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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



THE TRUE MARK
OF LEADERSHIP
MAY BE JUST
HOW FAIR YOU
CAN BE WHEN
OTHER PEOPLE
ARE TREATING
YOU UNFAIRLY.

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL,

I hope this issue of our Rite News finds you well and enjoying the waning days of summer. I also hope that you have had a wonderful time with family and friends as we plan for our fall activities. When we think of family and friends, it's hard not to be concerned about the level of violence and discontent that seems to engulf our nation and affect our daily lives. If we don't think that at least a part of what we are seeing is a cultural problem, then we are only kidding ourselves. Our politicians and leaders seem to thrive on degrading everyone around them who might have a different opinion. Ethics and integrity have been cast to the wind.

Almost every male reader of this magazine has heard "I will not cheat, wrong, nor defraud... Speak evil of his good name, or that of his family; nor suffer the same to be done by others if in my power to prevent." These words are repeated time after time under oath. To degrade an individual for whatever reason is wrong. Sometimes our emotions get the better of us and we do and say things that hurt, not only the individual, but his family, friends, and those close to him.

Don't we all wish our politicians and leaders could hear and heed the words we repeat so often? Honesty and integrity are the foundation of leadership. Great leaders NEVER compromise their honesty or

integrity. We have all seen the words, "integrity means doing the right thing, because it is the right thing to do." To wrong someone is never the right thing to do. It seems to me that many of our politicians and leaders have forgotten about integrity and honesty. There should be no exceptions made for honesty and integrity. Leaders with integrity always err on the side of fairness, especially when being pressured to be unfair. As a matter of fact, the true mark of leadership may be just how fair you can be when other people are treating you unfairly. Aren't we, as members of the craft, fortunate to have the lessons of our Lodge and Rite to challenge us to keep our passions within due bounds. If we live out the tenets of Freemasonry in the world, we can provide an example of a better path to those around us.

I hope to see you all as we kick off our fall activities, especially Basket Bingo on September 30th, one of our biggest fundraisers for the Clinic. Enjoy the rest of your summer and may I wish each of you the Blessing of good health and much happiness 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° – JEPHTAH LODGE #222



THERE ARE MANY REASONS why men have joined and remained members of our fraternity through the years. Those of us who enjoy learning, gaining an understanding and participating in ritual are joined by many who equally enjoy the esoteric aspects of the fraternity. The social functions and extensive programs of the Grand Lodge, local lodges and appendant bodies also attract and retain members. We must all find our little niche in the fraternity. The reason men join and remain members of the fraternity is, in part, due to our strong belief in the “brotherhood” we have come to enjoy. We enjoy being able to associate with men that think as we do, where we can believe “love of country” is not just a phrase but a way of life. A place where we are able to help our fellow man through the various charities we

support, engaging in effective lodge activities, working with our youth groups and showing the world at large that Masonry continually seeks ways in which to make the world we live in better.

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If I may quote President Abraham Lincoln, “You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today”. It is time, my brethren, that we take it upon ourselves to be the “Communicators” for our fraternity. We must go out into the

public and tell them who we are and what we stand for. It is incumbent on us to tell them that we are men of quality and good moral stature. We are good family men, active in our communities, who give of our time to make those communities better places in which to live. We must tell everyone about our philanthropies and our efforts to make our quality of life better. This is what we are and what we do. It is time that we communicate this to the outside world and “Spread the Light” of Masonry to everyone.

My brothers, as you are aware, our entire Masonic Family is about helping those who are less fortunate. In every part of our fraternity, from the Blue Lodges to the appendant bodies to the youth groups, our Masons and their families are helping others to live better and healthier lives.

Therefore, let us spread the word that Masonry is not a secret society but an organization that is committed to making the world a better place in which to live through the teaching of high moral values and our willingness to help others.

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



IN MEMORIAM



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Valley of Baltimore

BY: ILL. E. RAY LEPP0, 33°, GC - PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE VALLEY OF BALTIMORE



F. Wilson, 33° Memorial Class. On behalf of the Valley of Baltimore, I want to extend our

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sincerest congratulations and welcome to each of you as new 32° Scottish Rite Masons. You have witnessed degrees demon-

strating moral and philosophical lessons that expand on the Blue Lodge degrees and represent the ultimate in personal character development and perfection. Your next step is to enjoy the Scottish Rite. You can become a part of it by attending our Lodge meetings, taking part in the degrees, or assisting in the various support services necessary to making it all work. The Scottish Rite is here for you and you can make it even better. Come back in the fall and witness some of the other degrees. I am looking forward to a long and close Masonic relationship with each of you.

WELCOME TO THE new members of the Spring 2018 Robert



Spring Class of 2018 Class Photos are available

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\$15.00 each

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. WILLIAM A. ZARYCHTA, 32°, KCCH – ST. COLUMBA LODGE #150 – VENERABLE MASTER



BRETHREN,

Memorial Day weekend just passed and I am sitting here pondering what Memorial Day means to me, as I try to explain its meaning to my seven year old. This started me thinking about all the Brothers I know who have served this great country. Just a quick look around most any lodge and you will see veterans of military service from most of the past conflicts, Police, Fire and EMS and, of course, those who served the country with other acts of service which are too numerous to be listed here. I then took it a step further and thought about those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country to protect us and our freedoms, which we enjoy today.

I contemplated if a disproportionate number of Brothers have served in the military. I suspect the answer is yes, but

I was unable to find any verifiable proof that this was true. All of this took me to the Congressional Medal of Honor and a search of how many brothers have been awarded a Medal of Honor. I found some information and discovered information on 25 Brothers who were awarded the Medal of Honor and 1 Brother was awarded it TWICE!! I have never considered a person would ever be awarded the Medal of Honor twice. As it turns out, 19 men have received the Medal of Honor twice, out of 3,460 medals awarded.

Many of the names you have heard in the past, but may not know they were Brother Masons or Medal of Honor recipients. I was surprised by many of the names which include: Audie Murphy, Col. William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, Eddie Richenbacker, Jimmie Doolittle and Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt, just to name a few. An example on April 2, 1865 – Lieutenant Colonel (Bro.) William Blackwood of the 48th Pennsylvania Infantry *“removed severely wounded officers and soldiers from the field while under heavy fire from the enemy, exposing himself beyond the call of duty, thus furnishing an example of most distinguished gallantry.”* He was a member of Concordia Lodge Number 67 in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Brother Frank Baldwin was the only one on this list to receive the medal twice. On July 12th, 1864, Captain Baldwin of the 19th Michigan Infantry *“under fire and ahead of his own men he singly entered the enemy’s lines and captured two Confederate Officers.”* Then, in November 1874, *“he did with two companies voluntarily attack a superior force of hostile Indians in a superior position, when waiting for reinforcements would have enabled the Indians to escape and kill captives.”* Brother Baldwin was from Siloam Lodge Number 35 in Constantine, Michigan.

Now that you have read this far, why did I take you on this tangent of mine? First and foremost, I want to remember all who have sacrificed for this country and ensure their contributions are never forgotten. Secondly, I wanted to highlight Masonic support to our nation. We, as Masons, are proud Americans who give of ourselves to support this great nation. I personally want to thank you for all the great things you are doing, each and every day, constantly improving ourselves, our families’ communities and nation. I also would like to give a hearty thank you to your family for the support they provide which allows us as Masons and men to do and be our best.



Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

BY: HON. ROBERT W. REYNOLDS, 32°, KCCH - IONIC LODGE #145 - WISE MASTER



FOR MOST OF US, being a Freemason means defining our lives and beliefs by those tenets and principles we are continuously being reminded of as we live through the many activities that make up our own particular Masonic Experience. Whether it is assisting a Brother who may be in financial need, helping one who requires an employment opportunity, the donating of one's own resources to support any one of the many charities our fraternity supports, or in just taking the time to sit and keep company with an elderly member who needs to know he has not been forgotten, we believe that we are completing those acts of labor so often mentioned in the Craft. But, many of us find that we may often doubt ourselves as to whether we are living up to those duties incumbent on being a true Mason. Hence, lies at least part of the reason why we pursue "further light" and

go onto not only attaining the degrees which are part of the Scottish Rite but also return to witness them again and again to better understand what they are teaching us.

The Degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix present "Faith, Hope, and Charity as sure guides to our actions, and as the safest paths through adversity". But what does that mean and how do we translate that into our daily lives? First, the importance of the strength of one's character must be recognized. In the real world, when we are not inside the Lodge or Temple and are attempting to work through professional challenges, which we wonder will ever end successfully, or are grappling with family and personal issues that constantly weigh on our minds and spirit, we often find ourselves slowly closing our attention to those "other" things we may forget or inadvertently dismiss. In context, one of the "secrets" we learn from the Eighteenth Degree is the act of reconciling opposites, or making advantage out of adversity. We are taught integrity is the rule we must follow. It can be easy at times to become distraught and question why some things may happen. Maintaining our faith and keeping hope assist us in battling these challenges.

Another lesson we are taught,

detailed in the Sixteenth Degree, teaches of the trials and tribulations endured by the Hebrews and their leader Zerubbabel when they returned from their exile in Babylon to Jerusalem and finally were able to complete the rebuilding of the Second Temple around 510 BC after some 46 years of construction. The analogy here is that nothing worthwhile comes easy or fast. That the path to becoming a complete Mason, where we feel a sense of contentment in our conscious knowing we have done everything to be good men, cannot be expected to happen with a few gestures of charity over a short time. It takes many years or maybe even a lifetime of being aware of those around us and in giving charity and kindness to others. This helps us to not have any regret when our time comes to join the Supreme Architect in the Celestial Lodge above.

Finally, another lesson taught in the Eighteenth Degree is that we must accept all good men, of whatsoever creed and faith, as our Brethren. We learn that if we interpret any of the symbols used in the degrees as having a special reference to our own particular faith, we have no right to insist that another must accept our interpretation. It tells us of the importance of tolerance and appreciation of others. It

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Chesapeake Consistory

BY: ROBERT N. CARHART, JR., 32° KCCH – MASTER OF KADOSH



BROTHERS, as I write this, Memorial Day has just passed and we've had to get used to the idea that the Orient of Maryland's Personal Representative, Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33°, MWPGM—a stalwart figure at the Baltimore Scottish Rite, let alone Maryland Masonry—is no longer physically with us. We're the poorer for his absence, but the richer for his presence and impact, his warmth, and his gentle counsel. To say he will be missed is an understatement. We can model and honor his memory by giving our best in our endeavors at the Rite, in whatever capacity we may occupy.

In looking ahead to our Fall 2018 activities (a bit odd to think of, as it is still spring, and summer 2018 has yet to officially begin when penning this article...), it is my hope that we resume our labors refreshed and with renewed spirit, even as cooler temperatures approach. Fortu-

nately, your Scottish Rite offers numerous events and opportunities for you to participate in and grow as a Mason, especially as the next class of candidates receives its degrees, leading up to the Fall Reunion itself on Saturday, 10 November.

Prior to that, of course, are the meetings of the various bodies of the Orient; I certainly hope you will avail yourself the opportunity to visit your Rite on any Wednesday throughout September as your schedules permit (don't forget that dinner preceding the meetings is available to you at a modest cost). I'd be remiss in not spotlighting, in particular, the Festive Board on 19 September, hosted by the Maryland Council of Kadosh and its Commander, the Hon. Cory S. Wright, 32°, KCCH. If you haven't gone to one of these before, you're really missing out, so please do (!), and, by the way, it's open to your ladies as well. This really is a good time.

At the Chesapeake Consistory on Wednesday, 26 September, we will again be privileged to have the Hon. Charles Matulewicz, 32°, KCCH, reprise his presentation on the 31st Degree (Inspector Inquisitor) that evening. If you missed his talk on it this past spring, well, you now get a second chance to learn about this impressive and in many ways, fascinating, degree,

including its origins, its ties to ancient Egypt, and, of course, its lessons. If you haven't heard Bro. Charles speak before, you're in for a real treat—dusty history this isn't! He does us a great service and now, having learned more about it, I, for one, am disappointed I've never seen the degree put on.

Lastly, to our newest 32° brothers, please join us for as much as you can, when you can. This also applies to those of us who hold some “veteran” status at Baltimore's Scottish Rite. Quite frankly, I wouldn't bother if I didn't think it was worth my time to get to know you, my brothers, or investigate what the Rite offers—time is simply too precious, and the competition for that time is too diverse. And I'd be the first to acknowledge that simply getting to the Temple oftentimes can be an exercise in patience, especially in rush hour; but I make the trip anyway because I want to be here, and I hope you do as well.

In saying this, I'm also a believer in the necessity of finding balance, both within one's personal life as well as in our respective Masonic travels. To this end, I, of course, encourage you to participate and find your place here, but also recommend that you not overdo it in your passion for the Craft. Brother

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Valley of Frederick

BY: BRO. ADAM S. RIVERA, 32° - VENERABLE MASTER - FREDERICK LODGE OF PERFECTION #3

SUMMER IS UPON US, and two things amaze me. How fast things go by, and how much can get done in that short amount of time. It seems like only yesterday my daughter had trouble staying in position on her own without support, and now she's sitting up all on her own. At this rate, I know by the time the next issue comes around, I'll be saying how she's already walking. Watching a child develop as an infant really puts things in perspective. At the start of the year, we installed new officers and set out a plan for the year, and when you get to the midway point, you look at what has happened and all of your accomplishments. These truly are exciting times in the Valley of Frederick. Right on the heels of a very poignant and memorable Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal, we held our first two-day reunion and had great attendance both days. We are doing it again this fall, and I invite all of you to come to Frederick on either the evening of November 2nd or the morning of November 3rd to experience the degrees.

As I write this, we just finished holding our Second Annual Family Fun Charity Trap and Skeet Classic, a tremendously successful event. This year, we had Masons from all over the

state, as far away as the Eastern Shore, as well as many individuals from the local Frederick area. Bringing the community together to support charity is a hallmark of the Masonic fraternity, and it truly is great to see the community support us assisting them. However, philanthropy isn't our only interaction with the community. On June 30th, we have slowly taken over an entire section of Harry

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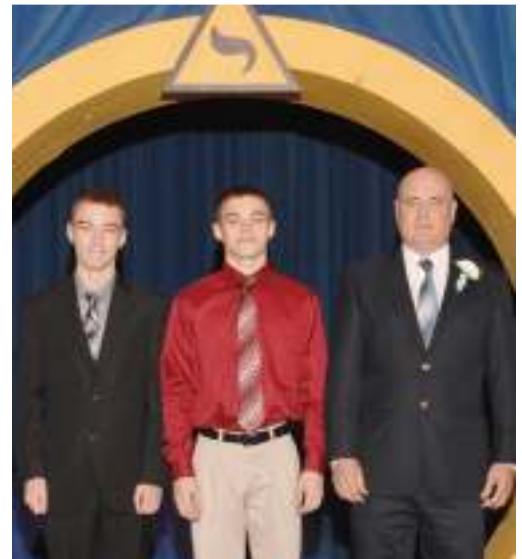
Grove Stadium in Frederick to watch the Frederick Keys Minor League Baseball team (part of the Baltimore Orioles farm system). Getting together doesn't always mean for a ritual or stated meeting, it can be for fun as well. This has become an annual tradition for us, and there's something about Minor League sports that you don't get by being in the big stadiums. Lastly, those who have been to Frederick know we've started to become known for good meals or at least that's

what I keep hearing. We have two big ones coming up. Our 3rd Annual "Steak-Out", with steaks excellently prepared by the Ill. Scott Cameron, 33° on August 19th as well as our 2nd Annual Frederick Council of Kadosh Festive Board on September 20th. There's no better way to come back from being dark than having a fun meal, an enlightening talk, and the fellowship of your Brethren.

Summer gives us a chance to step away from the labor of Masonry, whether it's attending meetings, ritual practice, or working to support an event. Use it as a chance to improve yourself just a little bit more or, as the author Stephen Covey in his *"Seven Habits of Highly Successful People"* says, "Sharpen the Saw". When we make ourselves better, we make everyone around us better. The officers in the Valley of Frederick have pushed me to be a better leader, and I know I have pushed them and the Valley to be better as well. Take a few hours and work on a degree part. Do the research to start a major fundraiser like a 5K or a trap and skeet shoot. Look at the VMAP workbook and see something you think your Valley can do to be better. A rising tide raises all ships, and we can help make that tide even higher.



Spring Ring Ceremony 2018



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GUIDELINES FOR SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY ROTC AWARD (For Colleges/Universities)

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Description: Approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, the award consists of a medal, ribbon, and certificate. The medal depicts the heraldic double-headed eagle logo of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and by the words "ROTC Education and Americanism" calls attention to two of the major focal points of the Scottish Rite.

Purpose: This award recognizes one outstanding cadet in the second year or third year of a 4-year program.

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-  Have demonstrated a potential for outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self discipline, good citizenship and patriotism
-  Have not previously received this award

Selection: The Professor of Military/Naval Science will make the selection.

Administration: The Supreme Council is divided between two Jurisdictions, the Southern Jurisdiction and Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. (For a map, click on website: www.scottishrite.org, then "Where We Are" at bottom of the page, and "Location of Scottish Rite Valleys").

- Southern Jurisdiction: Requests for the award should be sent to the nearest Scottish Rite Valley of the Southern Jurisdiction. (For locations, refer to the map described above and click on the desired state) or contact the National Headquarters, Grand Executive Director, telephone: 202-232-3579, or email: wsizemore@scottishrite.org.
- Northern Masonic Jurisdiction: Refer to: www.supremecouncil.org, click on ROTC Program. Inquiries should be directed to William Holland, Director of Operations, Telephone: 800-814-1432, Ext. 3133, or email: wholland@supremecouncil.org.

Presentation and Publicity: With 30 days prior notice of the presentation ceremony, whenever possible the Scottish Rite Valley which provided the award will select and provide a presenter.





JROTC/ROTC Presentations for 2018

SCHOOL	PRESENTATION DATE	CADET NAME
Bowie State University	4/17/2018	Cadet Dawuda Amadu
UMCP Air Force ROTC	4/20/2018	C/3C Danielle Lewis C/Capt Patrick Forbus
McDaniel College	4/24/2018	Cadet Alex West
Mt. St. Mary's (McDaniel)	4/24/2018	Cadet James Green
Morgan State	4/26/2018	Cadet Gentry Harris
Oxon Hill High School	4/26/2018	Cadet Ashley Hamilton
Woodlawn High School	4/27/2018	Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jordi Martinez-Zabala
Atholton High School	4/27/2018	Cadet Peter J. Kotz
Howard High School	4/27/2018	Cadet Ashlyn Moynihan
Northeast High School	5/3/2018	Cadet 1st LT Anderson
UM College Park	5/3/2018	Cadet Lilly Hanrahan
Reach Partnership HS	5/4/2018	Cadet Second Lieutenant Devin L. Gibbs
Meade High School	5/10/2018	Cadet 1st Lieutenant Cabaret Goings
Baltimore Polytechnic	5/10/2018	SMSgt Katherine Zuniga
Laurel High School	5/11/2018	Cadet ChristineJoyce Tadeo
High Point HS	5/11/2018	CTsgt Ryan Lange
Mergenthaler Technical HS	5/15/2018	C/MCPO Ayooluwakiitan Oluwafemi
Dundalk High School	5/21/2018	Cadet Lieutenant JG Chloe Cowger

*Special Thanks to Hon. Bro. W. Miles Cole, 32°, KCCH; Bro. Darryl J. Smith, 32°
and Ill. John S. English, 33° who made presentations.*



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Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

teaches us to temper and think beyond our own egos. It reminds a Mason that the world does not always revolve around us personally.

There is, of course, much more that can be written on the

lessons we learn in the degrees at the Temple and how we should apply them in our lives. Personally, I find that by returning and attending conferrals as well as, at times, researching more on my own, assist me in that process. I also find, as I know many other Brothers do, that whenever I

visit a lodge, or attend a social event, or just run into another Mason I know on the street, I am again reminded and prompted inside of myself to be conscious of those responsibilities that make our lives in the Craft so special, not just for ourselves but for the world around us.

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Chesapeake Consistory

Cory wrote of this (burnout in Masonry) in his last Council article (Spring 2018 Rite News), and it's worthy of mentioning again here.

Speaking generally, I think we'd agree that it's better for you (or any of us, really) to "bite off only what you can chew,"

and no more. We do ourselves, and our brothers (and families), no service if we're overextended in any facet of our lives, not just the Masonic one. So be involved as much as the length of your cable tow genuinely allows, but not because you're here half-heartedly out of some misplaced "obligation." In my view, finding ways to improve the Masonic

experience sometimes means *not* asking too much of any one brother (at the risk of driving him away) than (over)encouraging him when he is most zealous and fervent; tapping into that zeal and fervency properly is, indeed, a delicate art for the best of us.

Be well, my brothers.

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Scottish Rite Photos







ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

Spring Capping and Awards Ceremony

By Bro. Samuel J. Lane, 32° ~ Queen City Lodge #131 – Venerable Master

THE NEWEST MEMBERS of the Valley of Cumberland were presented with Scottish Rite Prayer Caps and several brethren were recognized for their years of service, scholarly achievements, and membership achievement during the Spring Capping Ceremony on May 20th.

A number of brethren in attendance were honored for their years of service to the Scottish Rite and James M. Snider, 32° KCCH received recognition as the Spring 2018 Ritualistic Champion for his outstanding performance as Chancellor in the conferral of the 32° while Hon. George T. Schupfer, 32°

KCCH and Hon. Kevin H. Mallow, 32° KCCH each received awards for their membership achievement.



From left: 1. Seventy Year Service Award: Personal Representative III. Jamey S. Hill, 33° presents Charles J. Hardy, 32° a pin recognizing his seven decades of service to the Scottish Rite. 2. Excellence in Ritual: Fall 2017 Ritualistic Champion Hon. Clyde Bantz, 32° KCCH, presents the Spring 2018 Award to Hon. James M. Snider, 32° KCCH. 3. Fifty Year Service Awards: SGIG III. Marlin L. Mills, 33°; C. Robert Swain, 32°; Carl W. Trostle, 32°; and III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°.

Spring 2018 Class Photo



(Spring 2018 Class): Eight candidates, pictured here with SGIG III. Marlin L. Mills, 33^o, Personal Representative III. Jamey S. Hill, 33^o, and Honourmen of the Valley of Cumberland, received the Scottish Rite Degrees during the Valley of Cumberland's 171st Convocation and Reunion.

Garrett County JROTC Awards

THE VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE presented Scottish Rite JROTC Medals to two Garrett County cadets in 2018. C/LTC Christopher Brown of the Northern Garrett High School JROTC "Huskies" Battalion and Cadet Dalton Perando of the Southern Garrett High School "Rams" Battalion received the medals from World War II veteran Ill. Aaron V. Lea, 33^o during their respective Awards Ceremonies. These outstanding cadets were nominated by the Senior Army Instructor assigned to their battalion for encouraging and demonstrating Americanism, academic excellence, and leadership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 6: Black Cap/
Red Cap Soiree, Churchill
Pub, 6:00 PM

AUG 12: KSA Corn Roast,
To be announced,
1:00 PM

AUG 21: Scottish Rite
Retirement Club Picnic,
Masonic Temple,
6:30 PM

SEP 15: RiteCare
Kid Walk/Kid Talk,
Allegany County Health
Dept, 10:00 AM

SEP 17: Lodge of
Perfection, Masonic
Temple, 7:30 PM

OCT 1: Council of
Kadosh, Masonic
Temple, 7:30 PM

OCT 15: Chapter of
Rose Croix, Masonic
Temple, 7:30 PM

OCT 27: 172nd
Convocation and
Reunion, Masonic Temple,
7:30 PM



ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

Combined Masonic Ladies Night



Valley of Cumberland Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° and his Lady Ellen with SGIG Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° and Lady Brenda at the Combined Masonic Ladies Night in Cumberland.

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE

recently partnered with Blue Lodges and Masonic Bodies across Western Maryland to host Combined Masonic Ladies Night and Strawberry Night. The sold out Ladies Night, which was held at the Ali Ghan Shrine Center in Cumberland, reflects a renewed commitment to cooperation among Masonic bodies in the region aimed at spreading the cement of brotherly love

and affection and enhancing the membership experience for brethren and their families. In addition to the Scottish Rite, event sponsors included the Ali Ghan Shriners, Tall Cedars of Lebanon Forest No. 140, Cumberland York Rite bodies, Friendship Lodge No. 84, Potomac Lodge No. 100, Queen City Lodge No. 131, Antietam Lodge No. 197, and East Gate Lodge No. 216.

The program featured participation of representatives of each organization, with Venerable Master Samuel Lane acting as Master of Ceremonies, Potentate George Witherington giving the toast to the ladies, and all body heads presenting roses to the ladies. SGIG Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° and RW Deputy Grand Master Richard P. Naegle each offered their congratulations on the successful evening and their appreciation for the many contributions that ladies make to Masonry. Following dinner, the dance floor was filled with musical entertainment provided by local favorite Queen City Funk and Soul. Many couples took advantage of free professional portraits during the event. Photos from this and other Cumberland Scottish Rite events are available for download at www.flickr.com/cumberlandscothshrite.



Cumberland KSA Participates in Pennsylvania Installation

The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew performed an Arch of Steel as part of the Installation of Officers for Daughters of the Nile, Dorcas Temple No. 129, at the beautiful Jaffa Shrine Center in Altoona, Pennsylvania, where Ellen Hill, wife of Valley of Cumberland Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill, 33°, was installed as Queen for the ensuing year.

Congratulations to the Brockman Fellowship Award Winners for 2018

BY: ILL. J. THOMAS VANCE, III, 33° - EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - MT. MORIAH LODGE #116



Ms. Lucy Gumpert
Loyola University



Ms. Madeline Pifer
University of Maryland



Ms. Marissa Lamb
Towson University

ON MAY 17, 2018, 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 three candidates from Towson University, Loyola University and University of Maryland. Awards totaling \$6,000 were made to Ms. Marissa Lamb from Towson University, Ms. Lucy Gumpert from Loyola University and Ms. Madeline Pifer from University of Maryland. The committee is pleased to announce the Brockman fellows for 2018.

This year's committee included Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Sovereign

Grand Inspector General, Ill. John T. Vance, III, 33°, Committee Chair, Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33°, GC, Ill. S. Brent Morris, 33°, G.C., Ill. Frederick A. Spicer, 33°, GC, and Hon. Charles F. Reid, III, 32°, KCCH. Ms. Olga Politas, Director of Clinical Services, Hearing and Speech Agency of Maryland, M.S., CCC-SLP and Ms. Kathi Shute, Clinic Coordinator of Services, M.S., CCC-SLP, represented the Hilgenberg Childhood Center.

Congratulations to the Brockman Fellowship award winners for 2018.

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?



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went into the fraternity with this thought in mind was disillusioned. When Masonry was a small organization, when it did no soliciting and selected its recruits with the utmost care, it gave high prestige to its members. Then, when it tried to popularize itself, when its idea of prosperity became the multiplication of Lodges and the doubling of membership, just that moment it became commonplace; and as the multitude entered at one door, prestige went out the other.

The Christian Origins of the Knight Rose-Croix Degree

BY: S. DIRK WIKER 32°, KCCH – ANNAPOLIS LODGE #89

“The degree of Rose Croix teaches but 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, by a Redeemer or Messiah, yet to come, if he has not already appeared.” – Albert Pike in Morals and Dogma



THE KNIGHT ROSE-CROIX is one of the most recognized high degrees throughout Ma-

sonry. In the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, the 18° in its present form has several Christian elements but is purely secular, as pointed out in the lecture of the degree itself. The original degree was strictly Christian and in some jurisdictions in the world today, it is for Christian Masons only.

Like many of our degrees, the origins of the *Knight Rose-Croix* are murky. It was once believed that the degree was created through the mythical Charter of Arras. This theory states that the degree was given through this charter to Jacobite supporters in 1745 in Arras, France. There is no evidence to support this ever happening though. Some believe that the degree was created by Jean-Baptiste Willermoz around 1761 as the last degree of a system of 25 degrees he was forming. Although we do not know how, why or where this degree was

formed, there is evidence showing that a degree titled *Chevalier Rose-Croix* existed at least in 1757¹ because it is mentioned in a Masonic diploma issued to a Brother Targe in that year.

In 1766, the Baron de Tschoudy writes in his book *L'Etoile Flamboyante* (The Blazing Star):

“I make out a similar case for the Rose-Croix, not that of the inextinguishable lamp but the Rose-Croix properly called ‘or Mason of Heredom’ though in truth it is no more than a new type of Masonry or the *Catholic religion* put in a degree.”²

This reference connecting the degree with Catholicism demonstrates that the *Rose-Croix* was seen as a Christian degree from the start. The degree itself is found throughout several Masonic rites of the 18th century and does not deviate too much in its form. A Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Mason would definitely recognize the forms and ceremonies of the earlier working of the degree but would notice some overtly Christian ideas lacking in our current conferral of the degree. One of the most striking differences is

the interpretation of the True Word – the original Word directly representing Jesus Christ. There are several elements in the current 18° that show Christian roots such as the symbol of the cross, the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity (Thessalonians 1:3), death and resurrection, Christ’s new law of love, the self-sacrificing symbol of the pelican, and the gesture of the good shepherd. Christian Masons can still interpret all of these as being Christian themes and symbols but should be careful to realize they can have different interpretations that would be appropriate within other religious systems as well. The modern *Knight Rose-Croix* ritual uses the symbol of the cross as an example of this. The lecture admonishes the candidates not to see it strictly as a Christian symbol, but to recognize that it is a much older emblem that can be interpreted by all Masons as a symbol of nature and eternal life, regardless of their religion.³ Illustrious Past Grand Commander Albert Pike stressed the importance of re-

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ligious tolerance in his revision of the 18° degree in his *Magnum Opus* of 1857. He realized the significance of leaving the Christian elements intact, but making the lessons of the degree available to all Scottish Rite Masons. **In this version of the ritual, the Master of Ceremonies asks the candidate six questions:**

1. What is your religious belief?
2. Do you respect the character of every Reformer that has in the different periods of the world's history appeared on earth to teach men virtue and morality?
3. Do you regard with toleration the religious opinions of other men?
4. Are you willing to meet in the Masonic Temple, and to recognize as Brothers, all good Masons who believe in one God and the Immortality of the Soul, whether they have received that belief from the teachings of Moses, of Zoroaster, of Bouddha, of Mahomet, or of the founder of the Christian religion?
5. Do you recognize the fact

that all the emblems, forms and ceremonies of Masonry are symbolical of certain great primitive truths, which each one is at liberty to interpret in accordance with his own faith?

6. Are you willing to unite in ceremonies which those of another faith may regard as peculiarly applicable to the events recorded in their own sacred books, they leaving to you the perfect right to apply the same ceremonies to your own, or to give them a more general or more narrow interpretation as you may choose?

When the Scottish Rite system was formed in 1801, it still had the "Christianized" True Word in the degree. This changed as well when Pike started revising the degrees and offered a different method to construct the True Word in such a way that it would be acceptable by Masons of all religions. The 18° ritual we use today descends from the 1861 Pike ritual, composed from the degree in the *Magnum Opus* and Charles Laffon de Ladébat's version of 1856.

All Scottish Rite Masons can benefit from the mystical allegory, lessons and Christian elements presented in the 18°, irrespective of their beliefs. Many of the degrees in the Scottish Rite present ideas from world religions and ancient mysteries and this particular degree is no exception. The Christian origins of the *Knight Rose-Croix* are still evident and we should be thankful that the core of the degree has remained untouched over the last 250 years, just enriched to give us the meaningful degree we have today.

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	Dinner	6:30pm
	Program	7:15pm
Wednesday, October 10th	Confer 4th & 5th Degrees	6:30pm
Wednesday, October 17th	Confer 9th, 10th, 11th & 13th Degrees	6:30pm
Wednesday, October 24th	Confer 14th & 15th Degrees	6:30pm
Wednesday, November 7th	Confer 18th & 20th Degrees	6:30pm
Saturday, November 10th	Reunion Day	7:30am
	Confer 21st, 27th, 30th & 32nd	
	Lunch	12noon
	\$5.00 per person/Candidates: No charge	
Sunday, November 11th	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.*



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Prudence Lodge #190

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A MASONIC TEMPLE REAL ESTATE STORY WITH A HAPPY CONCLUSION

These days members of Prudence Lodge #190 have a happy story to tell. A story about how our small-town lodge managed to survive even though faced with losing the masonic temple we all cherished and of which most of us have many fond memories. A story about persistence, of making use of the individual talents of the brethren, and of what some believe to be divine intervention in finding a building suitable for our own temple and then guiding us through the construction phase. A story about something that was simply meant to be. But before we begin to talk about our new building, let's first talk a bit about the old and how Prudence Lodge came to find itself in a predicament.

OUR OLD TEMPLE

To the best of our collective knowledge, sometime between 1904 and 1906, Prudence Lodge #190 took up residence on the second floor of a building on Main Street in Mt. Airy. The building was built by the members of the lodge, using individual lodge members' money. However, during the depression the members who had provided funding for the building are believed to have found themselves

in some financial straits and in order for them to recover the money they had invested, the building was sold to one of the members and, in part, rented back to the lodge at a favorable rate. Fortunately, the building featured commercial space on its first floor and the income for that space was what most interested the landlord. For a long time, the commercial space was a movie theatre. A post office, auto parts store, and other ventures have also occupied the space over the years.

Our favorable rental arrangement went on for many years. When the member who owned the building died, his family maintained possession of the building and continued subsidizing the lodge until 2005 when they sold the building to a local real estate investor/developer. When the building went on the market, the lodge was not financially able to make a bid for the property. Fortunately the new building owner, though not a mason, was very benevolent to the lodge and for many years allowed the members to continue to stay on in the building at a low rent, which was way below market.

THE NEED FOR A NEW TEMPLE LOCATION

However, fast forward to 2011. In light of the severe downturn

in the economy, the building owner advised us that he had to take on partners in the property and that he would no longer be able to continue to extend the reduced rent arrangement. We were presented with a rent schedule which was to take effect almost immediately and would have raised our rent from \$250 per month to over \$900 per month, as well as making us responsible for about \$2,000 a year in property taxes; a very difficult challenge for 80 members paying only \$66 yearly dues.

This news was a serious kick in the stomach for a lodge that had such a long history in Mt. Airy and a membership that truly loved their beautiful lodge room. There was no getting around it, unable to afford such a high cost of occupancy, we would have to leave the building that had been our home for over 100 years.

In 2012, then WM Bro. Ken Barnhart, asked Prudence Lodge member Bro. Jim King, a local commercial real estate professional, to begin searching for a suitable location to rent space for a new lodge meeting room. At the same time, discussions were held with some of our past masters to put in place a contingency plan that would allow us to continue to hold our charter and keep Freemasonry



in Mount Airy. As luck would have it, we were not able to find a suitable space to rent and had little prospect of being able to continue for any extended period of time to keep our current lodge space at an affordable rate. Things were looking pretty bleak for Prudence Lodge. However, this bit of “misfortune” in not finding a place to rent would eventually turn out to be a real blessing. In November of 2012, Bro. King learned that a rental property, a former church, he had been watching for some time, was soon to be vacant and was going to be put up for sale. The listing real estate agent was an associate of Bro. King’s, so a visit to examine the property was arranged and Bro. King, PM Jim Stargel (at the time SW), PM Ron Burner, and then WM Ken Barnhart got their first look at the building.

The layout of the building was similar to many small Methodist churches built in the day, a small vestibule or lobby and a sanctuary with a center aisle and rows of pews, all facing the altar. On each side of the altar was a beautiful stained glass window and the one to the right seemed to catch all of our attention immediately. It featured a message at the very bottom in the center which read, “To all the builders, past, present & future”. Looking back on this day, we have all admitted that the message in the stained-glass window touched our hearts and souls and bound us to this property in such a way that we had to do whatever we could to save this building, and in the process, continue masonry in Mount Airy for future generations. Our ad hoc committee reported our findings to the membership of

the lodge at our next regular communication. After conducting our due diligence, a recommendation was made to form a holding corporation and purchase the property, which the members approved. In January of 2013, our offer was submitted contingent on an inspection, the approval of the town for special exception/substitution of use zoning, and approval of financing. Our contract was accepted, our building inspection was conducted, and the process of obtaining the town’s approval was initiated. Bro. Ed DuFala, had previous experience before zoning boards and also knew many of those public officials in the town we would have to deal with. Ed agreed to represent the lodge at the town public meetings relative to our zoning request. We also hired an attorney
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ney to represent us before the planning commission.

The initial feedback from the town was not promising, as we did not meet even the basic zoning requirements. A plan was then devised that, over time, would win the necessary zoning. Bro. Dufala worked diligently with the town planning administrator, and our attorney, coordinating endless emails, documents, and records to meet requirements before each public hearing. PM Burner and Bro. Dufala also met with the neighbors, as well as with previous members of the church, to gain their support. After approximately 16 months, and many different town meetings, we received the town's approval for our use, our financing was secured, and we settled on the property on May 5, 2014.

When the purchase contract was signed, the lodge didn't have enough money to buy the building, much less renovate it. PM Burner said that he would work with Bro. Todd Kellner, our treasurer, on developing a financing plan. As part of that process a spread sheet was created for the budget, then current, and it revealed that our individual membership dues fee of only \$66 a year was far too short to meet our projected needs.

A committee was then formed to evaluate our financial needs and the committee recommended raising individual dues to a



level necessary to cover the actual budget. After much discussion and letters to the members, the dues were increased to \$176 a year, an amount which covers the actual cost of operating the lodge. Amazingly, our monthly mortgage payments on the new temple building are actually less than what the rent was at our old temple. Even with all the excitement surrounding being able to move to a new building, a building which the lodge would own, leaving our old temple building brought a sense of sadness. On June 3, 2014, Strawberry Night, we held our last regular communication in the building that Prudence Lodge #190 had called home for over 100 years. When WM Jim Stargel banged his gavel to close the meeting that night, there was nothing but silence, a mournful

silence, for what seemed like an eternity. Nobody moved, nobody spoke. But the excitement of renovating our new building would soon overtake the sadness. A new chapter had been opened for Prudence Lodge. It was time to move on.

A BIT OF HISTORY ON OUR NEW PROPERTY

The church building was built in 1910 and was first named Love Chapel, after Reverend Edgar Love, who at the time was the Bishop of the local conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Its name was later changed to Warren Chapel. In 1937, a fire destroyed the upper floor of the church but its members realized its importance to the community and rebuilt it.

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The Clinic Corner

BY: SARAH SPICER, M.S., CCC-SLP



WARMEST GREETINGS from all of us here at the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center. The end of summer has snuck up on all of us – as per usual! We are looking forward to another busy fall season. We start off with a whirlwind of speech and language screenings provided by our clinicians in the schools to determine if services are needed for students. It is always such a blessing to get to start off the school year meeting so many new children and to work cooperatively with such fantastic teams of professionals in the local area. Alongside the screenings and evaluations, we will dive right into our long-standing contracts with schools such as The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Immaculate Conception School, and the Friends School of Baltimore.

We are pleased to announce that we will have two wonderful

students join us at the clinic as Brockman Fellowship recipients. Lucy Gumpert from Loyola University will join our clinic family

THIS YEAR MARKS THE BIENNIAL RITECARE CONFERENCE FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS.

this fall and Madeline Pilfer will start with us in the spring. It will be a great pleasure to have them work alongside us this year.

We are also welcoming back several familiar faces after the summer break. Celeste Segal will be returning to provide therapy sessions to clinic families in the evenings. Eleni Bowden and Lisa McGrain will be coming back to coordinate extremely busy contracts, as well as to provide

therapy for children in the schools.

This year marks the biennial RiteCare conference for speech-language pathologists. Every conference is held in a new and exciting place. This year, it is taking place on the sunny west coast, in Los Angeles, California! We are lucky enough to have clinicians and administrators that will be able to attend this August. They will have the opportunity to hear presentations and discuss the most current therapy practices and techniques. We cannot wait for them to come back and share.

On a personal note, I am so very excited to announce that I will be getting married this September in Virginia. Keep your eyes open for my new last name!

Our yearly Basket Bingo fundraising event will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore on Sunday, September 30th at 2pm. This fundraiser is always an excellent time, with delicious food and truly exciting prizes in every basket, bag, and purse. Thank you all in advance for coming out to support the children of our clinic. For tickets, please contact the Scottish Rite at 410-243-3200.

A big thank you to every single person who contributes to make our clinic possible. Have a happy and healthy fall season!

Upcoming Events 2018

Saturday, August 11th	Baltimore – Lobsterfest	2pm
Wednesday, September 5th	Baltimore – LOP & Rose Croix	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 12th	Grand Lodge – Table Lodge	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 19th	Baltimore – Council of Kadosh	6:30pm
Thursday, September 20th	Susquehanna – LOP & Chapter	7pm
Thursday, September 20th	Frederick – Open Festive Board	7pm
Saturday, September 22nd	Travel Degrees – Centreville – 4th, 14th, 18th	8am
Wednesday, September 26th	Baltimore – Consistory	7:30pm
Sunday, September 30th	Bingo	2pm
Wednesday, October 3rd	Baltimore – Fall Orientation & Dinner	6:30pm
Sunday, October 7th	Frederick – Feast of Tishri Open Ceremony	7pm
Wednesday, October 10th	Baltimore – Confer - 4th & 5th Degrees	7pm
Wednesday, October 17th	Baltimore – Confer - 9th, 10th, 11th & 13th	7pm
Thursday, October 18th	Susquehanna – LOP & Chapter	7pm
Thursday, October 18th	Frederick – LOP	7pm
Wednesday, October 24th	Baltimore – 14th & 15th Degrees	7pm
Saturday, October 27th	Susquehanna – Reunion Day – 4th, 14th, 18th	8am
Sunday, October 28th	Baltimore – Memorial Service	2pm
Friday, November 2nd	Frederick – Fall Class Orientation, 4th & 5th	7pm
Saturday, November 3rd	Frederick – Fall Class Reunion, 14th, 18th, 30th	8am
Wednesday, November 7th	Baltimore – Confer - 18th & 20th Degrees	7pm
Saturday, November 10th	Baltimore – Reunion Day 21st, 27th, 30th, 32nd	7:30am

Schedule subject to change