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

Greetings to One and All,

As I pin these comments, it's cold and rainy
with a forecast of the same for days ahead.
Yet spring is a beautiful time of the year. Nature
paints the colors of the rainbow everywhere
you look. Trees, flowers, and grasses all show
the magnificent art work of our Great Creator.
A new fresh start!

I suppose our Reunions could be much the same.
New men, each with fresh ideas from all walks
of life, and yet none the same. Each seeking
personal growth from the many avenues The
Scottish Rite has to offer. Some will find the rays
of a friendly face and be encouraged to take root
and find their place to grow with their family and
friends. Others may need a bit more attention
before feeling comfortable. If left alone and
unattended, the draught of feeling unappreciated
will cause them to fade away and soon disappear.
A loss from the garden we are trying to grow: our
membership. It is a loss, not only for the Valley
and the Orient, but a loss to the member who
came hoping to learn, grow and become a part
of something he envisioned would meet his ideals
and expectations. I hope that when you see a
new face in your Valley, you will take a moment
to stop and say hello. Introduce yourself and the
Brother next to you. Don't let a man sit alone in
your lodge or banquet hall. Go over and join him.
Welcome him, offer him a soda or coffee, listen to
him, find out why he is here, what does he hope
to find or do. Then, help him become a part of
the evening or event. If left alone, he will leave
alone. He may feel neglected and never return.
If you read the Grand Commander's message in
the last Scottish Rite Journal "Almost Smelling the



Sawdust", our Grand Commander wrote "we
need to be attuned to the men of this day and
age and adapt the Scottish Rite to their needs
and expectations".

We can grow our Scottish Rite if we take the time
to care for our members, attend to and adapt to
their needs and make everyone feel a welcomed
part. I encourage you to invite a brother or
a friend to one of your events. It is a perfect
opportunity to show he and his family a small
portion of this wonderful Fraternity.

Now, much like the summer, by the time you
receive this issue, summer will be drawing to a
close and a new Season will be beginning. Fall
will bring a new Reunion, an Honors Celebration
and a new crispness that reminds us all that a
change is in the air.

Our Traveling Degree Team from Susquehanna
Valley will be taking the degree work on the
road to meet new members, in new areas of our
Orient. This is a change from the norm as twelve
new Scottish Rite Masons will be welcomed from
Denton, Maryland and the surrounding area.

I look forward to welcoming these and many
other new members as well as each of you as
I travel across the Orient. Now, may I wish each
of you the blessing of good health and much
happiness now and always.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

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



THE MAKING OF quality Masons is the number one duty of every Masonic body. In order for our fraternity to grow, interesting and informative activities must be provided to all members.

Educational programs that include masonic and non-masonic topics can be used to encourage our brothers to give up their television remotes and attend Masonic functions. Events and activities that include the entire family are an exceptional method of promoting the interest of all members. The ability of a brother to spend quality time with his family in a masonic setting demonstrates that we

are a family organization.

My Brothers, we have all knelt at the altar and assumed the same obligations. We have promised to be men of good moral, spiritual and social character. We have promised to help our brothers and their families whenever possible. We have promised to protect and defend our nation if necessary, and we are bound by these sacred promises.

We are a very diverse group of men. We are professionals, blue collar workers, farmers, government workers, police, firefighters, paramedics and military. We are men of all races and creeds. Even with all of this diversity we have one thing in common; we are brothers in this –“The Greatest Fraternity in the World”.

Freemasonry must show the world outside of our doors that we are not a secret society. We are a Fraternity desiring to help our fellow man live better and fuller lives through our various Masonic Charities. Our fraternity presents academic scholarships to students who

wish to better themselves academically and socially and become contributors to our society. We donate millions of dollars a year to medical research in order to help those afflicted with debilitating diseases to lead a more normal life. We donate to the homeless so that they may eat a hot meal and have a place to sleep at night. My Brothers, this is why we are Masons and it is our duty to make the world a better place in which to live.

The tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are needed in the world today more than any other time. With oppression and hatred running rampant throughout the globe, it is organizations, such as ours, that will ultimately survive, by spreading the message of peace and acceptance throughout the world.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and keep you and our entire Masonic family as we go forth “Spreading the Light of Masonry” throughout this great nation.

Carl Joseph Wisner, 33°

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



CARL WISNER HAS served Freemasonry well for over sixty years. He was a Past Master of Door To Virtue Lodge in Westminster and The Past Grand Treasurer of The Grand Lodge of Maryland. He was very active in the Scottish Rite, having been given the Honor to be an Inspector General Honorary (33rd degree) and Personal Representative in the Valley of Frederick. He will be greatly missed by his Scottish Rite Brothers.

Carl was very active in the York Rite and served as a presiding officer in each of the bodies that meet in Westminster. He was a KYCH (Knight York Cross of Honor) with three Quadrants. This indicated that he had presided over the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery.

He was made a member of The Red Cross of Constantine in 1974 and presided as Puissant Sovereign in 1983 when the Imperial Session was held in Maryland. He was later

made Intendent General for the Division of Maryland and served for more than ten years.

Carl did go to Hawaii with the Shrine and a young lady from Anne Arundel County was on the trip with her parents. This culminated in a beautiful romance and Doris Fowler became Mrs. Doris Wisner and the mother of two young men, Joel and Lyle. We can now call her Grandmother several times.

Carl and I have worked together in Masonry for a great number of years. Sometimes we were even candidates for office at the same time. However, we never ran against each other, just at the same time. We were always friends and helped each other all we could.

could be most active.

It was my pleasure to sign his petition and to be in lodge when Carl raised him in Annapolis Lodge.

This dissertation almost has a very happy ending. On January 2nd this year, Lyle was installed as Worshipful Master of Annapolis Lodge. The plan was for Carl to present him and his mother and wife to be present and take part in the planned activities. Alas, Carl went to the hospital and neither he nor Doris could be present. Yes, I did present Lyle for installation. However, Carl passed away just a day or two later. I do know that, in spirit, Carl knew Lyle was installed.



In Remembrance

Carl Wisner

*Inspector General
Honorary 33° and
Past Personal Representative,
Valley of Frederick*

I was most pleased when Carl said that his youngest son, Lyle, wanted to be a Mason. He lives in the Annapolis area and Carl wanted him to join where he

So, it is fitting that this fall class should be named the Carl J. Wisner Class. It is our attempt to appreciate a Great Man and a Great Mason.

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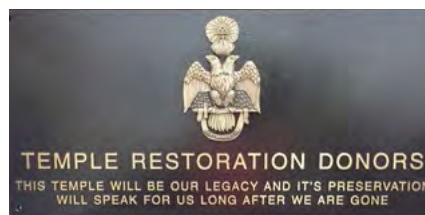
Valley of Baltimore

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



NO MAN KNOWS better the worth of good works than the brothers of the Scottish Rite. Those who are enlisted in our great institution understand its full significance and potency for human service. They think not simply of their own personal advantage but of their own contribution through its agency to the larger welfare. They calculate not simply that they may receive good but that they

may impart good. They think not only of what they may get, but what they may give, through the cooperation of this great institution. It is this spirit and synthesis of brotherly love that has made masonry the great builder of civilization through the building of good will, manhood and character. It is this spirit that has built the great masonic works of history. It is this spirit that will prevail for years to come.



We have taken your challenge! You, too, may become a part of the preservation of this beautiful edifice known as the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, headquarters for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of

freemasonry in Maryland. The call goes out now....to the greatest builders the world has ever known.....MASONS—SCOTTISH RITE MASONS—to preserve and restore our home dedicated to God and to the ideals to which each of you have pledged yourself. “This Temple will be our legacy and its preservation will speak for us long after we are gone”.

If Masonic teachings are not merely like the sands in the hour glass and Masonic symbolisms have no greater substance than the things dreams are made of, then let's restore and preserve our beautiful home; a home for you, your brothers and your family. For information on a naming rite or charitable gift annuity, bequest in a will, living trust or leaving a living legacy, please contact the Scottish Rite office at 410-243-3200.

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Bro. George J. Christoff, 32°
Class Orator
Bro. Adam M. Gruz, 32°
Class Treasurer
Bro. Martin W. Schlining, III, 32°



Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



GREETINGS BRETHREN,

The Spring class at the Scottish Rite has now concluded, and I hope all of you are enjoying summer and great times with friends and family.

As we will not be meeting again in the Lodge of Perfection until the Fall, I would like to personally thank all those who made the Spring Class a success; The SGIG and Scottish Rite leadership, All the officers of the Lodge of Perfection, the members of the cast of the various Degrees, and the support staff including the AV Staff, Property Room and Robing Room. All of you are critical to allowing the Scottish Rite to function, and to putting on these degrees and bringing Brethren to still

further light in Masonry. You all have my sincere thanks, and I look forward to working with you again soon. There will be several enjoyable events at the Scottish Rite over the summer and I encourage all the Brothers to bring your families to these events and involve them in all that Masonry has to offer. In closing, let me again wish you a relaxing summer and my sincere hope for success and prosperity to every Brother of the Rite.

See you in September!

2017 Brockman Fellows

Ill. Tom Vance, 33° – Committee Chair

ON MAY 18, 2017, 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 four candidates from Loyola University and

Towson University. Awards totaling \$4,000 were made to Sarah Morrison from Towson University and Amanda Puglise from Loyola University. The committee is pleased to announce The Brockman fellows for 2017.

Congratulations to the Brockman Fellowship award winners for 2017.

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?



*2017 Brockman Fellows:
Amanda Puglise, above, and
Sarah Morrison, below.*

Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

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



I HOPE EVERYONE enjoyed their summer and are ready to resume our Scottish Rite activities this fall. We will be conferring two of the four Chapter degrees this upcoming fall: *Knight of the East*, and *Knight Rose Croix*. The Chapter degrees not only convey important truths, they each have a rich history that can sometimes be as interesting as their content. These degrees all descend from earlier forms that existed in the mid-18th century.

A degree that is scheduled to be conferred this fall is the Knight of the East and an early version of this ritual was first published in 1766 in a French book titled *Les Plus Secrets Mystères des Hauts Grades de la Maçonnerie Dévoilés (The Most Secret Mysteries of the High Degrees of Masonry Unveiled)*. The degree in this book was called *Knight of the Sword and of the Rose-Croix* and corresponds with the *Knight of the East* (15°) and *Princes of Jerusalem* (16°) of the modern Ancient and Accepted Scottish

Rite. According to the Ill. Albert Mackey, 33°, a version of the 15th degree of the Scottish Rite is “found in all the Rites and systems which refer to the second Temple.” These degrees perpetuate the theme of workmen holding a sword in one hand to fend off enemies while holding a trowel in the other working to rebuild the Temple. The principal lesson of the 15° is to persevere through difficulties in order to successfully achieve one’s goals. And the 16th degree furthers this lesson by teaching that God will help us overcome these difficulties if we are faithful, wise, and pursue good works.

Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix Fall Conferrals

Knight of the East
October 25

Knight Rose Croix
November 1

The degree of *Knight of the East and West* (17°) is the first philosophical degree of our Rite and makes use of the religious sect known as the Essenes. It was their belief that Truth is dispersed throughout the world in different belief systems. It is the duty of each Mason to discern the divine Truth scattered throughout the

Orient (East) and the Occident (West) and combine them into a coherent whole to guide mankind through life. This degree also comes to us from the same time period as the other Chapter degrees, even though early forms of this degree profess to date from 1118.

The Chapter concludes with one of the most well-known high degrees, the *Knight Rose Croix* (18°), and is one of my favorite degrees in Masonry. References to this degree are found as early as 1747 and it has been an important degree in several rites that have existed over the last few centuries, including the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The Ill. Albert Pike, 33° tells us that this degree “teaches three things;—the unity, immutability and goodness of God; the immortality of the Soul; and the ultimate defeat and extinction of evil and wrong and sorrow...” Not only does it impart worthy teachings but, this is a very mystical degree and is filled with rich symbolism.

There is so much more to these degrees that cannot be conveyed in a short article, so I hope that you will come out to the conferrals of the 15° and 18° this fall. The date for the Knight of the East is scheduled for October 25 and the Knight Rose Croix is scheduled to occur November 1.

Chesapeake Consistory

By: Bro. Kraig A. Dean, 32° – Tuscan Lodge #202 – Master of Kadosh



HERE IT IS the beginning of August, summer is more than half over and thoughts of fall are slipping in. Ok, really, how many of you are even thinking about fall right now? Now is the time we should be thinking about what is happening with your Scottish Rite this fall. The schedule is out and The Consistory is scheduled to meet on September 27th. November 4th, the conferral of the 32nd Degree will be happening. Let us see what we as Scottish Rite Masons can do to fill the seats that day. Yes, the day starts early but it is worth the early hour to show the new 32nd

Degree Masons we are in this together. We set the example. During the Spring Class, I was reminded that we, as Masons, are forever learning and that although some of the teaching may come from books of different religions, that should not matter. My belief is that we are on this earth to learn. It matters not if it is in a classroom or in our everyday life.

This past winter, I was given the opportunity to sit and speak to many different people. People of different faiths and backgrounds, from small children to men and women of all ages. I heard stories of wonder from both the young and the old. I truly believe I learned something from each and every one of these people that spoke to me. Be it that what we see on the TV and read in the newspapers and magazines may not be the complete truth. That no matter how bad things are, if we look at life and the world through the eyes of child, we can find the good.

I was speaking to a young child, all of 5 or 6, about what the Christmas season was to her and she was laughing and smiling the entire time. Teasing with her, I asked if she was going to fix dinner when she got home. Her response was she could not as there was no food in the house. Did she say this with tears in her eyes? No. Did she stop smiling? No. I could see the wonder of the season in her eyes. I could see the hope and belief through that of a small child that all would be good.

We, as Masons, need to look at the world through the eyes of that little girl and see the wonder of the world. We need to see the good in all and move forward in the knowledge that our belief in this great fraternity can help move the world in a positive direction. I hope to see every one of you at the Scottish Rite this fall. Come out for the fellowship, talk to your brothers and learn what is happening with your Scottish Rite.



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Maundy Thursday 2017



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Echo's From the Mountaintop

Ceremony of Lights

The Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix presented the 2017 Ceremony of Lights on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at the Cumberland Masonic Temple in honor of the brethren of the Cumberland Scottish Rite who were called to the Celestial Lodge during the past year. During this Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, the brethren assembled to renew acquaintances, remember our departed friends, and renew our pledge to aid humanity. Following the invocation by Senior Warden Samuel J. Lane, 32°, Wise Master G. Timothy Schupfer, 32°, reminded those assembled that, while we mourn the loss of our brethren and loved ones, Spring awakens new life and nature offers hope that

man will survive the grave and that he is, in some measure, immortal. The Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, then read the names of our departed brethren and Steve Fitzgerald, Squire of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew, performed "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. This was followed by the ceremonial Tenebrae or extinguishing of the lights, the Mystic Banquet, and the Fiat Lux or the relighting of the lights. Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill, 33°, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, offered closing remarks to the brethren. Following the Ceremony of Lights, the brethren and guests shared in fellowship over a meal in the Masonic Temple dining hall.



Left to Right: Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative; T. Eugene Holland, 32°; Joseph W. Cusball, 32°; SGIG Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°; Joseph Kennedy, 32°; C. Thomas Tressler, 32° KCCH; Gary W. Freeman, 32° KCCH; Wise Master G. Timothy Schupfer, 32°; Robin L. Summerfield, 32°, Assistant Personal Representative and Lewis M. Marks, II, 32° KCCH.

Friend to Friend Nights



The Cumberland Scottish Rite hosted a series of Friend to Friend Nights during March and April. Events in Oakland, Cumberland, and Hagerstown offered an opportunity for Master Masons to find out about the Scottish Rite in a relaxed setting among brothers and friends. Non-Masons interested in learning about Masonry, in general, were also invited to attend. Each of these events provided fun and fellowship for the brethren, family, and friends and yielded several petitions for membership in the Scottish Rite and local blue lodges. Future Friend to Friend Nights and similar activities will be coming in the near future.

News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer, 32°, KCCH

A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig

A wide array of local talent was on display at the Cumberland Scottish Rite's 15th Annual "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig" Variety Show. From the moving vocals of the Flight 93 Men's Chorus to the energetic dancing of the renowned Will's Mountain Cloggers, a unique presentation of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" by ballroom dancers Bill and Sharon Cihlar, and a variety of musical performances and

demonstrations, this year's show provided something for everyone to enjoy. "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig" showcases local talent in support of the Cumberland RiteCare Early Childhood Language Disorders Clinic at the Children's League.

Since being established in 1997 by the Cumberland Scottish Rite in association with the League for Crippled Children (now the Children's League),

Cumberland's RiteCare Early Childhood Language Disorders clinic has provided diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders free of charge to hundreds of children from Cumberland and the surrounding region. The clinic is the primary recipient of support from the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation through its endowed funds and annual fundraising activities.

Spring Conferral And Convocation

The Cumberland Scottish Rite 169th Spring Reunion on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Cumberland Masonic Temple included the conferral of the 4th, 7th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees of the Scottish Rite on nineteen new brethren in the Valley. Bro. David Andrew Cope was elected President of the Class and Bro. William M. Tippen was elected Orator. Bro. Tippen will be organizing a Master of the Craft Study Group for members of the class and other brethren seeking to work together to gain further understanding of the Scottish Rite history, ritual, and degree. The Convocation and 32nd Degree Capping Ceremony for the class that followed on May 21, 2017 saw the Lodge and Dining Rooms filled with brethren, their families, and special guests as Supreme Council Grand Executive Director Ill. RADM William G. Sizemore, II, 33°, presented a 75-Year Service Award to Bro. William G. Umstot, 33°, and a 70-Year Service Award to Bro. Clarence E. Sheetz, 32°.



News from the Cumberland Valley

Northern High School Cadet Awarded JROTC Medal

Cadet Major Savannah Lewis of Northern Garrett High School was awarded the 2017 Scottish Rite of Freemasonry JROTC Award by the Cumberland Scottish Rite.

Cadet Lewis is the Husky Battalion Executive Officer and a Junior at Northern High School. She plans to continue the tradition in her family of joining the United State Marines after graduation in 2018.

The award is a national program of recognition initiated for outstanding Junior ROTC students that has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense. This initiative recognizes high school youth

enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) for their scholastic excellence and patriotic Americanism efforts.

To be eligible to receive this award, the Cadet must have: contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects; demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his/her academic class; and demonstrated outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship, and patriotism.



Venerable Master Robin Summerfield, SGIG Ill. Marlin L. Mills, Cadet Lewis' father, Cadet Lewis, LTC (ret) Jack Riley, and Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill.

Upcoming Events

September 16
Kid Walk/Kid Talk
The Children's League

September 17
4th and 32nd Degree Practice
Masonic Temple

September 18
Scottish Rite Meeting
Masonic Temple

September 24
14th and 30th Degree Practice
Masonic Temple

September 27
S.R. Club of Wash. County
Hempen Hill Restaurant

October 2
S.R. Thanksgiving
Masonic Temple

October 16
Scottish Rite Meeting
Masonic Temple

October 21
170th Fall Class
Masonic Temple

October 28
Masonic Bird Hunt
Berkeley Springs, WV

November 18
Wash. Co. Ladies Night
TBD

November 19
Fall Capping Ceremony
Masonic Temple

November 22
Scottish Rite Meeting
Masonic Temple

December 4
Scottish Rite Election
Masonic Temple

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

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

You gotta be kidding. Me? Attend Lodge? No way! "I'd rather have a root canal then go down and listen to those guys waste my time opening, reading the minutes, reviewing bills, closing, and then having to face lukewarm coffee and store-bought pie before I can go home."

Sound familiar? You can even add your own particular anecdote about why Masons don't attend lodge. But they all come out the same; Freemasons would rather do almost anything than go to lodge. We have made "lodge night" the least important date in our calendar.

So, why are we now staying away in droves?
First of all, we have to realize that staying away from lodge is not a recent phenomenon. Just for example, in the 1940s and 50s, when Carl Claudy wrote his series of plays, he did it, primarily, to stimulate lodge interest and attendance. In reading early Masonic publications such as The Master Mason or The Builder, we also find that a great concern was the definite lack of interest in attending lodge.

Perhaps, at this point, we ought to define the term lodge:
Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia says: *The lodge has always, from the earliest times to the present,*

been the center of Masonic activity and interest. Both the lodge and the Fraternity have changed over the years and the name, lodge, has taken on several different meanings, but the essential relation of the lodge to the whole organization has remained constant. It is still the basic assembly, the place where Masons are made, where they meet, and where they work.

My own personal definition:
The Lodge is our oasis. A place where we go to be refreshed and take what we learn back into the world.

It is also extremely important to know that I am not defining lodge as a building Location, but rather, as a place to experience spiritual, emotional, educational, and creative opportunities that enrich not only our own lives but also the lives of those with whom we come in contact.

Spiritual: Because every lodge is God centered.

Emotional: Because we derive happiness from making new Masons and contributing to many charitable activities.

Educational: Because we learn from our ritual and lectures and charges.

Creative: Because we are encouraged to think and put our ideas to work.

The place where all these things come together is lodge. The lodge is the center of our Masonic universe.

How are today's Lodges perceived?
Remember those Brothers who used to say. *I became a Freemason because I watched all of the men in town that I respected going upstairs and through the door into a room. I didn't know what they were doing, but I knew those men, and I knew I wanted to be part of that group.*

Those men were going to lodge and it was noticed. You don't hear that kind of statement very much anymore, and I know there are many reasons. For one thing, lodges are much larger. If you have a membership of 20 to 50, everybody knows each other, but when you start getting into the hundreds, then you tend to lose close person-to-person contact. And, I know that we are a transient society moving about constantly. Just a few generations ago, we seldom moved from the town in which we were born, and then our move was usually only somewhere else in the same county. Nowadays, people tend to move on before you get a chance to really know them.

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Lodge of Perfection No.3 – Valley of Frederick

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



THE SCOTTISH RITE has played a pivotal role in the contributions that the organization would make to this country throughout its first century. That gift to America endures through our masonic labors.

“The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry – what it has done, what it is doing and what it will continue to do – is exactly what our Founding Fathers intended to achieve.” It is an achievement worth commemorating to carry our legacy forward. Across this great nation of ours, Scottish Rite Freemasons pause to honor our fallen brethren on Memorial weekend, a part of our sacred history.

From our fallen brethren to our founders, our Sacred History is an account of the workings of Freemasonry, the Pentateuch, Holy Bible, the Quran, Mysticism and more. It teaches the epic stories of angels, to evolution of

oneself, to the operations of Freemasonry in the modern world. As the Venerable Master, I have witnessed this first hand through reunions, the evolution and growth of the Valley of Frederick and its members.. It is reflected in efforts put forth by our Brethren to obtain the Letters Temporary Council of Kadosh Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Valley of Frederick. Our Sacred History endures through us and our Scottish Rite Temple.

Our Temple continues to rival many great works in Masonry. Thousands of brothers and their families are gaining experiences and memories through our Scottish Rite Masonic center. These experiences can shape a lifetime. Our Scottish Rite Masonic Center is almost 100 years old. Now our Temple needs us. In order to ensure the preservation of our Masonic history, ceremonial rooms, treasured symbols, ancient books, and prized artifacts, and the promotion of Freemasonry to future generations, we rely on generous donations from members and their families no matter how trivial. Please consider making a contribution today or a recurring donation. The Scottish Rite Temple Restoration Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization and all charitable gifts are tax deductible. It is easy to donate through a GoFundMe account. Just

search for “Scottish Rite Temple Preservation” and help preserve our future.

Also, as we pause to honor and remember our fallen comrades, take time to engage potential and/or members that haven’t been to lodge or paid their dues. Educate them on the value of being a Scottish Rite Freemason. Let them know that The Scottish Rite is a perfect way for them to continue to grow personally. And most importantly, remind them of what it means to be part of the Scottish Rite Family, the world’s most influential masonic organization. With programs ranging from our Scottish-Rite Ladies Night, Reunions, the Scottish-Rite Annual Maine Lobster Fest, 05 August, hosted by the Illustrious Marlin L. Mills 33o S.G.I.G, Family Fun Charity Trap & Skeet Classic, 30 September, the Scottish Rite Valley of Frederick Annual Burns Supper coming up on the 27th of January 2018, hosted by the Venerable Master, and more...

Through these programs, our members make a significant difference every day in every community across America. The Scottish Rite — and the communities we serve — succeed because of your commitment, your dedication to Freemasons and their families. It’s up to us to continue what our predecessors started more than a century ago.

Reading Masons and Masons Who Do Not Read

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



I SUPPOSE THERE are more Masons who are ignorant of all the principles of Freemasonry than there are men of any other class who are chargeable with the like ignorance of their own profession. There is not a watchmaker who does not know something about the elements of horology, nor is there a blacksmith who is altogether unacquainted with the properties of red-hot iron. Ascending to the higher walks of science, we would be much astonished to meet with a lawyer who was ignorant of the elements of jurisprudence, or a physician who had never read a treatise on pathology, or a clergyman who knew nothing whatever of theology. Nevertheless, nothing is more common than to encounter Freemasons who are in utter darkness as to everything that relates to Freemasonry. They are ignorant of its history—they know not whether it is a mushroom production of today, or whether it goes back to remote

ages for its origin. They have no comprehension of the esoteric meaning of its symbols or its ceremonies, and are hardly at home in its modes of recognition. And yet nothing is more common than to find such sciolists in the possession of high degrees and sometimes honored with elevated affairs in the Order, present at the meetings of lodges and chapters, intermeddling with the proceedings, taking an active part in all discussions and pertinaciously maintaining heterodox opinions in opposition to the judgment of brethren of far greater knowledge.

Why, it may well be asked, should such things be? Why, in Masonry alone, should there be so much ignorance and so much presumption? If I ask a cobbler to make me a pair of boots, he tells me that he only mends and patches, and that he has not learned the higher branches of his craft, and then honestly declines the offered job. If I request a watchmaker to construct a mainspring for my chronometer, he answers that he cannot do it, that he has never learned how to make mainsprings, which belongs to a higher branch of the business, but that if I will bring him a spring ready made, he will insert it in my timepiece, because that he knows how to do. If I go to an artist with an order to paint me an historical picture, he will tell me that it is beyond his capacity, that he has never studied nor practiced the

comportment of details, but has confined himself to the painting of portraits. Were he dishonest and presumptuous he would take my order and instead of a picture give me a daub.

It is the Freemason alone who wants this modesty. He is too apt to think that the obligation not only makes him a Mason, but a learned Mason at the same time. He too often imagines that the mystical ceremonies which induct him into the Order are all that are necessary to make him cognizant of its principles. There are some Christian sects who believe that the water of baptism at once washes away all sin, past and prospective. So there are some Masons who think that the mere act of initiation is at once followed by an influx of all Masonic knowledge. They need no further study or research. All that they require to know has already been received by a sort of intuitive process.

The great body of Masons may be divided into three classes. The first consists of those who made their application for initiation not from a desire for knowledge, but from some accidental motive, not always honorable. Such men have been led to seek reception either because it was likely, in their opinion, to facilitate their business operations, or to advance their political prospects, or in some other way to personally benefit them.

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Valley of Susquehanna – Capping And Ring Ceremony

ON 20 MAY 2017, the Valley of Susquehanna held an open meeting during which the Lodge of Perfection held a Ring Ceremony, and the Knights of St. Andrew Knighted their worthy Squires. Receiving Rings were: Dennis Frederick 32°, David

Thomas Jr. 32°, and Timothy Cantler 32°.

Knighted that evening were: Sir. Paul Cottrell 32°, Sir. Joe Bray 32°, Sir. Larry LeMoine 32°, and Sir. Jack Lord 32°. The Evening was capped by the SGIG presenting the Knight

Commandant, Sir. Rick Ivey 32°, Knight Warden Sir. Jason Standish 32°, Knight Captain Edsel Spellman Jr. 32°, and Knight Chamberlain, Sir. Wade Giles 32°, with their Charter for the Valley of Susquehanna – Chapter Rose Croix.





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TO ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS
THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND



Honors Day

Saturday, October 14th, 2017

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.

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm Ladies Tea and Ladies Program – Banquet Hall
(Honoree's Lady – No Charge, All others \$15.00)

12:45pm – 1:15pm Registration for 33rd Degree Candidates - Classroom

1:30pm – 3:00pm Conferral of the 33rd Degree
Admission to the 33° conferral is for 33° Scottish Rite Masons Only – Must Present Current Dues Card to Enter Dress is Tuxedo, White 33° Cap & Jewel

2:30pm – 3:15pm Registration of 32° - KCCH Candidates – Banquet Hall
(Set Stage and Floor for KCCH Investiture)

3:30pm – 4:45pm Open conferral of the KCCH Investiture

Capping Ceremony to follow the 32° - KCCH Investiture

5:30pm Pictures of new Honor Men in Classroom

6:00pm – 8:00pm Honors Banquet - *Reservations Required* - \$75.00 per person
Salad – Petit Harvest Lettuce, Tossed with Sliced Strawberries, Candied Pecans, Feta & Red Onion
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Southwest Seared Shrimp and Grilled Corn Saladtini Served in a Martini Glass
Surf & Turf

Four Ounce Maryland Crab Cake & Six Ounce Filet Mignon with Shallot Red Wine Reduction
Twice Baked Potato, Grilled Fresh Asparagus, Garlic Roasted Cauliflower
Fresh Baked Apple Pie w/ French Vanilla Ice Cream
Coffee and Tea Station

Cash Bar

(New Honorees and 1 Guest - No Cost)
(Assigned Seating – No tickets Issued)

8:00pm – 10:30pm Music & Dancing

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2017

Scottish Rite Office; Monday-Friday 9am – 3pm

or by calling 410-243-3200.

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The Newest Knights of St. Andrew

By: Bro. Matthew R. Spencer, 32°, KSA – Howard Lodge #101



ON APRIL 23, 2017, The Knights of St. Andrew Baltimore Chapter held their Knighting Ceremony. The event was included as part of the 14th Degree Ring Ceremony for the Spring Class of new Scottish Rite Masons. The ceremony was included into this special day as to allow for family and friends to attend and for the newest Scottish Rite members to witness. Newly installed Knight Commander William Holdren invested six Squires into Knighthood, following the ceremony as prescribed by the Supreme Council, while Past Commander David Ente knighted each one of them. We congratulate Shane

Collison, 32°, Steven Hoffman, 32°, Matthew Spencer, 32°, Gary Neal, 32°, Josh Crockett, 32° and Leon Pettaway, 32° on becoming the newest members of the Knights of St. Andrew Baltimore Chapter.

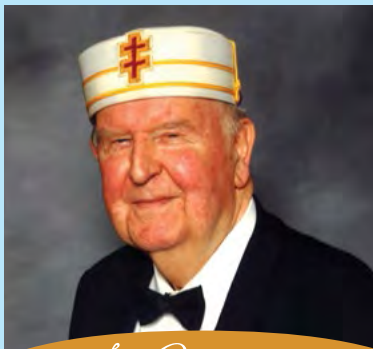
Following the Knighting Ceremony, a private installation of officers for the Knights of St. Andrew Baltimore Chapter was conducted. Knight Commander Holdren installed Sir Knight Matthew Spencer as Knight Vice Commander, Sir Knight Shane Collison as Knight Lieutenant and Sir Knight Josh Crockett as Knight Secretary/Treasurer. The new officers were presented

with a gold hackle for their glengarry, showing their office. The new officers are eager to get to work with the rest of the Knights and other Valleys around the state.

The Knights of St. Andrew is a special group of 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons dedicated to providing service on behalf of the Scottish Rite. Our Chapter exists to provide service to the Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Baltimore, Orient of Maryland. The types of service performed by the Chapter include assisting in reunions and Scottish Rite degree work, acting as greeters, providing escort services for dignitaries and ladies attending Scottish Rite functions, serving as guides, presenting of colors, and providing aid to any Scottish Rite event.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of St. Andrew Baltimore Chapter, please see our section on the Maryland Scottish Rite website, or ask any Knight you may see around the Temple!

Baltimore Fall Class 2017



In Memory

Illustrious Carl J. Wisner, 33° Memorial Class

June 19th, 1927 – January 12th, 2017

EA – 10/28/1948

FC – 11/25/1948

MM – 12/09/1948

Worshipful Master, Door to Virtue Lodge #46 – 1957

14° – March 20th, 1958 – Valley of Frederick

18°, 30° & 32° – December 5th, 1963 – Valley of Baltimore

Invested KCCH – October 17th, 1977

Coroneted 33° - October 7th, 1997

RW Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Maryland 1983-1985

Wednesday, October 4th	Class Orientation 6:30pm – Dinner – Ladies Welcome
Wednesday, October 11th	Confer 4th & 5th Degrees <i>Class, Please Sign-in by 6:30pm – Opening Ceremonies 7pm</i>
Wednesday, October 18th	Confer 9th, 10th & 11th Degrees <i>Class, Please Sign-in by 6:30pm – Opening Ceremonies 7pm</i>
Wednesday, October 25th	Confer 14th & 15th Degrees <i>Class, Please Sign-in by 6:30pm – Opening Ceremonies 7pm</i>
Wednesday, November 1st	Confer 18th & 20th Degrees <i>Class Please Sign-in by 6:30pm – Opening Ceremonies 7pm</i>
Saturday, November 4th	Reunion Day 7:00am – Coffee & Donuts Opening Ceremonies – 8am Lunch – Noon - \$5.00 per person – Candidates @ No Charge Confer 21st, 27th, 30th & 32nd
Sunday, November 5th	Baltimore – Ring Ceremony 2pm

** While it is required for candidates to attend during the above dates and times, we understand that due to family or work responsibilities, this may not always be possible. If, for any reason, candidates cannot attend during any of the above, please call the Scottish Rite Office at 410-243-3200, so other arrangements can be made.*



Maryland Council of Kadosh Festive Board

Wednesday, September 20th, 2017

\$15.00 per person

7:15pm – Dinner & The Five Obligatory Toasts

Family and Friends are Welcome

Please RSVP to the Office by Monday, September 15th

410-243-3200

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As of June 1st, 2017

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As of June 1st, 2017

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33°, I.G.H.

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Walter J. Kulesza, 33°

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Valley of Southern

Maryland in honor of

Samuel L. Franklin, 32°

The Clinic Corner

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



WARM GREETINGS FROM the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! We are concluding another successful summer at the clinic and looking forward to a busy and productive fall season.

This past summer brought some exciting changes to our annual summer literacy camp program. This year, instead of weekly camp sessions, the program was implemented daily for two weeks in three different locations with a focus on "Storytime Skills" such as phonological awareness, listening, speaking, and socialization. Each day, the lesson plan revolved around a different story with entertaining theme-based, multi-sensory activities. The growth of the summer camp was made possible through a wonderful partnership between the Scottish Rite Masons and speech-language pathologists, the Hearing and Speech Agency, and the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program. The program was once again a wonderful success, and we thank the

Scottish Rite Masons for their continued support that enables us to make a difference in the lives of children and families in Baltimore.

With Fall approaching, we will soon begin another year fulfilling our school contracts at The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Immaculate Conception School, and Friends School. We value our relationships with staff and students in these schools and look forward to another year of helping children achieve their goals through the screenings, evaluations, and therapy we provide. I am also excited to share that the Hearing and Speech Agency and the Scottish Rite Clinic recently subcontracted with EPIC, a staffing agency, in order to help cover a contract at the SEED School of Maryland. The SEED School of Maryland is a residential, college-preparatory school for middle and high school students, and working with the staff and students there has been a wonderful experience.

We are fortunate that Kathi Shute has recently joined our staff at the Scottish Rite Clinic and would like to extend a formal welcome to her! Kathi is HASA's Senior Speech-Language Pathologist and has presented at conferences in the area of fluency/stuttering at the local, state and national level. She is a member of the Center for Fluency Enhancement specializing in working with children, adolescents and adults who stutter. Kathi also supervises SLP graduate students and clinical fellows. She received her Master's in Speech-Language Pathology from Galluadet University in Washington, DC and her Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders from Appalachian State University in North Carolina. Kathi is currently in the process of obtaining her board certification as a fluency specialist.

A special welcome and thank you to our new office manager, Tara Green, who ensures that each client is treated with outstanding customer service and that the daily operations of the clinic run smoothly. Your work is much appreciated!

And of course, thank you to all the Scottish Rite Masons for your ongoing support. As always, you are invited to visit the clinic anytime. We wish you and your families a relaxing remainder of the summer and a happy and healthy fall!

**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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Charity Fundraiser Supporting the Maryland DeMolay Foundation

Scottish Rite of Maryland
3800 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Maryland 21218
Saturday, September 30, 2017
Doors Open at 3:30 PM

Dinner & Drinks Provided by Hunt Valley Caterers

Menu:

Beef Vegetable soup, Fresh Crisp Garden Salad, Chicken Marsala OR Baked Honey Chicken OR Barbeque Chicken, Penne Pasta served with roasted tomato, Vidalia onion, rosemary sauce topped with fresh mozzarella, Fresh Baked Cookies and Brownies, Iced Tea, Lemonade, and coffee

Cost: \$50 per person
\$30.00 of ticket price is tax deductible
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A History of Granite Lodge #177

403 St. Mary's Square, St. Michaels, MD. | Meets the First & Third Wednesdays
Worshipful Master – RW Brother Michael E. Holcomb

By: Bro. Michael S. Bauman, 32°

GRANITE LODGE NO. 177, located in St. Michael's, Maryland, was Chartered on May 11th, 1881. Granite Lodge was preceded by Burns Lodge No. 87, which was originally chartered in Trappe, Maryland in 1845, Burns Lodge relocated to the town of St. Michael's in 1863 but was eventually closed in 1874. There was a meeting held on November 10th 1880 for the purpose of forming a new lodge. A decision was made to name the new lodge Granite Lodge. On November 15th, 1880, Coats Lodge No. 102, located in Easton, Maryland, was given a petition requesting a Warrant to operate under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Maryland. With the support of Coats Lodge, the Grand Lodge approved this petition from Granite Lodge for the purpose of obtaining a Charter which was granted to them on May 11th, 1881. For many years, the Lodge met in different buildings, eventually finding a permanent building in 1931. The present building is a former Methodist Church that was built in 1839 located on St Mary's Square in St Michael's, Maryland. The site was also the location of an earlier Church that was built in 1781 when the town was first being laid out by James Braddock, a representative of James Gildart and John Gawith & Company, a merchant firm from Liverpool England . The land was donated to the Society



On Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017; MW Bro. Kostas Vourvoulas and the Grand Line of Maryland visited Granite Lodge #177 and conferred the Master Mason Degree.

of People called Methodists and they were given two lots "in order that they may and shall build thereon a good and convenient house for the public worship of Almighty God." MW Brother B. Hope Harrison was Worshipful Master of Granite Lodge #177 in 1971 and 1979 and served as Grand

Master of Masons in Maryland from 1988 to 1990. Today, Granite Lodge No. 177 flourishes with renewed membership and continues the work of spreading the cement of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and continues to grow our Maryland Masonic Family.

Columbia Lodge No. 58 A.F. & A.M.

6816 Blentinger Rd., Frederick, MD. | Meets: First and Third Mondays

By: Bro. Tommy J. Morris, 32°, Junior Warden – Columbia Lodge #58



Continued from previous issue.

At the close of the 20th Century, on December 4, 1999, the cornerstone was laid for the new Masonic Temple on Blentlinger Road off the Golden Mile (US Rt. 40) in Frederick. Our new Temple would not have been possible without the magnanimous bequest of the funds from the estate of Brother Charles L. Blentlinger. Additionally, the Temple would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of all the Masonic organizations affiliated with our Temple.

On June 6, 2015, the brethren of Columbia Lodge for its 200th anniversary visited the prior temples in Frederick City, explained to the city the various Masonic events that occurred

at those locations. Brother Matthew Sanders, Worshipful Master and his officers re-dedicated the cornerstone at the temple on West Church Street.

The best men of the community have been members of the Craft and have always deemed it an honor to be listed among our members, which included Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations, Judges, Lawyers, Governors, Members of Congress, Members of Military Forces, Artists, Teachers and Mechanics, and, in fact, men of all degrees,

possessing requirements to make good men and Masons.

We have also had a number of Fathers and Sons who, at one time or another, served as Worshipful Master, among those we might mention in addition to the Fearshakes were: F. B. Sappington, Sr. and F. B. Sappington, Jr., Grayson E. Bowers and G. Hunter Bowers, C. V.S. Levy and Arthur E. Levy, Millard F. Lease, Sr. and Millard F. Lease, Jr., Charles F. Seeger and Wilbur M. Seeger, Richard Kreh Sr, and Richard Kreh Jr.

Columbia Lodge has always been active and progressive in this community since its organization in 1815. It has always carried aloft the standard of the order, and endeavored to keep pure and unsullied the Character and Reputation of the Ancient Institution dedicated to the principles of Virtue, Benevolence and Charity, steadily preserving in the practice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



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

I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge No. _____

Location _____ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____

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

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

Mail Address _____
(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)

- 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) _____
- 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

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14° Trilite Ring (May be upgraded to 10K Gold for additional fee),
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Upcoming **Events** 2017

Saturday, August 5th	Lobsterfest	2pm
Wednesday, September 6th	Baltimore – Lodge of Perfection	7:30pm
Saturday, September 9th	Traveling Degrees – Denton – 4th, 14th & 18th	8:30am
Wednesday, September 13th	Baltimore – Chapter Rose Croix	7:30pm
Saturday, September 16th	Family Day at Lowe's Farm	2pm
Wednesday, September 20th	Baltimore – Council and Festive Board	6:30pm
Thursday, September 21st	Frederick – Council of Kadosh & Festive Board	7:30
Saturday, September 23rd	Frederick – Charity Shoot at Mt. Airy Gun Club	8am
Monday, September 25th	Salisbury – Confer 7th & 10 Degrees	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 27th	Baltimore – Chesapeake Consistory	7:30pm
Monday, October 2nd	Cumberland – Feast of Tishri	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 4th	Baltimore – Class Orientation	6:30pm
Sunday, October 8th	Rehearsal of the KCCH (33rd <i>(Full Casts)</i> at 3:30pm)	2pm
Sunday, October 8th	Baltimore – Basket Bingo	1pm
Wednesday, October 11th	Baltimore – Confer 4th & 5th Degrees	7pm
Saturday, October 14th	Orient Honors Day	
Monday, October 16th	Salisbury – Confer 15th Degree	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 18th	Baltimore – Confer 9th, 10th & 11th Degrees	7pm
Saturday, October 21st	Frederick – Reunion Day	7:30am
Saturday, October 21st	Cumberland Reunion Day	7:30am
Wednesday, October 25th	Baltimore – Confer 14th & 15th Degrees	7pm
Monday, October 30th	Salisbury – Confer 30th Degree	7:30pm
Wednesday, November 1st	Baltimore – Confer 18th & 20th Degrees	7pm
Saturday, November 4th	Baltimore Reunion Day – Confer 21st, 27th, 30th & 32nd	7:30am
Sunday, November 5th	Baltimore – Ring Ceremony	2pm