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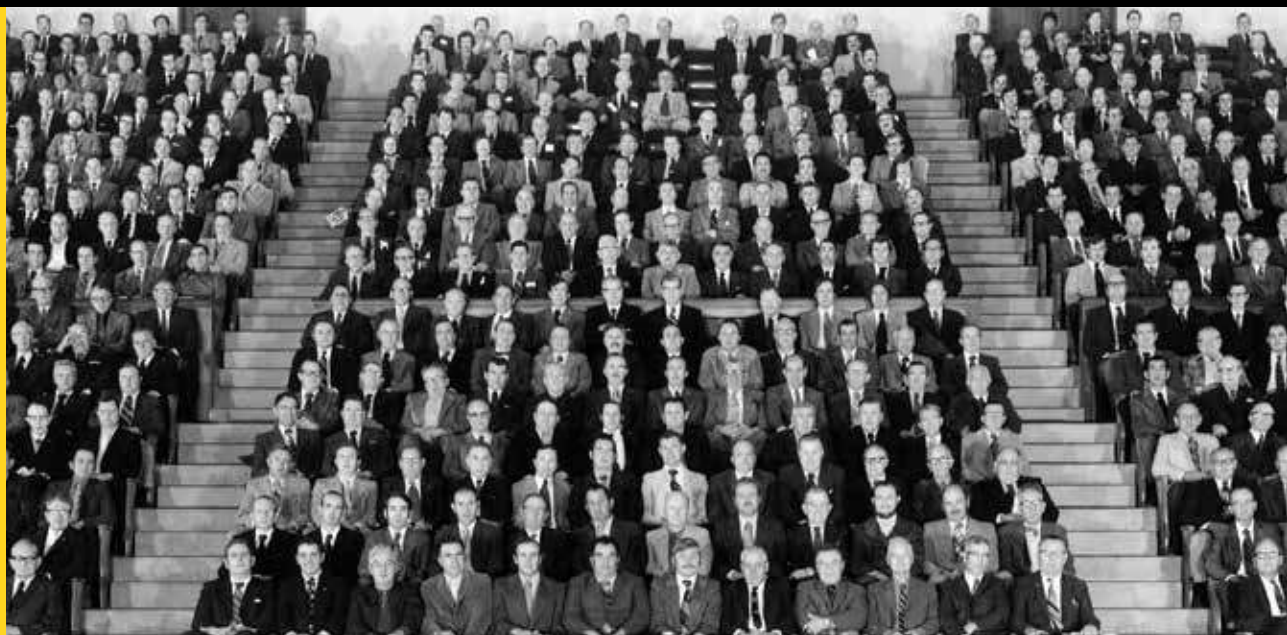
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A MESSAGE FROM
Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings to all,



As always, I hope you and your family are well. The “dog days” of summer are here and fall will be arriving soon. The famous Lobster Fest on August 20th is our last ‘big’ event before we resume our labors with the Lodge of Perfection meeting on September 14th.

Our fall reunion will be part of a history making event, as the Northern & Southern Jurisdictions join together in the first nationwide one day class. A day “meant to be an enjoyable, inspirational and meaningful experience for our members.” A new medallion (coin) is being commissioned for this historic event. So mark your calendar for the Scottish Rite Day Reunion on November 5th and Ring Ceremony on November 13th. Be a part of this history making event. Petitions are available in the office, online and in this issue. Don’t delay - be a signer today!

If you are not attending your Scottish Rite, you are missing out on many, many activities made for family and friends. There are now ten clubs in Maryland that have delicious meals and great speakers at a very low cost. There are movie nights, bowling nights, chili cook-offs, baseball games with all you can eat included,



ladies nights, talent shows, festive boards, music festivals and bingo. From the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland highlands, there is something to fit everyone. I hope I will see you in my travels across Maryland and in our Scottish Rite Lodges. Together, we are upholding our Scottish Rite ideals of caring and sharing with each other. This is what separates us from the rest. Be the best, be an active Scottish Rite Mason. May the blessing of good health and happiness be with you always.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
 **Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°** 
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Maryland

Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

By: MW Brother Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr., 33°



GREETINGS BRETHREN,

These are exciting times for Masonry here in Maryland. We have just elected the new leaders of the Grand Lodge for the next term. I know that the Deputy Grand Master is well prepared and anxious to take over, but I still have six months left to serve and, as President Ronald Reagan so aptly stated, "Don't take your boots off yet, we have more work to do and I want to get it finished."

Nearly 300 years ago, the United Grand Lodge of England was formed. Following this action, masonry really started to grow. It has been said that the growth of masonry during these early days was attributable to three things. First, men were very curious and were drawn to this secret organization. Many of the great thinkers of the period joined and became active in the fraternity. Second, masons were very visible within their communities. They were constantly seen in parades, public functions and many were political leaders. Third, people were impressed by the way masons helped their members

who were in distress without expecting or accepting any return for their generosity.

Sound familiar? Well, we are certainly stepping up our visibility all over the state. We have appeared on TV, we have participated in numerous public events and parades and, more importantly, we have generously helped many others as well as our brothers who were in need.

We have accelerated our efforts to keep you informed and connected to the fraternity with our weekly "Compass Points." Now, our new monthly "Podcast" has been successfully launched with great acclaim. We also have a new website. You can now access our "Podcasts", "Compass Points" and also see nearly every picture in our archives through the Shutterfly website. Soon, we will be adding a TV station broadcast. Please stay tuned for further developments.

We have many activities scheduled such as several cornerstone rededications, parades, picnics and lots of social events. We even have degree work scheduled over the summer including several low vales.

By some standards, we are a small jurisdiction, yet we are very advanced in our approach to masonic development. I credit much of this to the quality of our leaders at all levels. Generally, our masters

and wardens have consistently demonstrated their ability to develop their lodge officers and members and motivate them to actively participate in all levels of masonry.

George Washington once said, "It should be the highest ambition of every American to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself...but ages yet unborn.

I believe that he was telling us that we should be an inspiration to others by our actions. If we set a proper example through our attitude, our enthusiasm and our conduct, others will want to join us and be a part of what we represent.

Based on everything I see, you are working hard and setting an example for others in and outside of masonry. Brethren, I sincerely appreciate all that you do for our fraternity. The simple fact that you are reading this is proof that you are one of our cherished masonic leaders. Thank you.

As individuals, everything we do affects our organization's culture. We have no choice whether we leave a mark. Our only choice is what type of mark we will leave.

One Day Class

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



I AM THE PRODUCT OF THE FIRST ONE DAY CLASS IN MARYLAND. The first question is - Am I for or against the concept of a one day class?

My answer to that question is that, sometimes, a One Day Class is necessary. Let me start by giving you a little bit of my Scottish Rite History. It was during the period of my life in which I was working as a pharmacist, about eighty hours a week and trying to travel throughout the northeast as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Being able to avail myself of this opportunity, I

was able to start my journey in Scottish Rite. In the forty years since that time, I have been able to participate in a number of degrees and other activities of our Scottish Rite. Now, tell me, was the One Day Class of value to me at that time? Of course, the answer is yes. Would I liked to have taken my degree work a little slower and understood the degrees at the time they were presented? The answer is yes. We do have one great advantage today in the Valley of Baltimore, and that is participation in the Master Craftsman Program along with our degrees. It has given the members of the class a better idea of what they are studying and made the degrees a little bit more interesting. I have noticed that half of our Spring Class has volunteered to be part of the degree work or other operations of Baltimore Scottish Rite.

Today, I had the pleasure to look at the photograph of the approximately 700 masons in that class, and you know I couldn't even recognize myself. My son was able to recognize me and Robert Atwell, and of course, we all did recognize the Mayor of Baltimore, William Donald Schaefer. Every once in a while, I do bump into someone who was in that class. In fact, Fred Spicer gave me either a phone number or an address of a brother in Virginia to contact and, of course, I have misplaced it. In order to keep me from being so derelict in my duties, I will give you my e-mail and phone number so I do not misplace such an answer. **Bgowens35@comcast.net 410-266-8076.** We get out of Masonry what we are willing to put into it. Give some part of our fraternity your all.

Fall One Day Class

Saturday, November 5th, 2016



The Fall One Day Class of 2016 will be held in the Memory of:

Illustrious Royal Pollokoff, 33°

Amicable-St. Johns Lodge #25

April 8th, 1929 – January 7th, 2016

Raised a Master Mason in Amicable Lodge #25 – April 18th, 1985

Scottish Rite – 32° - September 28th, 1991

Invested KCCH – October 6th, 1997

Coroneted 33° - October 7th, 2003

6:30 am - Coffee and Donuts

7:15 am - Class Check-In

8:00 am - Opening Ceremonies

12 noon - Lunch @ \$5.00 per person (Candidates – No Charge)

Valley of Baltimore

By: Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33°, Grand Cross — Personal Representative



THE VALLEY OF BALTIMORE made presentations to 12 worthy Junior ROTC cadets and 8 worthy ROTC cadets enrolled in this program. Thanks go to Ill. Bro. Mills, Ill. Bro. Spicer and Ill. Bro. English for taking the time to personally make the awards ceremony at each school.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE ONE DAY 2016 CLASS IS AS FOLLOWS:
Fall Class in memory of Royal Pollokoff, 33°

Lodge of Perfection - September 14th, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:30pm

Chapter of Rose Croix - September 21st, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:30pm

Council of Kadosh - September 28th, Meeting 6:30pm, Table Lodge Dinner 7:30pm

Chesapeake Consistory - October 5th, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:30pm

Class Orientation - Wednesday, October 19th, 6:30pm

Memorial Service for departed Scottish Rite Brothers - Sunday October 30th, 2pm

Fall Reunion – Fall Class in memory of Illustrious Bro. Royal Pollokoff, 33° – Saturday, November 5th (one day, 7am) conferring 4°, 14°, 18°, 30°, 32°

Feast of Tishri - Wednesday, November 9th, 7pm

Ring Ceremony - Sunday November 13th, 2pm

Ladies invited to all events other than Reunion Day

Rehearsal Schedule, 6:30pm:

October 24th - 4° and 18°

October 25th - 14° and 30°

October 31st - 32°

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: Hon. Gerald R. Phillips, 32°, KCCH– Aberdeen Lodge #187– Venerable Master



BRETHREN, I hope all of you had a wonderful summer with family and friends. Now we must look to fall and the beginning of our work. The fall is a beautiful time of year, with the beauty of changing colors of the leaves on the trees and as nature prepares for the winter. Nature slumbers during the winter and we have a renewal of life in the spring.

The human species is the same way. First, we are born (spring), and then we grow in body and knowledge (summer), then into the fall and winter of our lives where we will pass this life into eternity. Hopefully, we have left something behind that will have a lasting effect on others. By this I mean, did we do all that we could do while we yet walk this earth? We must reflect on these things to see if we have deviated from the path of justice, humility and forgiveness. “Judge not, lest ye be judged.” So we must look at ourselves first before we can attempt to pass judgement on others. Know yourself. Have we shown humility to those in need? Consider the person who steals food to feed his family. This doesn’t mean that he wants to steal food but that there was

a need. There are times when we must show compassion for this person. We can forgive a slight or harsh word but that is sometimes a very hard thing to do. So we have to go deep into ourselves and bring out that part of us that says forgive and put it all behind us.

So you see my brothers, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter can be interpreted in many ways. It’s not what we do in this world while we are here but that we have left some legacy behind that will be remembered.

Brothers, I am looking forward to working with you during our fall class. Let us prepare to shed more light in Masonry to our new brothers in the Scottish Rite.

SCOTTISH RITE OF BALTIMORE SPRING CLASS OF 2016



Patents, Ring Ceremony Pictures, Master Craftsman I Certificates and MC I lapel pins available at the Scottish Rite Office for pick-up:

M-F 9am to 3pm or during any of our events or meetings.

Class Pictures also available: \$15.00 each.

CLASS OFFICERS – SPRING 2016



(Left to Right) Class Orator – Bro. Douglas L. Page, 32°; Class President – Bro. Alvin J. Eisenrauch, 32°; Class Treasurer – Bro. Raymond W. Beares, 32°; Personal Representative – Ill. E. Ray Leppo, 33°, GC; Class Vice President – Bro. Robert C. Harrod, 32°; Class Secretary – Bro. Ronald T. Davis, 32°

Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

By: Hon. Daniel L. Roberts, 32° KCCH – Composite Lodge #202 - Wise Master



BRETHREN, as this past year of 2016 is coming to an end, I hope you all had a fun and refreshing summer. The fall is rapidly approaching. Furthermore, we will soon witness a new Scottish Rite class seeking further light in Masonry.

Coming off a summer full of fun, holiday, and family activities, we are immediately diving into the traditional family and fraternal activities of fall. It is one of the busiest times of the year for Maryland Masons. We have the Fall Scottish Rite classes, the Feast of Tishri, Memorial Service, and the end of the year holidays.

The Rose Croix Chapter contains the teaching of the 15th through the 18th Degrees. As the Wise Master of the Rose Croix, I would like to focus on the 18th Degree for this article. The 18th Degree teaches us to have faith in God, mankind, and ourselves. The important symbols are the constellations called Faith, Hope, and Charity. This degree sets forth the coming of the New Law, the Law of Love. The supreme message brought to

the world, at that time, was the proclamation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

I will not explain the teaching of the 18th Degree in this article as that message can be obtained in the Degree presentation and the reading of our books in the Scottish Rite library. However, I will briefly explain some of the following significant symbols of this degree and their meaning:

The Rose - In Masonry, the Rose has taken on the meaning of immortality. For many, it is the very source of virtue; for others, only an absurd superstition; therefore, Masonry teaches only the hope of immortality, but still the literature of the Craft abounds with the expression of the soul's immortality which has been bound into a cree.

The Cross - pointing to the four cardinal points, and whose arms, infinitely extended, would never meet, is an emblem of infinity. The rose was anciently sacred to Aurora and the Sun. It was a symbol of dawn, of resurrection of light and renewal of life, and therefore of immortality. The cross was also a symbol of life; and the two symbols, united, mean immortality won by suffering and sorrow. It also reminds us of the thorns of life surround the rose of knowledge.

The Pelican - tearing its breast to nourish its young is a symbol of every reformer who has offered up his life for the benefit

of humanity; and teaches us an exhaustless munificence toward all men, and especially toward the needy and defenseless. It also represents the large and bountiful beneficence of Nature.

The Eagle - is an emblem of a wise man, because his wings bear him above the clouds, into the purer atmosphere and nearer to the source of light. It is also representative of the sun, itself a type of the infinite Supreme Reason or Intelligence.

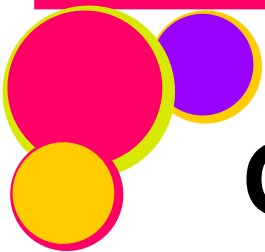
The Pillars - For Pike, Faith corresponds with beauty, that attribute which is one of the supports of the Symbolic Lodge. It is also a symbol of one of the major teachings of this degree; the unity, immutability, and goodness of God. Hope is said to represent strength, to which we may attach the teaching of the immortality of the soul, perhaps the supreme hope of mankind. And finally, Charity is said to signify wisdom, invested here in the teaching of the concept of a redeemer which, of whatever religion, is the ultimate manifestation of God's love for man. Besides these three theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, we must not lose sight of the Masonic virtues: brotherly love, relief, and truth.

I look forward to seeing all our brethren at the Scottish Rite Temple this Fall.

(Note: the source of this material: Scottish Rite Ritual Guide and A Bridge of Light)

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**Saturday
October 1, 2016**

Doors Open at 3:00 P.M.

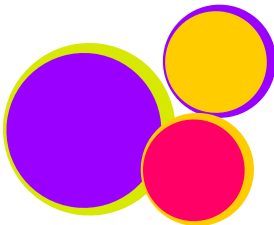
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Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Hon. Randall L. Watson, 32°, KCCH – Montgomery-Cornerstone #195– Commander of Kadosh



BRETHREN, in this period between the Spring and Fall, let us enjoy the blessings our Heavenly Father has provided for our refreshment and enjoyment. We see His handiwork everywhere; and are caused to reflect upon reminders of the praise and gratitude we all owe as common sharers in His blessings. Laus Deo – Praise Be To God! Remember to put our Fall meeting and Festive Board on your calendar for Wednesday, September 28th and join us!

In opening a Council of Kadosh, we give the sign and plaudit, saying “Laus Deo” three times. Laus Deo is Latin for “Praise be to God”. In the 32nd Degree, the 5th Standard representing the Masons of the 19th and 20th Degrees has the Ark of the Covenant between two palm trees and two burning tapers with the motto: LAUS DEO.

Not far away, in our Nation’s Capital, atop the monument to our first President and distinguished Master Mason – George Washington – is an

aluminum cap; on the side facing the rising sun in the East is: Laus Deo! No one can see these words from inside the monument. But there they are, 555 feet and 5.125 inches high, on top of the monument to the father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital city of the United States.

The cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4, 1848; the first stone was laid atop the unfinished stump on August 7, 1880; the capstone was set on December 6, 1884; and the completed monument was dedicated on February 21, 1885. It officially opened October 9, 1888. Upon completion, it became the world’s tallest structure, a title previously held by the Cologne Cathedral. The monument held this designation until 1889, when the Eiffel Tower was completed in Paris, France.



At the time aluminum was a rare metal as valuable as silver. The aluminum apex is 8.9 inches tall and its base is 5.6 inches square. The angle between opposite sides at its tip is 34°48’. It weighed 100 ounces before lightning strikes

removed a small amount of aluminum from its tip and sides.

The four faces of the external aluminum apex all bear inscriptions in cursive writing, which are incised into the aluminum. Three additional lines of inscription were added to the east face above Laus Deo in 1934, stating: Repaired 1934 / National Park Service / Department of the Interior.

The full inscriptions on the other faces are:

North face: Joint Commission / at / Setting of Cap Stone. / Chester A. Arthur. / W. W. Corcoran, Chairman. / M. E. Bell. / Edward Clark. / John Newton. / Act of August 2, 1876.

West face: Corner Stone Laid / on / Bed of Foundation / July 4, 1848. / First Stone at Height of / 152 feet laid / August 7, 1880. / Capstone set December 6, 1884.

South face: Chief Engineer / and / Architect, Thos. Lincoln Casey, / Colonel, Corps of Engineers. / Assistants: / George W. Davis, Captain, 14th Infantry. / Bernard R. Green, Civil Engineer. / Master Mechanic, / P. H. McLaughlin.

Within the monument are 898 steps and 50 landings. On the 12th landing at 140-feet is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore. It reads: “May Heaven to this union continue its beneficence; may brotherly affection with union be perpetual; may the free constitution which is the work of our ancestors be sacredly maintained and its administration be stamped with wisdom and with virtue.”

Chesapeake Consistory

By: Ill. William D. Hooper, 33° - Tuscan Lodge #202 - Master of Kadosh



SUMMER IS JUST ABOUT OVER and Autumn is quickly approaching. With it, we will be resuming our labors here at the Scottish Rite. I truly hope each and every one of you and your families had a safe and relaxing summer and you are ready and anxious for the Work to begin. An important date for the Baltimore Consistory is our fall meeting on October 5th. At this meeting, we will elect the new officers that will lead us next year; therefore it is very important that all officers attend.

As many Scottish Rite masons as possible should also make it a point to attend the One Day Fall Class on November 5th to welcome the new members. It is so important that we have a good showing of members attending. There is nothing more disappointing than having a sparse crowd in the audience. How can we expect the new members to become active and inspired in their Rite when we demonstrate a lack of commitment on our parts to show them we care about them by attending their big day?

Let me now take a minute to discuss the very important message from the last issue of The Rite News, entitled “Respect for the Organization or Self Respect?” by our SGIG, Ill. Brother Marlin L. Mills 33°. Ill. Brother Mills suggests a “Simple List” of donations and gifts with varying monetary values that would go a long way toward a campaign to renew the Temple. My Brothers, I can say, without

fear of contradiction, that our Temple is probably one of the most beautiful and impressive buildings in the metropolitan area. I believe that it ranks up there with many of the famous buildings in Washington D.C. In my opinion, it is as beautiful today as it was the first time I was in the building the day my father received his 14th degree ring; sixty four years ago. Our forefathers built this magnificent structure for us; it is now our time and duty to restore and preserve it for the generations that will surely follow. I ask you to give some serious consideration to making a gift or pledge in an amount at least equal to or what you would normally spend in the course of thirty (30) months or three (3) car payments or perhaps what you spend in one year for your Baltimore Ravens season tickets. The offer is there to spread your pledge out over thirty months so why not take advantage of this offer? The SGIG says he believes in us. LET US SHOW HIM.



60 Year Service Award Illustrious Brother Milton W. Greffen, 33°

Ill. Bro. Greffen receiving
his 60 Year Service Award at
Howard Lodge's Awards Night
– April 4th, 2016

Echo's From the Mountaintop

Upcoming Events

October 3
Feast of Tishri
Masonic Temple
Cumberland

October 29
Fall Class
Masonic Temple
Cumberland

Nov. 12
Ladies Night
TBD
Hagerstown

Nov. 20
Fall Capping Ceremony
Masonic Lodge
Cumberland



Cumberland Valley's Annual meeting at Oakland Lodge #192

On Monday, April 18th, the Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite held their annual Oakland meeting at the Oakland Lodge #192 in Garrett County. Excellent attendance was made even better by their homemade pie tradition!!



Washington County Scottish Rite Club Hosts 2nd Annual Bourbon and Bangers

Nearly 50 people attended Washington County's 2nd Annual Bourbon and Bangers on March 18 in Hagerstown, sponsored by Jack Daniels! Pictured above are (L-R) Co-chair Chip Zimmer, Venerable Master of KSA Joe Cushall, KSA Advisor Jamey Hill and Treasurer Scott Paddack. Proceeds went to The Children's League Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic



KSA Opens 14th Annual Thing A Ma Jig at ACM's Zimmer Theatre

Over thirty acts attended this annual event to raise funds for The Children's League Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic

News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer

2016 Spring Reunion



Capping Ceremony Service Awards: 60 Years

Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°, Assistant Representative to the Personal Representative. Recipient Neil C. Yommer (Kathleen Yommer) wife, and Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. in Maryland



Capping Ceremony Service Awards: 40 Years

Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Robert Pl. Wyant Ill. Frederick E. Reel, 33°, Harry A. Mallow and William G. Kight.



Capping Ceremony Service Awards: 50 Years

Personal Representative Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Recipient Carl F. Slemmer, 32° KCCH, Philip G. Handley, witnessed by Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, S.G.I.G. of Maryland



2016 Spring Class

1st Row (L-R): Jamie Lynn Beining; Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°; Ill. Creed F. Parker, 33°; Ill. Bennie Owens 33°; Charles L. Carmichael; Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°; James Edward Richards, Jr.

2nd Row: Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; James Leslie Ridgill; Douglas Michael O'Connor; Mark Earl Lathrop; Michael William Kerns; Christopher Conway Mason; and Robert Morris, 32° KCCH.

Valley of Southern Maryland

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

CONGRATULATIONS

to Brother Colin Boynton, 32° and Brother Edwin Labra, 32° our two new members of the Valley of Southern Maryland. Brother Boynton has initiated a “Bikes for Books Program” in a St. Mary’s County Elementary School which is designed to encourage students to read books. This program is sponsored by Thomas J. Shryock Lodge. Brother Labra is the Junior Steward of Thomas J. Shryock Lodge. Most of our members are also very active in Blue Lodge.

The Venerable Master Brother Robert Parsley's Saturday

morning pancake breakfast has been very successful. He has held them once a month and family and friends are invited. Brother Parsley also had a spaghetti dinner in June. The money raised from these events is used to help meet the Valley of Southern Maryland's operating expenses.

Brother Dennis Leland, 32° is leading a study group using the Master Craftsman Program as a guide and tool. There is much to be learned from the lessons taught in Scottish Rite Masonry and the courses available through the Supreme Council are essential.

Our Director of Work, Hon. Thomas Barnhart, 32^o, KCCH continues to do a magnificent job of ensuring that everything runs smoothly with our degrees. There seems to always be last minute adjustments that have to be made due to sickness or a personal emergency but Tom always has it covered and no one is even aware there has been a problem.

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.

Kabbalah and the Scottish Rite

by: Hon. S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH- Annapolis Lodge #89

“The light that is revealed is called the Garment of the King. The light within, within is a concealed light.

*In that light dwells the Ineffable
One, the Unrevealed.*

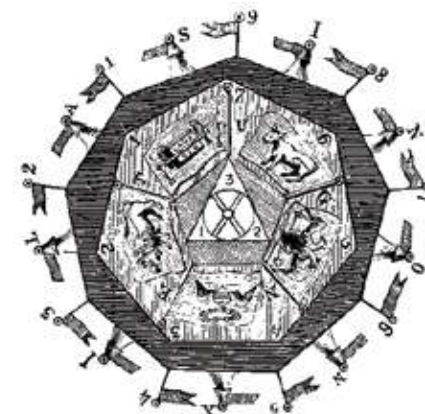
*All those sparks and all those
lights sparkle from the Holy
Ancient One,
concealed of all concealed, the
High Spark.*

*Upon reflecting,
all those lights emanating -
there is nothing but the High
Spark, hidden and unrevealed"*

If you look closely at the
Masonic Camp from the 32°, you
will notice the creatures from

Ezekiel's vision on the outside of the pentagon. The pentagram/pentagon has long been known as a symbol for man in Western philosophical systems⁵. Inside the pentagon is an equilateral triangle, "the emblem of God"⁶. Is this a symbolic reference to the Kabbalistic theme of divinity within man? There are alchemical emblems here as well. Do they symbolize different ideas or the same thing? The symbol reveals and conceals!

For further reading on the Zohar, I highly recommend Daniel C. Matt's 12 Volume The Zohar: Pritzker Edition (Volumes 9 and 10 have just been released). Another great resource is the



Camp from the 32°

three volume *The Wisdom of the Zohar: An Anthology of Texts* by Isaiah Tishby.

Ecclesiastes
Chapter 1, Verse 9

“The thing that has been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is nothing new under the sun.”

Excerpt from Grand Master Livingston's Address

BALTIMORE, MD,
MAY 15TH, 1934

FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND, 1934

It is just beginning to dawn upon a lot of our Masonic leaders that some serious mistakes have been made by the Fraternity in the administration of its affairs in times past. One of the things which has been brought out very forcibly this year is that Lodges have been seriously remiss in their attitude toward their newly initiated candidates. It is now believed

that the reason why so many men lost interest in the Masonic Fraternity has come because the Fraternity has lost interest in them. Too many men have come into our Masonic Lodges, received their degrees and gone away, never to be heard of again, simply because the only interest that the Lodge had in them was to exact from them the prescribed fee charged for annual dues and to harp at them until they paid it. More than one candidate has left a Masonic Lodge room at the close of the third degree without receiving the felicitations of his brethren. It is no wonder that men lose their interest in the Fraternity, when the Fraternity indicates by its remissness that it has no interest in them. It is going to be necessary hereafter to show some interest in newly raised candidates. After a candidate has been raised to the sublime

degree, it would be a very happy thing if a letter was sent to him, telling him when the Lodge meets, urging him to be present, explaining to him something that is expected from him as a member of the Lodge. It is a very nice thing when a degree is to be conferred or something unusual is to take place to call the new member by phone and urge him to be present. When new members are present at Lodge meetings, brethren must go out of their way to cultivate these new recruits and try and illustrate that the boasted fellowship of Freemasonry is not a myth but is something which is practicable and demonstrable. When Lodges commence to interest themselves in new members, we are going to see a great change come over the Fraternity.





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Brockman Fellowship

By: Ill. J. Thomas Vance, III, 33°- Education Committee Chairman

ON MAY 12, 2016, The Scottish Rite Education Committee met to interview candidates for The John W. Brockman Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to identify and provide monetary awards to graduate students in Maryland universities who are preparing to become speech and language therapists. All award recipients are required to serve one semester of their supervised clinical practice in our own Hilgenberg Childhood Center for Speech and Language Disorders. This Fellowship has been awarded to over 90 students since it was established in 1982.

This year, the committee interviewed five candidates from

Loyola University, University of Maryland, College Park and Towson University. Awards totaling \$5,000 were made to Annie Fiore from Towson University and Natasha Hearn from Loyola University. The committee is pleased to announce The Brockman fellows for 2016.

This year's committee included Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General; Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr. 33°, G.C.; Ill. S. Brent Morris, 33°, G.C.; Ill. Frederick A. Spicer, 33°; Ill. John T. Vance, III, 33°, Committee Chair; Ill. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, 33°; Ill. Charles W. Ridgeway, 33°; and Hon. Charles F. Reid, III, 32°, KCCH. Ms. Christine Wandishin, M.S., CCC-SLP, Clinic

Coordinator, represented the Hilgenberg Childhood Center.

Congratulations to the Brockman Fellowship award winners for 2016.

Please remember that your financial contributions to this important Fellowship offering supports not only the graduate students receiving the award but also the many speech/language disabled children who will receive services throughout the therapist's career. How many investment opportunities yield such long term benefits?



Ms. Natasha Hearn, Loyola University, Maryland

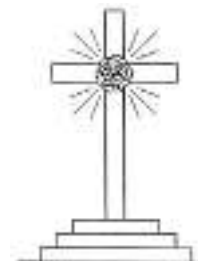


Ms. Annie Fiore, Towson University

Rose Croix?

By: Hon. Charles J. Matulewicz, 32°, KCCH – Palestine Lodge #89

SOME OF OUR DEGREES HAPPEN SO QUICKLY, they can be a challenge to capture. Reading through Morals and Dogma or the Monitor, we can gain insights but, often, they leave us with as many questions as answers. I remember the day after the 18th degree, I was trying to understand what I just went through. What is the



Rose Croix? At first glance, the Rose Croix is the Lodge within the Scottish Rite which confers the 15th through 18th degrees, which are some of the deepest Scottish Rite Degrees. These degrees use History, Philosophy, Religion, and Ethics to teach moral lessons... and culminate in the 18th Degree, the Knight of the Rose Croix, but again, my Brothers, what is the Rose Croix?

The Rose Croix, or Rosy Cross, is emblematical of Rosicrucian ideas; an esoteric take on Christianity which holds as a core tenet that there are ancient truths, concealed from most that can teach moral and internal truths. Their philosophy was inspired by a mystery in the form of three manifestos: Fama Fraternitatis, Confessio Fraternitatis, and The Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz. Three

works written by a ghost, a mythical sage called Christian Rosenkreutz who traveled the east learning the secrets of theology and alchemy, living some one hundred and six years and gathering about him like-minded friends whom he shared his discoveries with. Christian Rosenkreutz was never proven to have existed and was debated to be Francis Bacon to Martin Luther... to never having existed at all.

This 17th century mystery philosophy inspired a series of secret societies all claiming deep secrets alludes to by Rosicrucianism ranging from Christian theologies to pseudo-Pythagorean philosophies where ideas and truth were only represented in numeric aspects. The mythological history of Christian Rosenkreutz veers from the occult to Albigenian priests of Cathar Languedoc but there is a theme consistent through these veiled works: "We speak unto you by parables, but would willingly bring you to the right, simple, easy and ingenuous exposition, understanding, declaration, and knowledge of all secrets." In short, my Brothers,, there are so many strings to this tapestry of the Rose Croix that almost anything can be read into it, so what can we take away?

In a Masonic Sense, the Rose Croix in our 18th degree asks Freemasons to Know Thyself, and sets about to teach that our life and strength comes

from God. It uses the cross as a symbol of antiquity sacred to all cultures with the rose acting as the dawn. We use the universality of the symbols to accept and tolerate the errors and faults of others while working to temper our own.



This mysterious Rosicrucianism can perhaps be summed up by the mythic Rosenkreutz:

V.I.T.R.I.O.L.V.M.

Visita Interiora Terrae
Rectificando Invenies Occultum
Lapidem Veram Medicinam

Visit the interior of the Earth; by rectification thou shalt find the hidden stone.

– Christian Rosenkreutz

Our degrees give Masons the tools to examine themselves, to improve themselves, and to make their rough ashlar more perfect. The Scottish Rite utilizes the traditions of the world to enlarge the experience of the Brethren to Know Thyself ,all the while getting to know Brothers from all walks of life. My Brothers, come to the Rite, see your degrees. Visit your Blue Lodge and encourage the Brethren to dig deeper into our gentle craft. I hope to see you in the classroom.

JROTC & ROTC PRESENTATIONS FOR 2016



Branch of Armed Forces	School Name	Date
Air Force	University of Maryland	April 9th, 2016
Army	Bowie State University	April 19th, 2016
Army	McDaniel College	April 20th, 2016
Army	Mount St. Mary's	April 20th, 2016
Army	Johns Hopkins University	April 28th, 2016
Navy	Woodlawn High School	April 28th, 2016
Marines	Milford Mills High School	April 28th, 2016
Air Force	Oxon Hill High School	April 28th, 2016
Army	Atholton High School	April 29th, 2016
Army	Howard High School	April 29th, 2016
Army	Loyola University	April 30th, 2016
Navy	Suitland High School	May 4th, 2016
Army	Morgan State University	May 5th, 2016
Army	University of Maryland	May 5th, 2016
Air Force	Laurel High School	May 11th, 2016
Navy	Friendly High School	May 12th, 2016
Air Force	Oakland Mills High School	May 12th, 2016
Air Force	Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	May 19th, 2016
Navy	Northwestern High School	May 19th, 2016
Air Force	Charles Herbert Flowers High School	May 26th, 2016

Special thanks to Illustrious Brother John S. English, 33° for assisting in making this year's presentations.

If a member would like to join our Americanism Committee and present Scottish Rite JROTC/ROTC Awards, please call the office @ 410-243-3200

Knights of St. Andrew – Valley of Frederick

By: Tommy J. Morris, 32°, Columbia Lodge #58 – Knight Commander



OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ, KNIGHTS AND BRETHREN -

The Knights of St. Andrew tradition takes its origin on the field of Bannockburn, on Summer St. John's Day 1314, and was instituted by King Robert the Bruce, who having in the course of the battle for Scottish independence, received assistance from the sixty-three knights who may have been original Knights Templar and Freemasons. He conferred upon them, as a reward for their services, the civil rank of Knighthood. Each received a characteristic considered descriptive of his performance at Bannockburn. He granted them permission to confer the honor on such Scottish Freemasons as had shown themselves worthy of the honor.

"We, the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity---".

That first line from the Preamble to the Constitution underscores much of what our organization represents in communities all

across this great nation.

We can see the benefits of our Masonic labors in the eyes of those who receive assistance from the Knights of St Andrew and Ladies Auxiliary. A family member of those undergoing cancer treatments, receiving benefits from the Knights of St. Andrew and KSA Ladies Auxiliary philanthropies. A distressed worthy brother receiving immediate financial assistance via the Almoners Fund and a young man learning lifelong leadership skills at the Frederick DeMolay.

The list goes on and on. But, last week we received a letter of thanks from Breast Cancer Awareness-Cumberland Valley acknowledging a very important Fund that helps to provide early detection and after breast cancer diagnosis and support programs at no cost to the families. Expanding the roster of those receiving assistance. In simple terms, the Knights of St. Andrew offered a helping hand, increasing the pool of resources available to support those in need so no one has to face breast cancer alone.

"Thank you for your \$500 donation. With amazing support from organizations such as Frederick Knights of St. Andrew BCA-CV is able to provide Important early detection and after breast cancer diagnosis and support programs at no cost to the families". - Janet Lung, Executive Director

Make no mistake: our children of Rite-Care and our Temple

fund will remain the top priority for this coming year. But by expanding the resources, through our fundraisers, the Knights and Ladies will continue to provide for the families of the men and women who face the harsh realities of life.

Under the auspices of our Sovereign Grand Inspector General Illustrious Marlin L. Mills 33°, the Frederick Knights of St. Andrew has enjoyed a steady growth over the past few years. Starting with 7 Charter members, we now have 40 members. The expansion of our programs and our Order is occurring, thanks to its success and to the dedication of our Knights and Ladies.

Working with active, interested newly consecrated Knights, we hope to establish an Order of the Knights of St. Andrew in Susquehanna Valley, embodying the spirit of true Scottish Rite ideals as the motivating force. Throughout the years, the Knights of St. Andrew, Knights of St. Andrew Ladies Auxiliary, and moreover, the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry have shown a tremendous commitment to aiding those in need.

Thanks to the Knights, Ladies, donors and everyone else who promote the tenets of our profession and contribute to this rewarding program. The future will be just as bright for our order, and there will be more deserving families in the future receiving a helping hand.

"Regnum De Intra Te"

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Ancient Metallurgy and Masonic Symbolism

By Bro. David R. Sandy, 32° - Mt. Moriah Lodge #116



PART II

Copper was abundant in the biblical region. However, tin was not. There is a consensus among several historians that the tin was likely traded by the Phoenicians who brought it from Britain. This could indicate that the massive debt King Solomon owed to Hiram, the Phoenician King of Tyre was not only for lumber, labor and precious jewels, but also for the enormous amount of tin needed for the bronze ornaments and holy vessels of the temple. This debt was so large that King Solomon repaid it by ceding 20 Galilean towns to King Hiram. The Phoenician monarch did not seem particularly pleased with the payment. (1 Kings 9:11-13) Maybe it was not such a good trade. Even in Biblical times, doing business with friends could be problematic.

While in Egypt, it is probable that not all Jews were brick-makers. Some likely labored casting objects from metal. Evidence of this possibility lies in the fabrication of the golden calf idol. During Moses' visit to

Mount Sinai, he did not return on the expected day. He came the following day and, in that short time, Aaron already created the idol. When Moses angrily inquired about its origin, Aaron explained that it, "came out of the fire that way." That statement could indicate that he had specialized knowledge of casting metals. He then detailed the workpiece with a graving tool, i.e. he engraved it. Apparently, Aaron was trained in the art of metalworking, skills he learned in Egypt.

Wandering in the desert for 40 years was sufficient time for the demise of the original generation who left Egypt. The nomadic lifestyle of going from battle to battle, eliminating the indigenous people, was not conducive to training new craftsman. Neither was it an atmosphere for passing along the tribal or specialized knowledge needed to craft works of art. The anger expressed, and the punishment ordered by Moses, may have left a lasting memory in the minds of the children of Israel and inhibited new artisans from considering this line of work. Those who did learn to craft from metal probably devoted their energy to making weapons of war such as swords, armor, and spears.

Eventually, when King Solomon undertook the building of the temple, craftsmen were likely in short supply. This could explain why he had to look far and wide for a craftsman to cast the fabulous pillars, Jachin and Boaz, as well as the other ornaments

and holy vessels. He found the craftsman he needed through his friend and ally, Hiram, King of Tyre, who sent Hiram Abiff a.k.a. Hiram-Abi (meaning Hiram the fatherless) to work on the temple.

Hiram Abiff was the son of a Tyrian and a woman from the tribe of Naphtali. One of the ten lost tribes, Naphtali was named for a son of Jacob and they lived in the region situated on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. This put them in geographic proximity to Tyre, which could explain how his mother and father became acquainted. His deceased father was a craftsman in bronze and, evidently, passed his skills and knowledge on to his son.

Much attention is given to the columns, Jachin and Boaz. However, they are only part of the work performed by Hiram Abiff. An equally large undertaking was the huge vessel or tank that was also cast in bronze. It measured approximately 15 feet in diameter, 7 feet deep and held 10,000 gallons. The walls of the vessel were 3 inches thick, and it rested upon the back of 12 bronze bulls. Its rim was adorned with a row of bronze gourds and flared outward like the petals of a flower. (1 Kings 7:23-26)

Additionally, there was cast, an altar measuring 30 feet square and 15 ft high, many smaller vessels, bowls, pots, shovels, carts, and doors.

TO BE CONTINUED.

LAMP OF MEMORY (Excerpt)

By Mr. John Ruskin (1849)



MEN CANNOT BENEFIT those that are with them as they can benefit those who come after them; and of all the pulpits from which human voice is ever sent forth, there is none from which it reaches so far as from the grave.

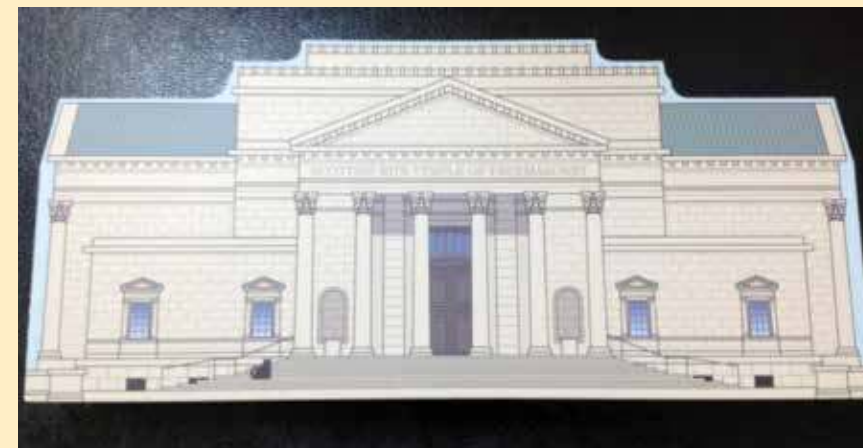
Nor is there, indeed, any present loss, in such respect, for futurity. Every human action gains in honor, in grace, in all true magnificence, by its regard to things that are to come. It is the far sight, the quiet and confident patience, that, above all other attributes, separate man from man, and near him to his Maker; and there is no action nor art, whose majesty we may not

measure by this test. Therefore, when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This our fathers did for us." For, indeed, the greatest glory of a building is not in its stones, or in its gold.

Its glory is in its Age, and in that deep sense of voicefulness, of stern watching, of mysterious sympathy, nay, even of approval or condemnation, which we feel in walls that have long been washed by the passing waves of humanity. It is in their lasting witness against men, in their quiet contrast with the transitional character of all

things, in the strength which, through the lapse of seasons and times, and the decline and birth of dynasties, and the changing of the face of the earth, and of the limits of the sea, maintains its sculptured shapeliness for a time insuperable, connects forgotten and following ages with each other, and half constitutes the identity, as it concentrates the sympathy, of nations: it is in that golden stain of time, that we are to look for the real light, and color, and preciousness of architecture; and it is not until a building has assumed this character, till it has been entrusted with the fame, and hallowed by the deeds of men, till its walls have been witnesses of suffering, and its pillars rise out of the shadows of death, that its existence, more lasting as it is than that of the natural objects of the world around it, can be gifted with even so much as these possess, of language and of life.

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A WARM HELLO FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE CHILDHOOD SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CENTER! We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer as we prepare for another school year. We have had an eventful summer and would like to share with you some of our most notable happenings.

Perhaps some of you were able to catch our clinical coordinator, Chrissy Wandishin, during the "Celebrate the Craft" fundraising event this past May. Chrissy traveled to Washington D.C. to be featured during the live telethon. A brief video showcasing our clinic, clinicians, and a client success story was also aired that night. This is a must-see video and can be accessed through the following link: <https://vimeo.com/162431997>. This "Celebrate the Craft" event was very successful and we hope that

the Scottish Rite Centers nationwide will be able to benefit from some of the money raised.

This summer, we welcomed graduate student clinician Talisa Thomas from Towson University. Talisa has done an excellent job working with the

children and families of our clinic under our supervision. We will miss her and our clients will too! We wish her the best of luck in the future and know she will make a wonderful addition to the field of speech-language pathology.

We are eager to have with us two new Brockman Fellowship recipients: Natasha Hearn from Loyola University and Annie Fiore from Towson University. We look forward to having them both working alongside us this fall and spring!

The speech-language pathologists and clinic staff are anticipating the second year of our pre-literacy camp scheduled for July and August this summer! "Plant the Seed... Before They Read" will focus on providing early intervention services, literacy enrichment, and social interactions geared

for children in the preschool, kindergarten, and early elementary grade levels. Theme-based lessons will be implemented and targeted. If you know of anyone who may be a good candidate for this camp, please contact our center at 410-243-3800.

This year also marks the biennial RiteCare conference for speech-language pathologists and administrators in Denver, Colorado. Several of our therapists and administrators will be making the trip this October. We are eager for them to share with us the most current therapy practices and techniques learned over, what will undoubtedly be, a wonderful weekend!

We are looking forward to another successful school year ahead. We will be continuing our contracts with the School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and the Friends School of Baltimore. We always enjoy having visitors throughout the year and welcome you to stop down for a tour when you are able. Thank you all for your continued support and best wishes for a happy and healthy fall season!



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Chesapeake Lodge No. 147

From the Editor: The Rite News of Maryland will, for the foreseeable future, be featuring a Maryland Blue Lodge in each issue. This will allow our Scottish Rite members, who may not have the opportunity to travel, to become familiar with lodges from all over our great jurisdiction.



CHESAPEAKE LODGE NO. 147, was Chartered May 16, 1869, and its Chartered members were Crisfield men who were mostly made Master Masons in New York Lodges. This was due to the fact they were sailing Captains on the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean transporting cargo of all types to various parts of the East Coast and Southern Islands.

The Lodge prospered very well during that time, and membership flourished, even though their lodge was in make shift locations, from the beginning on the top floor of the U.S. Customs Office, to a Barge, to several different upstairs of Oyster Shucking Houses. Eventually, they moved to the center of Crisfield, and eventually built their own building in 1926, of which is still in use today.

Members came from everywhere, especially from the new arrival of the trains coming into Crisfield, of which many members were members from other Lodges throughout the states. Many stayed and became members of Chesapeake Lodge.

Over the years, many men and influential men have belonged to the lodge and its membership prospered. Many were well known by their accomplishments such as Governor Tawes, Bro. Azariah Nelson's whose son started Del Monte Foods in California, Bro. L.S. Tawes, who brought the first stones to the Washington Monument, many Doctors, Legislators, Delegates, and Comptrollers of Maryland, not to leave out local political seats, and good men of the Crisfield area.

Membership did decline for several years, and now it has been reenergized and has been bringing in a lot of men whose fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers were Masons, which has been keeping the lodge moving forward and increasing membership. In the last several years, Chesapeake has been averaging about one or two men a month coming into Masonry.

The lodge has been more in the public eye by having degrees on Smith Island, participating as members of the Free State Shield & Square Degree Team Members, as well as having more activity in and around the Lodge. In short - BEING SEEN.



Photo is of the Cornerstone being placed in the photo above.



The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—Baltimore

One-Day Class

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

In the month of November, Valleys, Orients and Councils of Deliberations from both the Northern Masonic and Southern Jurisdictions will come together to celebrate the Scottish Rite.

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(Street Address) (City or Town) (State) (ZIP Code)

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) _____ (Printed name of Recommender)	_____ (Phone Number)	_____ (Signature)	_____ (Scottish Rite ID Number)

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 _____
(Signature of Applicant in Full)

INITIATION FEE: \$250.00

INITIATION FEE INCLUDES:
14° Trilite Ring (May be upgraded to 10K Gold for additional fee),
32° Patent, Bridge to Light Book, Master Craftsman I Program

AT LEAST \$100.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION.

HAT SIZE _____ RING SIZE _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SCOTTISH RITE

This fee may be paid by Credit Card.

Select one: _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____ Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

3 Digit Security Number on back of card _____

Upcoming **Events** 2016

Wednesday, September 14th	Baltimore – Lodge of Perfection	6:30pm
Thursday, September 15th	Susquehanna – Photo Night	7:30pm
Monday, September 19th	Cumberland – LOP	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 21st	Baltimore - Rose Croix	6:30pm
Wednesday, September 28th	Baltimore – Council Festive Board	6:30pm
Wednesday, September 28th	Cumberland – Wash. Co. Club	7pm
Saturday, October 1st	Basket Bingo	2-5pm
Monday, October 3rd	Cumberland – Feast of Tishri	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 5th	Baltimore – Consistory	6:30pm
Saturday, October 15th	Frederick - Reunion	8am
Monday, October 17th	Cumberland – LOP	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 19th	Baltimore – Class Orientation	6:30pm
Thursday, October 20th	Susquehanna Reunion	6:30pm
Sunday, October 30th	Baltimore – Memorial Service	2pm
Saturday, November 5th	Baltimore – Fall Reunion Day	7am
Monday, November 7th	Cumberland – LOP	7:30pm
Wednesday, November 9th	Baltimore – Feast of Tishri	7pm
Saturday, November 12th	Cumberland – Reunion Day	7:30am
Saturday, November 12th	Cumberland Ladies Night (Hagers)	6:30pm
Sunday, November 13th	Baltimore – Ring Ceremony	2pm
Thursday, November 17th	Susquehanna – Feast of Tishri	7pm
Monday, December 5th	Cumberland – Elections	7:30pm
Sunday, December 11th	Baltimore. – Christmas Party	2pm
Thursday, December 15th	Susquehanna – Elections	7:00pm