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

Greetings to One and All,

I hope this issue of The Rite News finds you well  
and happy that Spring has finally sprung. Your  
Scottish Rite is back in full swing everywhere and  
there is a full agenda of things to get involved in.  
Did you remember to pay your dues?

The year 2015 is filled with new and exciting  
events, many of which you will find mentioned  
herein. Many other events will appear in the next  
issue, so stay tuned and stay involved.

In honor of Ill. Brother Ed Kraft, 33°, our Spring  
Class in Baltimore has conferred 14 excellent  
full form degrees. In May, Maryland has three  
entrants in the “Scottish Rite Has Talent” contest  
in Washington. This is part of Celebrating the  
Craft and can be viewed live at [www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org).

I am proud to say that Maryland is listed among  
only a few Orients that have 100% of their Valleys  
involved in VMAP. This project is intended to  
help every Valley increase membership and  
maintain the members it has through ideas  
presented by representatives from across the  
country. At the recent leadership conference,  
100% of the ideas and goals came from the  
members and none were allowed from the  
leadership. This is a member driven project  
and I look forward to great things from  
Maryland members.

May 9th is the big Bingo Event conducted by the  
Baltimore Valley ladies in support of our clinic. If  
you like bingo and great prizes, don’t miss  
this event.



The Family Day Picnic, held at the Grand Lodge,  
is set for August 9th. Don’t forget our famous  
Lobsterfest.

August will be a very busy and exciting month as  
the Centennial Jubilee kicks off the 100th anniver-  
sary of the House of the Temple Celebration and  
the Biennial Session begins. Schedules, programs  
and events may be found at [www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org)  
as well as in the next issue.

Well, this has gotten a little long so I will close.  
I hope I see you soon and will share many new  
thoughts. In closing, may I wish each of you  
good health and happiness always.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



## The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

By: MW Brother Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr., 32°, KCCH



### GREETINGS BRETHREN,

I am delighted to be able to share some thoughts with you regarding masonry and the benefit of belonging to one or more of our collateral bodies. To me, our collateral bodies serve as fertile grounds for the development of many of our members. In other words, our collateral bodies serve to “mentor” or guide our membership to a greater experience and knowledge of our craft.

Let’s begin by thinking about one of the early challenges we faced at the beginning of our masonic journey. Do you remember the question, “What came you here to do?”

Your learned answer was, “... to improve myself in masonry.” Now, I would like to suggest that for our discussion, improvement, as referred to in our answer, is interchangeable with preparation.

So, how is this improvement supposed to take place? Is your improvement or preparation contingent on learning some catechism and passing from one degree to another? Is that all there is? Does your self-improvement occur by just joining every masonic group available? Well, the answer is clearly yes and no.

You see, in my opinion, masonry is a continual journey toward one’s self improvement and personal preparation which comes only through education, guided by education. Education (preparation) just doesn’t go on for a certain number of years until capped by a graduation ceremony. Education is lifelong learning. Our masonic self-development can be attributed to education gained through a combination of personal experiences within a lodge or a collateral body and by reading and studying the numerous books and periodicals about masonic ideology. More importantly, our development is accelerated by the interpersonal relationships we form with other masons. Throughout history, men have benefitted from lively mental interaction with other thinking men. So, masonry presents a partial solution to our quest for self-development.

Men come into masonry from every background and walk of life with a wide range of interests. Our primary responsibility is to satisfy their interest and encourage them to

look for new horizons within masonry. Some men have very little “formal” education while others have reached the heights of academic achievement. Still, they find a way to successfully blend together as they strive for both personal achievement and for the good and betterment of the order.

For some men, masonry provides a chance to discover and develop various skills. These skills include conquering and excelling in our fundamental teaching mechanism known as ritual. This effort can be challenging for even the wisest of men. Yet, many receive accolades as a result of their masonic ritual skills. The acknowledgment received from their brethren for their accomplishments is personally self-fulfilling and rightly so. Self-esteem and self-confidence are direct byproducts of our masonic experience.

Let’s not overlook another important point mentioned earlier. We know that a man cannot do unless he knows. Yet, knowledge without application is of little value. I believe that the value of all the things we learn in masonry is diminished unless they are applied.....So how and where do we apply all that we learn in masonry?

It is an over-simplification to say that we should apply the lessons of our masonic experience to our daily lives, but it is true.

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## ‘T WAS MIDNIGHT ON THE OCEAN

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



### WHAT I WANT TO SAY THIS

MONTH, is that if we look at our Scottish Rite (or any Masonic Degrees), we can find many different things and many different truths. Each time we witness one of the degrees, we are at a different circumstance in life, and the meaning may be a little different. I have said, many times, that I get more out of a degree as I prepare to take part in it than the candidates will ever get. It seems to give me a greater depth and helps me, I believe, be more sincere in my presentation. Whether it be a major part, or just a gesture or a small walk-on part, it reminds us that no effort is too small. Let me digress for a moment, and I think you will see what I mean. I am going to give you a short dissertation on an old poem that I learned as a young boy and maybe you will understand what I am trying to say. Please excuse me if I do not remember where I learned this or who wrote it, but that is not the lesson I am trying to teach.

*‘Twas midnight on the ocean,  
not a streetcar was in sight,*

*The sun was shining brightly  
and it rained all day that night,*

*The lightning roared and the  
thunder flashed and our hearts  
were filled with fear,*

*And the Captain climbed an oak  
tree just to see if land was near,*

*‘Twas evening and the rising  
sun was setting in the west,*

*And the fishes in the tree-tops  
were all huddled in their nests.*

*‘Twas a wintery day in August  
and the snowflakes fell like glass,*

*The barefoot boy with shoes on  
stood sitting in the grass.*

*Now, while the organ peeled  
potatoes, lard was rendered  
by the choir, Holy Smoke! the  
preacher shouted, someone has  
poured the church on fire.*

*Now the sexton rang the dishrag,  
for in the rush he lost his hair,*

*Now his head resembles heaven,  
for there is no parting there.*

*Now this sad tale is ended, I’ll  
take my pen in hand,*

*And fall upon the stairway and  
start where I began.*

I suppose that if you tried, you might make some sense out of that poem, but what I am trying to say is that it is up to each one of us, each time we see or participate in one of our degrees to take with us those lessons

that they teach. Each candidate, observer, or participant is at a different place in his life and the meaning or lesson may change from time to time. We must learn to expect different things at different times. I do hope that this silly poem has gotten your attention, then you will wonder what I am trying to say. We do not always pay close attention to our degrees. Sometimes, we do not listen or the sound is not quite right for our hearing aids. It may have been raining outside and we are thinking about something else. Whatever our situation, let us make a concentrated effort to learn, each time we are exposed to a Masonic Degree. This is how we grow, and it is much easier most of the time to let someone else do the work in conferring these degrees than doing the reading that would be required to do this much research. Thank you, brethren, for all of the effort you put in conferring these degrees. It is up to us to weed out the silly poems and to pay attention to the lesson that we are trying to teach. As I grow older in Freemasonry, I hope that I get a little wiser and think more about the lesson we are trying to teach. None of us are perfect, especially me, but I pray the Lord will give me the strength and wisdom to share some of what I have learned and make our Masonic World more beautiful.

## Chaos into Order

By: Hon. W. Miles Cole, 32°, KCCH

OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple library has matured from a loose collection of books in old bookcases into an organized library housed in handsome custom made bookshelves. This transformation started with a conversation that I had with SGIG Marlin Mills after a Rite Cheer luncheon in the winter of 2011. We discussed the need for better organization of the library and better shelving. The effort to bring order out of chaos took a quantum leap when Ill. E. Ray Leppo, 33°, GC, donated the hardwood and glass book and display cases for what is now the Margaret and E. Ray Leppo Library.

This collection of Masonic materials, general interest works (including some great history books), and fiction is now accessible to the Baltimore Scottish Rite membership. Brothers may check most of the works out using the honor system. However, historic or very rare books cannot be borrowed. Please stop by the library and have a look. It is yours to use.

Since the fall of 2011, each Thursday, my wife Anna, a former law librarian, and I have catalogued and organized the library. The library has more than 602 Masonic volumes, 868 general interest volumes, 22 sets of works, and an untold number of fictional works. We are currently classifying some rare and unusual Masonic

works. Also, we are trying to determine which of the sets of books to keep in the collection. We have even enlisted the aid of our daughter Elizabeth who is a librarian experienced in the deaccession of books. The library has several older books that aren't in the catalogue of the House of the Temple's library.

The Masonic materials are organized using the system developed by the late librarian of the House of the Temple Brother William L. Boyden. The general interest collection received a stupendous gift when Brother Richard L. Fletcher, 33°, PGM VT, and former Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America, donated over 850 of

recent vintage books on history, philosophy and religion. These books and literary fiction are catalogued using the Library of Congress system. General fiction works are organized by the name of the author.

The work of bringing order to the library was greatly aided by a program called Book Collector from Collectorz.com. This allows us access to a fantastic number of books that have already been catalogued and to enter books using a bar code scanner. For difficult cases, the internet allows us access to the House of the Temple, the Library of Congress, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Iowa Masonic Library, and other libraries of national importance.



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## Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

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



BRETHREN, as we put the very cold winter behind us and we head into the Spring, I want to welcome all of our newly

made 32nd degree Scottish Rite Brethren. I wish them nothing but the best as they continue their journey through Masonry. As we have all seen and heard these amazing degrees, I often wonder if we interpret them the same. That's what makes Masonry so special! We all come from different places and have different backgrounds. However, we are all Brethren and with that said, we must think about what Masonry truly is and the degree meanings by ourselves. The degrees require that one can see it in its own large perspectives, that we all know

the main outlines of its history, and that no one knows it as it has been understood by its own authentic interpreters. It is not easy to do this without guidance and help, and to offer guidance and understanding is what the Scottish Rite and Masonry is all about. I hope to see all of you at a Scottish Rite function soon and I wish you a wonderful Spring season.

## The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland Continued

By: MW Brother Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr., 32°, KCCH

Masonry reinforces basic ethical and moral values as well as builds confidence and self-esteem. Our masonic experience should promote involvement in the various collateral bodies as an enhancement to our search for more knowledge and the expansion of our circle of friends.

Each collateral body affords new learning opportunities, excitement and challenges to master masons as well as added friendships beyond a lodge setting. Collateral bodies offer different perspectives on masonic philosophy which can ignite or

even re-ignite a man's curiosity, thus incentivizing him to become more involved and to work toward perfection.

Keep in mind that our theme is "Maryland Masonry, A Pathway to Excellence." We are taught that, although perfection is not of this world, we are convinced that our masonic experience provides a richer, fuller and more meaningful life. So, if we can successfully motivate a brother to reach towards perfection, he just might achieve excellence.

In conclusion, perhaps the best application of your extensive

masonic experience and knowledge is to stretch forth your hand and encourage other master masons to become a Scottish Rite or York Rite mason or a Shriner or Tall Cedar or a member of some other masonic body. In so doing, they will join us in pursuit of a heightened masonic experience.

Thank you for everything that you do to make Maryland masonry a beacon of light for all to see.

I remain in your service.

## Maryland Council of Kadosh

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



**IN MY BUSINESS (LANDSCAPE),** the thing that separates my company from many similar companies is client contact. When a client calls, they get a human on the other end of the line, not a machine. If there is an item that needs immediate attention, a supervisor is contacted and arrangements are made to either get to the client ASAP or an appointment is made to visit the property and go over the client's needs. This and many of the other things we do to provide a quality service gives us customer loyalty and value.

Why am I leading off with this information? The key word here is VALUE. All the preceding words were put there to describe why clients come to us, in spite of the fact that they could get the same services elsewhere at much lower cost. What my company offers is communication, and follow through. (and some very nice planting, pruning, and maintenance if I say so myself!)

In my last message in this forum I spoke of TIME, the time we ask our volunteer force to contribute, and the time we put into our efforts on behalf of the craft. I now speak on behalf of value.

If we agree that our goal is to "Make Good Men Better", the first principles are to provide the Hiram story to bring the new members up to speed and give them the guiding points to begin their own self education. The first three degrees provide the basis of understanding that unite all Masons. The job of the Scottish Rite degrees is to continue that knowledge and give our new brothers a further understanding of the lessons brought to us by many cultures, both geographic and philosophical.

In the most recent edition of the Freestate Freemason (this article is written in February so that would mean the winter edition), I read where Deputy Grand Master and our own Master of Kadosh, Gus Vourvoulas, as well as Grand Master Ken Wyvill, are describing a new vision.

I believe this new vision and directives to pursue it, have to do with being a value to our members. What our leadership is trying to achieve is a sustained program to stay in contact with our new members, get them involved and keep those members involved in a

meaningful way. To do this, we must provide a VALUE to the members.

That means a number of things as outlined by our leadership. Not the least of these is communication. Planning and organization are central to the morale of our membership. We want the brothers to feel welcome, have fun, learn the lessons and begin to understand their own role in the world, and then to become the teachers of the future. We should endeavor to communicate on a regular basis, what is going on, where it is going on and when to be there.

Our work makes a connection from the past into the future, as Gus says, "men want to give back to their communities. Our Fraternity is a perfect vehicle to accomplish this goal". It is then our job to communicate these lessons to our members in an organized and fun way. If we can accomplish this, it will be of VALUE.

## Chesapeake Consistory

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



**WHILE TRAVELING THROUGHOUT OUR STATE,** it has been refreshing to see the increasing number of younger men taking over the reins of leadership in our Blue Lodges. They are enthusiastic and committed to making their lodges more exciting places to be. These younger men are also demanding more Masonic education than ever before. They are yearning for more light in Masonry.

The spring classes in the Orient of Maryland are now being formed. The Valley of Baltimore will be conferring significantly more degrees than in our recent past. The conferral of these degrees will afford our new Scottish Rite candidates the opportunity to increase their knowledge of our craft and put them on a road to continuing their Masonic education.

## Cell Phone Etiquette - (When visiting the Scottish Rite)

Put your cell phone on "Silent Mode".

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- Observe a 10 foot proximity to others when talking on your cell phone.
- Avoid personal conversations in the presence of others.

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### Scottish Rite App

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# LESSONS OF THE 21ST DEGREE

Excerpts from Morals & Dogma – 1871  
By: Albert Pike, 33° - Sovereign Grand Commander from 1859-1891



## NOACHITE, OR PRUSSIAN KNIGHT.

You are especially charged in this Degree to be modest and humble, and not vain-glorious nor filled with self-conceit. Be not wiser in your own opinion than the Deity, nor find fault with His works, nor endeavor to improve upon what He has done. Be modest also in your intercourse with your fellows, and slow to entertain evil thoughts of them, and reluctant to ascribe to them evil intentions. A thousand presses, flooding the country with their evanescent leaves, are busily and incessantly engaged in maligning the motives and conduct of men and parties, and in making one man think worse of another; while, alas, scarcely one is found that ever, even accidentally, labors to make man think better of his fellow. Slander and calumny were never so insolently licentious in any country as they are this day in ours. The most retiring disposition, the

most unobtrusive demeanor, is no shield against their poisoned arrows. The most eminent public service only makes their Vituperation and invective more eager and more unscrupulous, when he who has done such service presents himself as a candidate for the people's suffrages.....If you seek for high and strained carriages, you shall, for the most part, meet with them in low men. Arrogance is a weed that ever grows on a dunghill. It is from the rankness of that soil that she hath her height and spreadings. To be modest and unaffected with our superiors is duty; with our equals, courtesy; with our inferiors, nobleness. There is no arrogance so great as the proclaiming of other men's errors and faults, by those who understand nothing but the dregs of actions, and who make it their business to besmear deserving fames..... let him be satisfied to follow

the path pointed out by that Providence, and to labor for the good of the human race in that mode in which God has chosen to enact that that good shall be effected: and above all, let him build no Tower of Babel, under the belief that by ascending he will mount so high that God will disappear or be superseded by a great monstrous aggregate of material forces, or mere glittering, logical formula; but, evermore, standing humbly and reverently upon the earth and looking with awe and confidence toward Heaven, let him be satisfied that there is a real God; a person, and not a formula; a Father and a protector, who loves, and sympathizes, and compassionates; and that the eternal ways by which He rules the world are infinitely wise, no matter how far they may be above the feeble comprehension and limited vision of man.

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# Why the Stage?

By: Bro. Charles Matulewicz, 32°, Turcopolier – Maryland Council of Kadosh



**MY BROTHERS**, when we look at the degrees and traditions of our Scottish Rite, it can be daunting to take it all in. I remember sitting in the audience and finding the sheer amount of information overwhelming, but I wanted more. The degrees are more than just philosophy and moral lessons. Our degrees are designed to leave an impression on the Brothers for whom they are being conducted. Let us turn our attention from the lessons of our degrees and consider the uniqueness of their delivery. How is it that the stage can be an effective venue for imparting serious and moral truths?

In the first three degrees of Freemasonry, we have an initiatic experience where we move through the degrees and experience them in the first person. Differing from our Blue Lodge experience, our Scottish Rite degrees are brought to life on the Stage. The degrees of the Scottish Rite require empathy and ears to hear. Stagecraft has a long history stretching back

to the ancient Greeks, and it is with the Greeks that we begin our journey.

Greek stagecraft served many societal purposes; it instructed and entertained, it spoke truth to power, and it even provided a cathartic experience. Social norms and mores were expressed on the stage, but one of the most interesting aspects of Greek theater, to the Scottish Rite Mason, was its transformative effect. Sophocles was a Greek playwright living in the 5th century BCE, but he was so much more. The playwright produced masterpieces such as the Antigone and Oedipus Rex tragedies, which served to evoke emotion from the audience just like our degrees evoke something from the Brothers who experience them. In those days, the theater was more ingrained in the lives of the Greeks. Sophocles was also a military man, and served with Pericles in military action in Samos. Greek warfare was one of hoplites and heroes... Bronze Age weapons swung to introduce Athens' enemies to Charon and the river Styx.

Sophocles' work is an early study of psychoanalysis, looking into the innermost working of man's mind and emotions. There is a dramatic work called Philoctetes that tells the story of a man rejected by society after the Trojan War. Snake bitten Philoctetes is exiled on an island for a decade, in which time he is tormented by the memory of his combat experience as well

as by his anger and sorrow on having been rejected by his fellow Greeks. The ability to see the actors emote the experience of Philoctetes, the ability of the audience to empathize with the situation (free Athenians being required to perform military service - all men went to war) would have provided a vital salve to the returning veterans. Greek drama, in this case, served as a ritual to reintegrate men back into society after their experiences in the battlefield. So evoking are these 2,500-year-old plays, that the Pentagon is now staging productions, working with the USO, to perform Philoctetes for military men and women returning to their families.

What does this have to do with our Scottish Rite you ask? I would say to you, my Brothers, that this helps explain why our degrees can work to convey deep moral truths. The stage transmits emotion; it evokes something so deep in the audience that a play written over two and a half millennia ago can still speak to audiences today. We see and hear the emotion of our fellow man, we relate with the stories... we feel the stagecraft and are changed by the work. It is this same emotive quality of theatre that the Scottish Rite degrees work to use, in order to teach us something about the world and about ourselves. My Brothers, support your Scottish Rite, visit your Blue Lodge, and I hope to see you in the classroom.



## Maryland DeMolay

By: Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., 32°, - Executive Secretary



**OVER THE YEARS**, we have come to you bringing stories of what DeMolay has accomplished, what we hope to accomplish and hopes of a bright future. This article should be no exception.

DeMolay continues to place their members first and adapts to new members as they reach our doors, beginning a fantastic journey of self-discovery and education. We have brought forth stories of young men reaching lofty and unexpected goals. We have alluded to stories of unexpected journeys like Bro. Mike McKay of Kensington Chapter who became one of our State Master Councilors and, nearly 25 years later, is now a Western Maryland Representative in Annapolis and a proud member of our Masonic Fraternity.

When talking to you here and in the halls of our Masonic

buildings, our young men and advisors continually strive to discuss the relevancy of DeMolay. We appreciate your attentiveness and genuine concern. We appreciate your support of our endeavors, monetarily, by donation of an area to hold a function or by showing up to directly support our members.

The personal attention you give to a 12 to 21 year old can have a deep and lasting effect on his choices for the future. The power you have to shape a young mind, in only a short time, can mean the difference between a success and a weight on our society. The attentiveness to a conversation, the shake of a hand, the pat on the back for a job well done, or the concern you show when he looks upset, speaks to the type of man, we, as Maryland Freemasons, attract.

I have been lucky to be traveling with Grand Master Wyvill during the recent Regional Meetings promoting the 21st Century Mason, Mentoring and Strategy Guides and our "soon to be unveiled" Masonic Membership Program, which allows the individual members to reach his personal membership record and personalize some information contained therein. I thought this information may land on deaf ears but have been pleasantly surprised by the warm reception of it. Many are asking why it took so long to

get here. Change is a relevant force pushing us to succeed. Change is rarely comfortable but, pushing yourself to be better or pushing someone else to be better, is really all we can do to see a better tomorrow.

Wouldn't it be grand to be part of Maryland DeMolay's hope for a brighter future? Pushing yourself to change just a little and showing the younger generations that change is good and needed to be successful, is a powerful statement. Being stagnant brings apathy; apathy halts new ideas and successful futures. Don't let this new generation coming to our doors lose their desire for success and self-worth. Show them there is a bright future full of possibilities. Find out what the young men of DeMolay are doing in your neighborhood and, if they are not in your neighborhood, maybe you should be asking why. Why are the values we instill in DeMolay and Freemasons not showing up in the young men of your neighborhood?

Now would be a great time to sponsor a young man to join DeMolay. Now, during DeMolay Month, would be a great time to join with him on his adventure. There is no time like the present to begin to change the world!

## JOB'S DAUGHTERS

By: Ms. Chris Candler, Grand Marshal



**MEET MISS MARYLAND JOB'S DAUGHTER**, Rebecca Candler and Miss Maryland Congeniality, Naomi Hoglund.

These two daughters are the state representatives for Job's Daughters for 2014-2015. The first Saturday in December, twelve daughters, representing seven bethels, competed for the title of Miss Maryland Job's Daughter. Prior to the day of the pageant, each girl had to complete a take home test on the ritual, constitution and by-laws of Job's Daughters and memorize the five initiation lectures telling the story of Job and his trial and triumphs.

The day of the competition, each daughter was tested on the ritual, constitution and by-laws of the order. They had interviews with the judges and the hosts of the pageant. They also recited one of the five lectures they were asked to memorize; only being told right before they entered the room which lecture they were

going to recite. They were judged on their words, their poise & posture, attitude, eye contact, projection and overall presentation as well as their regalia.

That evening, when the guests arrived to watch the competition, each daughter walked on stage and introduced herself to the audience. The four semi-finalists were announced and escorted off stage to a sound-proof room. Each semi-finalist was brought back, one by one, to answer a final question. The finalist with the highest combined score of all the components was crowned Miss Maryland. Rebecca Candler, from Bethel 36 Towson, won the title of Miss Maryland Job's Daughter and the award for best ritual. Naomi Hoglund, from Bethel 62 LaPlata, won first runner up and the title of Miss Congeniality. Miss Maryland Congeniality is decided by secret ballot, voted on by the participants of the competition.

These daughters will travel to various Masonic functions throughout the state. In August, Rebecca will compete against other Miss Job's Daughters from each of the jurisdictions in the United States, Australia, Brazil, Canada and the Philippines for the title of Miss Job's Daughter International. We wish her luck and would like to congratulate all of the daughters who competed this year.

Job's Daughters is a youth organization for girls between the ages of 10 – 20. To join this organization, the daughter must be related to or a descendant of a master mason. Girls who are between the ages of 7 – 9 are encouraged to become a Jobie-to-bee and participate with the daughters in the fun activities of the bethel while participating in their own bee hive meetings.

Our organization seeks to teach the girls leadership skills, public speaking, the importance of service to the community and each other. It provides the young women an environment based on high morals, love of family and friends and respect for others throughout the world. It is a quality organization that fosters a sense of pride in achievement for each and all members as they prepare to become the adult leaders of the future. Please learn more about our Order and these two talented girls by visiting our website, [www.mdjobsdaughters.org](http://www.mdjobsdaughters.org).





Workers Appreciation Dinner – Wednesday, December 17th



Scottish Rite Holiday Photos





## Knights of St. Andrew – Valley of Frederick

By: Bro. Tommy Morris, 32°, Chieftain



### OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ-

Knights, Brethren, Ladies, Squires, as a New Year dawns, individuals and organizations will look back and reflect on the highlights of the past six months. For individuals, those highlights might be the birth of a child or grandchild, a marriage, promotion or career change.

I hope this year has brought you and your family many moments to cherish for years to come. For our organization, it truly has

been a remarkable and historic year of new beginnings and advocacy for what is right even if it is not popular.

Most notably, The Knights of St Andrew and Knights of St Andrew Ladies Auxiliary took the lead in establishing two foundational organizations, receiving accolades and our constitutions from the Sovereign Grand Inspector General (S.G.I.G) the Illustrious Marlin Mills, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Orient of Maryland, and from Past Grand Masters of Maryland. We instituted an enduring fundraising capability, helping Columbia Lodge No.58 AF&AM exceed its goal, raising thousands of dollars during a time of need. For the Masonic families and community we represent and the values we stand for when we called for actions, including leadership mentoring at the highest levels in Masonry. We took that bold step in order to improve further light in Masonry, help bring our Masonic families together, and restore trust

between our Lodges and our Community.

We did not sit on the sidelines as Masonic Mice. The Knights of St Andrew and Knights of St Andrew Ladies Auxiliary stepped up to teach, learn and build relationships.

There are many reasons to look ahead to 2015 with an expectation of continued progress and impact. Our organization will extend outreach to philanthropies to build upon our own longstanding work to increase opportunity for those in need. We will continue to develop our relationships, and fundraising activities.

We will continue to mentor Masons in the craft, and provide assistance for those in need. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to support the Knights of St Andrew and the Knights of St Andrew Ladies Auxiliary and their Philanthropies. Donations can be made to the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Frederick c/o Knights of St Andrew.

## Order Out of Chaos

By: Hon. S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH

**ORDO AB CHAO** (Order out of Chaos) was the motto of the *Circular throughout the two Hemispheres* of 1802 announcing the Scottish Rite to the world. The motto was very fitting because high degree masonry, at the time, was indeed chaotic. The creators of the first Supreme Council, governed by the Grand Constitutions of 1786, established the Rite in order to standardize some of the more well-known high degree rituals. This new system also created an organizational structure with the authority to oversee the conferral of the degrees of this new Rite.

At the well-known meeting of the four old Lodges of London at the *Goose and Gridiron Ale-house* in 1717<sup>1</sup>, the Grand Lodge era began. It is an accepted fact among Masonic historians that Craft Masonry consisted of only two degrees at that time - Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft. Master Masons did exist but they were senior Masons or the principal officers of Lodges, not because they had been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Master Mason degree was introduced around 1725, most likely under the influence of Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers<sup>2</sup> – one of the early Grand Masters of the new Grand Lodge. This new Master Mason degree was the first real high degree of Masonry. By 1730, this third degree of Freemasonry was fairly well entrenched as evidenced by the publication of *Masonry Dissected*,

the first masonic exposure to include the third degree. From this point, high degree masonry expanded quickly. English degrees, beyond the Master Mason degree, began to spring up in the 1730's and 1740's. These included degrees such as the *Scots Masters*, *Holy Royal Arch*, and the *Order of Heredom of Kilwinning* and *Knights of the Rosy Cross* - both of the *Royal Order of Scotland*. Although not much is known of it, the Scots (or Scotch) Master degree is an early example of a “Scottish” degree not necessarily having its origins in Scotland.

Soon thereafter, high degree systems really took off in the Continental European countries, especially France. Scottish born Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay delivered a famous oration in 1737 claiming that Freemasons were direct descendants of medieval crusader knights. Most Masons equated these crusader knights with the Knights Templar, even though Ramsay did not specifically reference them. It is not clear how much Chevalier Ramsay influenced high degrees, but it is definitely around that time that Templar themes started appearing in high degree Freemasonry. Numerous high degrees originated in France and other European countries over the next several decades. Many of the most popular degrees ended up in Masonic Orders or Rites, which were collections of degrees usually conferred in a

sequential order and under the authority of those same bodies.

Many different themes can be found in these early high degrees. One such theme focused on obtaining justice for the events that transpired in the legend of the third degree or even revenge for the death of Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar. A few of these “so called” vengeance degrees, eventually made their way into the Lodge of Perfection degrees of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite.

Another popular theme revolves around the rebuilding of King Solomon's temple. High degrees along this line of thought usually contain allegories portraying the recovery of lost wisdom or secrets.

Freemasonry also provided a vehicle for various political, hermetic, theurgical, kabbalistic, and alchemical ideas. For instance, the German *Order of the Golden and Rosy Cross* was a Masonic Rosicrucian Order containing elements of both kabbalah and alchemy:

*The 7th Sephirah or Labor is called Netzach, Triumphus or the Triumph and is the calcination of the Earth and the extraction of Salt. - Adeptus Minor Grade<sup>3</sup>*

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# Valley of Cumberland

# Installation of Officers 2015

## Cumberland Valley Coordinate Bodies



Front L to R: Jerome Robinette, 33°, Paul G Shircliff, 33°, Billy Joe Wrights, KCCH. Back L to R: Howard Brode, 33°, Michael Kamauff, 32°, and Mark Widmyer, KCCH.

## Cumberland Valley Lodge of Perfection Installation



Front L to R: George Baker, KCCH, Kevin Mallow, KCCH, and Charles Taylor, KCCH. Back L to R: Robin Summerfield, 32° and Samuel Lane, 32°

## Cumberland Consistory Installation



Front L to R: Joseph Cushall, 32°, Kenneth Wilson, KCCH, and John Spence, KCCH. Back L to R: Edward Kave, 32° and Raymond Ryan, III, 32°.

## KSA Installation for Cumberland Valley .



Front L to R: Raymond Ryan, III, 32°, James Bosley, 32°, and Joseph Cushall, 32°. Back: Michael Wade, 32°

## Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix Installation



Front: L to R: Alvin O'Very, 32°, Charles Hout, 33°, and Michael Kamauff, 32°. Back L to R: Gary Freeman, KCCH and James Snider, KCCH

## Cumberland Council of Kadosh.



Front L to R; Jamey Hill, 33°, Aaron Lea, KCCH, Mark Weatherholt, KCCH. Back: Micheal Wade, 32°.

## Fran Shives



Fran Shives, 33° receiving his Past Venerable Master's Jewel. Presenting are Jerome Robinette, 33° and Paul G Shircliff, 33°.

## Meritorious Service Awards at Cumberland Valley Installation



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

## Charles Hout



Charles Hout, 33°, Diplomat Chairman, presenting a Diplomat pin to Edward Kave, 32° who will represent Mediarly Lodge #140 as Scottish Rite Diplomat.

## Presentation to Kenneth Wilson



Presentation to Kenneth Wilson, KCCH, as Scottish Rite Mason of the Year for Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite. Pictured are L to R: Jerome Robinette, 33°, Paul G Shircliff, 33°, Kenneth Wilson, KCCH, and Fran Shives, 33°.





# "EVER WONDER WHY THE SECRET BALLOT?"

EXCERPT FROM: THE PRINCIPLES OF MASONIC LAW - 1856

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33° – Of Balloting for Candidates.

## THE THIRTY-NINE

**REGULATIONS\*** do not explicitly prescribe the ballot-box as the proper mode of testing the opinion of the lodge on the merits of a petition for initiation. The sixth regulation simply says that the consent of the members is to be "formally asked by the Master; and they are to signify their assent or dissent *in their own prudent way* either virtually or in form, but with unanimity." Almost universal usage has, however, sanctioned the ballot box and the use of black and white balls as the proper mode of obtaining the opinion of the members.

From the responsibility of expressing this opinion, and of admitting a candidate into the fraternity or of repulsing him from it, no Mason is permitted to shrink. In balloting on a petition, therefore, every member of the Lodge is expected to vote; nor can he be excused from the discharge of this important duty, except by the unanimous consent of his Brethren. All the members must, therefore, come up to the performance of this trust with firmness, candor, and a full determination to do what is right—to allow no personal timidity to forbid the deposit of a black ball, if the applicant is unworthy, and no illiberal prejudices to prevent the deposition of a white one, if the character and qualifications of the candidate are unobjectionable. And in

all cases where a member himself has no personal or acquired knowledge of these qualifications, he should rely upon and be governed by the recommendation of his Brethren of the Committee of Investigation, who he has no right to suppose would make a favorable report on the petition of an unworthy applicant.

The great object of the ballot is, to secure the independence of the voter; and, for this purpose, its secrecy should be inviolate. And this secrecy of the ballot gives rise to a particular rule which necessarily flows out of it.

No Mason can be called to an account for the vote which he has deposited. The very secrecy of the ballot is intended to secure the independence and irresponsibility to the lodge of the voter. And, although it is undoubtedly a crime for a member to vote against the petition of an applicant on account of private pique or personal prejudice, still the lodge has no right to judge that such motives alone actuated him. The motives of men, unless divulged by themselves, can be known only to God; "and if," as Wayland says, "from any circumstances we are led to entertain any doubts of the motives of men, we are bound to retain these doubts within our own bosoms." Hence, no judicial notice can be or ought to be taken by a lodge of a vote cast by a

member, on the ground of his having been influenced by improper motives, because it is impossible for the lodge legally to arrive at the knowledge; in the first place, of the vote that he has given, and secondly, of the motives by which he has been controlled.

## SECTION VII. Of the Reconsideration of the Ballot.

There are, unfortunately, some men in our Order, governed, not by essentially bad motives, but by frail judgments and by total ignorance of the true object and design of Freemasonry, who never, under any circumstances, have recourse to the black ball, that great bulwark of Masonry, and are always more or less incensed when any more judicious Brother exercises his privilege of excluding those whom he thinks unworthy of participation in our mysteries.

I have said, that these men are not governed by motives essentially bad. This is the fact. They honestly desire the prosperity of the institution, and they would not willfully do one act which would impede that prosperity. But their judgments are weak, and their zeal is without knowledge.

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# Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33°



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brother Dennis Leland, 32°, our new Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection and Brother Jonathan Brand, 32°, our new Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix. Degree work has started for our Spring Class and we are looking forward to our trip to Baltimore for the Class Reunion on May 2. It is a real Scottish Rite Pilgrimage for us. We meet down here at Solomon's Island at 5:00am. We take off with a caravan of several car loads and hope no one gets lost on the way. The GPS is a great help. Some of our candidates have never been to Baltimore. We pass many interesting sights. The home of the Baltimore Ravens and the Baltimore Orioles; the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the Johns Hopkins University. We finally arrive at the beautiful Maryland Scottish Rite Temple which was designed by famous architect John Russell Pope. Homework - tell me what other famous buildings John Russell Pope designed. There will be a test at our next meeting.

The experience in Baltimore is very different than that of seeing the degrees presented in a lodge room. It will be a real pleasure to share this experience with Brother Ronald Cella. It seems like there is something added every year. I know there has been a lot of work done to modernize the stage equipment at the Scottish Rite Temple.

After we finish our degree work down in Southern Maryland, we will celebrate with our friends and families with a Cinco de Mayo party. There will be plenty of good food and don't forget your sombrero. We will finish out the spring term with Masonic education to review some of the lessons learned in the degree work.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and visits while I was in the hospital and rehab last year. Seems like everything happened so fast and it has taken me a long time to recover, still in the process. I would like to give a special thanks to Ill. R.C.Miller, 33°. It's a long way from St. Mary's County to Suburban Hospital and the doctor in Bethesda. Brother Miller was a lifesaver. It's good to be able to get back with my Brothers and be able to tickle the keys again.

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

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The Clinic Corner

By: Christine Wandishin, M.S., CCC-SLP  
Speech-Language Pathologist–Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER is always a time of transition at the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center. Our school contracts have concluded and many of the children we served through The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and the Garrison Forest School have graduated from speech. Despite the end of services at the schools, we do tend to receive an influx of children that would like to improve their speech, language, and/or literacy skills before the next school year begins. This summer, we hope to have a language enrichment camp to help prepare our younger children for kindergarten. One of our speech therapists, Lisa McGrain, has been preparing for our summer camp since the end of April and we hope to offer it as part of our summer services. Please contact Lisa at the clinic for more details at 410-243-3800 or [lmcgrain@hasa.org](mailto:lmcgrain@hasa.org).

Speaking of Lisa McGrain, we would like to extend a formal “Welcome back!” Lisa has been on maternity leave caring for her adorable daughter, Ryleigh Kathleen. Mom, Dad and baby have been very happy and healthy. We are so glad to have Lisa continue her career part-time at the clinic and can’t thank her enough for her continued work and dedication to the Scottish Rite Clinic.

I would also like to share some exciting news about a novel skill set acquired by some of our speech-language pathologists. The Hearing and Speech Agency offers American Sign Language (ASL) classes free of charge for their employees. I have recently completed both ASL Level 1 and 2 classes and am in the process of taking ASL 3 classes. My colleague, Miriam Balsam, has completed ASL 1 and is in the process of taking ASL 2 classes. We have been able to use this newly acquired language with many of our existing clients as well as new referrals to the clinic. The language-delayed kids respond much better to therapy with a visual and motor movement component and it allows us to communicate with some of the kids that use ASL as a primary means of communication. This training enables us to treat a more diverse population of clients at our clinic

and we are very excited to embark on this new journey!

We would like to congratulate Amanda Stewart for finishing her graduate externship this May. She will be graduating from West Virginia University with a Master’s Degree in Speech-Language Pathology. She has done an excellent job at the clinic and we appreciate all of her hard work and dedication to our clients.

The interviews for the Brockman Scholarship will take place on May 7th and we look forward to having those recipients at the clinic in the upcoming semesters. In addition, graduate students at the local universities (Loyola University and University of Maryland) have expressed interest in extending their placement hours over the summer and/or winter hours if our schedules permit.

The summer is also a great time to make needed renovations in the clinic. The clinic has had the same carpet and furniture since it opened in 1985. Needless to say, everyday “wear and tear” has set in over the past 30+ years. We hope to have new floors and waiting room chairs by the close of this summer. In addition to the overall “look” of the clinic, the windows and insulation of the walls are in need of repair. The new makeover is much needed and greatly appreciated by the staff and the families we serve at the Scottish Rite Clinic.

A special thank you goes to the Scottish Rite Women’s Club for their generous monetary donations. They have a Vera Bradley and Longaberger Basket Bingo scheduled for Saturday May 9th to raise funds for our center. We continue to use their financial support to update the clinic’s materials in order to ensure that we can continue to uphold an evidenced- based practice and keep the children and families we serve happy and content.

In closing, we’d like to thank the Scottish Rite community for their continued dedication and support. Best wishes for a happy and relaxing summer!



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Scottish Rite Installation Photos





## "EVER WONDER WHY THE SECRET BALLOT?" (Continued)

They do not at all understand in what the true prosperity of the Order consists, but really and conscientiously believing that its actual strength will be promoted by the increase of the number of its disciples; they look rather to the quantity than to the quality of the applicants who knock at the doors of our lodges.

Now a great difference in respect to the mode in which the ballot is conducted, will be found in those lodges which are free from the presence of such injudicious brethren, and others into which they have gained admittance.

In a lodge in which every member has a correct notion of the proper moral qualifications of the candidates for Masonry, and where there is a general disposition to work well with a few, rather than to work badly with many, when a ballot is ordered, each Brother, having deposited his vote, quietly and calmly waits to hear the decision of the ballot box announced by the Chair. If it is "clear," all are pleased that another citizen has been found worthy to receive a portion of the illuminating rays of Masonry. If it is "foul," each one is satisfied with the adjudication, and

rejoices that, although knowing nothing himself against the candidate, someone has been present whom a more intimate acquaintance with the character of the applicant has enabled to interpose his veto, and prevent the purity of the Order from being sullied by the admission of an unworthy candidate. Here the matter ends, and the lodge proceeds to other business.

*\* Mackey is referring to Anderson's Constitutions of 1723*

## Order Out of Chaos (Continued)

By: S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH

The *Hermetic Rite*, *Rite of Strict Observance*, *Rectified Scottish Rite*, *Order of the Royal Secret*, and the much-maligned Bavarian *Illuminati* are all examples of some of the Rites of the 18th century. Most of the Rites of this time died out, but many of the themes and actual degrees from these Rites, most notably the *Order of the Royal Secret*, ended up in the Scottish Rite system of 33 degrees.

The peddling of degrees without any organized structure, the sheer number of high degrees, and the lack of clear authority

for conferring the degrees all contributed to the chaos of high degree masonry. Ill. Bros. Mitchell and Dalcho took the necessary steps for the creation of the Mother Supreme Council of the world - our current Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. Our Rite could have vanished like previous Rites but the steps taken by our founding Brothers and the later efforts of the Ill. Bro. Albert Pike have firmly planted Scottish Rite Freemasonry as a system for high degree Freemasonry that will last well into the future.

1 Anderson, James. 1738. *The New Constitutions*, London, p. 109

2 Harrison, David. 2014. *The Genesis of Freemasonry, England: Lewis Masonic*, p. 121

3 Beyer, Bernhard. 2008. *Das Lehrsystem Des Ordens Der Gold- Und Rosenkreuzer*, Graz: Geheimes Wissen, p. 343

## The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation & The Hilgenberg Childhood Speech and Language Center invite you to the 15th Annual Family Day Picnic Games, Prizes, Food & Fun!



**Sunday, August 9th, 2015  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**George Hunt Pavilion  
rand Lodge of Maryland  
304 International Circle  
Cockeysville, MD 21030**

**Please call the  
Scottish Rite Office  
(410-243-3200)  
for Reservations.**

**\$5.00 Donation per person  
requested, children under 12 free**

### Directions to the Grand Lodge:

**From South: Take I-695 Beltway to Exit 24 (I-83 North).  
Take I-83 North to Exit 20A (Shawan Road East). Turn Left at Traffic Light (McCormick Road). Go 1/8 Mile and Turn Left onto International Circle. Go 1/4 Mile and Grand Lodge Entrance is on Right.**

**From North: Take I-83 South to Exit 20A (Shawan Road East). Turn Left at Traffic Light (McCormick Road). Go 1/8 Mile and Turn Left onto International Circle. Go 1/4 Mile and Grand Lodge Entrance is on Right.**

## International Order of Rainbow Girls

The Grand Assembly of Maryland

From: Mrs. Linda Youse, Grand Deputy, State Executive Board

**THE GRAND ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, had a very busy 2014 and plans to have the excitement continue into 2015.

Maryland Rainbow welcomed Rainbow Girls from all over the world to Baltimore last July as we hosted Supreme Assembly. It was because of all the hard work and dedication of our girls, adult workers and our entire Masonic Family that this event was a huge success. There were Master Masons building decorations, moving paraphernalia, welcoming guests at the airport, assisting attendees up and down steps, taking groups on tours, and basically helping whenever and wherever they were asked. Not once did we hear the word “no”. What we did hear was, “what do you need, what can

we do, or can I do that for you”. We couldn’t have asked for a better group of men. They came from all parts of the State to help. Members of the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Sojourners, Tall Cedars, and Shrine were willing to do whatever they could. We couldn’t have done it without their help and support. They showed us how important it is to be part of the Masonic Family. We thank each and every one who came out to share in this event.

While we welcomed the world, we were also busy promoting Maryland Rainbow everywhere we went. We enjoy helping our Family as well as our community. We helped serve crabs at the Mid-Shore Seafood Fest. We took part in the Tri-Youth Church Service for the residents of Bonnie Blink.

Locally, we participated in parades, community festivals, picnics, served dinners and any number of fundraising events. Our 2014-2015 Grand Worthy Advisor, Nichole McKinley, had the Children’s Home as her Service Project. We collected books, toys, clothing, and personal items for the children, which were presented on March 20, 2015 at our Grand Assembly.

We are excited to start a new Grand Year with Rachel Stadler as our Grand Worthy Advisor, 2015-2016. We’re sure Rachel will have new ideas and ways to share our love of our Order. If you know of a girl between the ages of 11 and 20, go to [www.gorainbow.org](http://www.gorainbow.org) and find out how she can become a member of our organization.

## Grants for the Scottish Rite Temple Restoration

By: Joan M. Rumenap, MBA - Grants Officer

**JUST AS THIS EDITION** of *The Rite News of Maryland* is going to print, we’ve been informed that our grant request to The Dresher Foundation has been approved in the full amount of \$25,000. The grant is restricted to the Temple Restoration and Preservation Fund to complete

repairs needed to the 4th and final section of the roof. As this funding does not cover the entire cost of the repair (\$67,750.00), please continue to remember the Temple Restoration and Preservation Fund with your generous donations. All donations are

tax deductible. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or know of any foundations which may be interested in funding our cause. I look forward to updating you in future editions.

### \* CENTENNIAL JUBILEE \*

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Jubilee!


*“We are building a Temple,  
a permanent home, in the  
Great Capital of the  
Greatest Nation of the Earth.”*


WHEN GRAND COMMANDER JAMES D. RICHARDSON, 33°, said the words at left in 1911, he spoke of a monument that would symbolize the beneficence of the Supreme Council and of Scottish Rite Masonry. Today, the House of the Temple stands proudly as one of the DuPont Circle neighborhood’s most historic buildings. Directly preceding the 2015 Biennial Session, the Supreme Council will host a series of events commemorating 100 years in the House of the Temple at 1733 16th Street, NW. The *Centennial Jubilee* is a celebration of both history and Masonry and a promise to fulfill Richardson’s vision to maintain the House of the Temple as a standard of excellence for all Scottish Rite Masons. We can’t wait to celebrate with you in August! ✦


—Elena Dixon, Special Events Coordinator


SATURDAY, AUG. 22 >>

GARDEN <i>Party</i>	SPECIAL, THEMED <i>Tours</i>	UNIQUE ARTIFACTS <i>Exhibit</i>	S.R. FRIENDS <i>Banquet</i>
 11:00 am–1:00 pm	 1:30–3:30 pm; and Sunday, 9–11 am	 1:30–3:30 pm; and Sunday, 9–11 am	 6–9:30 pm
Join us for a lovely Garden Party in celebration of the House of the Temple’s Centennial Jubilee. Wear a hat that represents your Orient and participate in our hat competition. Enjoy a BBQ lunch on us, dance along with a 1920s live band, and much more!	The Rebuilding the Temple Campaign is a multifaceted effort to restore the House of the Temple’s inner details to original 1915 standards, while renovating the building in accordance with 21st-century building codes. Exclusive tours will be given to show the future House of the Temple, featuring plans for new galleries that will display the incredible artifacts that lie within your Temple’s walls.	The Centennial Jubilee is a time to celebrate the House of the Temple as both a historic monument as well as an archival haven for American and Masonic history. For this reason, we will showcase a “Unique Artifacts Exhibit,” displaying never-before-seen artifacts from within our Special Archives Vault. Take some time to explore these rare and unique artifacts collected during the last century!	Help us celebrate the House of the Temple’s 100th Anniversary by joining us for the Scottish Rite Friends Banquet, featuring a cocktail hour, banquet dinner, and both a live and silent auction. All proceeds for this dinner will benefit the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation’s Rebuilding the Temple Campaign.
 	 	 	  

 Event is FREE but requires advance reservations.\*

 There is an additional charge for this event.

 Event takes place at the House of the Temple.

 Event takes place at the Capital Hilton.



## Upcoming **Events** Spring-Summer 2015

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

Sunday, May 3rd  
Spring Ring Ceremony  
2pm

Sunday, August 9th  
Scottish Rite Picnic  
2pm

Saturday, August 15th  
Lobsterfest  
2pm

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

Wednesday, Sept 9th  
LOP – Baltimore  
6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 16th  
Chapter - Baltimore  
6:30pm

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

Wednesday, Sept 30th  
Consistory - Baltimore  
6:30pm

Wednesday, October 7th  
Orientation – Baltimore  
6:30pm

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

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

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

Sunday, October 25th  
Memorial Service  
Baltimore  
2pm

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

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

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

Sunday, November 8th  
Baltimore - Ring Ceremony  
2pm

Wednesday, November 11th  
Baltimore - Feast of Tishri  
7pm

Sunday, December 13th  
Baltimore - Christmas Party  
2pm