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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



OPEN THE DOOR AT ANY SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY AND YOU WILL FIND A WARM WELCOME.

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL,

I hope this issue of our Rite News finds everyone well and looking forward to the end of winter; I know I am. I love spring and summer, a time for new reunions and bringing you, our members, together again.

In an age of “disconnection”, the Scottish Rite offers a rare opportunity– the chance to connect with others for a common purpose; to build and strengthen our Masonic family while enjoying friendships, old and new. We need both, now more than ever before. Clubs, civic organizations, churches, and, yes, even our fraternity, are seeing not only a reduction in growth, but in attendance as well.

American families are getting smaller. The average family now has only two children. Friendships and introductions into social groups usually come through families, so smaller families lead to a loss of connections in all walks of life. People today also commute longer distances to work and spend more time indoors than ever before. Smaller families mean fewer children in the neighborhood playing together and fewer chances to form what are often lifelong friendships. We are becoming more isolated than ever before. This is a very sad state of affairs, we are locking ourselves out.... but you have the key...

Open the door at any Scottish Rite Valley and you will find a warm welcome. Families having

fun enjoying each other’s company and more often than not, good food. Friendships are made that will last a lifetime. You can invite a neighbor or a friend to join in at many of our activities and perhaps end up with a new Scottish Rite member.

As a member, you can witness many new degrees that you have probably not seen in years. You may even get excited enough to get involved in the degrees, or one of the many crews that are involved in putting on the degrees. Friendships made while working toward a common goal last a lifetime.

Visit your Scottish Rite Valley. Reconnect with old friends and establish connections with new ones. You can make a difference in a world of disconnects. You will be glad you did.

In closing, may I wish you and your family the Blessing of good health and much happiness in all that you do.



Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



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Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

BY: MW KOSTAS VOURVOULAS, 33° - JEPHTAH LODGE #222



WE, AS FREEMASONS, seek to shape the future by fostering the personal growth of the mind, heart and moral character of men from all walks of life, perpetuating lifelong friendships and philanthropic service to enrich the lives of the people in our communities and our lodges. Though our rich history extends centuries, Freemasonry offers much to its current day members; the opportunity to grow, the chance to make a difference and the means to create a better world for our children.

Being a Mason means being part of an unbroken tradition that stretches back over 500 years to a time when guilds of Freemasons traveled throughout Europe laying the stones of the great Gothic cathedrals.

We share the values of our nation's founding fathers, among

them, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock and Paul Revere. These Masons lived their lives by the principles of loyalty, patriotism, liberty and faith.

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Masonry means becoming a better person while helping to improve the quality of life for others. It means forming deep lasting friendships through Masonic Brotherhood.

But most of all, being a Mason means the kind of satisfaction

that you receive from doing for others without asking for anything in return.

The world today has become a dangerous place in which to live. It seems that many groups do not care about their fellow man. They are only concerned with their own agenda. It does not matter what color a person's skin is or what religion they practice, resorting to violence and other reprehensible behavior cannot be tolerated. Reasonable people from all walks of life must come together and put an end to these senseless acts.

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

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

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand as we spread the light of Freemasonry throughout the world.

Now is the Time

BY: ILL. BENNIE G. OWENS, 33° - ANNAPOLIS LODGE #89 - ORIENT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, MWPGM



NOW IS THE TIME to put into practice those lessons that we have been taught in our various degrees. Now is our chance to show other MASONS what we have learned and how much our fraternity means to each of us. I know that it is not possible for each brother to be present at each meeting and to participate in each degree, but it is possible to exhibit those character traits of friendship and brotherly love to all of

our brethren. We each have a small part that we can accomplish. If we do this, with degree participation or just being present while some other brothers receive a degree, it can be rewarding to all of us.

**WE ARE EACH
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We are each aware that brotherly love is the great reward of FREEMASONRY. We must find ways to each be a part of that fellowship that must endure before and after our Masonic gatherings. We must communicate one on one with our brothers as often as we can. We may get a thousand new members, but if we do not talk to each other and

fellowship, then it is of very little value. We can have all of the study courses, all of the awards, all of the meetings, and all of the plans, but without fellowship, we can accomplish nothing. I have often commented that I have learned more real MASONRY in a refreshment room or in a hospitality suite than I ever learned in an open lodge.

It is time that we start putting more emphasis on who we are as individuals and how we can learn more about each other as individuals. We need to be happy when we meet each other, both in the lodge room and outside. I regret to say that, for some of the Masons that I most respect, I do not know very much about who they really are. I am happy to report that in my seventy-one years as a Mason, there is a large number of MY BRETHREN who are my close friends and helpers. Thank You Brethren for your kindness.

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Valley of Baltimore

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



I WOULD LIKE TO WISH congratulations to all of our new Inspectors General Honorary, and Knights Commander, Court of Honour. The Presentation of

the 33°, under the direction of Joshua D. Neuheisal as Sovereign Grand Commander, was flawless. The cast is to be applauded for their excellent work.

The outgoing heads of the four bodies, W. Michael Boughman, 33°, Venerable Master-Lodge of Perfection, Hon. S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master-Chapter of Rose Croix, James Meulendyke, 32°, Commander-Council of Kadosh, and Kraig Dean, 32°, Master of Kadosh-Consistory, are to be recognized for their respective Lodges for the year 2017. We look forward to a successful year for the newly elected officers for 2018; Dr. William

Zarychta, 32°, KCCH- Venerable Master of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection, Hon. Robert W. Reynolds, 32°, KCCH- Wise Master of the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix, Hon. Cory Wright, 32°, KCCH- Commander of the Maryland Council of Kadosh, and Hon. Robert Carhart, Jr., 32°, KCCH- Master of Kadosh for the Chesapeake Consistory.

We continue to receive many books for our library, and Miles and Anna Cole spend every Thursday arranging and cataloging them. Their efforts are much appreciated. Most of the books can be signed out for your use and dated when returned.



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Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



BRETHREN,

As I sit here, just days after Thanksgiving, pondering what to write for my first Rite News as your newly elected Venerable Master, two things come to mind. First, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to start off a new year. Second, I would like everyone reading this to take five minutes and think about what they are most thankful for. Maybe because Thanksgiving is just past or because I feel overwhelming gratitude towards being elected as your Venerable Master, but both have given me pause to really think about those things for which I am most thankful.

I would like to thank everyone for the faith and trust you have placed in me by electing me Venerable Master of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Baltimore. I am truly humbled and hope I can live up to your expectations. I would like to thank Past Venerable Master Boughman for making last year a great success and laying the foundation for me to continue with his good works.

Along the lines of good work, I would like to challenge every brother to assist the Lodge in whatever manner you are able to support. I understand we have busy lives and making it

to Baltimore can be a challenge, but I implore you to examine your cabletow. Help with degree work is always greatly appreciated, but so is attendance at the degrees and lodge meetings. Pick a degree you haven't recently seen and support the degree team and the new class by attending. Hopefully, you will pick up something new.

The line and I are looking forward to a great year. Please let any of us know if we can assist you in any way. I look forward to seeing you at the Temple and again want to thank you for sharing this journey with me.

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Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

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



FIRST, I'D LIKE TO take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to our outgoing Wise Master, Hon. Brother Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH, for the leadership and sharing of knowledge he provided to the Chapter and members of the Scottish Rite over the past year. Brother Dirk's knowledge of the mysteries, and meaning of the body and degrees associated with it, encouraged further interest to learn more. For me, becoming the new Wise Master of the Meredith Chapter of the Rose Croix is not just the culmination of progressing through the line, but also the chance to continue that process of providing knowledge to the Brethren so that they can better appreciate what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

The Degrees that make up the Chapter of the Rose Croix, the "Historical and Religious Degrees", represent some of the most fundamental beliefs and lessons which we, as Masons, are constantly reminded of and attempt to emulate in our lives. The example of working through the line of the Chapter over the years reminds me of perseverance and patience. Being a faithful officer in each position, and accepting the obligations required for those positions, support the idea of self-sacrifice. Religion, in its attention to loyalty to God and faith in the strength of God, is exemplified in the Maundy Thursday Service and the Memorial Ceremony performed each year by the Rose Croix Chapter.

The beginning of the New Year is not only a time for a new Wise Master and Line of Officers but also a chance to look at renewing and revitalizing our Masonic Lives. It is a time to evaluate our involvement, no matter what activities or bodies we belong to or participate in, and understand what it means to us and, hopefully, acknowledge our appreciation for it. It's a good opportunity to remember when we joined the Scottish Rite or even when we first became a Mason. Personally, I remember how impressive it was for me being at the Temple for my first Reunion

Day, seeing all the Brothers who were involved with supporting the conferral of the degrees and realizing that I wanted to be part of that too. The ability to understand and absorb the full meaning of everything grows stronger as we continue our attendance and involvement. There is so much to learn and understand, not just of the Rose Croix Chapter, but of the other bodies as well.

Like many of my Scottish Rite Brethren, my involvement has always been a source of enjoyment, satisfaction, and just plain fun. Whether it is participating in one of the events or degree conferrals or just looking forward to seeing everyone on Reunion Day, by being a member we have the opportunity to be happier and content in our Masonic careers. The Rose Croix Chapter and the other bodies within the Scottish Rite play a big part in all of this.

I look forward to the honor of being Wise Master of the Meredith Chapter of the Rose Croix in the upcoming year and in working with the Officers and Brethren. With your support, I am hoping to continue the pursuit of further light and interest that we, as Masons, so often refer to and which motivates us to further our commitment.

Previewing the First 2018 Meeting of your Chesapeake Consistory

BY: HON. ROBERT N. CARHART, JR., 32°, KCCH - PATUXENT LODGE #218 - MASTER OF KADOSH



IFIRST WISH TO WELCOME our new 32° brethren from the Fall 2017 Reunion, and to encourage our new Scottish Rite brothers to join us when and as often as you can; we warmly welcome you here and hope you find yourself at home in our wonderful temple. Please also attend, not just the Consistory, but also the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection (7 February), the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix (21 February), and the Maryland Council of Kadosh & Festive Board (28 February—not one to be missed!). The Valley of Baltimore consists of these four bodies, and I believe you owe it to yourselves to explore them.

Brethren, by the time you read this, I will have been installed as your 2018 Master of Kadosh. As

such, I wanted to take a moment to provide an early look at what you can expect at the first meeting of the Chesapeake Consistory (Wednesday, 7 March; dinner at 6:30pm, with meeting to follow at 7:30pm).

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT DISTINGUISHES THE SCOTTISH RITE, IN PARTICULAR, AND THAT TO ME IS ITS REPUTATION AS THE "UNIVERSITY" OF FREEMASONRY.

I've been giving some thought to one of the things that distinguishes the Scottish Rite, in particular, and that to me is its reputation as the "university" of Freemasonry. With that in mind and with our SGIG's approval, I'm making a small, but important, change to the way you may have experienced our meetings before by instead featuring a guest lecturer within our Consistory while it is still tyled—and

opting out of having a post-meeting speaker. Of course, we'll still conduct all the normal business, including voting, that we need to accomplish prior to the Spring Reunion, but I've long felt we're missing an opportunity to communicate more about the Scottish Rite generally.

To this end, then, please plan on joining us and hearing our distinguished Brother Hon. Charles J. Matulewicz, 32° KCCH, take a look at a degree we (including yours truly) rarely, if ever, get to see, let alone discuss, and it's that other one that belongs to the us in the Consistory: the 31st Degree, Inspector Inquisitor.

How much can you say you know about this degree and what it represents? Without looking it up, if your response is either "not much," or "nothing at all," frankly, I doubt many of us would answer differently (again, this includes me). Perhaps you have questions you'd like to ask Bro. Charles. Well, here's our collective opportunity to rectify this, and I'm looking forward to seeing you in force at your Consistory specifically, and your Scottish Rite more generally, in 2018!



2017 Honors Day



Valley of Southern Maryland

BY: ILL. KENNETH HOPKINS SEBRA, 33°



CONGRATULATIONS TO Brother Frank Marquart, 32° and Brother Mark Wooten, 32°,

our two new members at the Valley of Southern Maryland. We did something a little different this year. We combined our Ring Ceremony and our Feast of Tishri. We had a large turnout and a very enjoyable evening. It is always a great pleasure to be able to include the families in the activities of the Scottish Rite.

This year, we started a new project. Brother Jeremy Deal, 32° was speaking with a friend and they mentioned a need of an organization they were working with. It seems they have people in need stay at their facility for short periods of time who do not

bring much with them. One of their needs are toothbrushes. Sounded a little strange but the Valley of Southern Maryland made a decision to fulfill the need. Our members donated toothbrushes to meet their needs.

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

Spring Class of 2018

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**ILLUSTRIOUS
ROBERT F. WILSON, 33°**
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Raised a Master Mason
In Pickering #146 4/11/1956
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2nd Annual Gathering of the Families of Freemasonry

THANK YOU ILLUSTRIOUS BEN AND LINDA LOWE FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT!



The Three Burning Tapers

BY: BRO. DAVID R. SANDY, 32° - MT. MORIAH LODGE #116



I'VE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE to visit over 90 of the Lodges in Maryland, and one of the observations I have made in those visits is the diversity of the three burning tapers.

Some Lodges have ornate candle holders, and others are simple. Some are metal, and some are made of wood. One that I found particularly interesting was a single based candelabra with three holders.

These three luminaries have multiple meanings that we symbolically attribute to them, and they serve as representations of sources of light in nature and origins of wisdom within our Lodges. Most Lodges use electric lights, some flickering and others with the elements of the bulb forming a square and compasses. A few Lodges are using candles, just as our Brothers did in earlier times.

Let us consider the use of actual candles in the Lodge and the

burning flame. For eons, many cultures have used candles as objects of meditation. The dancing and flickering flame seem to inspire a primal and spiritual meditative state.

If we think of physically spreading light, one way to do so is to light one candle from another. Consider the profound symbolism in this action.

Also, the act of spreading nearly always involves diminishing. If I spread butter on my toast, the butter in the dish is diminished. If I spread fertilizer on my lawn, my supply of fertilizer is diminished. But if the light is spread by using one candle to light another, the light is not reduced. In fact, it is indeed brighter. A candle loses nothing if it is used to light another.

Somewhere I read about a philosopher who used an example

of two men, and each had an apple. If they exchanged apples with each other, the result was that they each still had an apple. Nothing was really gained by either of them. Contrast that with two men, and each possessed a wise lesson. When they exchanged wise lessons, they both advanced.

Suppose we consider ourselves as candles or bearers of light and that light is a wise lesson bestowed upon us by our gentle Craft. Holy scripture tells us to share that light and not hide it under a bushel.

Sometimes, for reasons such as shyness, timidity or fear of derision, we will hide our light. Let us remind ourselves of this example so that we confidently, and generously, share our Light, our Wisdom, without fear of it diminishing.



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

BY: ILL. BRO. RICHARD E. FLETCHER, 33° - MWPGM VERMONT

Continued from previous issue

WHY IS LODGE ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

The real answer is that, regardless of how many Masons attend, they are the ones who will carry on the work of Freemasonry. They are the ones who are involved in charitable activities; they are the ones involved in calling on sick and distressed Brothers; they are the ones involved in lodge-sponsored community activities and other lodge programs. So, the more members attending lodge, the more work we will be able to accomplish. I realize there are some Masons - particularly accountants, attorneys, and other professionals - who make significant contributions to the Craft, even though they rarely, if ever, come to lodge. But the results of the work they do is brought back into the lodge. So, no matter how we judge what is done, it comes back to the lodge as the central point from which our work is carried out. Let me say again, the lodge is the center of our Masonic universe.

WHAT IS BEING DONE TODAY TO STIMULATE

LODGE ATTENDANCE?

Sadly, not very much. Faced with declining membership, most Grand Lodges are pouring their energies into new members. If you track membership decline, you will find that demits and NPD's about equal deaths. We can do nothing about death, but thousands of Masons leave the Fraternity each year either by simply refusing to pay their dues or by requesting a demit.

The price of this neglect is that no matter how many new members we bring in, they simply do not equal the numbers leaving. In fact the concept of one-day classes, however successful, may simply be building next generation's NPD's and demits if we do not find ways to keep these new members interested and active.

How we bring members into the Fraternity is far less important than what we do with them afterwards.

Even so, our emphasis has been on finding ways to encourage new members and ignoring the ones we already have!

IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN REALLY DO?

Simply increasing membership is

not enough. We have to interest the new Mason so that he will want to continue Masonic activity after taking the degrees. The only way we can do that is to make ourselves better informed about what our Fraternity is all about and what Masons are trying to accomplish. This is not an easy commitment. It requires time, time, time, and in an era where no one believes he has any time to spare, the vital contribution Freemasons make has got to be stressed.

That's a start. The real answer is even more basic. The teachings of Freemasonry and its ability to be a significant force for good in the community and nation have to be communicated to our new, but just as importantly, to our existing members. Do not leave this particular meeting or any Masonic meeting you ever attend without taking what you have learned with you and sharing it with others.

Our problem is we don't know how to do it. That's why we are apprehensive about even trying. We have been slow to recognize that our Fraternity has changed dramatically in its make-up.

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Maundy Thursday Observance & Dinner

ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS are encouraged to attend and the portrayal is open to friends and family of all Scottish Rite Masons.

In the Scottish Rite, darkness often refers to the disappearance of truth and justice in the world. As the symbolic lights are extinguished, we reflect upon this loss. By relighting them, we reinforce our belief that,

as Knights Rose Croix, it is our duty to throw off the mantle of sorrow and darkness and to emulate those historical figures who have brought truth and knowledge to mankind. This solemn Ceremonial is an important part of the ritualistic work of the Chapter Rose Croix and expresses our commitment to the living of a conscientious and enlightened life.



THE SYMBOLS OF THE MYSTIC BANQUET

1. **The Matzo**, or unleavened bread is also called bread of affliction. It is symbolic of the bread which the Hebrews made when they hastily left Egypt, because they did not have enough time to allow their dough to rise. The Matzo is the most important symbol of the Pass-over.
2. **The Moror**, or bitter herb (represented by a small slice of Horseradish) is symbolic of the hardships which the Israelites endured while they were slaves in Egypt.
3. **The Haroses**, a paste of apples, nuts, spices and wine is symbolic of the mortar the Israelites used, when they were slaves, in the construction of the Pharaoh's treasure cities, Pithom and Ramses.
4. **The Shank Bone**, a roasted bone, is symbolic of the Paschal Lamb that was sacrificed and eaten on the eve of Passover.
5. **The Hard Boiled Egg**, is symbolic of life and the springtime when nature renews life.
6. **The Four Cups of Wine** commemorate the four promises made by God to Moses to redeem the Israelites and bring them out of bondage.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

Thursday,
March 29th, 2018
7PM

Cost for
this event -
\$20.00
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Reading Masons and Masons Who Do Not Read

BY: ILL. BRO ALBERT G. MACKEY, 33° (1807-1881)



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IF HE HAS ENTERED the Scottish Rite, the Lodge of Perfection will not content him, although it supplies material for months of study. He would fain rise higher in the scale of rank, and if by persevering efforts he can attain the summit of the Rite and be invested with the Thirty-third degree, little cares he for any knowledge of the organization of the Rite or the sublime lessons that it teaches. He has reached the height of his ambition and is permitted to wear the double-headed eagle.

SUCH MASONS are distinguished not by the amount of knowledge

that they possess, but by the number of the jewels that they wear. They will give fifty dollars for a decoration, but not fifty cents for a book.

These men do great injury to Masonry. They have been called its drones. But they are more than that. They are the wasps, the deadly enemy of the industrious bees. They set a bad example to the younger Masons—they discourage the growth of Masonic literature—they drive intellectual men, who would be willing to cultivate Masonic science, into other fields of labor—they depress the energies of our writers—and they debase the character of Speculative Masonry as a branch of mental and moral philosophy. When outsiders see men holding high rank and office in the Order who are almost as ignorant as themselves of the principles of Freemasonry, and who, if asked, would say they looked upon it only as a social institution, these outsiders very naturally conclude that there cannot be anything of great value in a system whose highest positions are held by men who profess to have no knowledge of its higher development.

IT MUST NOT be supposed that every Mason is expected to be a learned Mason, or that every man who is initiated is required to devote himself to the study of Masonic science and literature. Such an expectation would be foolish and unreasonable. All men are not equally competent to grasp and retain the same amount of knowledge.

Order, says Pope—
Order is heaven's first law and
this confest,
Some are, and must be, greater
than the rest,
More rich, more wise ...
(Essay on Man, 1734)

All that I contend for is, that when a candidate enters the fold of Masonry he should feel that there is something in it better than its mere grips and signs, and that he should endeavor with all his ability to attain some knowledge of that better thing. He should not seek advancement to higher degrees until he knew something of the lower, nor grasp at office, unless he had previously fulfilled with some reputation for Masonic knowledge, the duties of a private station.

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The Valley of Susquehanna

BY: HON. JASON Q. STANDISH, 32°, KCCH – SECRETARY

GREETINGS FROM THE Valley of Susquehanna! As we go into spring and a new season of growth and renewal, our Valley finds itself well into our 5th year of spreading the light of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Harford and Cecil Counties. It is hard to believe that it has been 5 years already, and at the same time that it has been only 5 years. From humble beginnings in 2013, we have grown from 16 visionary Brothers forming the Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection to 82 members and have also established the Deer Creek Chapter of Rose Croix. With the generous and fraternal help of the Knights in the Valley of Frederick, we have established our own chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew as well. The fall of 2017 saw our traveling degree team at work once again, going to Denton, helping to welcome new Brothers into the Scottish Rite. As spring blooms around us, the



The Valley of Susquehanna traveled to Denton to confer the Scottish Rite Degrees on Saturday, September 9th, 2017.

Valley of Susquehanna looks forward to continuing growth and engaging new members in 2018.

If you are a member of one of the other Valleys and find yourself near Bel Air, or able to travel, on the Third Thursday of the month, please come and

visit us. The Lodge room at our home at Mt. Ararat was recently revovated, and provides a beautiful setting in which to labor. Pictures and words don't do it justice- you need to come see this room! You can also visit us online: www.susquehannasr.org.

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Du Bon Pasteur – An Eighteenth Century Masonic Rite

BY: S. DIRK WIKER, 32°, KCCH

This magical Sun burns through our Art, then the King will appear as he descends from heaven, and the mysteries and wonders of nature will be revealed to you.

THE LODGE OF THE Bon Pasteur (Good Shepherd) was a Masonic Rite created around 1750 and existed concurrently with the Order of the Royal Secret, the precursor to our modern Scottish Rite. However, it appears to have been defunct by the time the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was founded in Charleston in 1801. This barely known Masonic system shares many of the same themes found in our Rite, including Hermeticism, Kabbalah, and Gnosticism, but its primary focus is on a progressive development of alchemical principles. The Bon Pasteur contains two of the same degrees found in our current Scottish Rite.

Just like The Scottish or York Rite, the Bon Pasteur required the candidate to be a Master Mason but had an additional requirement of the Scottish Master or Scots Master degree. The Scottish Master degree was very popular in Europe and several recent researchers have speculated that this degree may be one and the same with the Royal

Arch. After the 1740s, English Masons started referring to it as the Royal Arch in order to disassociate Freemasonry with anything “Scottish” because of the Jacobite rebellion. The Scottish Master degree flourished on the continent, however. Because of this 4th degree prerequisite, the degree numbering starts at 5 and the 12th degree is the final degree.

The rituals of the Bon Pasteur were discovered in a library in Vienna and were written in French, Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. There is also an unknown cipher throughout the manuscript. Dr. M. Thalmann translated the manuscript into German and it was published in the Freimaurer-Museum Band II in 1926. Although the ritual manuscript was found in Austria, the working of this system appears to be confined only to Poland.

The Bon Pasteur is similar to another 18th century masonic system called the Gold- und Rosenkreutz (Gold and Rosy Cross) because the latter is also a progressive alchemical system. However, it is also very different in that it has chivalric degrees like in the Rite of Strict Observance and sometimes stresses the importance of man's reason like in the system of the Bavarian Illuminati. Thus, the Bon

Pasteur contains both 18th century enlightenment and non-enlightenment concepts.

The following is a short synopsis of each of the eight degrees of this system.

5° – KNIGHT OF THE SUN

This degree is very similar to that in the collection of Schröder (see Collectanea Volume 16, Part 2, DeHoyos, 1997) and the 23rd degree of the Order of the Royal Secret. However, it is not very similar to the current 28th degree in the current Scottish Rite. This first degree of the Bon Pasteur introduces the candidate to some metaphorical descriptions of alchemical processes.

6° – KNIGHT ROSE CROIX

Scottish Rite masons will definitely recognize this degree although the working in Du Bon Pasteur is heavily Christianized. The current degree as we confer it in the Southern Jurisdiction is secular but overall the degree is comparable. The degree ritual also contains basic ceremonial instructions for Chapter Festive Boards held on Maundy Thursday.

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Valley of Frederick

BY: ADAM S. RIVERA, 32° - COLUMBIA LODGE #58 - VENERABLE MASTER, FREDERICK LODGE OF PERFECTION

BRETHREN, THE PASSING of the years gives pause to remember the time that was, and look towards the future. The year 2017 has been an eventful year in Maryland, the United States, and the Scottish Rite. When you look on this past year, you may look at it with joy and/or sadness. We have lived, loved, lost, and gained. One thing we always do is look to the future.

The future, especially the future of the Scottish Rite in Maryland, is bright. When I think about this past year, I think about what successes we have had locally in Frederick, with the opening of our Council of Kadosh and the several successful events throughout the year that brought the brethren and our families together as one great Masonic family. It has truly been an amazing thing to be a part of—but the real work of the Valley is never complete.

As we begin 2018, new work begins, and we look to sharpen the stones and working tools we use on a daily basis to better ourselves and make our world a better place. One of my goals every year is to learn something new, to better myself, and to understand the world around me a little more. This past year, I learned several things, some of which are useful, some of which not so much. In the end, it's



not what I've learned, but that there's always something new to learn on the horizon. Whether it's learning how to make a simple hook out of hardened steel or learning more about the mysteries inculcated in the degrees of the Scottish Rite or Blue Lodge Masonry, it is a deeper appreciation for learning which brings people to the Scottish Rite. When I read the Rite News or the Scottish Rite Journal, I am constantly learning something new about the Scottish Rite and I truly believe that the Scottish Rite, especially in Maryland, lives up to the nickname "the University of Freemasonry."

As I take more of a leadership role in my Valley, I want to be able to focus more on learning and education. The more we mentor our younger members and lead them to search for and learn different meanings in the messages of Freemasonry, the more likely they will come to be the next generation of mentors and teachers in our lodges

and valleys. It is very easy to bring a new member in, hand them "A Bridge to Light" and "Morals and Dogma," and show them the degrees, but what have they learned? We have discussion groups at reunions, but what happens after the reunion? Mentors and teachers take an active role in fostering this communication and understanding now and in the future. We are all a mentor to someone else, whether we know it or not. Some don't call it mentorship and others call it "beer night." Regardless of what you call it, know that there is always someone available to give, as you should be ready to receive, further light in Masonry.

With that, I leave you with one phrase I have been telling newly initiated Entered Apprentices since I received my Master Mason degree and began working with new initiates: Freemasonry, like many other areas of life, is like a bank. You get out what you put in, and usually with a little bit of interest added. If you put in the time to better yourself in Masonry, you will get out a three-fold reward in it.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and guide you in your path this year to further light in Masonry.

Congratulations to the Following Scottish Rite Members

The Illustrious P. Gary Shircliff, 33° - Personal Representative Emeritus on receiving the highest award granted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland;
THE THOMAS SHYROCK AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



The Honorable Raymond E. Lewis, II, 32°, KCCH (left) and the Honorable Charles J. Matulewicz, 32°, KCCH (right) on receiving
THE WARREN S. SEIPP MEDAL



2nd Annual Family Fun Charity Trap & Skeet Classic

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Saturday, May 12, 2018

(Rain date June 16, 2018)

Competition: 25 Trap Targets & 25 Skeet Targets

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Competition sign-in and safety instruction 8-9AM. Competition starts at 9AM.

Beginner to expert skill levels are welcome. Team and individual awards.

Other charity Long Bird and Battue raffle competitions. Family activities will be available.

A steak & chicken lunch is provided by the Outback Steakhouse of Ellicott City to all competitors who pre-register by April 28th.

Guest lunch tickets can also be purchased for \$12 via pre-registration until April 28th.

Your tax deductible donations will support the Frederick Valley's Charitable Foundation.

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- The main beneficiary of the very successful 2017 Inaugural event and this year's featured charity will again be **Team Red White and Blue** – a local chapter of a national non-profit organization recognized and supported by numerous large corporations for enriching the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. [www.teamrwb.org].
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The Esoteric Problem of Membership

BY: HON. CHARLES MATULEWICZ, 32°, KCCH – PALESTINE LODGE #189



ONE OF THE GREATEST challenges we have in Masonry is answering the question, “What is Masonry?” There is no harder question. Our fraternity is an initiatory experience and its symbols and allegory make each Brother’s Masonic experience uniquely his own. The motivations for joining the fraternity are as varied as the men who knock on the West Gate. So how do we answer the question?

If we are an initiatory society, where each man’s Masonry is internalized and made his own the only Masonry, we have to speak about our own. When confronted with the question, I explain why I became a Mason (I was moved by a Masonic Memorial Service for my Grandfather), why I stay a Mason (I have made friends in the fraternity

and the fraternity has invested in me), and what I hope for the fraternity (I hope to be able to help other Brothers develop their talents).

**Here is why I joined
Here is why I stay
Here is what I hope to
achieve through Masonry**

These three simple ideas become the story of why you became a Mason, and my Brothers there is no story that is more compelling than the one that two people share face to face. By sharing our “why” for Masonry, the fraternity becomes understandable, approachable, and something worth considering.

**BUT WHAT OF OUR
SCOTTISH RITE?
THE ANSWER IS THE SAME:**

**Here is why I joined
Here is why I stay
Here is what I hope to
achieve through Scottish
Rite Masonry**

**WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE
SCOTTISH RITE HERE IS
WHAT I SAY:**

“The appendant bodies do all sorts of things, since I am not involved in everything at the Scottish Rite, let me tell you what my experience has been: I joined the Scottish Rite because a friend from the Blue Lodge

(thank you Brother Cain) was joining and asked me to go. I enjoyed hanging out, and then I discovered that there were two other Brothers from my Lodge going through. While I enjoy the philosophy and the festive boards of the Scottish Rite, I stay active because I enjoy meeting Brothers from all over the state. You see, each Lodge has its own culture and the Rite gives me an opportunity to talk to Brothers everywhere about their Lodges. But, more importantly, form friendships with men I would not otherwise have had the pleasure to meet. Scottish Rite Masonry gives me the opportunity to share my excitement about what the fraternity can do.”

When confronted with the Esoteric problem of membership, you can choose to cite facts and figures, you can mention past luminaries of masonry, you can allude to the deep philosophical mysteries our degrees highlight... or you can take a third path. If a man trusts your experience enough to ask your opinion on Masonry, trust him enough to share your why with him. My Brothers, visit your Blue Lodge and visit the Rite... I hope to see you in the classroom.



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The Clinic Corner

BY: MS. JENNIFER SMITH, M.S., CCC-SLP



HELLO FROM THE Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! My name is Jen Smith; I'm one of the latest additions to the team. Although I'm new to the Scottish Rite clinic, I've been working with the Hearing and Speech Agency for six years. I received my undergraduate degree in Psychology and Japanese Studies from Gettysburg College and completed my master's degree in Speech Language Pathology from Loyola University.

My clinical specialties focus on pediatric populations, including diagnoses such as stuttering and voice disorders along with articulation and language difficulties. I also have experience working with infants and toddlers in early intervention. My treatment approach is guided by the children I work with, as well as the needs of their families. By supporting all of the child's "team members," I aim to create

an encouraging environment for language growth and communication, helping children to thrive.

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS MADE A GREAT IMPACT ON THE WORK WE DO IN THE CLINIC.

Additionally, I work with incorporating technology into the clinic, whether that's finding new apps to use with clients, troubleshooting with clinicians on the iPad, or ensuring that our electronic documentation is accurate and up-to-date. I'm always on the lookout for new tools to help us be more efficient and effective! Currently, I'm working to produce webinars

that will offer continuing education to other speech pathologists online and supplement our in-person Mid-Atlantic Fluency Conference.

This past October, I returned from maternity leave and have been enjoying seeing clients in this new (for me) setting since then. Soon after I started at Scottish Rite, I was told that we were given donations for the clinic to use for new toys and materials. I was impressed with the level of support we received; we were able to enliven our therapy sessions so much! The children were thrilled to see new activities and seemed more engaged than ever while exploring the toys and games. Your generosity has made a great impact on the work we do in the clinic, and encourages us to go above and beyond for our clients. Thank you!

On December 7, we held a holiday party for our clients and their families. A raffle was held with a great prize — two children won bicycles! Everyone had a wonderful time making crafts together, playing games, and sharing in the holiday spirit. We hope that this positive energy continues through the rest of these last few cold, winter months as we look forward to welcoming Spring!

Over \$10,000 Raised for our Childhood Speech & Language Center!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR BASKET BINGO





Harmony Lodge No. 53

1510 JACOB TOME HIGHWAY, PORT DEPOSIT, MD 21904 | MEETS: FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS
BY: WORSHIPFUL MASTER - BRO. VERNALD T. "TONY" KEEN, JR., 32°

HARMONY LODGE #53 was chartered in 1814 and imagine this: Back then, these were stirring times. It was just after the destructive raid of the upper waters of the Chesapeake by the British fleet under Admiral Cockburn, at which time Have de Grace was sacked and burned. In the spring of 1814, the entire coast of our country was blockaded by British ships, and the combined Army and Navy of Great Britain was planning the capture and

destruction of the capital of our nation. In such stirring times of strife and war, the lodge that had Harmony for its name, and Brotherly love for its motto, and Brotherly helpfulness for its mission, began its great work! Now, after nearly 203 years, Harmony is still here. Through the years, we have met in several now historic buildings in Port Deposit, MD and settled in our current temple which was built by many dedicated Brothers in 1997. We have a breakfast the

second Saturday of every month to raise scholarship money for our local high school students. Harmony is a great place to be. You can always feel the Brotherly love at every event that's held. We love our community and helping anyone in need. So come out and enjoy a delicious breakfast to help us continue to serve our great fraternity and community as so many brothers have done before us.

THE HOMES OF HARMONY LODGE



1814-1818

Krauss's Inn, near West Nottingham, Cecil County.
First home of Harmony Lodge



1818-1852

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Meeting place of Harmony Lodge



1852-1867

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Meeting place of Harmony Lodge



1867-1869

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Meeting place of Harmony Lodge



1869

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- 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) _____
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I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Signed _____
(Signature of Applicant in Full)

INITIATION FEE: \$250.00

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

AT LEAST \$100.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION.

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ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

News from the Cumberland Valley | BY: DR. CHIP ZIMMER, 32°, KCCH

RiteCare Services Expand to Garrett County

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE and our RiteCare partner, the Children's League, recently held a ribbon cutting announcing the expansion of RiteCare speech and language services for children birth to age 21 to a new location in Oakland, Maryland. Elected officials representing the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates, Garrett County Board of Commissioners, and the Town of Oakland and representatives of various Masonic organizations were in attendance to celebrate the clinic's grand opening.

Services will be offered at the Paul B. Naylor Masonic Hall, 3 South First Street in Oakland. This new location will make RiteCare services available to children in the westernmost part of the state and surrounding counties in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Cathy Growden, Executive Director of The Children's League stated, "The Children's League is excited to expand speech and language services in Garrett County. This is made possible through the cooperation and generosity of the Oakland Masonic Lodge. We are happy that Debra E. Friend, PhD, CCC/SLP, will be providing speech assessments and therapy services. Debra is a resident of Oakland,



MD and she comes with over 38 years of experience as a speech language pathologist".

The Cumberland Scottish Rite is grateful for the generosity of Worshipful Master Scott Collins and the members of Oakland Lodge No. 192 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF&AM), which played a critical role in the success of the Clinic's expansion. We are pleased that this partnership between the Children's League, the Cumberland Scottish Rite, and the Oakland Masonic Lodge will ensure that Garrett County children have access to free, professional speech therapy near to where they live, learn, and play.

During the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the newly formed Cumberland Scottish Rite

Foundation Ladies Auxiliary presented a donation of \$2,000 and the Oakland Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star presented a donation of \$50 to the Children's League to assist with initial setup and operation of the Oakland clinic.

Since the Cumberland RiteCare Clinic opened in 1997, the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation has contributed more than \$265,000 to support free diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders to equip children in our community with the ability and skills to lead productive lives. This clinic has directly benefited and improved the lives of more than 1,500 children in Western Maryland and the surrounding region.

Cumberland Feast of Tishri

THE 2017 FEAST OF TISHRI, hosted by the Cumberland Council of Kadosh, featured an inspiring and educational presentation by Rabbi Randall Schoch, W. Asst. Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Maryland. Brethren and guests shared a delicious Thanksgiving

dinner and the Eight Toasts of Obligation. In appreciation for our rich bounty during the past year, Commander Weatherholt collected donations of pet food for the Allegany County Animal Shelter.



Pictured L to R: Officers of the Cumberland Council of Kadosh and special guests. (Seated) Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative; Ill. Elmer W. "Bud" Biles, Jr., 33°, Treasurer; Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°; Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary; (Standing) Robin L. Summerfield, 32°, KCCH-elect, Venerable Master, Cumberland Lodge of Perfection; Hon. Michael L. Kamauff, 32°, KCCH; Samuel S. Lane, 32°; Hon. James M. Snider, 32°, KCCH; Michael Kerns, 32°, Orator; Rabbi Randall Schoch; Hon. Mark C. Weatherholt, 32°, KCCH, Commander; Paul W. Borrer, 32°, 2nd Lieutenant; Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32°, KCCH-elect; and Charles W. "Buck" Taylor, 32°, KCCH.

First Annual Masonic Bird Hunt

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH Rite held the First Annual Masonic Bird Hunt at Quail Hollow Farm in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Chip Zimmer and his team are already making plans for the Second Annual Masonic Bird Hunt in 2018 to support our RiteCare Clinics in Cumberland and Oakland. Details coming soon. We hope you'll join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3: Burns Supper, Ali Ghan Shrine Club, Cumberland

MARCH 11: Ceremony of Lights, Masonic Temple, Cumberland

APRIL 19: Thing-A-Ma-Jig, Zimmer Theater, Allegany College of Maryland

APRIL 28: Spring Conferral and Reunion, Masonic Temple, Cumberland



Bernard Eugene Rothman

MWPGM: NOV. 1980 – NOV. 1982 | SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL: 1991-2001
BY: ILL. SPYRIDON G. TREKLAS, 33°

BERNARD E. ROTHMAN was born on April 18, 1921 in Baltimore, Maryland and reared on Ellamont Street. He attended Forest Park High School in Baltimore and after graduating in 1938; attended the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry in Philadelphia. In 1942, he received his Doctor of Optometry degree. Dr. Rothman also studied at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; Ballio College, Oxford, England; and Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

On October 13, 1942 during World War II, Dr. Rothman enlisted in the army as a private in the Branch Immaterial or General Officers branch of the Army. He served for four years in the Army Medical Corps, particularly in the European Theater. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant, after which he continued to serve his country in the Army Reserves until retiring in 1966 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Licensed to practice optometry in Maryland, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania and Virginia, he established his medical practice in 1947 on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. In 1967, he moved his practice to Spring Street until his



Bernard E. Rothman

retirement in 2001.

In 1949, Dr. Rothman married Elaine Keroes of Washington, DC. They have three daughters: Dr. Wendy Rothman and twins Jan and Jill Rothman.

Dr. Rothman's Masonic career started in 1947 when brother Rothman became a member of Amicable Lodge, No. 25 (now Amicable-St. Johns Lodge, No. 25) under the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland (EA 01/23/47, FC 01/30/47, MM 02/27/47). In 1949, he moved his membership closer to his home in the newly established Cornerstone Lodge, No. 224 A. F. & A. M. serving as the Charter Junior Warden and later as Worshipful Master in 1951. He also served as the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Lodge.

Brother Rothman was appointed Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland by Grand Master John D. Hospelhorn in 1954. He was appointed a Grand Inspector in 1956, and later Secretary of the Board (1959), Vice-President (1960) and finally President of the Board of Grand Inspectors for the State Area (1963). He had the distinction of being the Grand Representative of Brazil (Minas Cerais) and later Grand Representative of Kentucky on behalf of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland.

In November of 1974, Brother Rothman was elected Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland. In November 20, 1978, he was elected Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland and was re-elected on November 19, 1979. On November 17, 1980 he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland and was re-elected for this position on November 16, 1981.

On May 1948, brother Rothman became a 32nd Degree Mason of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR) of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction. In November 1981, he was invested as Knight Commander Court of Honor and



Mrs. Elaine Rothman presenting the Sovereign Grand Inspector Jewel (worn by Ill. Bernard R. Rothman, 33° while he was SGIG) to our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



on October 1989, was Coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary. On August 1990, he received the appointment as the Deputy of the Supreme Council in Maryland and on October 1991, he was elected as the Sovereign Grand Inspector General. He held this position until 2001. During that period, he oversaw the expansion and growth of the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Center located on North Charles Street

that assists children with speech and language difficulties from all over the State. It was during his time as S.G.I.G that he received his 50 year award from the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland.

On March 31, 2003, a few days before his 82nd birthday, brother Rothman passed away of congestive heart failure at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland. Illustrious

Hans R. Wilhelmsen, 33rd, Deputy of the Supreme Council in Maryland delivered an eloquent eulogy during Rose Croix and Masonic Services, which were held at the Hebrew Congregation of Washington DC. In attendance were Ill Brothers C. Fred Kleinknecht, Grand Commander, David Kruger, Past S.G.I.G in Virginia, John E. Moyers S.G.I.G in Kentucky and a large number of Brethren, friends and guests.

Upcoming Events 2018

Monday, February 5th	Salisbury – Orientation & 4th Degree	7pm
Wednesday, February 7th	Baltimore – LOP	7:30pm
Thursday, February 15th	Susquehanna – LOP & Chapter Meeting – 4th & 14th	7pm
Monday, February 19th	Salisbury – 6th Degree	7pm
Wednesday, February 21st	Baltimore – Chapter Rose Croix	7:30pm
Monday, February 26th	Salisbury – 7th Degree	7pm
Wednesday, February 28th	Baltimore – Council of Kadosh Festive Board	6:30pm
Wednesday, March 7th	Baltimore – Consistory	7:30pm
Monday, March 12th	Salisbury – 10th Degree	7pm
Wednesday, March 14th	Baltimore – Spring Orientation & Dinner	6:30pm
Thursday, March 15th	Susquehanna – LOP & Chapter Meeting – Confer 18th	7pm
Monday, March 19th	Salisbury – 14th Degree & Dinner	6:30pm
Wednesday, March 21st	Baltimore – 4th & 5th Degrees	7pm
Monday, March 26th	Salisbury – Confer 15th	7pm
Wednesday, March 28th	Baltimore – 9th & 10th Degree	7pm
Thursday, March 29th	Baltimore – Maundy Thursday Dinner	7pm
Wednesday, April 4th	Baltimore – 11th & 13th Degrees	7pm
Monday, April 9th	Salisbury – 18th Degree	7pm
Wednesday, April 11th	Baltimore – 14th & 15th Degrees	7pm
Monday, April 16th	Salisbury – 30th Degree	7pm
Wednesday, April 18th	Baltimore – 18th & 20st Degrees	7pm
Thursday, April 19th	Susquehanna – Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal	7pm
Saturday, April 21st	Baltimore – Reunion Day	7:30am
Sunday, April 22nd	Baltimore – Ring Ceremony	2pm