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

Greetings to One and All,

As always, I hope this issue of The Rite News finds each of you in Good Health. I also hope that your New Year is off to a very good start. The year 2015, wow, where did 2014 go? It really is hard to believe we are well into a new year and getting ready for many new and exciting things for The Scottish Rite in Maryland. Looking back for just a moment, I would like to say Thank You to all who worked so hard in each of our Six Valleys. You continued to grow and presented some excellent degree work. Through your efforts, much was accomplished in 2014. The grim reaper is never kind and we lost many good members, 106 to be exact. It is my hope that their memory will serve to motivate each of us to grow The Scottish Rite.

This New Year will see new degree work in all areas of our Orient, as the new VMAP project is implemented. I am proud that every Valley in Maryland has chosen to be a part of VMAP and demonstrate their commitment to improve The Scottish Rite experience for its members (both old and new) through new and better degree presentations, education that will enhance their entire Masonic experience and friendships that will last a lifetime.



I think that, sometimes (all too often), we forget parts of our obligations that were taken on bended knees and perhaps, from time to time, we all need a short refresher course in what we “the fraternity” represent. If I remember correctly, “the plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly before God and man”.... “We should be examples of Good Order and regularity”.... “Kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons”.....



If you would like to know more about what these simple lines mean, or should mean to every Mason everywhere, then I invite you to look into The New Scottish Rite, The University of Freemasonry. It is not the “Old School”. Master Craftsman programs will be presented in each class at each reunion beginning in The Valley of Baltimore this spring. It is my hope that you will choose to be a part of this new endeavor. “It is for each individual Mason to discover the secret of Masonry” for himself “by reflection upon its symbols and wise consideration of what is said and done in the work”, according to Albert Pike.

Now, as I close for this first issue of 2015, may I wish each of you and your family the Blessing of Good Health and Much Happiness now and forever.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

Grand Master's Home Lodge Visitation-Centennial Lodge #174

Courtesy of Bro. Terry L. Royce, 32° - Grand Photographer



A Little History of the Baltimore Valley Scottish Rite

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



AS I SIT HERE IN 2014, contemplating our Fall Class about to be started on a Saturday morning, I am reminded of a Saturday in November of 1973 when The Valley Of Baltimore held its largest class, approximately 700 Masons. There are many interesting factors about that class. During that time, I was not yet a Scottish Rite Mason, but had the good fortune to serve as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. During the earlier part of the year, I appeared at many Masonic Functions with Brother William Donald Schaefer, the Mayor of Baltimore, and Brother John W. Donaldson, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Maryland. At one of these affairs, Brother Donaldson made known that he was not a member of a Council of Royal and Select Masters. To make a long story short, we both agreed that, if I would join The Scottish

Rite, he would join a Council in Maryland. In September, he did just that and I petitioned the Scottish Rite. Since I had a very busy schedule, the first one-day class seemed to fit my needs.

Now comes the strangest part of the entire story. The active candidate for the fourth degree that Saturday was Herb Feindisen and Herb's birthday was November 2nd. (Sorry, the degree was in November, but not on the 2nd). I was given the honor to be the candidate for the fourteenth degree and you guessed it - my birthday is also on November 2nd. I have no idea who the candidates were for the other degrees that day, but His Honor, Mayor William Donald Schaefer was the candidate for the thirty second degree, and YES, his birthday was November 2nd. It was my pleasure to be on the team for the fourteenth degree off and on for a number of years and especially to deliver the

profanity lecture. My hope, in 2015, is that the members of our fall class will be as impressed as I have been with the work of the Valley of Baltimore and the Orient of Maryland. As I have traveled throughout the Masonic World, I have been most impressed by our Orient and the cooperation that we all receive from all of the other Masonic bodies. This is, unfortunately, not true in other jurisdictions. Our Scottish Rite Honor Men are, by and large, the Honor Men of Maryland York Rite and other Masonic Organizations. Is it not great to be a Maryland Crab Eater and enjoy our great fraternity?

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Valley of Baltimore

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



THE VALLEY OF BALTIMORE will host an awards program and banquet for students enrolled in Junior ROTC at the secondary school level and students enrolled in ROTC at the College or University level in April. This award recognizes one outstanding cadet in the

second or third year of a four year program. The cadet must have contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism by deed or conduct during participation in extra-curricular activities or community projects. The cadet will have demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his or her academic class as well as demonstrated a potential for outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship, and patriotism. Those eligible must not have previously received this award. The award consists of a medal, a ribbon and a certificate. The medal

depicts the double-headed eagle logo of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the words JR ROTC or ROTC Education and Americanism. This event will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 4pm in the Scottish Rite Auditorium followed by dinner in the banquet hall.



Fall Class Officers of 2014



(Left to Right)
David R. Johnson, 32° - Class Vice-President
Stephen A. Mintz, 32° - Class President, Ill.
Marlin L. Mills, 33° - SGIG
Keith D. Williams, 32° - Class Orator
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Fall Ring Ceremony



Charities

ALL MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT CHARITIES OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER. THE SUPREME COUNCIL AND COMPONENTS OF THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION SUPPORT CHARITIES WHICH PRIMARILY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

THESE INCLUDE:

CLINICS, supported by Valleys. The Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Inc., supported by members and friends of the Order, makes possible the operation of The Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders. The Center is located on the ground floor level of the Temple of the Valley of Baltimore which treats pre-school children with language or reading problems.

SCHOLARSHIPS. The John W. Brockman Educational Program, supported by the Valley of Baltimore, provides several Fellowships each year to local universities for Continuing Studies in Hearing and Speech Pathology.

ALMONER’S FUND. This is another of the charitable functions of the Valley of Baltimore. The Almoner, an elected officer of the four Bodies, is responsible for the distribution of funds to the relief for Scottish Rite members and their families.

HOSPITALS, supported by the Orients in the Supreme Council, S.J. One is in the State of Georgia; the other is in the State of Texas. These hospitals were originally established exclusively for the treatment of children. These hospitals are associated with leading educational institutions in the South, which have always been at the leading edge of medical research. The Texas Hospital’s mission has been expanded into the diagnosis and treatment of childhood learning disorders. No one has ever been turned away from these hospitals because of their inability to pay.

OUR CHARITIES ARE SUPPORTED BY:

DONATIONS to the Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Inc. If you desire to honor or pay your respects to someone dear to you, what could be more appropriate than to send a donation in that person’s name to the Foundation in lieu of flowers. Your donations are not only tax-deductible, but you will be assisting children with language and reading problems and providing Fellowships. All contributions stay in the State of Maryland. Those whose contributions are \$500 or more will have their names or businesses added to the plaque in the foyer of the 39th street entrance.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL which, in conjunction with U.S. Bancorp., makes available to worthy Scottish Rite members a VISA Bank Card. U.S. Bancorp. returns to the Supreme Council a percentage of your charges for help in funding the Language Disorders Clinics throughout the Southern Jurisdiction.

Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

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



BRETHREN, THANK YOU for electing me to the office of Wise Master of The Meredith

Chapter of Rose Croix for 2015. On behalf of the all the officers, we certainly look forward to serving the Scottish Rite and supporting all of our Scottish Rite Brethren.

We hope the New Year is a joyous and prosperous one for all and you are excited, as I am, in regards to the future of Masonry here in Maryland. Remember, new members are critical to the future of both Masonry and the Scottish Rite. At the end of 2014, I had the honor of serving as Master of Ceremonies at the annual Memorial Service. I read a list

of over 100 departed brethren from the past year. As members of this great fraternity, it is our duty to seek new members and help our Brethren gain further Light in Masonry.

With that said, I look forward to seeing you at our Chapter meetings, our Maundy Thursday Service, and our class reunions. Have a wonderful 2015!

OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Open to all members and their families

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

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Council of Kadosh

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



BROTHERS OF THE SCOTTISH RITE: I want to thank you for the confidence you have shown in me. As your Commander of Kadosh, I will do my best to further the craft. Thanks and congratulations also to outgoing Commander of Kadosh, Tom Keller, who had a fine year. Tom is a hard worker on behalf of the Craft.

I have been learning so much in the last few years and thanks to SGIG Marlin Mills for giving guidance and powerful direction so our Scottish Rite will move with serious and meaningful organization. Many thanks also to Fred Spicer for his reliable information and education. I have found that this process requires a dedicated amount of TIME to become organized, but also an entire cadre of men who are willing to volunteer and participate to make it fruitful.

At a recent Ring and Capping ceremony in Frederick, I was approached afterward by several attendees to say how much they appreciated the ceremonies of completion. Several of them

were the ladies who were there to help with the presentations. They, of course, knew not of what they were being asked to attend, and it was a pleasant surprise to them that they were asked to take an active part in their husband's/father's official entrance into the Scottish Rite. My own wife, Kandi, was there to hand out carnations to the presenters of the rings and to participate in the fellowship after. She remarked at how it was indeed fun and enlightening to hear of the significance of the Ring and the Cap to a Scottish Rite Mason.

Preparation and coordination are everything. One of the large concepts that we, Masons, have been fussing with in the last few years, is how to make the meetings and rituals enjoyable and fulfilling. I believe that communicating the dates, times and content are important but, also, preparing the members who have roles to play. This takes the most important part of our lives : TIME. Time to go over the roles, time to hold practices, time to publish documents or communicate to the craft. In the end, it is TIME that we offer of ourselves that makes the whole thing indeed come together.

What I wish to point out to you, as volunteers, is to contribute the proper amount of time to the duties you have undertaken. A leadership position is great, the accolades of a job undertaken are wonderful.

But the Time you spend, in preparing and in attending to the duties, is important. Ask the Sovereign Grand Inspector General about being ON TIME. This will elicit a chortle from him (I hope) but also a very serious admonition about taking other peoples' valuable time and squandering it. His lesson to us about putting on a good first impression for the new members of our part of the Craft is a good lesson for life. Try to make the time you spend with others a value to them as well as yourself. I will do my best to achieve that balance which is taught in the 27th degree. The spiritual Nature of man should guide his Earthly Natures. In the meanwhile, to all of you, have a good Time.

Chesapeake Consistory

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



WHILE WATCHING THE NEWS RECENTLY, I was pondering the state of the world. There seemed to be very few positives

in it. It was very depressing. Deciding to list all the good things in my life, my family and friends first leapt to mind. They are my loving, caring support system. My thoughts quickly moved on to all my Brothers and their Ladies in our Fraternity. These friendships are priceless. Everyone I have met while in the Fraternity is a person with whom I want to be associated. With the rise in membership in the Fraternity, in general, and our Rite, in particular, there will

be many more good men being admitted into our craft. These men will lead our Fraternity into the future. Ah, not so depressing after all!

It is with great pride and honor that I accept the position of Master of Kadosh of the Chesapeake Consistory. I will endeavor to live up to the high standards set by my predecessors.

The Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland

The Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland was formed on November 20, 1892 at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The only requirement of the Association is to have at least 21 years as a Master Mason in good standing. No military service is required for this membership. The MVA is limited to a maximum of 300 members. Meetings are held three times a year on the

second Monday in March, May, & November and are located in the Grand Lodge Ballroom. The meeting consists of a dinner, initiation of new members, MVA business & speaker.

The objects of this Association shall be to cement and perpetuate the friendships of long fraternal associations among those who have reached the age of manhood in the fraternity; maintain the Ancient Landmarks and Usages of

Masonry against innovation; collect and preserve memorials of the Craft and exemplify our devotion to the principles of Masonry by practicing its tenets and handing down honorable records to our successors.

If interested, please contact the President of the Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland of MD, Rich Mainley, 410.683.1397 or richmainley@verizon.net.



Excerpt from Morals & Dogma

By: Albert Pike, 33° - Sovereign Grand Commander from 1859-1891

SECRET MASTER.

MASONRY is a succession of allegories, the mere vehicles of great lessons in morality and philosophy. You will more fully appreciate its spirit, its object, its purposes, as you advance in the different Degrees, which you will find to constitute a great, complete, and harmonious system.

If you have been disappointed in the first three Degrees, as you have received them, and if it has seemed to you that the performance has not come up to the promise, that the lessons of morality are not new, and the scientific instruction is but rudimentary, and the symbols are imperfectly explained, remember that the ceremonies and lessons of those Degrees have been for ages more and more accommodating themselves, by curtailment and

sinking into commonplace, to the often limited memory and capacity of the Master and Instructor, and to the intellect and needs of the Pupil and Initiate; that they have come to us from an age when symbols were used, not to reveal but to conceal; when the commonest learning was confined to a select few, and the simplest principles of morality seemed newly discovered truths; and that these antique and simple Degrees now stand like the broken columns of a roofless Druidic temple, in their rude and mutilated greatness; in many parts, also, corrupted by time, and disfigured by modern additions and absurd interpretations. They are but the entrance to the great Masonic Temple, the triple columns of the portico.

You have taken the first step over its threshold, the first step

toward the inner sanctuary and heart of the temple. You are in the path that leads up the slope of the mountain of Truth; and it depends upon your secrecy, obedience, and fidelity, whether you will advance or remain stationary.

Imagine not that you will become indeed a Mason by learning what is commonly called the “work,” or even by becoming familiar with our traditions. Masonry has a history, a literature, a philosophy. Its allegories and traditions will teach you much; but much is to be sought elsewhere. The streams of learning that now flow full and broad must be followed to their heads in the springs that well up in the remote past, and you will there find the origin and meaning of Masonry.

Valley of Baltimore – Spring Class



In Memory of
Illustrious Edward B. Kraft, 33°
Palestine Lodge #189
August 4th, 1932 – February 10th, 2014
32° - December 6th, 1961
Invested KCCH – October 6th, 1997
Coroneted 33° - October 3rd, 2001

Clavis ad Mysterium

By: Bro. Charles Matulewicz, 32°



OUR SCOTTISH RITE is often called the University of Freemasonry, and the primer for our system of degrees begins with our fourth degree, aptly named: Secret Master. It is this entry point that prepares the candidate to experience the Scottish Rite degrees and, more importantly, to live the lessons of the degrees. But what is the purpose?

One of the symbols of our fourth degree is an ivory key emblazoned with a “Z” and, while the esoteric nature of the Z makes its definition inappropriate for this forum, the symbol of the key itself is telling. In the fourth degree, we, as Scottish Rite Masons, are given a Key to the Mysteries, but whatever does it unlock? Let’s

consider the word “mystery” as a possible guide.

English, lingual alchemist that she is, takes words from all of the world’s languages and makes them her own. The word “mystery” is actually derived from an ancient Greek word, Μυστήρια, meaning “roughly initiate or mystai.” We see the idea of mystai or initiate in the Mystery Schools of Greece and Egypt. These were initiatory societies that imparted ancient moral wisdom, and while the interpretation of their purpose is as varied as the theories of Freemasonry found on the History Channel, let us consider them as similar to our gentle craft in their conferral of knowledge through an initiatory system. Taking this train of

thought, we could interpret our Clavis ad Mysterium, or our fourth degree, as the key to the mystai or our key to initiation in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Bro. Albert Pike instructs us: “The true Mason is enthusiastic about acquiring knowledge. He appreciates that the books and antique symbols of Masonry are a complete system handed down to us with the intellectual riches of the Past.” Our fourth degree prepares the new Scottish Rite Mason to receive the progressive degrees in our system, leaves us, dear reader, with a great deal to consider. Consider the words of the Ritual Monitor and Guide: “As you begin your climb towards knowledge, your eyes are anointed to discern Truth from Error. You are given the Key to the Mysteries, and it devolves upon you to discover its use.”

These are powerful ideas; they provide a framework to learn from the riches of the past, to benefit from the lessons of our Rite. Upon experiencing the fourth degree, my Brothers, we are prepared for the moral lessons of those which will follow, let us take full advantage of the wisdom contained therein... let us not fade into the back of the lecture hall of this, our University of Freemasonry. My Brothers, support your Blue Lodge, support your Scottish Rite... and I hope to see you in the classroom.



What are the Secret Mysteries of Masonry?

By: Ill. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, GC

IF THEY ARE MERELY TOKENS, signs, and words, do they have any practical value other than identification? If the secrets are symbols, are they something which cannot be discovered except through initiation, or are they cognizable by other means? And what real value do they have? What is the mystery they conceal other than lessons in morality covered by and conveyed by a ritual drama? Is there a deeper meaning and mystery to Masonry’s “secrets” which eludes the average scholar of our history and ritual, as well as those

inclined to the mysteries of other traditions? Or is Masonry brotherly-love, relief, and truth, and/or a combination of all these things? Do you wonder about such things? Or are you content to attend your lodge and satisfy yourself that attendance and support of a good cause is all you need from Masonry? Is there something in Masonry worth your investigation, effort, time and serious reflection?

This much is sure: you will never know, unless you observe and read, and contemplate

what you have seen and read. Open your mind. There is more to Masonry than meets your eye, and your personal prejudices. Strive to learn what it is, and do not try to make it into something that suits your personal prejudices and fancies. There is mystery here, but you will have to find it for yourself. True Masons work in the quarries to earn their pay. They are not spoon-fed like children. Pick up your tools and work.

Fall Class of 2014

By: Stephen A. Mintz, 32° - Class President, Fall 2014

THE FALL CLASS OF 2014 was conducted in memory of Ill. Nicolas Tur, 33rd degree. The class of about 25 brothers was excited from the first day. We elected our officers after lunch on that first day. They are: Stephen Allan Mintz, President; David Johnson, Vice President; Treasurer, Robert (Bob) Frey, Jr.; Secretary, James F. Kline; and Orator, Keith Williams. We did not stop at the election of the officers. We worked on defining the Class project

between the two Saturdays (about two weeks). This project consisted of a request for some IPAD software for the speech center which would allow them to use some standardized testing for the clients. The class supported the project and then went over the top by obtaining a top of the line Apple iPad Air 2 (special thanks to Bro. Rich Myers) for the Speech Center. We have also turned in the first petition for the Spring 2015 class.

This is the first class to have a web page and newsletter. We need your help in providing events in your life and in Masonry. We will publish them here. Your officers are working on this site and other ideas. By the time you read this, we will have it up and running. We want to make our class have the most life members, most petitions submitted and be involved in the Scottish Rite.

Grants for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

By: Joan M. Rumenap, MBA, Grants Officer



OUR GRANT WRITING PROCESS has been very exciting over the past quarter. Since August, we sent a Letter of Inquiry to eight foundations and to date have received responses from four requesting more information and/or a full proposal be submitted. The following foundations have received additional information or a full proposal: The Brad Paisley Foundation, The Dresher Foundation, Ensign C. Markland Kelly Jr. Memorial Foundation and the Middendorf Foundation.

In November, the Executive Director and a Trustee of the Middendorf Foundation came for a site visit and were extremely complimentary

of the building, its need for preservation and the importance it plays in the community. As of the writing of this article, The Middendorf Trustee Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2014 and we are hopefully awaiting a favorable response.

The Dresher Foundation approved our Letter of Inquiry and will accept a grant request which is due January 9, 2015. Their Board Meeting is February 17, 2015 and if our grant request is awarded, we should hear by March 31, 2015.

At printing of this edition of The Rite News of Maryland, we are awaiting notification from the Ensign C. Markland Kelly Jr. Memorial Foundation and the Brad Paisley Foundation.

Once the winter weather is through, we are hopeful to begin the final repairs to the roof and the Indiana Limestone steps at the front of the building leading to the portico. All funding will be for the repair and restoration of the Center, including

the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center. Please continue to remember “The Temple Restoration and Preservation Fund,” with your generous donations. All donations are tax deductible. Ongoing research continues for additional foundations that have an interest in Historical Preservation and Historical Societies and/or Human Services. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or know of any foundations that may be interested. I will continue to update you in future editions of The Rite News of Maryland.

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Albert Pike*

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Maryland DeMolay

By: Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr.—Executive Secretary



WITH THE HOLIDAYS UPON US, Maryland DeMolay has much to be thankful for. Our Chapters are growing, we have interest throughout the Jurisdiction in beginning Chapters or supporting our existing ones, our working relationships with our sister organizations continue to grow, the work of our Advisors selflessly giving of their time, the list goes on.

The support of the Masonic Family here in Maryland has to be the highlight of that extensive list. Having traveled through several Jurisdictions and hearing the types of connections between sister Jurisdictions and their Masonic Family is truly enlightening. We are extremely fortunate that the Masons, Eastern Star, Shrine, Tall Cedars

and others are open and willing to help and listen and not just for the sake of lip service. You all really care and it shows.

How can we, as DeMolay and Advisors, show our thanks to all of you for the support? We feel many times it's as easy as a sincere "Thank You". Still, other times, we feel we need to show you with our actions by cleaning up the Lodge in which we meet or helping our sponsors and other bodies with activities when they ask for help. Maybe the best way to show you we appreciate what you do for us, is to live by the tenants of our Order and be the best representative of upright living in the world in which we live. Actions always speak louder than words.

As many of you know, there are commercials running on television promoting the Masonic Youth Groups of Maryland, as we speak, which would not have been possible without the support of our Grand Lodge. How can we repay such generosity? Well, just when we think we are starting to repay, we realize that what we are given is another opportunity to show what we can do on a BIG stage! Brother Zachary Guay of Frederick Chapter was asked by Grand Master Wyvill to deliver the Flower Talk, a special ceremony for DeMolays that explains the real importance of a mother's love, at the Grand Lodge Installation. Brother Guay gave the Flower Talk to a special guest of the Grand Master. It was his grandson who is Master Councilor of his own Chapter in Virginia! Brother Guay gave a show stopping talk and showed the excellent ritualistic abilities Maryland DeMolays are known for.

In closing, we would like to thank all the Scottish Rite Masons who have supported our efforts since our inception in Maryland. Thank you to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Marlin Mills for the kindness, cooperation and respect he has shown us. Thank you all for the opportunity to show the world how the tenants of DeMolay can transform our young men.

Echo's From the Mountaintop

Upcoming Events

Scottish Rite meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Masonic Lodge in Cumberland.

October 22: Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Meeting

KSA meets on the 5th Monday at the Masonic Lodge in Cumberland

November 1: 2nd Annual Whiskey Tasting, Hagerstown

February 7: 8th Annual Robert Burns Supper, Cumberland

March 22: Ceremony of Lights

HAGERSTOWN LADIES NIGHT was held on November 8th at the Academy Theatre in downtown Hagerstown. Seventy-six members and their ladies attended...good food...good fellowship...good entertainment!

Cumberland Valley inducts Fall Class



On October 25, thirteen new members were inducted at Fall Reunion ceremonies at the Masonic Lodge in Cumberland. Pictured above include:

Front Row: (L-R)

James Allen Wallace, Baltimore Scottish Rite Bodies

Brian Lee Harris, of Frederick, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Charles William Caudill, Jr., of Frederick, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Ronald Wayne Huntzberry , of Frederick, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Samuel Luther Brown, Jr., of Burkittsville, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Paul Allen Bane, Baltimore Scottish Rite Bodies

Middle Row : (L-R)

Andrew Carroll Orcutt, of Middletown, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Clifford Luther Gaston III, Baltimore Scottish Rite Bodies

Craig Al Palen, of Middletown, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Joshua William Davis, of Frederick,

Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Samuel Joseph Lane, of Cumberland, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Thomas Grover Bosley, of Lonaconing, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Daniel Anthony Nieves, of Smithsburg, Maryland; Cumberland Scottish Rite

Back Row: (L-R)

Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°, Assistant Personal Representative, Valley of Cumberland

Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative, Valley of Cumberland

Ill. Howard V. Brode, 33°, Almoner and Class Director, Valley of Cumberland

Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-registrar, Valley of Cumberland

Ill. Harold Bowers, 33°, Baltimore Scottish Rite Bodies

Ill. Charles L. Carmichael, 33°, Deputy Orient Personal Representative

Baltimore Maryland Scottish Rite Bodies

Ill. Creed F. Parker, 33°, Personal Representative of Frederick Scottish Rite Bodies

Ill. Scott J. Cameron, 33°, Secretary-registrar of Frederick Scottish Rite Bodies

News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer

45 Year Members Honored



Four 45 year members were recognized at the Cumberland Masonic Temple during the Fall Reunion. Pictured (L-R): Donald G. Middleton, Cumberland; John D. Marple, McHenry; Ill Charles J. Hout, 33rd, LaVale; and Harry A. Garvin, Augusta, WV.

40 Year Recognition



L. Lee Hogbin of Hagerstown and E. Eugene Combs of Cumberland

Master Craftsmen Honored by SGIG Marlin Mills October 6 at Mediar Lodge #140



SGIG Ill Marlin Mills, 33° and Personal Representative Ill Gary Shircliff, 33° honor two Master Craftsmen at the annual Washington County meeting (at Mediar Lodge #140). Left is Program Level II Recipient Peter S. Zalizniak. Pictured at the right is Program Level III recipient, Benjamin Z. Zamostny.





Fourth Degree, Secret Master

By: Jim Tresner, 33°, Grand Cross, Guthrie, Oklahoma

BLACK AND WHITE. That’s the first thing to strike the eye in the apron and cordon of the Fourth Degree. Its creation of harmony by the balance of opposites is the first statement of the great theme of the Scottish Rite - the essential philosophical and moral lesson of equilibrium.

White is the color of purity and light; black is the color of mourning and death. And the Rite tells us that we should never forget we are always in the midst of death, that we should never postpone making amends, never leave disputes unresolved, never fail to do a kindness. But neither should we be morbid and focused on death. Death borders what we know of life, but life is still good and filled with joy. The fact that life is transitory makes it all the more precious to us.

Again, the secret is equilibrium. Life is precious, but it must never be so precious that a Scottish Rite Mason accepts dishonor, or loss of integrity, or the sacrifice of others as an acceptable price of living. To shrink from death is natural, but we must never let that natural impulse make us fearful or cowardly.

The blue of the apron’s flap represents the heavens, and the eye in the sunburst represents not only the eye of Deity, Who sees and knows all things, but also the sun, the source of visible light and the provider of

physical energy to the earth. Heaven represents the goal and hope of every Mason, and the eye of Deity reminds us that everything we do, even in our most unguarded and frustrated moments, is done in the immediate presence of God, even as its second meaning, that of the sun, reminds us of the warmth and love of God, which so many ancient cultures have typified by the physical light of our star.

The wreath is made of olive and of laurel, symbols of peace and of victory. The victory, as always in the Scottish Rite, is not victory over others, but victory over ourselves—for that is the only victory which brings peace as its reward.

The ivory key which hangs from the yellow cordon is a symbol of secrecy, and the letter “Z” which appears on both the wards of the key and the center of the apron is the initial of the password of the Degree. The C.A.M. embroidered on the cordon stands for the Latin Clavis ad Mysterium, the Key to the Mystery. The lessons of the 4° are secrecy, obedience, and fidelity.

But secrecy must be understood in its Masonic sense. It is not the secrecy of conspiracy, the concealment of motives and activities, or “deeds done in darkness.” For a Mason, secrecy is the ability to keep a confidence. Great systems of

philosophy have taught through the ages that such ability is the first step in developing self-discipline and self-control.

And there is more. The greatest need in the lives of most people is for a friend in whom they can confide with no fear that what they say will be repeated. Each Scottish Rite Mason should strive to be such a friend.

Certainly, duty is the “great law” of Masonry and central to this Degree. Nowadays, many people think of duty as doing the minimum required in a situation. But duty, for a Scottish Rite Mason, is a positive virtue, not a negative requirement. It is a joy to be fulfilled eagerly, not a task to be performed grudgingly.

Duty and secrecy are the foundations, not only of the Scottish Rite, but of creative living. A man or woman who can be relied upon to do what is right and to respect the confidentiality of a friend’s private hopes and fears and doubts and dreams is well along the path of becoming an honored and honorable human being.

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Susquehanna Valley

By: Rick Ivey, 32° - Venerable Master; Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection

AS I SIT HERE AND WRITE, I am thinking of the accomplishments our young Valley has had in two short years of establishment. It is due to the Scottish Rite Masons who have been Zealous, Faithful and Benevolent. Since our first year, we have had Masons very zealous in their work. We started a Master Craftsman Program this year, we have had a great group of men who have performed some of the best degree work in the 4th and 14th. Our membership has grown more than 20 percent each year. We are continuing in our plans with starting a new Chapter of Rose Croix and we are looking at working on the new VMAP.

Our members have been faithful in every letter of the word. Our meetings have had brothers attending regularly who have started their Scottish Rite career with us, as well as brothers who haven’t been to a meeting in years, but visited and have returned to labor with us. All have been enthusiastic in helping in any way they can, to move our young Valley forward.

And Benevolent; many brothers do a great deal of work without special recognition or reward. They are the ones who are at the meetings early setting up and staying late cleaning up. They are the ones who hold fundraisers and work with each other to help keep our valley

on the tracks. As I enter this year as the newly elect Venerable Master, I will rely on these Brothers and others to help keep our Valley moving forward. Our Past Venerable Master Rich Thurfield had a set of goals that we had all agreed on accomplishing this past year and the next year. We set our goal high and a year is not always enough to complete things. We will continuously rely on the enthusiasm and energy of our members and officers to help us complete our goals and I look forward to the upcoming year and continuing to labor with those brothers, and those who will be joining us.



Great Scott Award

Brother Ed Spellman 32° receiving the “Great Scott” award from Brother Harry Harger, 32°.

This is the first class to have a web page and newsletter. We need your help in providing events in your life and in Masonry. We will publish them here. Your officers are working on this site and other ideas. By the time you read this, we will have it up and running. We want to make our class have the most life members, most petitions submitted and be involved in the Scottish Rite.

Sunday, November 2nd, 2014

Service Award Presentations for 50 and 60 Year Members



The Clinic Corner

By: Eleni Bowden, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist, Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. One of our favorite events of the season is our annual holiday party for the children of our clinic. We had a wonderful turnout again this year. The kids had a lot of fun making crafts and playing games, and especially loved spending time with Santa Claus!

In other exciting news, our fellow speech pathologist, Lisa McGrain, and her husband, Ken, welcomed their first baby in January! We are so excited for Lisa and her family and we look forward to you meeting baby McGrain at the family picnic this June! Lisa decreased her hours at the clinic and will now be working 2 days a week in order to spend time with her family, but we are fortunate to have our past graduate student, Miriam Balsam, working in her place. Miriam had met many of the clients and families during her time as a student here at Scottish Rite, which made for a smooth transition to a new therapist.

This past October, Chrissy was able to take part in a training program for a certification in the Lidcombe Program. This program is geared towards preschool children who stutter. Chrissy shared with us the approaches she learned following her weekend training. We look forward to using some of the techniques with our younger clients and their families.

This semester, we welcome two graduate student clinicians, Rachel Wirtz from Loyola University of Maryland and Amanda Stewart from the University of West Virginia. Both ladies are off to a great start working with the children and families of our clinic under our supervision; they will be with us until the month of May.

We plan on soon presenting, "The iPad and You," to the Conowingo Scottish Rite Club. Chrissy, Lisa, and I had put this presentation together to inform graduate and undergraduate students, fellow speech-language pathologists, and other professionals on how we use and navigate the

iPad, how to organize the iPad, and what applications we find most useful in therapy sessions. We appreciate the invitation to share with the Conowingo Club and want to thank them for their generous donation to our clinic.



We were so fortunate to receive our seventh iPad from the new Fall Class of Scottish Rite Masons! We have already put it to good use and filled it with new storybooks, communication applications, and language games for the children to use! We would like to sincerely thank the new members for providing us with such a wonderful resource to help the clients of our clinic!

We also received a very generous donation from the late Mr. George Elloff. With his donation, we were able to update the clinic flooring and purchase new waiting room chairs. Thank you for thinking of us Mr. Elloff.

Our final thank you for this issue goes to the Scottish Rite Women's Club for their generous monetary donation. We were able to buy a variety of clinic materials, including books, language games, speech practice activities, and more. Thank you for your continued support of our clinic!

We always enjoy having visitors and invite you to call anytime to visit our center. We'd be happy to give you a tour and provide you with information regarding the services we provide here. Thank you all for your dedication to our profession. We wish you all the best this spring!

Apathy, Who gives a? (darn)

By: Ill Marlin L. Mills, 33°, SGIG

APATHY (PER MR. WEBSTER) IS A LACK OF INTEREST, a lack of feeling, emotion, interest or concern. Do you ever feel this way? I guess there are some days that we all reach that point, or at least want to say “why”? I would suppose it is natural when we feel overwhelmed and, as long as it is short term, it really is not too bad. However, if we look around, is apathy starting to take hold in our daily lives? If so, why, and who gives a darn? A tragic example: A few years ago, 28 year old Catherine was arriving home from working a late shift in New York when she was attacked by a thug with a knife by the name of Mosely. She screamed as he stabbed her, “Help! Please Help!” She screamed over and over. **No one** did a thing. **No one** lifted a finger to help her. After her murder, people told the police they heard her screams but did not want to get involved. Mosley was eventually captured and told police he saw people looking and started to run away when Catherine started screaming but when he saw no one was going to come help her, he came back to “finish the job” because it didn’t seem like anyone was going to stop him. By the time someone did call the police, Catherine was dead. Police interviewed **38** witnesses who said they saw or heard the incident but not a single one took action to help this young woman. This was

a very violent crime that took place for almost 30 minutes and **NOT ONE PERSON** wanted to get involved. Were those who witnessed any part of this murder “bad people, inhuman, barbarians” or did they just not give a darn? It does not need to be such a violent crime, look at our national and local events. You can find stories much like this every day. Take this on down to our politicians, clubs and other organizations. Do we get involved or say anything when we see wrong doings? Even if you think “I don’t want to get involved” you ARE INVOLVED. You are there, you have knowledge, you are a part, how can you not act?! DO SOMETHING! Depending on the situation, speak out, say something, scream, yell, call the police, call the firemen (they have those big axes). DO SOMETHING! When we stop caring, everything around us will begin to fail.

Not so long ago, in 1887, Alexander Tyler said “A democracy (or club) is always temporary in nature....and will only exist until the leaders discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public (or club) treasury. From that moment on, the majority will always vote for the leader who promises the most benefits from the treasury. The result, every democracy (or club) will collapse over loose fiscal policy. This is followed by a dictatorship!

Where are we? The average age of the world’s greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. Each of those great civilizations have gone through each of the following sequences:
From Bondage to Spiritual Faith;
From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;
From Courage to Liberty;
From Liberty to Abundance;
From Abundance to Complacency;
From Complacency to APATHY;
From Apathy to Dependence;
From Dependence BACK into Bondage.

Where are we? Does anyone give a darn? This can be applied not only to government, but to clubs and civic organizations, when the leaders forget that they are elected by their membership “to serve” and “not dictate”. When they start using funds for personal use or personal gifts, that organization is bound for failure. “We Reap What We Sow”. I guess this is a sign that I am getting old. Where did these ideas come from, who cares if a young woman can be murdered and no one goes to her aid. I care. I still believe that good people will do good things. I believe bad will do bad and we the people will stand up.....eventually. I do not believe that all of our leaders have lost their soul, or conscience, or both.

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Baltimore Valley Schedule 2015*

Wednesday, March 4th
Lodge of Perfection, 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 11th
Chapter Rose Croix, 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 18th
Council Festive Board, 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 25th
Consistory, 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 1st
Spring Class Orientation,
6:30pm

Thursday, April 2nd
Maundy Thursday, 7pm

Wednesday, April 8th
Confer 4°, 6:30pm

Saturday, April 11th
ROTC Awards Dinner, 4pm

Wednesday, April 15th
Confer 5° & 11°, 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 22nd
Confer 13° & 14°, 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 29th
Confer 15° & 18°, 6:30pm

Saturday, May 2nd
Spring Reunion Day, 8am – 3pm

Sunday, May 3rd
Ring Ceremony, 2pm

Sunday, August 9th
Scottish Rite Picnic, 2pm

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

Wednesday, Sept 9th
Lodge of Perfection, 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 16th
Chapter Rose Croix, 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 23rd
Council Festive Board, 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 30
Consistory, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 7th
Fall Class Orientation, 6:30pm

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

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

Wednesday, October 21st
Confer 11° & 13°, 6:30pm

Sunday, October 26th
Memorial Service, 2pm

Wednesday, October 28th
Confer 14° & 15°, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 4th
Confer 18°, 6:30pm

Saturday, November 7th
Reunion Day, 8am – 4pm

Sunday, November 8th
Ring Ceremony, 2pm

Wednesday, November 11th
Feast of Tishri, 7pm

Sunday, December 13th
Christmas Party, 2pm

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

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I believe that some still care and still want to do the right thing.

In America, AMERICANS come in every size, shape and color and have as many thoughts and opinions as there are sizes and shapes but it is still those AMERICANS that can save America.....will you? In closing, I want to say Thank You to all who voiced their thoughts and opinions or contributed to this article. This is a compilation of many and I Thank You. Now may I wish each of you the Blessing of Good Health and Much Happiness in the Greatest Country in the World.



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Wednesday, April 1st	Class Orientation	6:30pm
Wednesday, April 8th	Confer 4th Degree	6:30pm
Wednesday, April 15th	Confer 5th & 11th Degrees	6:30pm
Wednesday, April 22nd	Confer 13th & 14th Degrees	6:30pm
Wednesday, April 29th	Confer 15th & 18th Degrees	6:30pm
Saturday, May 2nd	Reunion Day	8:00am
20°, 21°, 25°, 27°, 30°, 32°		
Sunday, May 3rd	Ring Ceremony	2:00pm

**As a candidate for the Scottish Rite Spring Class, it is important for you to attend to all the degrees being conferred, however, we realize family and/or work commitments may make it necessary for you to miss a conferral. If this situation arises, please let us know as soon as practicable, by calling the Scottish Rite Office at 410-243-3200 - so arrangements may be made for you to have the degree/s communicated and enable you to continue with your class.*

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Upcoming **Events** Winter-Spring 2015

Wednesday, March 4th
Lodge of Perfection
6:30pm

Wednesday, March 11th
Chapter Rose Croix
6:30pm

Wednesday, March 18th
Council Festive Board
6:30pm

Wednesday, March 25th
Consistory
6:30pm

Wednesday, April 1st
Spring Class Orientation
6:30pm

Thursday, April 2nd
Maundy Thursday
7pm

Wednesday, April 8th
Confer 4°
6:30pm

Saturday, April 11th
ROTC Awards Dinner
4pm

Wednesday, April 15th
Confer 5° & 11°
6:30pm

Wednesday, April 22nd
Confer 13° & 14°
6:30pm

Wednesday, April 29th
Confer 15° & 18°
6:30pm

Saturday, May 2nd
Spring Reunion Day
8am – 3pm

Sunday, May 3rd
Spring Ring Ceremony
2pm
