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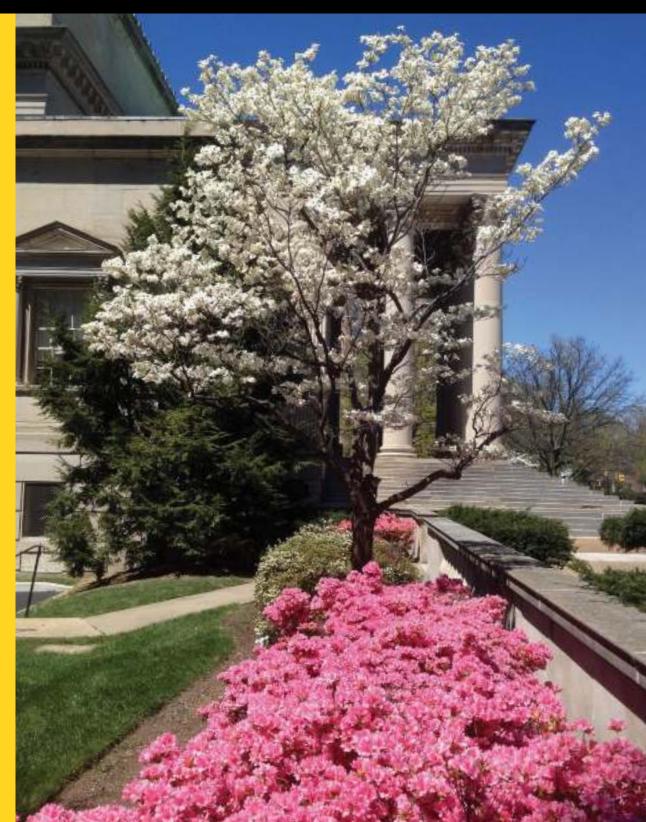
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III. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings to all,

I hope this issue of your Rite News finds everyone well and that winter has not been too bad. Only a few more weeks and SPRING!

Before I spring into the many upcoming activities happening around Maryland, let me begin by Congratulating and Welcoming our New Scottish Rite Brothers and their families from the historical One Day Class- Fall 2016. I sincerely hope that you will return to your Scottish Rite and become a part of the many things that the Rite has to offer. There are six Valleys in Maryland and you are welcome and encouraged to visit any or all. Each Valley is unique in its own way yet friendly to all who enter.

I must also send a special Thank You to each man who signed a petition, attended the reunion with his petitioner, sat on the sidelines, helped anywhere in the day's events or participated in the degrees in addition to all those who worked "behind" the scene. You made things happen and you made the day enjoyable and successful for all.

Now for 2017, come back and see what is in store. The Lodge of Perfection resumes in February followed by the 2017 Class Orientation on March 15th. Each Valley will follow a similar schedule and I invite you to visit for fellowship and further insight on The Scottish Rite programs





throughout Maryland. Dinners, Ladies Night, Bingo, the Lobster Feast, picnics and festivals all across The Orient await. All you have to do is enjoy.

As I visit each Valley, I hope to see you there. It is always a pleasure to say hello and welcome! I have every faith that, if you get involved, you will find that beacon of light that you will want to follow and others will follow you.

Now, may God Bless each of you and your families as we begin a new year. May the Blessings of good health and much happiness follow you always.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



III. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland

Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

By: MW Kostas Vourvoulas, 33°



WHAT A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE it was being installed as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. I want to thank the members of the Craft for bestowing this honor upon me.

The one day degree conferral is over and our new Scottish Rite Masons have received their 32nd degree. The degrees were conferred on a unique day in the history of Scottish Rite Masonry. This was the first time One Day classes were held in every Scottish Rite Valley in both the Northern and Southern jurisdictions. The 129 new members of the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Maryland represented one of the largest classes anywhere. Degree conferrals, performed by Scottish Rite Brothers, teach one how to be a better man; true to yourself, to God, to your family, and to all mankind.

They reinforce the tenants of our fraternity, those of Brotherly love, Relief and Truth.

Our fraternity contains men from many countries, various religions and different opinions. These men have all been united under the same canopy known as Freemasonry.

We pray that the new members will remember these lessons and use them in their everyday life, promoting Masonry in general, and Scottish Rite Masonry in particular. To the significant others of these men, thank you for supporting them as they begin a new chapter in their Masonic career. There are many activities at the Scottish Rite in which you can partake. We hope that you will take the time to be an active part of the Masonic Family.

Congratulations are also in order to those Brothers who worked countless hours rehearsing the degrees conferred on that day. They are dedicated Scottish Rite Masons, as evidenced by the excellent performances of the many degree conferrals.

Our fraternity contains men from many countries, various religions and different opinions. These men have all been united under the same canopy known as Freemasonry. It makes no difference in what country you were born, both spiritually and morally. We believe in a Supreme Being and respect one another's opinion.

The Scottish Rite is an integral part of our Masonic Family. As with all the collateral bodies of Masonry, Scottish Rite focuses on helping children. The dedicated people at the Hilgenberg Speech Center do amazing work helping children with language disabilities. Imagine being a parent and hearing your child speak for the first time. Words could not describe the emotions that would run through you at that time.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and keep you and our entire Masonic Family as we continue "Spreading the Light" of Masonry throughout the world.

Happy New Year

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



THE YEAR 2017 brings a new chance to make our fraternity better and more useful. As we in Scottish Rite plan for the spring classes, we must realize how good it is to be able to look at all that has gone before us. As we look at the great successes that we have had, we can't sit back on our laurels and do nothing. We must continue

to work harder in order to prepare better than we have in the past. There is a job that each one of us can do, even if it seems small and unimportant. It is a part of the total program and will make our end product, good degree work, even better.

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Yes, my brothers, we need your help and your attendance for many reasons. It is most important that those who are performing in the degree work have an audience that is encouraging to make their activity worthwhile. Yes, even for those of us who have performed many times and feel we know it all, it is nice to have the support to give us the confidence we need to turn in a good performance. If we can just imagine how many workers it takes to do these productions, then we can realize the camaraderie that we build up as we rehearse and perform our various duties. How much more important is our role when we work together and enjoy our effect on each other's work.

From the youngest Master of the Royal Secret to the oldest Thirty-Third Degree Mason, we must all continue to do our best to make our Scottish Rite even better.

The III. Royal Pollokoff, 33°—Fall Memorial of Class of 2016



Ring Ceremony Pictures and Patents for Baltimore are in and available for Pick-up. Class Pictures are also available at the Scottish Rite Office for \$15.00 each.

Valley of Baltimore

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



I WOULD LIKE TO THANK all of our Brothers for a successful One Day Class. The degree teams for the 4°, 14°, 18°, 30°, 32° were well prepared and executed the day flawlessly. The class members seemed attentive and showed enthusiasm in their participation.

Officers of the four 2016 bodies were: Gerald Phillips 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master LOP; Daniel Roberts 32°, KCCH, Wise Master Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix; Randall Watson 32°, KCCH, Commander Maryland Council of Kadosh; William Hooper 33° Master of Kadosh – Chesapeake Consistory.

These men are to be congratulated for their lodge attendance and special events. They are charged with Maundy Thursday, Ring Ceremony, Feast of Tishri and the Festive Board.

Officers to be installed January 8, 2017, are as follows:

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection 4°-14°

W. Michael Boughman, 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master; William A. Zarychta, 32°, Senior Warden; David Lebowitz, 32°, Orator; D. Douglas Waters, 32°, Master of Ceremonies

Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix 15°-18°

S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master; Robert W. Reynolds, 32°, KCCH, Senior Warden; Lister Haughton-James, 32°, KCCH, J. Warden; Timothy M. Dykes, 32°, KCCH, Orator

Maryland Council of Kadosh 19°-30°

James W. Meulendyke, 32°, Commander; Cory S. Wright, 32°, KCCH, 1st Lieutenant Commander; James T. Hill, Jr., 32°, KCCH, 2nd Lieutenant Commander; Darryl J. Smith, 32°, Chancellor

Chesapeake Consistory 31°-32°

Kraig A. Dean, 32°, Master of Kadosh; Arthur J. Manning, Jr. 33°, Prior; Robert N. Carhart, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Preceptor; Glen V. S. Zetina, 32°, Chancellor

We wish them a successful year.

Henry C McDonald, Jr., 33° will be the Director of Work and John M. Lister, 32°, KCCH his assistant. It is my wish that all brothers, new and old, that signed up will show up for the various positions around the temple in which they volunteered to serve.



Spring Class of 2017 In Memory of:

Illustrious Murray K. Lilley, 33° Amicable-St. Johns Lodge #25 September 28th, 1939—March 3rd, 2016

Raised a Master Mason in Amicable Lodge #25 – April 6th, 1972

Scottish Rite – 32° – November 10th, 1973

Invested KCCH – October 18th, 1993

Coroneted 33° - October 7th, 2003

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



WELCOME, BROTHERS, to the start of a new year and a new season of Scottish Rite Masonry! I hope you are all enjoying your time with family and friends during the holidays. I look forward to greeting you at the temple as we begin our journey this year through

the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection. What do we mean by "Perfection" in the masonic sense? The fourth through fourteenth degrees are often referred to as the "Ineffable" degrees, as they are generally based on Old Testament sources and illustrate, through allegory, the relationship of man to God, whose name was considered so holy that it should never be uttered. The quest to understand this concept, this "Ineffable" name, is the quest for the lost word, and, therefore, for a true understanding of ourselves and our place in the universe. To move from the quarried stone, to the rough ashlar and, finally, the perfect ashlar, is

another way of expressing this idea. Perfection, then, is to recover the knowledge of a right understanding of God and of man's relationship with him so far as we are able, and to improve ourselves mentally and morally. Thus one can see the importance of the degrees of this body, and why the masonic idea of perfection encapsulates many of the overall goals of the system of initiation as a whole. I earnestly ask you to come to our upcoming meeting and reunion, and see the work of the fraternity in action. Every time I see a degree, I find myself learning something new, for the journey to light is never ending, and we are all travelers on the road.

Officers of the Illustrious Royal Pollokoff Fall Memorial Class of 2016

Left to Right,

Front Row: Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° - SGIG; Bro. Paige E. Johnson, 32° - Class Orator; Ill. William G. Sizemore, II, 33° - Grand Executive Director of the Supreme Council.

Second Row: Bro. Steven M. Hoffman,

32° - Class Secretary; Bro. Neil M. Noble, 32° - Class Treasure; Bro. Shane T. Collison, 32° - Class President; Bro. Matthew P. Frye, 32° - Class Vice President



Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

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



BRETHREN, I am extremely honored to serve as your Wise Master for 2017. This year marks the 135th anniversary of our specific Scottish Rite Body. Meredith Chapter Rose Croix No. 1 was chartered on December 9, 1882 and named after Ill. Bro. Gilmour Meredith, the Active Grand Inspector General (S.G.I.G.) for the State of Maryland at the time.

The very first Rose Croix
Chapter in Baltimore under
the auspices of the Supreme
Council, Southern Jurisdiction,
was organized shortly after
the start of the American
Civil War in 1861. The Rose
Croix tradition, within the
Scottish Rite in Baltimore,
has been going strong for
155 years in part because
of the fervency and zeal of
you all, its members. You
have probably heard this said
before, but you get out of an

organization what you put into it. There are several activities already planned for the spring, including the Chapter meeting on February 22, the Maundy Thursday ceremony on April 13 and, of course, the degree conferrals starting on March 22. Please come out and support your Scottish Rite by getting involved and perpetuating the great traditions and camaraderie of our Fraternity.

On behalf of the officers of the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix, I hope you all had a great holiday season. I wish you a very productive year and look forward to seeing you at the Scottish Rite.

Limited Numbers of Our Fall One-Day Class Coin Are Available at the Scottish Rite Office—\$15.00 each





Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Bro. James W. Meulendyke, 32° – Pythagoras #123 – Commander of Kadosh



GREETINGS BRETHREN, it is an honor and privilege to serve as the Commander of Council of Kadosh for this coming year. The Past Commanders who served before me have set a high bar that I hope to meet. I would like to thank Past Commander, Hon. Randall L Watson, 32°, KCCH, for a terrific term.

In Morals and Dogma, Albert Pike begins the 19°, Grand Pontiff, the first degree in the Council of Kadosh thusly, "The true Mason labors for the benefit of those who are to come after him, and for the advancement and improvement of his race." That is such a great thought to frame the New Year. It concisely reminds us of the benefits of our fraternity, and individually our actions should serve a purpose beyond our own passions. It is also an idea that requires

considerable faith, for while you labor today, you do not know which of those labors will prove beneficial to those who come after. It is a long-term perspective very much lacking in our short-sighted world.

Fatherhood has taught me that the days are long, but the years short. This next year will pass quickly but I hope you can attend the many events the Scottish Rite has scheduled. The Council Festive Board has become a fun tradition and I hope you can join us. I look forward to the year ahead.

Our Last Festive Board







Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Bro. Dennis W. Leland, 32° – Thomas J. Shryock Lodge # 223 – Southern Maryland Chapter of Rose Croix

BROTHERS, now that the Holidays are past, hopefully everyone is getting back to their normal routine. We, in the Valley of Southern Maryland are preparing to confer the 4th, 14th, and 18th Degrees of Scottish Rite prior to the Spring Reunion. In the Fall Class, we had two candidates that received the commemorative coin. We had a good turnout for our Ring Ceremony and the Feast of Tishri held in early November. As always, the food was delicious and plentiful. We had our Christmas Party on December 7th with the Peace Pipers from Chopticon High

School performing. Their music was outstanding. Good fellowship was enjoyed by everyone leading us into the Christmas season.

Our Installation of Officers went off and a new slate of young Brothers has taken over. We wish them good luck and all our support in the coming year. We may be small here in the Valley of Southern Maryland, but our enthusiasm is boundless. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 PM. On the days we confer Degrees, we meet for Dinner at 6 PM. We are more than willing

to talk planes, boats, fishing and hunting as well as Scottish Rite Masonry. Being close to NAS Patuxent River, we have a wide range of backgrounds to draw from. Each and every one of us has different stories and experiences to share. We welcome all Scottish Rite Masons to visit the Valley of Southern Maryland.

We are located between the Patuxent River, the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. We meet at the Thomas J. Shryock Lodge 223 in Hollywood, Maryland.



Chesapeake Consistory

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

WHEN I ASKED THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION of a friend "How do I become a Mason?" - little did I know that it would lead to becoming a 32 degree Mason and being elected as Venerable Master of Kadosh of the Chesapeake Consistory. This is, without a doubt, my most memorable accomplishment in Masonry so far.

I would like to thank those that have gone before me and reminded me that, yes, you can do this. I would like to congratulate our outgoing Master of Kadosh Ill. William D. Hooper. He has, throughout my Masonic endeavors, been a much needed council and I hope that he will continue to

be such.

I am reminded, as I write this article in late November, that by the time you read this, the Holiday season will be over. But this does not change my belief that we should try to bring the happiness of this joyful season to everything we do all year long. Sometimes this is a hard task, but as someone once told me, there is never a problem but simply an issue to be resolved.

We, as Masons, must always remember to abide by our simple but powerful belief in brotherly love. We must always treat not just our brother Masons this way but everyone, for do we really know who is and who is not a Mason?

When dealing with anyone, be it in business or just in passing, always treat that person as you would a brother Mason, his wife or daughter. If we do this in our everyday life, imagine what happiness we can bring to others around us.

Also, I am asking that everyone reading this try to make a meeting at your Blue Lodge this coming year. If possible, try to go on a night when degree work is being done. It can and will remind you of why you became a Mason.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Scottish Rite over the next year and for years to come. THE HILGENBERG SCOTTISH RITE CHILDHOOD SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CENTER 3800 North Charles Street | Baltimore, MD 21218



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A Century of Service and Beyond



The officers and members of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to Ill. Gary P. Shircliff, 33°, and Ill. Charles Hout, 33°, for nearly a century of combined years of service to the Scottish Rite. We also offer our congratulations to Bro. Shircliff on his appointment as Personal Representative Emeritus to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Maryland. Bro. Shircliff was first appointed as Personal Representative in 2001 and served with distinction for fifteen years.

Ill. Gary P. Shircliff, 33°, received the 14° on November 4, 1968 and has been an

active member and leader in the Valley of Cumberland for 48 years. He received the Rank and Decoration of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour on October 30, 1993 and received the 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 5, 1999. He has been a Life Member of the Scottish Rite for two decades. Bro. Shircliff's distinguished service to Masonry and the Scottish Rite has included Worshipful Master of East Gate Lodge No. 216, where he has been a mentor to countless Masons and continues to serve as Ritualist and Marshall, RW Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and as Venerable Master of the Cumberland Lodge of Perfection in 2000.

Ill. Charles Hout, 33°, a member of Kemp Lodge No. 154 and life member of the Scottish Rite, served as Venerable Master of the Cumberland Lodge of Perfection in 2002. Bro. Hout has been a Scottish Rite

Mason for 47 years, receiving the 14° on October 25, 1969, the Rank and Decoration of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour on November 20, 1999, and 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 4, 2005. In addition to his service as Assistant Personal Representative, Bro. Hout served as Diplomat Chairman for many years and has been a mentor to generations of young men as a Knight Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay, where he has served as Treasurer for the Cumberland Chapter since 1996. In 2016, Hout was named 'Mason of the Decade' by the Cumberland Scottish Rite.

The contributions these Illustrious brothers and their wives, Nancy and Patsy, have made to our community, Masonry, and the Scottish Rite in particular, are too numerous to name. We congratulate them on their retirement and look forward to their continued contributions.

Upcoming Events February 4: **Burns Supper** Ali Ghan Shrine Club Cumberland March 12: **Ceremony of Lights Masonic Temple** Cumberland Conferral of 4° and 7° April 17: **Masonic Temple** Cumberland April 21: Thing-A-Ma-Jig Zimmer Theater, Allegany College April 29: **Spring Class and Reunion Masonic Temple** Cumberland **TBD** Hagerstown **June 16: Beer and Game Tasting**

News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer, 32°, KCCH



III. Jamey S. Hill Appointed Personal Representative

Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, has been appointed the new Personal Representative to Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ill. Marlin Mills, 33°, for the Valley of Cumberland. Joining his team are Bro. Robin Summerfield, 32°, Assistant Personal Representative; Hon. Elmer W. "Bud" Miles, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Treasurer; Bro. Timothy Schupfer, 32°, Diplomat Chairman; and Bro. Joseph Kennedy, 32°, Reservation Chairman/ Executive Aide; in addition to Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33°, who will continue to serve as Secretary-Registrar.

Fall Capping Ceremony

The Cumberland Scottish Rite held its Fall Capping Ceremony and Service Awards on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at the Cumberland Masonic Temple.

Bro. Robert W. Hamilton, 32°, and C. Frederick Myers, 32°, received service awards for forty and forty-five years, respectively.

Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, presented prayer caps to three new members of the Cumberland Valley – Bro. David Alan Tibbetts, 32°, of Choptank Lodge No. 138, and Bro. Kenneth Tyler Alkire, 32°, and Bro. Eric Justen Filsinger, 32°, both members of Kemp Lodge No. 154.



Pictured L to R: SGIG Ill. Marlin Mills, 33° ; SW Robin Summerfield, 32° ; Orient Personal Representative Ill. Benny G. Owens, 33° ; Secretary-Registrar Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33° ; Eric Justen Filsinger, 32° , and his guest; David Alan Tibbetts, 32° ; Kenneth Tyler Alkire, 32° and his guests; VM Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32° , KCCH; Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° ; and JW Samuel Lane, 32° .

Website and Facebook Page Launched!

We have made much progress on our communication and outreach plan. Thanks to Bro. Andrew Cope of Queen City Lodge for putting together a terrific platform for the website! It's still a work in progress and we have a few more bells and whistles we'd like to add, but a solid foundation has been laid.

website: www.cumberlandscottishrite.org facebook: www.facebook.com/cumberlandscottishrite.

News from the Cumberland Valley

Delegates Join Nationwide One Day Class

A delegation from the Cumberland Valley traveled to Baltimore to take part in the first joint assembly of the Scottish Rite Northern and Southern Jurisdictions in a nationwide one day class on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Three candidates received their degrees at the beautiful Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore as part of this historic event.



Pictured L to R: Hon. Curtis B. Haines, 32° KCCH; Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-Registrar; Bro. Joseph S. Kennedy, 32°; Candidate Eric Justin Filsinger, 32°; Hon. Michael L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH; Candidate David Alan Tibbetts, 32°; Bro. Wayne A. Leighty, 32°; Candidate Kenneth Tyler Alkire, 32°; Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Valley of Cumberland Personal Representative; Bro. Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32°; Bro. Joseph W. Cushall, 32°; Hon. Aaron V. Lea, 32° KCCH. Attending but not pictured: Bro. Elbert W. Green, 32°.

Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Expanding



Attention....all Scottish Rite Masons in Washington County are encouraged to join in the growth and fun that this Club is enjoying! Bro. Gerry Kendle, 32nd has announced that "Our next meeting on January 25 will feature a presentation on "The Founding Fathers and Freemasonry," by Bro. Dr. Chip Zimmer, 32nd KCCH." This year we switched things up a bit and instead of Bourbon and Bangers, we're hosting a Beer Tasting with Wild Game on June 16. Stay tuned for details!

Feast of Tishri

The Cumberland Scottish Rite celebrated the 2016 Feast of Tishri at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Monday, October 3, 2016. The brethren were honored to be joined by Ill. Marlin L. Mills 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland.

Following the toasts of obligation, Pastor Martha Macgill, Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Parish, delivered an inspiring speech on the subject of Freemasonry in Action.



Pictured, Front Row L to R: Ill. Marlin L, Mills, 33°, SGIG; Ill. Jamey S. Hill; Ill. Kenneth R. Wilson, 33°; Diana Loar, Western Maryland Food Bank; Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°; Bro. Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32°; and Ill. P. Gary Shircliff, 33°. Back Row L to R: Bro. Robin L. Summerfield, 32°; Bro. Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32° KCCH; and Bro. Samuel J. Lane, 32°.

Maundy Thursday Observance & Dinner

Thursday, April 13th, 7pm

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 Passover.
- 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.

The Four Cups of Wine commemorate the four promises made by God to Moses to redeem the Israelites and bring them out of bondage.

Cost for this event - \$20.00 per person.

Scottish Rite Photos Fall/Winter 2016















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Maryland DeMolay

By: Dad Carl A. Michael, Jr., 32° – Liberty-Pickering Lodge #219 – Executive Secretary, Maryland DeMolay



FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO OUR SCOTTISH RITE BRETHREN!

Many of you know the members of Maryland DeMolay keep themselves busy all year long. They love to discover new facets of our organization and take part in all aspects of community assistance and fraternal assistance. Our members are very diverse, just like the Freemasons and Ladies who make up their Advisors. DeMolay reaches all around the world just like Freemasonry. In this article, we will be bringing you several examples of these fine young men and their activities.

George Fleming Moore Chapter had two special visitors from Brazil - Itaberaba Junior, a senior DeMolay and mason and his friend Tiago. While they were visiting, the Chapter invited their visitors to the Grand Lodge Installation. Bro. Junior came out to the Installation and was introduced to Grand Master Vourvoulas afterward. Master Councilor Alex

Blenman wrote a poem, "A Mason's Vision" in honor of Grand Master Vourvoulas' Installation and read it to the attendees of the Installation. The Chapter also conducted the Coat Check at the Grand Master's Banquet the night before. GFM

Chapter also took part in the Festival of Trees at Timonium Fairgrounds. They submitted a tree and a wreath which sold!

From Nelson J. Briggs Chapter, Bro. Joe Bray, Past Master Councilor, was welcomed back from Marine Boot Camp. PGM Wyvill asked Bro. Bray to attend the GL Installation. PGM Wyvill surprised Bro. Bray with a presentation from the National Sojourner's along with a Presentation from several Brothers, including Honorary PGM Vanden Berghe who were retired or active Marines.

On Veteran's Day, Bowie-Collington Chapter participated in the Bowie Veteran's Day Parade and took part in the Wreath Laying that followed. Bowie-Collington was surprised to see one of their Facebook pictures was selected as part of the new DeMolay International Membership Brochures. Bro. Chris Berger was supported by the Chapter and members

of MD DeMolay spiritually as he received his 3rd open heart surgery. Bro. Chris is doing well and currently home resting.

Savage Chapter's Past Master Councilor, Dave Martinek, continues to hone his acting skills, not only through our ritual but also through the Children's Theatre of Annapolis. Bro. Dave played Horton in "Seussical" which received wonderful reviews.

We were saddened to see the original Scottish Rite building in Kansas City destroyed by fire back in October. It was being used as a house of worship. This was the actual birthplace of DeMolay. The firefighters discovered a time capsule while cleaning up from the fire. We are anxious to see what is inside. This tragedy comes at a time when DeMolay International is about to unveil the portrait of Dad Frank Sherman Land, founder of DeMolay, at the House of the Temple on Saturday December 10, 2016. This was made possible by the efforts of DeMolays around the world to raise the funds for this great honor to our Founder.

Thank you for your support. Our programs are as diverse as our members but our values have been steady and true since the beginning. We are preparing our members to be better men. It's up to our Lodges to take the baton when they cross over, and make them even better men.

Nekam Adonai or "Vengeance is Thine, O Lord"

By: Hon. Charles Matulewicz, 32°, KCCH – Palestine Lodge #189

THIS IS A STRANGE MOTTO to consider for our 30th degree. What is its meaning? When we consider that the Hebrew word *Kadosh* translates to *holy or consecrated*, why would our Knight Kadosh or *Holy Knight* Degree have us contemplate vengeance of all things?

I think we need to start at the beginning with a trio of skulls and the admonition: "You now hold your fate in your own bands." We start with the three skulls representing in the center De Molay, or the last Grand Master of the Templars (wreathed in laurel and amaranth). To De Molay's left, a crowned skull representing King Philip the Fair, and to the Grand Master's right, a skull representing Pope Clement. De Molay was a martyr of truth burned on a pyre by the king representing the tyranny of the despot and the Pope representing the ambition of unholy religious leaders. This is not a political statement, but when combined with the ladder of Kadosh, a lesson and a framework that can be applied to the unique responsibility and possibility of rationally and compassionately interacting with the world.

When I hear the candidate being admonished that he holds his fate in his own hands, in the first apartment, I am lead to believe De Molay to be a metaphor for the candidate living in civil society surrounded by the possibility of tyranny be that in the form of the government, king, or religion. In the second apartment, we are reminded that the modern knight does not fight the same battles as De Molay, but rather, has to fight against oppression, injustice, and usurpation,

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and internally fight their own ignorance, prejudice, and error. The third apartment highlights that this path of a knight is not easy. As we pass through the degree, our attention is brought upon the ladder of Kadosh; it is in this fourth apartment that we are given a framework.

This mysterious ladder of Kadosh is a means, or a tool,

the world full of intellectual and emotional adversity. It may, at first glance, appear very esoteric, but it is actually a methodology. Like the seven steps of the liberal arts and sciences in our Fellowcraft degree, one half of this ladder has one rung for each of the liberal arts and sciences. The other side, the staves or sides of the ladder have written on them "Love of God" and "Love of Neighbor", with each rung written: Justice, perfect equity, amiability, good faith, great labor, endurance, and understanding. What does this mean? To me, the one side gives me a framework to understand the physical world, the other guides for empathizing with the citizens of the world. If we start with the motto, let's close with a look at the prayer where we ask God to help us "to remove obstacles which tyranny and *imposture interpose between* man and bappiness, between man and knowledge" The ladder is the framework that helps the Knight Kadosh in the pursuit of happiness and knowledge... and the motto a reminder that vengeance is the Lord's to repay, and admonishing the Knight not to lose sight of this and fall into the trap of persecuting the persecutors meeting intolerance with intolerance. In our polarized world of today, I think our 30th degree has lessons for us yet.

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Lodge of Perfection, Knights of St. Andrew Valley of Frederick

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



BRETHREN, LADIES— It's hard to believe that another year has begun. The American people have spoken. The president and new Congress must set aside their differences and political agendas and work for the common good which is vital for the success of our nation. The year 2017 also

ushers in a unique opportunity to personify the Masonic family. One of my personal goals this year as I assume greater responsibilities, is to enrich and enhance the overall Scottish Rite experience for Valley members and their families. We all know many of our wives, either as part of the Knights of St. Andrew Ladies Auxiliary, OES or simply the wife of a Mason, earnestly work behind the scenes to support and enable Masonic programs and fundraisers throughout the year. My theme for 2017 is Personify the Masonic Family. As Freemasons, we should continuously seek to improve ourselves and strengthen the Scottish-Rite families. Whether or not you attend meetings regularly, you can still practice the principles of Scottish Rite

Freemasonry and actively participate in the programs with your wives and families. You can help push out messages to members of the Orient, leaders in your community and your local media to communicate the Scottish Rite Brand and the family narrative.

Working together, our actions and participation will help to shape the future of Freemasonry and support the Scottish Rite, one of the nation's best and largest organizations, a family organization.

To my fellow Knights and Brethren, on behalf of the Lodge of Perfection, Knights of St. Andrew and its auxiliary Valley of Frederick, thank you for your kind consideration. I salute you! "Regnum Die Intra Te"









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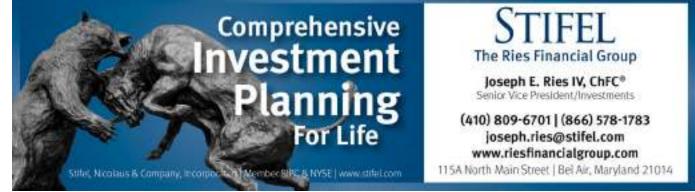
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Duly and Truly Prepared

By: Bro. David R. Sandy, 32° - Mt. Moriah Lodge #116

THE PHRASE, "DULY AND TRULY PREPARED," is one of the first encountered by the new Mason. He hears it repeatedly, is taught to memorize it and is required to recite it.

If we break the words down, we see that duly means appropriately, suitably or properly. Truly means truthfully or justly. And prepared means ready, primed and equipped.

So, what do we as Masons mean when we use the phrase duly and truly prepared?

The obvious answer refers to what takes place in the preparation room. In other words, divestiture, discalceation and attire. In this context, the use of the phrase, its meaning and associated symbolism is well studied and repeated. As is the case with much of our Masonic ritual, there is also a deeper and more profound meaning for us to examine and consider.

Masonry teaches that a man is made a Mason in a legally constituted Lodge. Also, how he is first prepared in his heart. He comes to Masonry with a clear heart and mind, divested of distracting influences and laying aside all prejudices. By so doing, he is prepared to be free of all diversions, evil thoughts, animosities and hatreds.

Consider the use of the phrase as it relates to the conscious

events in a man's life which prepare him for his Masonic experience. Masonry is neither a reformatory nor a grammar school. Worthy candidates should possess the demeanor, habits, values and education to truly appreciate and benefit from the lessons and "light" of Masonry.

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Finally, duly and truly prepared means being in total confidence of one's intentions. Freemasonry is not the place for either the halfhearted or weak willed.

Let us consider the insightful beauty in the question of whether a man is duly and truly prepared. The candidate is not asked, nor does he give the answer, rather it is a question asked about him. This indicates that it is not a question involving the candidate's opinion of himself, but more accurately, what others know of him.

Clearly, determining whether a candidate is duly and truly prepared for Masonry is the responsibility of the Lodge and rightfully so. A candidate who is undeniably duly and truly prepared is more likely to find that being a Mason is a way of life, rather than a title for life.

A man prepares himself for the degrees of Masonry by presenting

himself in a prayerful spirit, asking God for wisdom, strength of purpose and steadfastness of mind, so that thereby

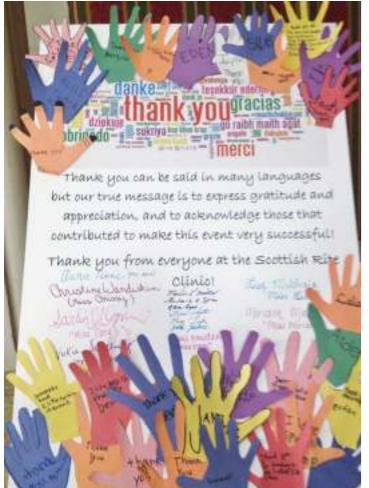


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The Clinic Corner

By: Christine Wandishin, M.S., CCC-SLP



WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! It's hard to believe that the holidays are over and Spring is upon us. We have had a very successful year and would love to take this time to share all of our good news!

We are extremely excited that Tara Green has joined our center as our full time receptionist! Tara has made a wonderful addition to the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Center and we are grateful for her hard work and devotion to our clinic. We hope Tara will be a part of our Scottish Rite clinical family for a long while. Welcome Tara!

We would also like to share some other exciting news for one of our other staff members. Our clinician Lisa McGrain welcomed her second child, Scarlet Elise, on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 at 9:14 am, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 19 1/4 inches. Please come down to the clinic to congratulate Lisa on her new family addition.

Our contractual schools, Friends School of Baltimore, the Cathedral School of Mary Our Queen, and the Immaculate Conception School have continued to be a wonderful way to serve additional children during the school day. Four of our clinicians currently serve the contracts Monday through Thursday and see children in their school environment for speech and language therapy. Finals will be coming in May and will help determine if the children should continue summer services at the clinic or if they have met their goals to graduate from the Speech Program.



Scarlet Elise McGrain, born November 15, 2016

Since summer is right around the corner, please continue to check in on our website http://www.mdscottishrite. org for information on our 3rd annual Summer Literacy Camp. I also recommend you check the website out to see our commercial that we worked on last year, if you haven't already! It clearly summarizes what we do and why we do it.

Brockman Fellow and Loyola graduate student, Natasha Hearn, has been working in the clinic under our supervision since the end of January. Natasha has done an exceptional job treating the children in the clinic and at our contractual schools! We are very honored to have had the time to work alongside her and wish her well when she graduates this year in May 2016 with a Master's Degree in Speech and Language Pathology. We wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

I would also like to take this time to thank the Mid-Shore Scottish Rite Club for allowing us to come to their meeting and share a little about what we are doing as part of the Masonic philanthropy. You were a great host and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. As always, you are invited to visit the clinic anytime. We wish you and your families a great start to the new Spring season ahead!

The Grand Lodge of Maryland Visited Coats Lodge #102

Wednesday, October 20th, 2016











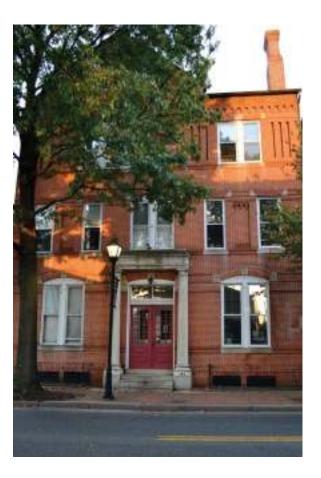


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Coats Lodge #102

114 N. Washington St., Easton, MD. | Meets – First Thursday of the Month

By: Bro Michael S. Bauman, 32°



THE YEAR 1880, Coats Lodge No. 102 held its first meeting at its Temple Building on 114 N. Washington Street in the town of Easton, Maryland. Coats Lodge Temple was dedicated May 4, 1881. The Grand Lodge Commissioner traveled from Baltimore on board the steamship Kent, along with lodge officials from six lodges on the

ON THE 26TH OF DECEMBER IN

Also, several Knights Templar Commandries as well as lodges on the Eastern Shore took part in this dedication. Brother

Western shore.

Albert Pike, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council was also present.

Originally numbered Coats Lodge No. 76, Coats Lodge No. 102 was officially chartered on November 21, 1855. The lodge is named after Dr. John Coats, a prominent Revolutionary who served in Washington's Army and the first Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. In 1930, an addition to the Temple was built, which now serves as the lodge room where several Masonic bodies meet, including Talbot Chapter

No. 22 Royal Arch Masons and Jeshua Council No. 8 Royal and Select Masters.

The old Lodge Room is now used as a dining hall and for fraternal gatherings.

In 1980, on the 125th anniversary of Coats Lodge, the Town Mayor gave the Lodge special recognition for its many years of service to the community. In honor of the memory of Dr. John Coats and the members of Coats Lodge, the Mayor proclaimed November 17–23

as Masonic Week. Twenty-five years later, on October 28, 2005, in commemoration of its 150th anniversary, Coats Lodge was again recognized by the town of Easton for continued service to the community. The Mayor made a proclamation dedicating November 15, 2005 as Coats Lodge No. 102 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Day.

The lodge is named after Dr. John Coats, a prominent Revolutionary who served in Washington's Army and the first Grand Master of Masons in Maryland.

Coats Masonic Temple is one of the oldest Lodges in Maryland today. On November 21, 2015 Coats Lodge celebrated 160 years of history and service to the community. The Lodge continues to remain active in the community and through renewed membership, it continues to grow the Maryland Masonic Family.



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Thank you Illustrious Paul Garrett Shircliff, 33° for serving 15 Fantastic Years as the Personal Representative for the Valley of Cumberland!

PAUL GARRETT SHIRCLIFF, nicknamed Gary, was born in Cumberland, MD. He already had Masonic history even before he was born. His grandfather, William M Garrett was a Mason active in Ohr Lodge #131, now known as Queen City Lodge #131, serving as Worshipful Master in 1922 and then as Treasurer. He was a Scottish Rite Mason in the Cumberland Scottish Rite serving as Venerable Master in 1929, 1930, and 1931. Mr. Garrett, his wife, Myrtle, and their daughter Virginia Shircliff were members of McKinley Chapter #12, OES. Mr. Garrett died in 1936, never

getting to meet his grandson.

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grandfather-grandson relation.

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Gary attended school in Cumberland. He joined **Cumberland Chapter Order** of DeMolay in 1955. He is now an Honorary member of the Maryland DeMolay Foundation and received the **DeMolay Legion of Honor** Medal in 2013. He graduated from Fort Hill High School in 1957. He attended Frostburg State Teachers College for two years and Catherman's Business School for one year. He served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1963 stationed in the state of Washington. He returned to Cumberland to assist his father in running the family



clothing business, Garrett's Clothing and Shoe Store.

In 1967, Gary was accepted as an Entered Apprentice into East Gate Lodge #216. He received his Fellowcraft degree in February 1968 and became a Master Mason on April 17, 1968. He immediately entered into the Lodge line of officers. He became the Worshipful Master in 1974 and served again in 1979 as Master of his Lodge. He has continued to serve his Lodge since that time. He was tutored by Ill. Donald Jett, SGIG, on the duties of Marshall of the Lodge and Gary has been Marshall for his Lodge Installations since 1981. He served as Secretary of East Gate Lodge #216 from 1989 to 1995, 2013, 2014, and has been serving as Secretary Pro

Temp since September 2016. He served as elected Treasurer from 2000 to 2009. He was a Scottish Rite Diplomat for his Lodge from 2002 to 2008. He is historian of East Gate Lodge and serves on the bylaws committee and membership committee. He helps his fellow members with ritual work. Gary was President of the Past Masters Association in 1982 and currently serves as Secretary/ Treasurer. He served on the Masonic Temple Association of Cumberland, MD, as secretary 1983, President 2003, and Treasurer 2006 and 2007. He currently is an appointed member of the Temple Board **Association Endowment** Fund. Gary has worked with the CHIPS program in the Cumberland area for the past seven years, helping to register the children and obtaining the DNA sample. Gary served on the East Gate Lodge #216 committee for its 90th anniversary celebration in 2013.

Gary has also served the Grand Lodge of Maryland. He was appointed Grand Inspector from 1977 to 1982. He has served as **Grand Inspector for Potomac** Lodge #100, Ohr Lodge #131 (now Queen City Lodge), Fort Cumberland #211, Kemp Lodge #154, East Gate Lodge #216, and George's Creek Valley Lodge #161. Continued in next issue.

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Wednesday, February 15th	Baltimore – Lodge of Perfection	7:30pm
Thursday, February 16th	Susquehanna – Lodge of Perfection	7pm
Thursday, February 16th	Frederick – Lodge of Perfection	7pm
Thursday, February 22nd	Southern Maryland – LOP – Rehearse 14°	7pm
Wednesday, February 22nd	Baltimore – Chapter Rose Croix	7:30pm
Saturday, February 25th	Frederick – KSA Meeting & Dinner	5pm
Wednesday, March 1st	Southern Maryland – Dinner @ 6pm – Confer 14°	7pm
Wednesday, March 1st	Baltimore – Council of Kadosh / Festive Board	7:30pm
Wednesday, March 8th	Baltimore – Consistory	7:30pm
Wednesday, March 15th	Southern Maryland – 14° Ring Ceremony	7pm
Wednesday, March 15th	Baltimore – Spring Class Orientation	6:30pm
Thursday, March 16th	Susquehanna – Confer 4° & 14°	7pm
Thursday, March 16th	Frederick – Lodge of Perfection	7pm
Saturday, March 18th	Frederick – Ladies Light	6pm
Wednesday, March 22nd	Baltimore – Confer 4° & 5°	7pm
Saturday, March 25th	Frederick – KSA Meeting & Dinner	5pm
Wednesday, March 29th	Baltimore – Confer 7°, 9° & 10°	7pm
Wednesday, April 5th	Southern Maryland – Rehearse 18°	7pm
Wednesday, April 5th	Baltimore – Confer 11° & 13°	7pm
Saturday, April 8th	Frederick – Reunion Day	8am
Wednesday, April 12th	Baltimore – Confer 14° & 15°	7pm
Thursday, April 13th	Baltimore – Maundy Thursday	7pm
Wednesday, April 19th	Southern Maryland – LOP	7pm
Thursday, April 20th	Susquehanna – Confer 18°	7pm
Thursday, April 20th	Frederick – Ring Ceremony	7pm
Saturday, April 22nd	Baltimore – Reunion Day	8am
Sunday, April 23rd	Baltimore – Ring Ceremony	2pm