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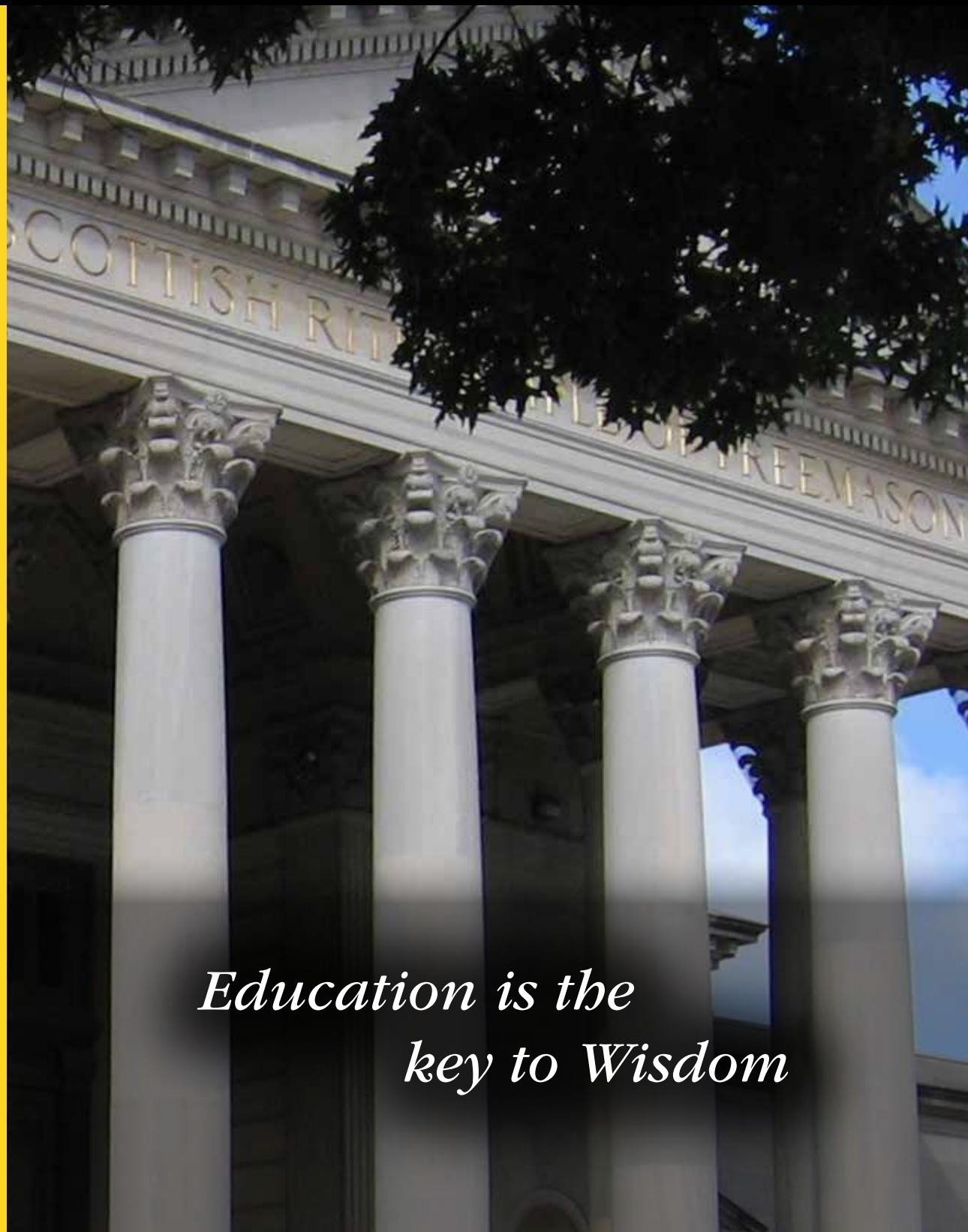
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A MESSAGE FROM III. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings to One and All,

I hope this issue of your "Rite News" finds you having a wonderful summer. Our fall activities are soon to begin. August will begin the activities in an exciting way. The House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. kicks off the Biennial Session with a Centennial Celebration; the 100th anniversary of The House of the Temple. There are many tours and activities planned. Look inside this issue for more details.

I wish to congratulate all new honor men who were elected this session. The Scottish Rite Honors Day for The Orient of Maryland will be Saturday, October 10, 2015. The Knight Commander Court of Honour Investiture is a beautiful ceremony open to all and is followed by a full five course banquet. I invite you to join us for this event, as we honor those men elevated to Knight Commander and Inspector General Honorary, 33°. Speaking of banquets, this is your final reminder of the Lobster Fest on August 15th. **YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION! NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

Our fall reunion is shaping up very nicely. Rehearsals and new degrees are in progress. The Master Craftsman program was so successful in the spring class; it is being offered again this fall. It is never too late to get involved. If you have not been to a Scottish Rite meeting in a while you will be amazed by all the new happenings in Maryland.

Have you looked at our new website? There you can find out about activities all over the Orient. I encourage you to visit a Valley near you. It is



not the "same old Scottish Rite". You will get your money's worth when you participate.

As I travel around Maryland I am truly amazed at the tremendous works that are being accomplished in our Valleys, Music Fest and Talent contests in Cumberland, a new Knights of St. Andrew with a ladies auxiliary, plans for new degrees and a new body in Frederick, family movie nights, hunting and fishing trips and a new body in Susquehanna, breakfast clubs, retirement clubs and dinner clubs. There is something for everyone happening everywhere in Maryland. Bring a friend and be a part. Better yet, bring a new member and show him what being a Scottish Rite Mason is all about. You'll be glad you did.

Until next issue, I look forward to seeing each of you soon and may I wish you and yours the blessing of good health and much happiness always.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

 III. Marlin L. Mills, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Maryland



Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

By: MW Brother Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr., 32°, KCCH



GREETINGS BRETHREN,

"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence." Martin Luther King, Jr.

When you think about this quote, it could describe an objective of masonry. All of the lessons that are presented in all of the degrees of masonry are designed to promote your philosophical perspective on life. They are all uplifting and they all attempt to reinforce the benefit of our individual quest for excellence.

Masons have become known over the centuries as "the builders." In ancient times, masons built many of the historic edifices which are found all over Europe and elsewhere in the world. In modern times, masons have transitioned as "builders" to that of building men. This is accomplished through a series of degrees

designed to call attention to character traits and values. These messages are designed to provoke a man to strive for self-improvement by living up to these expectations.

As masons, we constantly hear about the pursuit of light. Eventually, we should discover that there is no end to the possibilities for self-improvement. Napoleon Hill points out that "whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe can be achieved." The choice is always ours as to how to accomplish the task.

So what brought you to the Scottish Rite? Chances are, someone in your lodge spoke to you about the added benefit of being a part of the Scottish Rite experience. More than likely, he presented you with a petition and he may even have brought you to the door to receive your degrees. Who was that person? Did he impact your masonic life?

We usually refer to these men as "Mentors."

Today, we recognize more than ever the importance of the "mentors" within our craft. These men are true builders in the modern sense as they encourage and inspire men to higher achievement. These men are playing a key role in returning masonry to a higher level significance within our society.

Mentors do not have to be the most experienced or have the most masonic knowledge to be

effective. However, they usually do have a deep commitment and passion for the fraternity.

Now that you have demonstrated an added commitment to the craft by joining Scottish Rite, what will you give back? Will you become a "mentor" to another brother or even a man who may be interested in following your masonic footsteps?

Motivational speaker and author Zig Zeigler said, "When you encourage others, you, in the process, are encouraged because you are making a commitment and a difference in that person's life. Encouragement really does make a difference."

Thank you for all you do to make "Maryland Masonry a Pathway to Excellence!"



Orient Personal Representative

By: Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33°—Orient Personal Representative, MWPGM



BY THE TIME THAT YOU READ THIS, much will have happened in Maryland Scottish Rite. The first meetings of the fall will have begun. The Supreme Council will have met and chosen our 2015 Honor Men. The new degree teams will have started rehearsing and Maryland Scottish Rite will be very busy. My brethren, that is good. We can't stop our work,

but must diligently continue to pursue those goals that make our Freemasonry so much more than a series of un-meaning rites.

The fall colors are now becoming a thing of beauty, but our learning is still just beginning. No matter how much effort we put forth, or how effective we seem to be, we can't lessen our efforts, even for a moment. We must continue to find out how the simple lessons of each degree and order can turn into those beautiful (colors) lessons that we extract from them in our everyday life. If the journey through Masonry was an easy one, no one would be impressed by the final results. We must, therefore, exert to the utmost so that we can accomplish those tasks that lie before us.

I have often heard it said that spring is more beautiful than fall, because it seems to be a new beginning. Yes, this is true and we should always strive for those new beginnings. But, please consider my Brethren, how nature (Our Supreme Architect) has taken this simple new beginning and brought forth the glorious colors for us to enjoy.

As for now, it is up to each one of us to continue that subtle change that must take place in each of our lives, to bring us from this beautiful new beginning, to that gorgeous burst of color that will appear if we follow the directions of our Supreme Master. My Brothers, the opportunity is yours and only requires your indulgence. Strive for God's Beauty in our Freemasonry.

ILLUSTRIOS WILLIAM T. MC LAUGHLIN, 33°

MEMORIAL CLASS – FALL 2015

Illustrious William T. McLaughlin, 33°

June 18th, 1937 – August 6th, 2014

Member of Patapsco Lodge # 189

14° - April 25th, 1975

18° - April 26th, 1975

30° - April 26th, 1975

32° - April 26th, 1975

Invested KCCH – October 25th, 1979



Valley of Baltimore

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



THE CARROLL SCOTTISH RITE CLUB, organized May 3, 1973, celebrated their 40th anniversary on May 2, 2015. A proclamation was read by the Personal

Representative, Ray Leppo and presented by the SGIG, Marlin Mills, congratulating the club on being the oldest in the Orient of Maryland. Several of the founding fathers were present. Brother Jim Cook and Carl Wisner commented on how the club was founded and about serving dinners at local firehouses before establishing a home at Door to Virtue Lodge #46. Dinner was served by Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #94 followed by entertainment. Brother Ray Leppo was presented a life membership to the club, for his support of many years.

The 2015 Fall Class is in memory of William McLaughlin, 33° and the officers are:

Lodge of Perfection, Venerable Master – John Lister, 32°

Rose Croix, Wise Master – Andrew Vineberg, 32°, KCCH

Council of Kadosh, Commander – John Austin, 32°

Chesapeake Consistory, Master of Kadosh – Kostas Vourvoulias, 32°, KCCH

The Fall Class will meet 4 Wednesdays and Saturday followed by the Ring Ceremony and Feast of Tishri.

Class Officers for Spring 2015



(Left to Right) Mark F. Owens, 32° - Class Orator; Stanley Fishman, 32° - Class Vice President; Donald G. Constable, 32° - Class Secretary; Hon. Kostas Vourvoulias, 32° - KCCH – RWDGM; Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° - SGIG; Rev. Medgar L. Reid, 32° - Class President; Matthew C. Schweiger, 32° - Class Treasurer

Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

By: Hon. Andrew L. Vineberg, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master



BRETHREN,

As we wrap up the warm summer months and we enter

into fall, I hope you are as excited as I am as to what is taking place at the Scottish Rite. With the new Fall Class about to seek further light, the Feast of Tishri upon us, and our council meetings, there is no better time to be a Scottish Rite Mason. As I reflect on the excellent degree work I witnessed this past spring, presented to the new class, I have a deeper understanding as to what the degrees mean, especially those of the Rose Croix chapter to which I am so honored to be a part of. To sum it up as to my take on and to remind all

of you, it is our duty, per the lessons in these degrees, that we never lose our loyalty to God, as he is our primary commitment. The commitment of our duty to spread the word of one spiritual Brotherhood throughout the world is another valuable lesson. Lastly, it is the Scottish Rite Masons' duty to possess the Law of Love which all men everywhere may understand and practice. With all that said, I wish you a wonderful remainder of summer and fall and hope to see all of you at our Scottish Rite Temple.

OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Open to all members and their families

We pay tribute to the Officers of our clubs, to the founders and leaders, past and present, and to the members for their cooperation in promoting the Scottish Rite way and the Masonic understanding and fellowship that go with it. For year-round activities and meetings of these clubs, call:

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Ill. Kenneth R. Taylor, 33°
410-782-9297

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Bro. Stephen G. Hall, 32°
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Conowingo Scottish Rite Club
Hon. William D. Gunn, 32°, KCCH
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Carroll Scottish Rite Club
Ill. Paul M. Lloyd, 33°
410-374-2569

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Arthur H. Tawes, 33°
443-235-8950

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Bro. Robert Sparks, 32°, KCCH
410-634-2235

Scottish Rite Cheer Club
Ill. Charles E. Winebrenner, Jr., 33°
410-243-3200

Washington County Scottish Rite Club
Bro. Robert Reiff, 32°
301-302-6550

NEW Hellenic Society Social Club
Bro. John Stathopoulos, 32°
410-592-2929

But the real truth of the matter is we have come to depend on the ritual as the basis for Masonic knowledge. The ritual does not make Masons. It only makes members! We cheat, wrong and defraud any candidate who is left hanging at the end of the 3rd Degree, having heard a lot of words and really not knowing what they mean. Until the Degrees are explained to the candidate he has no idea of what he has gone through. To suggest that the explanation is complete with the lectures of each Degree is again burying our head in "Masonic Sand."

Richard E. Fletcher, 33°, PGM, Vermont

Further Light Spring Class of 2015

By: Ill. Charles L. Carmichael, 33° - Asst. Orient Representative

WHEN I READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT by our good friend and brother, I thought it had a certain ring of truth about it. Not only does it ring true in regards to our Craft Lodges but also in all of the various Bodies of Freemasonry. The need to understand the meaning of the degrees is not unique to our jurisdiction but is common throughout North America.

Masonic Education is an important but vastly ignored aspect of Freemasonry (Continental Europe notwithstanding). As a result, this general lack of educational work in the average Lodge and Appendant Bodies may perhaps be a principal reason for the lack of interest and, consequently, the poor attendance we have been experiencing for a number of years.

Over the past several years, the Valley of Baltimore has been successful in involving our members (as well as family and friends, in some cases) in a variety of ways. One, in particular, has been the effort to confer more of the degrees that

are a part of our Rite. During this last class, 13 of the 29 Degrees were conferred and, done so in a most proficient and impressive manner. It is truly a testament to the hard work and devotion of our members.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has often been called the University of Freemasonry, which alludes to a promise of education. But how have we fulfilled the promise?

For many years the newly made Masters of the Royal Secret were presented with the book by Dr. Rex R. Hutchens, 33°, G.C., "A Bridge to Light", which is indeed an excellent study of the ritual and philosophy of the degrees of the Rite. This was presented at the conclusion of the degrees on Reunion Day and could be viewed as a "first step" towards further light and masonic education with the hope that the brothers would take the time to read and study further on their own, although the conferrals themselves had already been completed.

Then, about three years ago, in an effort to make the education

aspect of the degree conferral more meaningful, "A Bridge to Light" was given to each member of the class during the orientation evening and specific reading assignments were made prior to the degree conferrals. This simple change - the timing of the book presentation - was welcomed by the classes and proven to be very helpful in gaining a fuller understanding of the meanings and messages of the degrees.

For a number of years now, The Supreme Council has offered a series of self-study courses in The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program (SRMC). Normally, these courses were offered by mail as a correspondence course. Under the leadership of our Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland and our Executive Director for the Orient of Maryland, the decision was taken to offer the first course in the series to complement the Spring Class of 2015.

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Master Craftsman I Program - Essay for Quiz 1:

By: Brother Che F. F. Hackett, 32° - Palestine Lodge #189

WHAT WAS THE MOST INTERESTING THING YOU LEARNED STUDYING FOR THIS QUIZ, AND WHY?

When I first petitioned the Scottish Rite, one of my only pre-conceived assumptions was that it would not be as intimate and immersive a learning experience as that as the Blue Lodge. Everything I had read and heard about the Scottish Rite prior to petitioning, led me to believe that it may not be as hands-on with regards to furthering my knowledge of the craft and conferring the degrees -- so it came as a very pleasant surprise how wrong I was during the orientation last week, and especially more so after studying for this first quiz. From what I've learned thus far, my initial pre-conception was incorrect, as the Scottish Rite is indeed a quite involved and immersive experience for the new initiates.

In addition, although it was not among the Twenty (20) questions in the quiz, one of the most interesting things I learned while studying for the quiz was the origination of the usage for Chalk, Charcoal, and Clay, as related to the way Entered Apprentices are to serve their

time. On page 94 of the "Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide", Arturo De Hoyos mentions that the earliest Lodge meetings took place in someone's living room, an Alehouse, or other such temporary venue, since Freemasons did not yet own dedicated buildings in which to meet. This much I always knew...but what was previously unknown to me was the fact that the Freemasons, at that time, would use Chalk and Charcoal, to basically "draw" images of the lodge room on the floor, and use Clay to mold the "tools" of the fraternity. It turns out that Entered Apprentices at that time, served their brothers by mopping and cleaning the Chalk & Charcoal from the floors after the meetings, and removing the Clay implements.

This, of course, led to the description years later of the way Entered Apprentices are to serve their time --- with freedom, fervency, and zeal.

Another worthy nugget of knowledge that was presented, while working on the quiz, is the fact that the precursor to the Scottish Rite, the Order of The Royal Secret, took hold in the West Indies prior to making its way to the United States. This

was discussed in both "Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide", and "A Bridge To Light" (page 1). As I am from the West Indies (specifically the twin island Republic of Trinidad & Tobago), this came as a revelation to me, and one that I found quite pleasantly surprising, the fact that the West Indies played somewhat of a prominent early role in the development of the craft degrees and appendant bodies.

Lastly, while working on the quiz, my readings of "A Bridge To Light" has thus far enlightened me to the fact that the degrees in the Scottish Rite are not "designed" to make us perfect --- but instead those degrees are designed to help us strive for perfection.

There are a lot more revelations from the reading material that piqued my interest while studying for the quiz, but this essay is meant to be a relatively short one. I look forward to the following lectures, quizzes, and furthering my light in Masonry from the readings, and the conferral ceremonies to follow.

Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Bro. John R. Austin, 32° - Commander of Kadosh



WELL, HERE IT IS TIME AGAIN to write an article for the Scottish Rite Magazine. Time flies. In the past couple of issues, I have written rather extemporaneously about how we, as Masons, can contribute to the craft. Upon reflection, I will admit that in this, my 40th year as a Mason, I had no clue when I was raised to the 3rd degree what it all meant. I only knew that I had taken an oath to be a good person and do the right thing. For many years, I held to the concept that this fine institution, that I had become a member of, was my guiding light. I have tried to lead a life of truth and honesty. Well, I was a Boy Scout and those are a couple of the attributes in the Scout's pledge too. So I had a fundamental basis to lead my life by and to use as an example in everyday life. Lots of challenges come one's way and lots of opportunity to do something stupid or less than honest. Who really pays attention to these dumb promises anyway? How does an oath or obligation really have any sway over what we do

in our every day life? Who cares about this stuff?

I have come to realize that, as I was growing into a man, I did indeed reflect upon those oaths and obligations. I had a ring on my finger and I have a decal on my truck that shows the world that I am a member. When tempted to do something stupid or dishonest, I did indeed think of the men I would disappoint if I led a less than stellar life. I had a lot of respect for those men that taught me the totin chip and the true light. When I became a father, I needed to set a good example for my children. What foundation was I to give them? Easy actually, I had to go no farther than to the obligations I have taken in Scouting and in Masonry.

Our judicial system would not work without the overpowering temptation of the everyday man to tell the truth. Who can explain the compelling propensity of those in the witness stand, that have just sworn on the Bible, to tell the truth, to actually do that? Sure, there are plenty of people with no compunctions about lying to a jury to save their own hides. But, that would not be true of the Masons I know. It is not true of most people I believe. We have an inherent need to do the right thing unless something has gone wrong in our early upbringing.

By now, you may be asking where I am going with this message. It is this. As Masons,

we self select our brothers. We encourage them to do good by our lessons in the three degrees. In doing so, we imprint upon them the common goal of trusting oneself to do the right thing. This may not be the first time they have heard this message. We are supporting the good lessons that they have learned or should have learned already in life. We, as Masons, are bound to make good men better, we are not bound to make bad men good. When you are considering the next candidate for the Blue Lodge or the Scottish Rite or any other Masonic body, consider the man, look for the good, reflect upon your own raising.

I want to mention here, that in the last couple of months, I have had a personal health event. I am glad to say that things have turned around and I am in good shape. What was most gratifying was the fact that my family gathered to me in concern for my welfare. One would probably expect this to occur. What was unexpected was the contact made to me by so many of my Masonic family. I was truly overwhelmed and grateful for the concern and personal contact from many brothers from many Masonic organizations. As reflected above, we self select our brothers. I think, thus far, that self selection is purposeful and works very well as it has for a thousand years. This is why we have lasted so long. We care about each other.

Chesapeake Consistory

By: Hon. Kostas Vourvoulas, 32°, KCCH - Commander, RWDGM



THE SPRING REUNION IS OVER and what a great event it was. The degrees were performed enthusiastically by all cast members. The lessons conveyed in the degrees will help illuminate the path for our new Scottish Rite Masons to follow, making them better family men and community leaders.

This, my Brothers, is the "Great Aim We Have In View".

At the Chesapeake Consistory, held on March 25th, Brother Dave Sandy spoke to assembled members and guests about the restoration of the Masonic Bible used by the Grand Lodge of Maryland during the Semi-annual and Annual Communications.

Brother Sandy's presentation took us on a pictorial journey from the time he received the bible that was torn and tattered, through the process of restoration, to the finished product. The audience listened to this presentation with great interest and curiosity, as many questions were asked of Bro. Sandy.

Thank you Bro. Sandy for this informative and fascinating

program. We look forward to your return at the September 30th meeting when you will be speaking on the subject of the Holy Saints John.

Spring was a very busy time at the Scottish Rite and the fall is shaping up to be the same.

The Fall Class will be forming in October and Degrees will again be performed for our new Scottish Rite Brothers. The lodges within the Rite will hold their individual meetings. They will conduct their business and have interesting programs following the meetings for families and friends.

So, take advantage of the exciting happenings at the Scottish Rite and participate as much as you can. These experiences will make you a more informed and enlightened Mason.

A STUMBLING BLOCK OR A STEPPING STONE

*"Isn't it strange how princes and kings,
and clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
and common people, like you and me,
are builders for eternity?"*

*Each is given a list of rules;
a shapeless mass; a bag of tools.
And each must fashion, ere life is flown,
A stumbling block, or a Stepping-Stone."*

R.L. Sharp



Cumberland Scottish Rite conducts meeting in Oakland, MD

MEMBERS OF CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE traveled to Oakland, MD on April 20, 2015, to conduct a business meeting. Because of distance, many members from Oakland cannot attend meetings in Cumberland on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM. Eleven men from Cumberland and eight men from Oakland attended the meeting. Five wives were present and helped to serve refreshments after the meeting.



Oakland Masonic Temple (Taken April 2015) Weather was nice April, 2015!



The men enjoying the refreshments served by the ladies.



Scottish Rite meeting in Oakland, MD. Front row: L to R: Harry Cox, 32°, Robin Summerfield, 32°, George Baker, 32°, KCCH, acting Venerable Master, Mike Kamauff, 32°, Joseph Cushall, 32°. Second Row L to R: Joseph Kennedy, 32°, Jamey Hill, 33°, Mark Weatherholt, 32°, KCCH, Ted Raynovich, 33°, Lonnie Jackson, 33°, Eric Wotring, 32°, Paul Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative. Third Row L to R: Elmer Miles, 32°, KCCH, Jerome Robinette, 33°, Secretary-Registrar, Harold Harris, 32°, Eugene Holland, 32°, Kenneth Harris, 32°, and Brent Lewis, 32°.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation & The Hilgenberg Childhood Speech and Language Center invite you to the **15th Annual Family Day Picnic** **Games, Prizes, Food & Fun!**

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Sunday, August 2nd, 2015
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**George Hunt Pavilion
Grand Lodge of Maryland
304 International Circle
Cockeysville, MD 21030**



**Please call the
Scottish Rite Office
(410-243-3200)
for Reservations.**

**\$5.00 Donation per person
requested, children under 12 free**

Directions to the Grand Lodge:

**From South: Take I-695 Beltway to Exit 24 (I-83 North).
Take I-83 North to Exit 20A (Shawan Road East). Turn Left at Traffic Light (McCormick Road). Go 1/8 Mile and Turn Left onto International Circle. Go 1/4 Mile and Grand Lodge Entrance is on Right.**

From North: Take I-83 South to Exit 20A (Shawan Road East). Turn Left at Traffic Light (McCormick Road). Go 1/8 Mile and Turn Left onto International Circle. Go 1/4 Mile and Grand Lodge Entrance is on Right.

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TO ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS
THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND



Honors Day

Saturday, October 10th, 2015



Honors Day is a Biennial Event when the Scottish Rite confers the 33rd degree and the Knight Commander Court of Honour. While the 33rd degree is a closed rite, only open to Inspector Generals – Active and Honorary, the KCCH Investiture and Capping are public ceremonies and open to all. Afterwards, there is a Gala Banquet, again open to all, to celebrate this auspicious occasion and the elevation of the honorees.

- 3:30pm – 4:45pm Open conferral of the KCCH Investiture
Capping Ceremony to follow the 32° - KCCH Investiture
- 5:30pm Pictures of new Honormen in Classroom
- 5:30pm – 6:15pm Refreshments – *Upstairs*
Light Hors d'oeuvres
Iced Tea, Wine, Soft Drinks
- 6:15pm – 8:00pm Honors Banquet - *Reservations Required - \$65.00 per person*
Petit Harvest Lettuce Assortment of Berries and Cheese
Shrimp Cocktail
Crab Bisque w/ Sherry Wine
Four oz. Broiled Maryland Crab Cake & 5 oz. Filet Mignon
(Porcini Mushroom Ravioli Vegetarian Option)
Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Asparagus
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter
Dessert – Smith Island Cake (from Sugar Bakers)
Fresh Brewed Coffee and Tea
- Open Bar to Include – *Bottled Beer Assortment, Wine Selection, Spirits for Mixed Drinks, Soda, Juices and Various Mixers*
- 8:00pm – 10:30pm Music & Dancing
- Banquet Reservations are required - \$65.00 per person
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Spring 2015 Pictures



Cumberland Scottish Rite

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE CEREMONY FOR CAPPING of new members was held Sunday, May 17, 2015 in the Cumberland Masonic Temple in Cumberland. Jerry Robinette, 33° served as Master of Ceremonies. Kevin Mallow, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, welcomed those attending. Service awards of forty or more years of service (increments of 5 years) were recognized. Those honored were: Forty Years: Russell V Bittner, 32°, Ill Charles E Brown, 33°, Arthur Coddington, Jr 32°, George C DeHaven, Jr, 32°, John E Fazenbaker, 32°, William C Lewis, Jr, 32°, Terry E Williams, 32°, and Edward A Worth, 32°. Forty Five Years: Karl E Bittner, 32°, Clyde H Foor, Jr, 32°, Wayne M Hillegass, 32°, Stanley L Kline, 32°, Ill David W Litton, Jr, 33°, Charles E Sibley, Jr, 32°, and Ill G Frederick Widmyer, 33°. Fifty Years: Ill Irvin W Johnson, 33°, Personal Representative Emeritus, and John F Workmeister, Jr, 32°. Fifty Five Years: Robert Lou Hite, 32°, and Paul G Poland, 32°. Sixty Years: Ill George E Smith, 33°. The pins were presented by Personal Representative, Paul G Shircliff.



William C Lewis, Jr, 32° receiving his Forty year award

The newly initiated members of the 165th Convocation were announced. The capping escorts, Ill Jamey Hill, 33° and James Snider, 32° KCCH, escorted the member and his lady to the 14th degree ring centered in the front of the room. A scroll was given to the lady with information on the significance of the ring. The couple then walked through the ring and Personal Representative, Paul Shircliff, 33° placed the black cap on the new member. A picture was taken of the couple in front of the ring. Twelve men were able to attend the ceremony on Sunday. One new member attended the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection Monday, May 18th and was presented his black cap at that time. A meal was served in the dining room following the close of the capping ceremony. Congratulations to all the new members and to the men receiving service awards.

Pictures were taken by Mark Widmyer, 32° KCCH.



Stanley L Kline, 32° receiving his Forty Five year award

Spring 2015 Capping Ceremony



Ill G Frederick Widmyer, 33° receiving his Forty Five year award



Robert Lou Hite, 32° receiving his Fifty Five year award



Ill Irvin (Butch) Johnson, 33° receiving his Fifty year award



Harry E Cox, Jr, 32° receives a prism for being the top line signer for 5 petitions for the Spring 2015 Class



Ill Lonnie Jackson, 33° receives cuff links for being the top line signer for 5 petitions for the Spring 2015 Class. Brother Jackson has a total of 15 top line signings.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic

By: Ill. P. Gary Shircliff, 33° - Personal Representative, Valley of Cumberland



THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE DISORDERS CLINIC was established to be the principal philanthropy of the Cumberland Scottish Rite. The speech clinic is managed by "The Children's League", located at 12501 Willowbrook Road, P.O. Box 267, Cumberland, Maryland 21501-0267. Phone number 301-759-5200 or Fax 301-759-2677. The Cumberland Scottish Rite constructed a speech laboratory at the Allegany Health Department building and opened in September 1997 after several years of planning. The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation contributes funds

annually to aid in the operation of the clinic. The Cumberland Scottish Rite also hosts various fundraisers to assist in our support of ongoing operations. The Buck-A-Cup, Thing-A-Ma-Jig, and Robert Burns Night are three major projects that provide money to maintain the Speech Clinic.

The Children's League serves children ages birth to 21 from Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania providing FREE Speech services as well as Free service in orthopedic, cerebral palsy, cleft lip/cleft palate clinics physical and occupational therapy. The League is managed by Cathy L. Growden, Executive Director. The clinic employs Dr. Debra E. Friend-CCC/SLP Director of Speech and Angela Mandell, Speech-Language Pathologist of the Children's League. The Cumberland Scottish Rite has appointed Illustrious Jerome F. Robinette, 33° to sit on the Children's League board of directors.

Parents should familiarize themselves with the early

signs of speech and language disorders, which are growing causes of disability among U.S. children. With early treatment, many of these disorders can be reversed or even prevented. Parents should not delay seeking an assessment from a certified speech-language pathologist if they have any questions about their child's communication skills. Parents can review the early signs of speech and language disorders at <http://IdentifytheSigns.org>. It is important that young children are spending the majority of their time listening and conversing with others, as well as engaging in imaginative play and outdoor activities- all of which help them learn and develop.

Contributions to the Cumberland Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic may be made by check payable to Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation and sent to Jerome Robinette, 33°, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502.

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SPRING CLASS - APRIL 25, 2015



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SCOTTISH RITE ROTC - JROTC AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2015

Branch of Armed Forces	School Name	JROTC AWARD RECIPIENT
Army	Meade High School	Jade Thomas
Navy	Woodlawn High School	Karyn Hunt
Navy	Northwestern High School	Victoria Petrus
Army	Atholton High School	Natalie Pinkett
Army	Howard High School	Valentina Urrutia
Air Force	Laurel High School	Jocelyn Flores
Air Force	High Point High School	Grace Ubaldo
Navy	Great Mills High School	Allan Li
Marines	Milford Mill Academy	Jessica Canales
Branch of Armed Forces	School Name	ROTC AWARD RECIPIENT
Army	Bowie State University	Antonio Johnson
Air Force	University of Maryland	Brennan Williams
Army	McDaniel College	Matthew Meagher
Army	Mount St. Mary's University	Stephen Lariviere
Army	Morgan State University	Takiah Boyce
Army	University of Maryland	Katherine Romero

Further Light Spring Class of 2015 continued

By: Ill. Charles L. Carmichael, 33° - Asst. Orient Representative

The course was held during the "Classroom" portion of the evenings prior to the degree conferrals, making for a true educational experience. The classes were interactive with discussions as well as Question & Answer periods. Participation in the program was voluntary and in all, 21 brothers successfully completed the assignments in this first time offering. The program was met with great enthusiasm, proved to be of great value and deemed a success. It provided the participants with a "Scottish Rite Experience" the likes of which we had not experienced in the past.

In this edition of The Rite News of Maryland, the editor has chosen to exhibit one example of the fine work that was a result of this class. I hope you will enjoy the work of Bro. Hackett as he shares some of his insights and experiences.

We will, once again, be offering the first course of the SRMC to the candidates of The 2015 Fall Class. The course has undergone some minor modifications in order to enhance the experience for our candidates. Participation by the candidates will be voluntary. We sincerely hope our efforts to provide masonic

education in an open and meaningful way will continue to foster the promise of the Scottish Rite as being the University of Freemasonry. Have we achieved that promise? If not, we're on our way and we invite you, the members, to come participate and contribute in any way you can.

The 27th Degree - and that five-pointed star

By: Bro. Charles Matulewicz, 32° Turcopelier – Maryland Council of Kadosh



FLIPPING THROUGH MY SCOTTISH RITE MONITOR, I was looking for an inspiration for a topic, and I was struck by the Knight of the Sun, or Prince Adept. There is so much symbolism and philosophy in the degree that it makes the head spin, but let us take just one piece of the constellation of symbols to consider, the five-pointed star.

Why a five pointed star? At my Mother Lodge, we have a giant five-pointed star on the floor... and it raises so many questions to gentlemen interested in petitioning the Lodge. To the Scottish Rite Mason, the five pointed star is the jewel of the twenty-seventh degree. Let us look back to our blue lodge in order to see where this sign is used in other degrees for symbolic purposes. We see these in the lecture in the first degree where we point out the blazing star on the master's carpet as, not so much an emblem of the manifold blessings that surround us, but, rather, as an emblem of

the divine providence through which these blessings flow. We also are exposed to the idea, in the Master Mason's degree, of the five points of fellowship... we take the five points as the pentalpha each with their own moral application of our duties to our brothers, their conduct, and their trust. These applications from prior degrees are either allegorical, in the case of the blazing star... or moral in the points of fellowship. In the twenty-seventh degree, the symbol takes on a more esoteric flavor.

My Brothers, this five pointed star has also been seen as a symbol used by Hermetic philosophers representing the four elements, with the pinnacle of star being the spirit, or the spiritual nature of man. This would suggest that the five pointed star and the five points of fellowship have as much to do with the universe and the place of man in it as they do with the place of man within the world. The degree slides into the esoteric in the ancient representation of the cosmos.

The Macrocosm versus the Microcosm, with the five pointed star, represents the subset of the universe in which we men live. This ties quite nicely with the moral lessons we see in the third degree. Now, I do not want to write the ritual work from the third degree, but I would tie the lesson to one where each of the five points of fellowship are explained can be equated to the elements.

In reflecting on the 27th degree, I believe that this star is a symbol to which our wise Brother Albert attributes a specific meaning; being one of light out of darkness. What then does this mean? I attribute this to mean that the Masonic light that we are seeking to spread, this sign represents not only the five points of fellowship but mankind in general... humanity and its infinite possibility. Of all of these symbols of the degree, I imagine that there is very little that so links us with the world of material possibility. That five-pointed star, it shows us as above so below, it encapsulates the golden mean, and as a symbol there will be as many interpretations as there are Scottish Rite Masons. 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.



Maryland DeMolay

By: Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., 32° - Executive Secretary

ARE YOU BUSY? We are! Our Chapters have been keeping busy with all sorts of activities all around the state. The challenge for this Executive Secretary is keeping up with all the activities and bringing fresh material to you, so here goes! Recently we visited Annapolis where the State Association received a House Resolution announcing March as DeMolay month. This was extra special as one of our own Past State Master Councilors and Master Mason, Brother Michael W. McKay had just been sworn in at the open of the legislative session as the Freshman Delegate of District C1! Brother McKay assisted with this presentation on the Floor of the House of Representatives. After the session closed, State Master Councilor Spencer Schuch presented Bro. McKay with his 25 year membership pin from DeMolay International.



The evening was topped off by dinner out where the young men discussed a variety of topics with Delegate McKay. Bowie-Collington Chapter spent Memorial Day laying a wreath at the City of Bowie Veterans Memorial Park during the community ceremonies. DeMolay recognized them for their accomplishments and used their picture as their Facebook cover picture! Door to Virtue Chapter participated in the Westminster Memorial Day Parade with Door to Virtue Lodge, the Grand Commandery and the Grand Line. State Master Councilor Schuch and Dad Robert England, Past Executive Officer of MD DeMolay, presented Senior DeMolay's, including Past Grand Master Bennie Owens with their service pins at the Scottish Rite Reunion Day. George Fleming Moore Chapter assisted Corinthian

Lodge with a MD Chip event at the Towson YMCA, along with passing out information on DeMolay at Medieval Times at Arundel Mills. Frederick Chapter had its Installation of Officers in April along with lots of community activities. Nelson J. Briggs Chapter attended Tuscan Lodge for their DeMolay night presenting the Ceremony of Light and assisting the State Officers in presenting DeMolay Service Pins ranging from 25 to 75 years to many Brothers, including Bro. Kurt Frevel! As you can see, there is a lot of activity and more than could ever fit here. We would love for you to be part of it! Stop by our website, www.mddemolay.org and check out or calendar our give us a call. Thank you for all your support. We look forward to continuing our fantastic relationship with you all.

The Clinic Corner

By: Miriam Balsam, M.S., CCC-SLP

GREETINGS FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE CHILDHOOD SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CENTER! We are wrapping up another successful summer at the clinic and anticipating a productive fall season.

Our annual Basket Bingo fundraising event on May 9th, was a big success. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and exciting raffles, with proceeds benefitting the clinic. The Scottish Rite Family Day Picnic was held on August 2nd at the George Hunt Pavilion in Cockeysville, with many of our clients' families as well as children and grandchildren of Masonic families in attendance. Everyone had a great time and we appreciate the Masons' efforts in arranging a thoroughly enjoyable day. We cannot thank you all enough for your continued support with these and all other fundraising events and parties held this past year.

We were fortunate to have new laminate flooring and carpeting installed in the clinic recently, and we thank the Masons, particularly Mr. Marlin Mills and Mr. Fred Spicer, for coordinating and financing the clinic's attractive makeover. Stop by and see our new look!

In mid-April, we were glad to re-welcome our speech-language pathologist Lisa McGrain to the clinic after a maternity leave. With her trademark talent and professionalism, Lisa invested much time in recent months planning and implementing the clinic's first summer literacy program designed for budding readers. During July and August, weekly camp sessions were packed with educational and entertaining activities aimed to promote language and literacy skills. The program was a huge success, and we are immensely grateful to Lisa for making it happen. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Scottish Rite spring class of 2015 for the generous donation that made this literacy camp possible. Funds were used to buy educational materials, books, and supplies for the program.

We are pleased to share that two Brockman scholarship recipients have joined our clinic as graduate student clinicians. Sara Bateman from Towson University has made a wonderful addition to the Scottish Rite Speech and Language

Center and we are grateful for her hard work and devotion to our clients. We look forward to having Jordyn Koveleski from Towson University join us for the spring semester.

We would like to extend a warm congratulations to our speech-language pathologist Miriam Balsam for completing her Clinical Fellowship and obtaining certification from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

In other news, our former intern Amanda Stewart graduated in May from West Virginia University and is now working with Flagship Rehabilitation at a skilled nursing facility in Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania. We are grateful to Amanda for her dedication to our clients during the spring semester and wish her the best of luck with her new position.

We are excited to share that two of our speech-language pathologists have been taking courses on American Sign Language (ASL) at the Hearing and Speech Agency this summer. Christine Wandishin recently completed ASL 3 and Miriam Balsam finished ASL 2. Both therapists have acquired a wealth of new signs which have already come in handy and proven highly useful when treating clients with autism and receptive-expressive language delay.

With Fall approaching, we will soon begin another school year at The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and Garrison Forest School, with whom we have speech therapy contracts. We look forward to working with our students, old and new, in their school environment and facilitating their speech and language progress during the upcoming year.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. As always, you are invited to visit the clinic anytime. We wish you and your families an enjoyable remainder of the summer and a happy and healthy fall!

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The Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Bro. Jonathan Brand, 32° - Wise Master, Southern Maryland Chapter of Rose Croix



BRETHREN,

I hope this short note finds you all well. As you heard from our Venerable Master Denis Leiland, we have gone dark for the summer. But not before we capped off a very productive and prosperous first half of the year with a very enlightening history lesson on St. Andrew – Patron Saint of Scotland by our own Robert Parsley, 32°.

Bob is a member of the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Baltimore. The Knights of St. Andrew are a special group of 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons dedicated to provide service on behalf of the Scottish Rite.

There are a number of Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) chapters throughout the country. Our Chapter exists to provide service to the Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Baltimore, Orient of Maryland. There are two levels of membership, Squire and Knight. The Squire Level consists of selected members who have pledged to perform services for the Scottish Rite and abide by the Bylaws and Regulations of the Order, and the precepts of Freemasonry. The Knight Level is for those members who have

been selected for this honor based on their demonstrated service to the Scottish Rite, abide by the Bylaws and Regulations of the Order and the Precepts of Freemasonry, and pledge their continued service and fidelity.

Bob read the following article, Saint Andrew: Myth, Legend, and Reality, written by Michael T R B Turnbull, and rather than attempting to give a brief synopsis, I simply included it below in-full, this way you could have the enjoyment of experiencing the history lesson too. There is much more in store for us when we reconvene in the fall, so have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all after the summer break. Oh, and talk to your Brother Master Masons about joining the Scottish Rite and maybe you too can earn your very S.R. pyramid membership award.

Saint Andrew: Myth, Legend and Reality

Saint Andrew (who is believed to have later preached around the shores of the Black Sea), was an agile and hardy Galilean fisherman whose name means Strong and who also had good social skills. He brought the first foreigners to meet Jesus and shamed a large crowd of people into sharing their food with the people beside them. Today we might describe him as the Patron Saint of Social Networking!

Having Saint Andrew as Scotland's Patron gave the country several advantages:

because he was the brother of Saint Peter, founder of the Church, the Scots were able to appeal to the Pope in 1320 (The Declaration of Arbroath) for protection against the attempts of English kings to conquer the Scots. Traditionally, Scots also claimed that they were descended from the Scythians who lived on the shores of the Black Sea in what is now Romania and Bulgaria and were converted by Saint Andrew.

In the fascinating legend of The Voyage of St Rule from Greece to Scotland we can see the complicated spread of devotion to Saint Andrew - from Constantinople in modern Turkey, to St Andrews in Fife. St Rule (Regulus in Latin) and the six nuns and monks who took the long sea-journey with him, stands for the missionaries and monasteries who worked long and hard to bring the Good News to Britain. They lived in communities organized by a monastic Rule - hence the name St Rule or Regulus.

As Scotland slowly became a nation it needed a national symbol to rally round and motivate the country. Saint Andrew was an inspired choice and the early Picts and Scots modelled themselves on Saint Andrew and on one of his strong supporters, the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, whose statue you can see today in York, where he visited his father, a Roman General then trying to force the Picts to go back north.

Ring Ceremony Pictures



Job's Daughters

By: Ms. Chris Candler, Grand Marshal

THE JOB'S DAUGHTERS OF MARYLAND kicked off the new Grand Guardian term in Ocean City at the Princess Royale Hotel. Every year, over Mother's Day weekend, the adult leadership of Job's Daughters of Maryland changes. The daughters and adults travel from around the state to Ocean City, Maryland for a weekend full of fun, fellowship, games, awards, banquets and the installation itself. There are many other people from the various Masonic organizations, both in Maryland and the surrounding jurisdictions, who join the Jobies for this event. The fun kicks off on Thursday night with a pool party for everyone. The hotel closes the pool area to their other guests and the Jobies take over and enjoy some fun splashing around. Friday, many of the daughters entered the Grand Librarians competition where the daughters can show off their creative talents and skills. The bethels also participate as a group and create promotional banners and bethel badges.



The young ladies of Maryland are very talented! There were sand castle creations and beach games scheduled for Friday afternoon and Friday night brought the formal opening of the session. It was the final meeting for the 2014-2015 Grand Guardian Pam Savoie and her partner, Associate Grand Guardian Dan Stone. There was a special flag ceremony that the daughters participated in and membership streamers were awarded to many of the bethels. After all of the pomp and circumstance of the evening, everyone enjoyed playing mini-golf at a local mini-golf course. Saturday morning brought another showcase of the daughters' talents. Many had signed up to participate in the Choral and Talent competition. On Saturday evening, everyone attended a formal banquet. After dinner, awards were given to the daughters for the Grand Librarians competitions, Choral and Talent competition as well as ritual awards.



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New 7th Degree Team Forming – Provost and Judge

By: Robert N. Carhart, Jr., 32° KCCH



The evening ended with the new Grand Guardian council installation. Mom Happy Estes-Butler and Dad Jim Cloud began their term as Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian of Maryland. Sunday morning brought the end to a fabulous weekend. We had a church service and then headed home. It was a weekend filled with lots of laughs and fun. The daughters of Maryland had fun and enjoyed showing off their talents to everyone.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining Job's Daughters please visit our website, www.mdjobsdaughters.org.

BRETHREN, your Scottish Rite is in the midst of forming a new degree team and seeks cast members to add the 7th Degree, Provost and Judge, to our repertoire. It's been some years

since Baltimore last conferred this degree, which historically had local Scottish Rite members of the legal profession occupying the six speaking and two non-speaking parts. This time around, we are looking for those of you who may have recently joined the Rite and are interested in participating on a degree team, or perhaps those of you who have taken other roles in the past and seek a new challenge. Either way, perhaps this degree is for you.

As it is a relatively short Lodge of Perfection degree, this also might be a good fit for those with particularly busy schedules (like that of your Degree Master...). We're targeting Spring 2016 for

possible conferral of the 7th degree, so there is plenty of lead time to rehearse and prepare.

If you're interested or want more information, please contact me at RNCJr@verizon.net, and indicate whether you'd like a speaking or non-speaking role. If speaking, let me know how much of a speaking role you'd be comfortable with; most speaking parts involve moderate memorization, but the Master's position (or Venerable Chief Provost in this degree) has the most to say, not surprisingly. One of the two non-speaking parts, the Orator, actually does have a few words to say, but does so by reading the lecture to the candidate.

WASHINGTON COUNTY – SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

By: Bro. Gerry (Bear) Kendle, 32°

BRETHREN,

You may not know it but there is a new club in Maryland Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite Club of Washington County is a year old and we are keeping busy. We are currently supporting Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Washington County with the support of the Valley of Cumberland. We meet in Hagerstown just 5 times a year at the Western Sizzlin on York Rd and Halfway Blvd. We usually have dinner at 6:30pm and begin our meeting at 7pm. What is great with our group

is that spouses are welcome to join us. We have guest speakers join us for educational pieces on what great things are going on in our community. Currently, we are working on a follow-up to the successful KSA Bourbon and Bangers event from 2013 and we are planning a larger, better event for this October. I will have more information for the next issue. If you are a Scottish Rite mason in our area and you are looking for something to be involved in that isn't far from home and helps your local community, please feel free to



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Upcoming Events Fall-Winter 2015

Sunday, August 2
Scottish Rite Picnic
2pm

Saturday, August 15
Lobsterfest
2pm – 5pm
\$45.00 per person

Sun 8/23 – Wed 8/26
Biennial Sessions in DC

Wednesday, Sept 9
Lodge of Perfection
6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 16
Chapter Rose Croix
6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 23
Council Festive Board
6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 30
Consistory
6:30pm

Wednesday, October 7
Fall Class Orientation
6:30pm

Saturday, October 10
Honors Day
12 noon – 9pm
Confer KCCH & 33
Degree Ceremonies,
Banquet

Wednesday, October 14
Confer 4° & 5°
6:30pm

Wednesday, October 21
Confer 13° & 14°
6:30pm

Sunday, October 25
Memorial Service
2pm

Wednesday, October 28
Confer 15° & 18°
6:30pm

Wednesday, November 4
Confer 20° & 21°
6:30pm

Saturday, November 7
Reunion Day
8am – 4pm

Sunday, November 8
Ring Ceremony
2pm

Wednesday, November 11
Feast of Tishri
7pm

Sunday, December 13
Christmas Party
2pm

* Dates may change -
subject to Grand Lodge
Events, please see the
website or call the office for
updates.