 21st century man thinks of piety, he thinks of the pious churchgoer who is always in a pew and maybe, just maybe, a little holier than

thou, but such was not always the case. In Pike's time, piety was duty and was epitomized by Pius Aeneas who carried his father out of smoldering Troy on his back and then crossed an ocean of time to return to his homeland. Pietas as Pike would have known it was duty, and to the Romans it was inextricably linked to family.

### In the Prince of the Tabernacle, Pike works through the Grecian Mysteries and their purpose.

Throughout Morals and Dogma we are reminded, as we are in our Blue Lodges, of the predominance of charity and how it extends the grave through the boundless realms of eternity. Does this mean the fraternity is improving good men by encouraging them to write checks and doing visible works, not in the Roman context Pike would have used? In the Roman usage, charity was *charitas* or a deep love and caring for one's fellow man. As Pike explains the concept in his chapter on the Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept, charity implores us to more: "He who truly loves his brother respects

the rights of his brother; but he does more, he forgets his own. Egoism sells or takes. Love delights in giving."

If the mysteries exist to inspire a sense of piety in its initiates and charity is a deep sense of caring in our fellow man, what does that mean for Freemasonry? Consider the number of Brothers whom have been inspired by a grandfather or uncle to join the fraternity. Consider the number of Brothers who have petitioned because they were looking for a friend. According to a story recounted by General Horatio C. King (1837-1918) at a New York banquet in 1906, McKinley witnessed a friendly exchange between a Union doctor and some wounded Confederate soldiers. When the doctor imparted to McKinley that the soldiers were "Brother Masons," McKinley is quoted as stating "...if that is Masonry, I will take some of it myself." What would the fraternity be were every Mason to take their square and compasses off of their lapel and seek only to be identified as a Mason through their actions? In a world of apathy and shrinking membership, could the solution to Masonry's problems not be banquets and programs - could it really be Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth? ... if that is Masonry, I will take some myself! Visit your Blue Lodge, visit your Scottish Rite... and I hope to see you in the classroom.



## Lodge of Perfection No.3 – Valley of Frederick

By: Sir Tommy J. Morris, 32°, P.K.C., G.T.C. – Columbia Lodge #58 -Venerable Master



AS MY YEAR DRAWS to a close as the Venerable Master, I could not be more pleased with what I have witnessed and what we have accomplished. From our Brethren demonstrating proficiency in the 30th Degree, our Valley receiving Letters Temporary for the Council of Kadosh, to meeting Scottish Rite Family members, and seeing firsthand how members and their families are helping to carry our legacy forward. Our legacy endures through us, our families and our Scottish Rite Temple.

That phrase — Masonic Family — has been my theme for this past year. And while more work needs to be done to improve our membership numbers, our members are actively engaged and truly committed to serving their communities and the Scottish Rite as demonstrated through our community programs and participation in the Biennial Session this past summer. Our Knights of St Andrew and Knights of St Andrew Ladies Auxiliary serve as a magnificent example and

an inspiration to members and their families.

One of the highlights of our Lodge of Perfection was the annual “Outing with the Ladies” which began in 1920 and we reignited this tradition at the local “Way Off Broadway” Dinner Theater to personify the Masonic Family. I would call on all Scottish Rite Freemasons to actively participate in our programs with your wives and families. This will serve to enrich and enhance the overall Scottish Rite experience for the Valley members and your families.

### Our legacy endures through us, our families and our Scottish Rite Temple.

And — like many Scottish Rite programs — involving Families does make a difference.

From the successes of Frederick Valley’s Annual Steak-Out, where guest found themselves smitten by the enticing flavors of Chef Morris’s Magical Spices, to one of the most popular events in Maryland, the Orient’s annual Lobster Festival, where we rolled up our sleeves & Got Cracking. Lastly, to events like our Annual “Burns Night Out”, a full evening of live music and classic Burns night traditions, which made it the most Scottish

experience you’ll get this side of Hadrian’s Wall. Last years event was such a resounding success, we decided to hold it again. I invite you to come celebrate Rabbie in style in 2018. Date: 27 January 2018, 5:00pm at the Frederick Masonic Temple, 6816 Blentlinger Road, Frederick, Maryland 21702. Burns Night is annually celebrated in Scotland on or around January 25. It commemorates the life of the bard (poet) Robert Burns, who was born on January 25, 1759. The day also celebrates Burns’ contribution to Scottish culture. His best known work is Auld Lang Syne. (details below)

Masonic youth programs are another fine example of how our members volunteer their time to help carry the legacy forward. Our DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and more, are national programs that have developed youths into leaders for generations. The renowned DeMolay program has helped young men who later went on to become leaders in government, the public sector, entertainment and elsewhere.

Being Venerable Master has truly been a life-changing experience. I have so much patriotism for our country now, and so much passion for the craft.

And last, I wanted to say we are still the nation’s largest and most influential Masonic service organization in the World. Thank you for what you do ...





# The History of the Free State Shield & Square Club Degree Team

By: Bro. John R. "Jack" Biggs, 33°, M.W.P.G.M.

IN 1998, while serving in Grand Master John Naquin's Grand Line as Sr. Grand Deacon, we attended the James W. Bowers Lodge in Hancock by invitation of W.M. Warren Peck. Entertainment that evening was an exemplification of the Delaware M.M. degree by the Shield & Square Club of Delaware. At the end of the evening, I asked G.M. Naquin if he would have any objection to me forming a similar team under the Grand Lodge of MD. He said, "No objection at all! Put a request in writing and get it to me tomorrow". Once the dispensation was issued, it wasn't long before we had a team together and the first invitation we received was from Warren Peck, W.M. to raise one of his F.C.

Our first honorary member was M.W. Bro. John Naquin, G.M. in 1998, followed closely by Ed

Kraft and Jerry Place. A couple of years after forming, we expanded the group to include all first responders. For a list of some of our members, visit [www.fsssc.org](http://www.fsssc.org).

## A couple of years after forming, we expanded the group to include all first responders.

In 1999 and again in 2001, we conferred the F.C. degree in Grand Lodge as a part of the One Day Classes. These were the only times we conferred a Blue Lodge degree other than the M.M.

In May of 2000, we were asked to confer the 12th Degree for

the Spring Class of the Scottish Rite. We had an outstanding group of ritualists who quickly rose to this new challenge.

In addition to the many Lodges in Maryland that we have raised Brothers in, we have had a number of invitations to confer or exemplify the Master Mason Degree in other jurisdictions. The first one came from "Charlies Angels", an Ohio Degree team in Defiance, Ohio, where we took part in a "Multi-State" Degree Festival they were hosting. We boarded a plane and were off to our first out-of-state conferral. There we met Brothers from Hyman-Jarmon Lodge who invited us to take part in a "Multi-State" Degree Festival they were having. We rented an 18-passenger van and headed to Vicksburg, Mississippi for several enjoyable days.

While attending the Dayton Ohio Amateur Radio "Hamfest",

I visited the John W. Durst lodge in Dayton. I was invited to bring the team there to raise a Dayton police officer. The John W. Durst Lodge has a very large contingent of members who were police officers. On our way back, I was stopped by an Ohio trooper - I had left my wallet in my uniform pocket, which was in the trunk - imagine his surprise to see a number of police uniforms there. What a small world - it turned out that he was a member of the same Lodge we had just visited the evening before. Suffice it to say, I chastised him for not being there.

One of the more interesting places we have conferred a degree in was the "Cave's Degree" in western Tennessee - there were spacious rooms inside of this huge cave, one of which was set up as a Lodge room.

In 2006 we held, what I believe, was the Grand Lodge of Maryland's first "Multi-State" Degree Festival with the Shield & Square Club, Charlie's Angels from the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the "Country Boys" degree team from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Another wonderful day in our fraternity.

We exemplified the M.M. degree in Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423 on May 11, 2016 using their W.M. Paul Tice, as the exemplar candidate. Paul is a Baltimore County police officer.

During my travels as Grand Master, I became friends with the Grand Master of New Mexico. Several years later, I received an invitation from his Lodge to take part in a "Multi-State" Degree Festival that they were hosting. We all flew there with the exception of Bro. Mark Hartz - he rode his motorcycle

to San Antonio, Texas for the Imperial Shriners convention, then continued his journey, to Clovis, New Mexico and following our several days there, he rode back to MD. Definitely not something I would want to do. Bro. Mark is presently the Potentate of Boumi Shrine.

We even have members from across the pond, W. Bro. Paul Reeves, Ret. Deputy Chief Inspector of the London Metropolitan Police and Martin Weekes, Asst. Comm. of the Bermuda P.D. Bro. Martin was the exemplar candidate when we exemplified the MD M.M. Degree in the Irish Lodge in Bermuda.

Twenty years have passed since our beginning, a lot of our faces have changed, but we still get out several times a year to confer the M.M. Degree on police, fire and first responders.





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Hopkins, 33°  
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**The Clinic Corner**

By: Kathi Shute, M.S., CCC-SLP



**GREETINGS!** My name is Kathi Shute, I am the newest team member of the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders in Baltimore. I am the senior speech pathologist with the Hearing and Speech Agency and am happy to now be serving as the coordinator at Scottish Rite. While I am new to the center itself, I am not new to the profession or to the Masonic family.

I have been practicing as a speech language pathologist for 14 years and have been with the agency for 11. I specialize in working with people of all ages who stutter and have extensive experience with childhood language and speech disorders. Working with children and families drives what I do and I am proud to be able to be part of the expertise that is offered through the Scottish Rite center.

In addition to my work as a speech pathologist, I have long relationship with the Masons. My grandfather was a Mason and Shriner and my

grandmother was very active in the Eastern Star. I grew up in North Carolina and was an active member of my local Rainbow for Girls Assembly, including serving in a state position. I continue to be a member, though less active, of the Eastern Star and White Shrine Chapters of which my mother still serves office. I am excited that I am now able to bring my professional skills as a speech pathologist and personal experience with the Masonic family together in Baltimore. Thank you for having me!

My time so far at Scottish Rite has been busy and exciting! In October, we held our annual Basket Bingo to support the Charitable Fund. We had a great time and raised funds to help support the wonderful work we do with the center. We thank everyone who joined us for such a fun evening!

We are fully entrenched into the school year in which we provide speech and language services to three local private schools. This included screening close to

100 students at the beginning of the year to determine if services were needed. We were able to identify students that may have slipped through the cracks otherwise, who are now being supported in the school to help them better achieve both communication and academic goals. It is our goal as well, to help teachers better understand language and communication challenges of their students. The strategies we help implement with teachers translate to all students in the classroom.

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In addition to the schools, we are also growing our clinic based caseload. We brought two additional speech pathologists to work with us in the center. We would like to welcome Celeste Segal and Jen Smith, both seasoned speech pathologists with the Hearing and Speech agency, who join us part time. They are helping to provide services to additional clients in the evening which allows us to reach out to more children and families. It is exciting to see our center continue to grow!



## A History of Brunswick Lodge No. 191, A. F. & A. M.

321 Brunswick St., Brunswick, MD. | Meets the Second and Fourth Wednesdays

Worshipful Master – Bro. Robert C. Brown

By: Bro. Michael S. Bauman, 32°



the following two months, Brunswick acquired the appropriate property and furniture for Masonic meetings.

While many of the founding members of Brunswick Lodge were local to the town, it should be noted that some were Brother Masons from Blue Ridge Lodge No. 185, located in Sandy Hook, Maryland. On April 14th, 1892, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland gave instruction that

THERE REMAIN NO RECORDS that state definitively when the first meetings of Brunswick Lodge were held. What is known is that, in 1892, the Reverend Z.T. Brantner, a lay minister in the Episcopal Church and also a foreman with the B&O Railroad, played a key role in the formation of the new chapter. The first recorded meeting took place on Thursday, January 14th, 1892, in the Red Men's Hall in Brunswick. The Grand Lodge of Maryland provided a dispensation for the gathering, at which Rev. Brantner presided as Worshipful Master. On February 11th, the new Lodge adopted its by-laws, and over

the members of Blue Ridge Lodge be placed at the disposition of Brunswick Lodge. On May 26th, Blue Ridge Lodge turned over the balance of its funds and formally ceased to be.

The record shows that, subsequent to its founding, Brunswick Lodge No. 191 devoted considerable effort to finding a permanent meeting place. The search began on May 11th, 1893, with the appointment of the Lodge's first committee devoted to that purpose. Initially, it was decided that the Lodge would continue to meet in the Red Men's Hall, and indeed it continued to do so for some years, but by

March 1901, the Lodge had rented space in a new brick structure, built in town the previous year, holding its first meeting in the new hall on the 4th of that month. However, the new hall did not prove entirely satisfactory for the Lodge, due to the lack of adequate heating and lighting in the building, and between 1912 and 1955, Brunswick Lodge several times undertook to find a permanent suitable meeting place. None, however, met with the approval of the membership until, in 1953, the Lodge purchased the "West End School" building, where the Lodge continues to gather to this day.

The school was purchased from the Board of Education for \$5,000, and, subsequently, the Lodge cleaned and renovated the building, with the generous efforts of the Brethren. The first meeting in the new building took place on May 11, 1955; on September 23rd of that year, the temple was dedicated. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland, Arthur W. Dowell, attended the occasion and gave an address.

The Brethren of Brunswick Lodge are not only Free & Accepted Masons, but also operative masons, having laid seven cornerstones in the Lodge's history. The first was at the Presbyterian Church

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Brunswick Lodge #191 – 125th Anniversary Pictures







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on A Street on August, 20th, 1893 and with the most recent being April 5th, 1997, on the corner of West Potomac Street and South Maryland Avenue, where the Railroad Museum is today. The Lodge has also laid the cornerstones for: New York Hill Methodist Episcopal Church at 9th Avenue and Park Avenues; the Red Men’s Hall on West Potomac Street; The Methodist Episcopal Church on Maryland Avenue; the First Baptist Church on A Street; and the Grace Episcopal Church on A Street. Part of being a Mason is the obligation to help all poor distressed Brothers, their widows and orphans, whosoever dispersed. Brunswick Lodge has accepted this responsibility from its very beginning.

In 1991, Brunswick Lodge inaugurated its annual tradition of conferring a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior at Brunswick High School. Since that initial presentation, more than a quarter of a century ago, the Lodge has donated scholarship money annually to one or more deserving students. In one year in particular, the Lodge conferred six scholarships in all, and the total amount given since the inception of the program is approaching \$50,000. Currently, the Lodge awards scholarships to four students each year. All Masons understand the importance of charity and the study of the Liberal Arts. The Lodge’s scholarship program stands as a noteworthy testament to the Brethren’s commitment to the ideals of the Fraternity. Brunswick Lodge #191 has

played an important role in the greater Brunswick area for the past 125 years, and just as the railroad has undergone changes from steam engines to diesel locomotives, so, too, must we. The vision of Z.T. Brantner, W.M. Gittings, W.Q. Stouffer, A.W. Bratt, and John L. Jordan, our first Past Masters, of a Lodge whose Light would shine over our community, is a sacred trust. Our support for education, public safety, and general welfare is a heritage we will to continue to build upon as we look forward to meeting the challenges of an ever-changing future. We will continue to provide aid and assistance to our friends and neighbors, children of all ages, and our Masonic families while practicing our Tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.



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To the Officers and Members of:  
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FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
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I have never applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the degrees, from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. (Note: If applicant has previously applied for any of the degrees, explain fully as to date, place and to what bodies such application was made.)

I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_

Date Raised \_\_\_\_\_ If raised in a Maryland Lodge, have you passed exam in 3rd degree Catechism? \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City or Town) (State) (ZIP Code)

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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And I have resided at my current residence preceding date of this petition for \_\_\_\_\_ months/years.

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Town) (State)

My Occupation, position, or trade is that of \_\_\_\_\_  
(State fully nature of your duties. If retired, please indicate your former duties and employer.)

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Firm or Gov't Agency) (Address) (Telephone Number)

Spouse’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by two members in good standing in the Maryland Scottish Rite Bodies,

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of Recommender) (Phone Number) (Signature) (Scottish Rite ID Number)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. The Supreme Council requires the acceptance of the following fundamental principles: The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, underlying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever been held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with and organization which has? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_: If your answer is in the affirmative, give particulars: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Upcoming **Events** 2017-18

Wednesday, November 1st	Baltimore – Confer 18th & 20th Degrees	7:00pm
Saturday, November 4th	Baltimore Reunion Day Confer 21st, 27th, 30th & 32nd	7:30am
Sunday, November 5th	Baltimore – Ring Ceremony	2pm
Monday, November 6th	Cumberland – LOP	7:30pm
Saturday, November 11th	Cumberland – Ladies Night in Hagerstown	6:30pm
Wednesday, November 15th	Baltimore – Feast of Tishri	7pm
Thursday, November 16th	Frederick – Cap & Ring Ceremony	7pm
Sunday, November 19th	Cumberland – Capping Ceremony	2pm
Monday, November 20th	Cumberland – LOP	7:30pm
Wednesday, November 22nd	Cumberland – Washington Co. SR Club	7pm
Thursday, November 23rd	Frederick – Annual Thanksgiving Feast	3pm
Monday, December 4th	Cumberland – LOP Meeting Election of Officers	7:30pm
Sunday, December 10th	Baltimore – Christmas Party	2pm
Thursday, December 21st	Frederick – Elections	7pm
Sunday, January 7th	Cumberland – Installation of Officers	2pm
Sunday, January 14th	Baltimore – Installation of Officers	2pm
Thursday, January 18th	Frederick – Installation of Officers	7pm
Thursday, January 18th	Susquehanna – Installation of Officers	7pm
Sunday, January 21st	Salisbury – Installation of Officers	2pm