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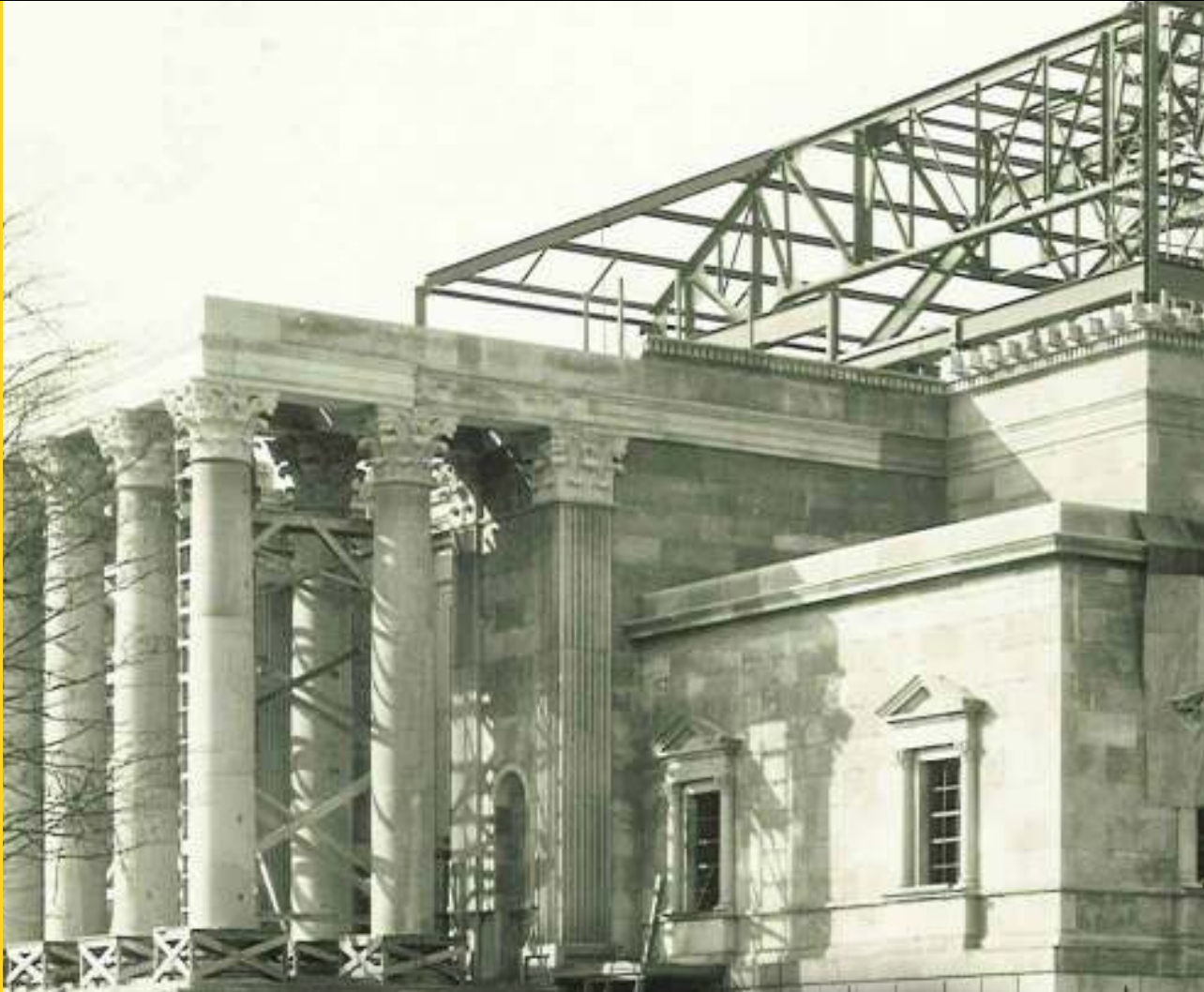
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A MESSAGE FROM
Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings to one and all,

I hope this note finds you well and ready for the warm weather of spring and summer. It seems I just wrote my welcome for the New Year and this issue of the Rite News signals the halfway point of 2016. Many things were accomplished during the first half of the year. The Conference of Grand Masters in Madison, WI, presented many new and informative ideas. The Scottish Rite Leadership Conferences held in Houston, TX, as well as Phoenix, AZ, and Charlotte, NC were excellent, as well as the Reunions in each of our Valleys. Our banquet hall now has new paint and new LED lights. Everyone has been very busy with many activities, all in support of our Scottish Rite. Coming up very soon is the Lobster Fest, our annual Basket Bingo and the Fall Reunion. Why not talk to someone you would like to see in your Scottish Rite and offer them a petition for the fall class? Think about why you joined this Fraternity. I value my personal family above all else, but my Masonic family is also very important and I enjoy the involvement of both. The Scottish Rite has the Rite balance for both. Having your family at our many activities makes them a part of all the great things you are doing and the things



we do as husbands, fathers, grandfathers and Scottish Rite Masons. I encourage you to bring a friend and make them feel welcome in the great family we call the Scottish Rite. I look forward to greeting you and your family soon.

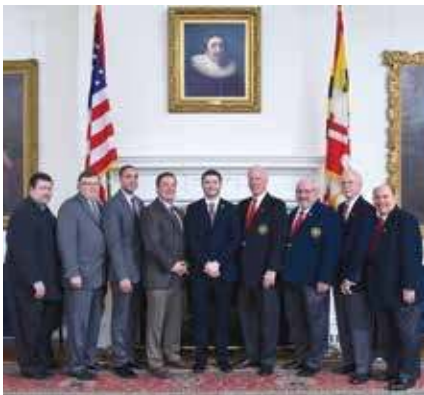
Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

By: MW Brother Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr., 33°



GREETINGS BRETHREN,

We have recently returned from the annual North American Conference of Grand Masters in Madison, Wisconsin. The Grand Masters from every jurisdiction, in the United States, Canada, Mexico and elsewhere around the world and their entourages, assemble once every year. This is an excellent opportunity for each of us to share ideas and discover what the other jurisdictions are doing.

Membership is still the highest priority throughout masonry. Improving the masonic experience is recognized as one of our principal challenges. The consensus is that it is incumbent on all of us to respond to this challenge.

I believe that Maryland is actually ahead of many jurisdictions in our effort to improve the masonic experience of, not just our newer brethren, but for all of our members. How are we accomplishing this?

The answer is simple. First we must find out what our members really want from their masonic involvement, no matter how much they decide to participate, and then make certain that they receive satisfaction. Our Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine masons are all working together with this objective in mind.

At the Grand Lodge, we have intensified our effort to communicate with all of our members with the goal of promoting the sense of inclusiveness from the newest to the oldest of our members.

Our Free State Free Mason magazine will now be published five times per year and will be sent to our Entered Apprentices, Fellow Craft and Master Mason members.

We have been successful in establishing our weekly e-mail communication, called "Compass Points", which is designed to keep our membership informed regarding the many activities around the state which might appeal to them.

We have now launched our new monthly "Podcast."

We will soon have our own YouTube TV channel.

We have redesigned our website to be more appealing to the 15,000 hits we receive each month.

We will very soon introduce a new and aggressive advertising campaign for TV and Radio.

We have promoted the idea that masonry continues into Scottish and York Rite masonry, as well Shrine masonry, by enabling each of these collateral groups to go directly into our lodges and recruit members.

We know that if we can provide exciting and interesting activities, then our membership will be more stimulated and many will choose to be more involved. Special degree conferrals and special events are a must for all of us. We cannot afford to allow our membership to become apathetic.

The following statement is taken from the book "Lodge Leadership: A 5 Step Guide to Reform" by Matt Nelson. *"To inspire must become the mission of the Fraternity. Freemasonry has always been about inspiration, this is why men joined-they were inspired to improve themselves and the world at large. If we fail to inspire, we will fail to attract. If we fail to attract, we will become nothing more than a memory."*

Brethren, thank you for everything you have done and continue to do to make "Maryland Masonry a Pathway to Excellence."

What Does Masonry Mean in Your Life?

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



WE FIND MANY LODGES AND GRAND LODGES LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE MEMBERSHIP. We find desires to promote better programs. We change our meetings to make them more interesting. We do all these things, and more to promote Masonry to the un-initiated.

What I want to do is to look at Masonry for what it is and what it should mean to each of us. How can we take what we have and share it with our brothers in Freemasonry? Our members are all good men, and we have said on many occasions that our goal is to make them better men. The very heart of our degree work points this out and that alone will help to make good men better. However, gentlemen, this is not enough. We must be willing to live according to the teachings that we have received. Each lodge is composed of various individuals from all walks of life and it is inevitable that each one has a different idea of what makes a good man better.

It is not a definition of our brotherhood that we should

join together for personal or financial gain. This does not mean that we should not be a part of our brother's business or professional lives, but that we should not use our fraternity as simply a stepping stone to material success. We must find ways to become involved in our brother's family and daily lives. I am sometimes ashamed that, on occasion, I do not even know what a brother does for a living, or what part of a community he lives in. This is a fraternal organization and, as we become more detached in our sprawling communities, we should be more attached to the spiritual and community needs of our brothers. We should become a part of each brother's life in a way that gives him peace of mind and a source of helpful guidance when he needs it. That does not mean to interfere, but to be that friend that he can talk to when the occasion requires it.

As a young man, I had two very close friends. One was a Mason, the other was a senior DeMolay. The one who was a Mason married the other friend's sister and was very kind and helpful to my wife and I for all of the sixty-one years that we had together. Yesterday, I called my

friend on his ninety-fourth birthday and, of course, asked how his sister was getting along. My particular point is that Freemasonry should be like my relationship with these people over the eighty-some years that I have known them. But, the attitude should continue in my everyday life and that should distinguish me as a FREEMASON. We should have concern for our brothers and be more interested in what makes them, the person, they are. As long as we can maintain our lodges as meetings with friends, then we will continue to grow Freemasons. There should never be a stranger in your lodges, only friends that you will get to know a little better each time that you see them. There are so many ways that we can do a better job of knowing and communicating with our brothers. Our prayer should be that we need to encourage each other to be the kind of brother that we want that brother to be to us. God Bless You as we all strive to do a better joy of being a Freemason.

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Valley of Baltimore

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



APPLICATIONS FOR ROTC AND JROTC AWARDS by the Scottish Rite, Valley of Baltimore have been mailed to local high school and university training program directors along with the criteria

for award selection. The award consists of a medal, ribbon and certificate for the honored cadet. Whenever possible, the Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore will select and provide a presenter to attend the awards ceremony and formally present the award to the honored cadet.

If you are a Brother willing and available to be a presenter, please contact me or the staff here in the office at 410-243-3200. We are available Monday thru Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Any and all volunteers would be greatly appreciated.



Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: Hon. Gerald R. Phillips, 32°, KCCH– Aberdeen Lodge #187– Venerable Master



GREETINGS BRETHREN - I hope this finds you enjoying your spring with friends, family and all that goes with it. I'm looking forward to the fall activities where we will again spread more light through the work of the Scottish Rite.

In thinking about what to share here, I find it difficult at times to sit down and really approach a subject some will like but, then, I must speak with my heart. In the 18th degree, one of the duties is tolerance. In this day and age, with so much violence in the world, it becomes very difficult to respect the beliefs

and creeds of others. In my heart, I want to believe that there are more good people in the world than bad. As a career soldier, I have been many places in this world that most only read about in books and newspapers. One of these is the country of Iran. I was sent there on a special duty assignment. The holiday season was coming and we did not know how we were going to celebrate in a place where such holidays do not occur. By chance, the executive officer of the Iranian Army Depot, where we were assigned, was a very devout Muslim and our assigned liaison officer was an Iranian Army Lieutenant. Without our knowledge, this Muslim executive officer advised our Lieutenant to go find a turkey for our Thanksgiving feast. To my surprise, a turkey showed up in the arms of one of our drivers and we had a Thanksgiving celebration. I was speechless to say the least. As it came time for Christmas, we went to work that day not expecting anything special.

We got back to our team house around noon and we saw, sitting on the dining room table, a big bouquet of flowers and a box of very special candy. The executive officer provided a Christmas for us. Again, I didn't know what to say but "thank you for your thoughtfulness". Here he was, a devout Muslim, showing tolerance and respect for our faith. He didn't have to do these things but he did.

So what do we do in the present time? Do we try to separate the good from the bad or do we sit down at the table to find common ground? My story would say there is tolerance and respect in our world. We don't always see it but it is out there. We have many faiths in our fraternity. Let us respect all of them.

My brothers, I look forward to seeing you this fall as we continue our journey to provide light for our new brothers. Have a good summer and God bless.

Sound Familiar?

Cardinal Wolsey's Speech

From Henry VIII - a play by William Shakespeare & John Fletcher about 1613

So farewell to the little good you bear me.
Farewell! a long farewell, to all my greatness!
This is the state of man: to-day he puts forth
The tender leaves of hopes; to-morrow blossoms,
And bears his blushing honours thick upon him;
The third day comes a frost, a killing frost,
And, when he thinks, good easy man, full surely
His greatness is a-ripening, nips his root,
And then he falls, as I do.....

Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

By: Hon. Daniel L. Roberts, 32° KCCH – Pythagoras Lodge #123 - Wise Master



the form of a play. Freemasonry has high moral standards in which every Mason is bound to profess and practice daily; this has enabled it to be the largest and oldest Fraternal Institution in the world.

Here is an interesting read called the “THE MEASURE OF A MAN” by Past Master Albert Simon of Harmony Lodge No. 142, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

BRETHREN, as springtime is upon us, we are about to welcome a new Scottish Rite Class of 2016; 32nd Degree Scottish Rite members. This is a good time to address Masonic values. From the book of Positive Quotations (Deger and Gibson): “The needle of our conscience is as good a compass as any.” by Ruth Wolff. Let Your Values Be Your Guide.

Sometimes it is alright to be philosophical in order to refocus on our Masonic values.

As we learned in the First through the Third Degrees of Masonry, we should speak well of our fellow brother. Likewise, we should offer assistance to a distressed, worthy brother if we can do so without injury to ourselves. This virtue covers a broad spectrum that, at times, is neglected. Sometimes, a good counsel is all a brother truly needs to get back on track to a healthier and meaningful life. Freemasonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory, and presented to each candidate in

- *The measure of a man is not the battles he has won or lost, but the causes for which he has fought.*
- *The measure of a man is not the number of children he has born, but the manner in which he has taught them to live.*
- *The measure of a man is not the ideals he claims to believe, but the ideals he demonstrates.*
- *The measure of a man is not the material wealth he attains, but the use of that wealth toward a fulfillment of life.*
- *The measure of a man is not the power and authority he acquires, but the ability to use his power with wisdom and his authority with humility.*
- *The measure of a man is not merely his love of life, but the dignity with which he lives it.*

Every so often Brethren, we should step back and contemplate whether or not we are really living up to the obligations of our commitment to Freemasonry. When we entered the Lodge and affirmed our vows as Master Mason, we pledged we would continue to strive in search of More Light. But have we, or have we become complacent? There is always the opportunity to learn.

Literature is available at the local lodges, Scottish Rite and Grand Lodge. The opportunity to continue to search for More Light is there. By the time this article is published, our Scottish Rite Spring Class of 2016 shall have received their 32nd Degree. My congratulations to all of you. Remain ever vigilant, continue your search for further light, and endeavor to make this world a better place.



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Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Hon. Randall L. Watson, 32°, KCCH – Ancient Baltimore #234– Commander of Kadosh



WELL, we have survived one of the strangest periods of winter weather in recent history. December and most of January had temperatures that were well above normal – almost “balmy” at times; and then, the single largest snowfall ever recorded for Baltimore followed by single-digit highs with sub-zero wind chills. Then, in late February, we had the most rainfall on record for a single day. But, as is said in the lecture of the Fellowcraft Degree: *“Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has still survived.”* Lodges have had their elections and installations of officers in the voluntary and peaceful transition of leadership and power that is a Masonic tradition which has spread beyond our gentle craft, and was an important landmark in the formation and establishment of the government of the United States. The Scottish Rite Bodies have held our meetings to

elect candidates and the Spring Class of 2016 in Memory of Illustrious Ronald L. Unger, 33° is under way.

On January 10th, I had the honor to speak on behalf of the newly installed heads of the Baltimore Scottish Rite Bodies. We are all thankful for the trust you have reposed in us. As the leaders of the several Bodies, we are charged to remember the lesson of the Degree of Master of the Symbolic Lodge – that it is only with the cooperation and assistance of our brethren that we can truly realize that peace and harmony is the strength and support of all institutions, more especially this of ours.

On a personal note, when I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in October of 1979 in Nanticoke Lodge #172 over on the Eastern Shore, the Worshipful Master stated that it was the Lodge’s custom to present a Masonic bible to their newly raised members. He told me that the bible on the altar was mine, and that I could take it after the meeting closed. He also informed me, that since I had come through as a single candidate and not part of a class, that they had used that bible on the altar at both of the previous meetings when I had been initiated as an Entered Apprentice and passed to the degree of Fellowcraft; and so, I had taken all three Obligations of masonry on that bible.

Since that time, I have used this bible 22 times to take the oath of office every time I have been installed as the presiding officer of a masonic or masonic-related body, starting with Grand Commander of the Maryland DeMolay Court of Chevaliers, and including Patron of my Eastern Star Chapter. This has a great deal of significance and meaning for me, and I am grateful that I was allowed to use that bible on the altar for our installation.

Once again, it is an honor to be permitted to serve as Commander this year. Thank you for your support and all that you do in the cause of the Craft and our Rite.



Chesapeake Consistory

By: Ill. William D. Hooper, 33° - Tuscan Lodge #202 - Master of Kadosh



BY THE TIME THIS ISSUE OF THE RITE NEWS HAS REACHED YOU, the Spring Reunion is over and we are looking forward to the summer and all that comes along with it. Once again, Ill. Marlin L. Mills 33rd Degree, SGI and Lady Brenda hosted a wonderful cruise to the Eastern Caribbean which was well attended by our Scottish Rite brothers and their ladies. A Scottish Rite cruise has been an annual event in the past, and we look forward to each new sailing. If you enjoy good fun, good food and most of all good fellowship, this is a must event.

While speaking of fellowship, have you ever stopped for a moment and asked yourself why you became a Mason? I am sure we all have our own idea of why we joined the fraternity. Perhaps it was because our fathers, grandfathers, uncles or someone else we admired in the community was a Mason. Perhaps we attended a masonic function and were impressed by how hard everyone worked.

Well, my brothers, I think the real answer is that we joined for the Fellowship. Think about it. I believe we joined because we wanted to associate with men we perceived to be good men, and by joining we hoped to become good or better men ourselves. This is exactly what is meant by the phrase “Masonry makes good men better”. We cannot say it enough. We must repeat it over and over again, shout it out if necessary, until the downward spiral in our membership rolls stops and before it is too late.

While we have had some moderate success recently as a result of some extraordinary efforts, we are still losing ground each year. There are approximately 15,000 Masons living in Maryland today. Just think what it would mean if one third of the membership turned in just one petition this year. I realize this is wishful thinking or at best, pie in the sky, but what a shot in the arm that would be. Think about it my brothers. We can no longer be like the wallflower waiting for someone to ask us to dance. We have to become more pro-active. Ask yourself - what can I do to make a good man better?

A special thanks goes out to Brother A. Kenneth Hutcherson 32nd degree and Past Potentate of Boumi Shrine who was the guest speaker at our last meeting. Brother Ken spoke of his experiences as a radio operator/gunner on a B-17 bomber during raids over occupied Europe

during World War II. For his 26th mission over enemy territory, Brother Ken was decorated with the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf clusters and the Distinguished Service Cross. Recently, the French Government awarded Brother Hutcherson the Legion Of Honor for his service. We thank you Ken for your service and all that you and the many others who served with you have done for freedom throughout the world. The title of the “Greatest Generation” can hardly be disputed by those of us who are your beneficiaries. Thank you!

Finally, I wish to extend, on behalf of the officers of the Chesapeake Consistory, our congratulations to all of the new Honor Men who have recently been elected.



Echo's From the Mountaintop

KSA Hosts 9th Annual Robert Burns Supper

Over 125 people came to the Ali Ghan Shrine Club on Saturday, February 6th to celebrate the 257th birthday of Scottish tome, Robert Burns, to benefit The Children's League. Piper and cellist Bello and Cello provided the entertainment along with Sally and Robert Bittinger. The event recognized the "Passing of the Quaich" from outgoing Venerable Master Brother James Z. Bosley to incoming VM Brother Joseph W. Cushall. Brother Robin L. Summerfield offered the traditional Immortal Memory.

The Haggis was piped in by Bob Mitchell, accompanied by Past VM Brother Michael L. Kamauff, 32nd, KCCH, the Whisky Bearer, Past VM Brother Elmer (Bud) Bud Miles, Jr. 32nd, KCCH and Sword Bearer Brother Mike Wade. A variety of toasts were offered and Brother Mark Weatherholt, 32nd, KCCH offered the Ode to the Haggis and Brother Mark L. Widmyer, 32nd, KCCH, offered the Selkirk Grace. Dr. Mary Ann Lutz presented a reading "For A' That" accompanied by Piper Mitchell. Brother Joseph Kennedy and his lady Marsha presented the traditional Ode to the Lads and Lassies.

A silent auction raised additional monies. A check for \$3,000 was presented to The Children's League from KSA.



Hout Named Cumberland Valley "Mason of the Decade"

For his outstanding and unselfish service over many years to all the Scottish Rite bodies, Charles J. Hout, 33rd was recently awarded the Cumberland Scottish Rite Mason of the decade!

News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer



Scottish Rite Mason of the Year: Aaron Lea, 32nd KCCH

WWII veteran Aaron Lea 32nd KCCH was recently named Cumberland Valley "Mason of the Year." Lea has been an active member of the Knights of St. Andrew since its inception and active in virtually all Scottish Rite bodies.

Upcoming Events

April 30
Spring Class & Reunion,
Masonic Temple, Cumberland

May 7
Ladies Night, Ali Ghan Shrine
Club, Cumberland

May 15
Capping Ceremony, Masonic
Temple, Cumberland

June 6
Strawberry Night, Masonic
Temple, Cumberland

KSA names Sir Hill first Knight Chevalier

The K.S.A. Venerable Master and committee elected First Knight and Founder of the local Cumberland Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew, Ill. Sir Jamey S. Hill, 33rd as their first Knight Chevalier" in recognition of service rendered to the Valley of Cumberland, Scottish Rite. This award is an honorary title conferred upon an individual

by the Order, who demonstrate above and beyond the ordinary Fraternal Service. There shall be a maximum of twenty nine (29) living members of the Knights of St. Andrew, "Knight Chevalier" Ill. Sir Hill will be entitled to wear a medallion bearing the appropriate insignia, which was presented to him at the Jan. 6th, Installation of Officers, in Cumberland.

Buck a Cup in 16th year

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Buck-A-Cup just completed its 16th year. The Buck-A-Cup helps support the free Cumberland Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic and free orthopedic and orofacial clinics managed by the Children's League. This year \$3,000 was raised and donated.



New Officers Installed

On January 3, the Cumberland Valley installed new officers.

Lodge of Perfection:
Robin L. Summerfield, Senior
Warden
Samuel J. Lane, Junior Warden
Jason S. Landis, Orator

Knights of St. Andrew:
Joseph W. Cushall, Venerable
Master
Raymond W. Ryan III, Senior
Warden
Robin L. Summerfield, Junior
Warden
Michael W. McKay, Secretary/
Treasurer

Rose Croix:
James Snider, 32nd KCCH,
Wise Master
Gary Freeman, 32nd KCCH,
Senior Warden

R. Fran Shives, 33rd, Junior
Warden
Timothy Schupfer, 32nd,
Orator
James Z. Bosley, 32nd, Master
of Ceremonies

Cumberland Consistory:
John S. Spence, 32nd KCCH,
Master of Kadosh
Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32nd,
Chancellor
Edward L. Kave, Jr., 32nd,
Preceptor
Elmer Miles, Jr., 32nd KCCH,
Minister of State

Coordinate Bodies:
Harry E. Cox, Jr., Tyler
Howard V. Brode, 33rd,
Almoner
Robert H. Shaffer, 32nd,
Committee Member
Michael L. Kamauff, 32nd
KCCH, Dir. of Works
Billy Joe Wrights, 32nd KCCH,
Asst. Dir. Works

Fall One Day Class

Saturday, November 5th, 2016



The Fall One Day Class of 2016 will be held in the Memory of:

Illustrious Royal Pollockoff, 33°

Amicable-St. Johns Lodge #25

April 8th, 1929 – January 7th, 2016

Raised a Master Mason in Amicable Lodge #25 – April 18th, 1985

Scottish Rite – 32° - September 28th, 1991

Invested KCCH – October 6th, 1997

Coroneted 33° - October 7th, 2003

OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Open to all members and their families

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

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410-782-9297

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Bro. Stephen G. Hall, 32°
410-937-2878

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Bro. John Stathopoulos, 32°
410-592-2929

The Phoenicians and a Passage to Ethiopia (cont'd)

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

Men of Tyre

The men of Tyre, servants of King Hiram, were descended from the ancient Phoenicians. As we read in 1 Kings, these men of Tyre were noted by their knowledge of the sea, a fact compounds the geographical problem of Joppa. The Phoenicians were the most skilled and respected seamen of the ancient Mediterranean, their trading routes spanned through the Iberian Peninsula and modern Morocco to the East coast of Africa to India. These seamen spanned the extent of the world with their trade, and were the first to circumnavigate Africa, begging the question of how could men of Tyre, with their seafaring tradition, head to Joppa to get to Ethiopia, particularly if some of the

workmen had already visited Ethiopia by way of Eloth?

Joppa

The Biblical city of Joffa (Joppa), 30 miles away from Jerusalem was the major seaport for the city. Joppa was the landing point for the cedars provided by King Hiram for the temple, and it had a long Phoenician tradition. This was one of the cities founded by the Canaanites, from whom the Phoenicians were descended which was later absorbed by the Israelites. This city of Joppa makes even less sense as an embarkation point for Ethiopia when we consider that the city still had a large Phoenician population. They would have well known that it was not possible to able to sail to

Ethiopia from Joppa.

Conclusions

Our Ritual is myth and allegory, and in my opinion, nothing is included without an intention. Were there better ways to get to Ethiopia, yes... but the inquiry is the excitement my Brothers. This paper was written and presented to the Maryland Masonic Lodge of Research, a body dedicated to exploring Masonic ideas and presenting research to like-minded Brethren. When papers are not ready, we meet to discuss Masonic topics and share ideas. If the Scottish Rite interests you, if this paper interests you, look for our meetings at www.mmlr.org. We would love to talk about our gentle craft with you...

*Ecclesiastes
Chapter 1, Verse 9*

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

EXCERPT FROM GRAND MASTER YOST'S ADDRESS

BALTIMORE, MD,
NOVEMBER 17TH, 1942

FROM THE PROCEEDING OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND, 1942

.....My second comment is merely to repeat what I have said on numerous occasions before. Guard well the doors

of your lodges; scrutinize with particular care every petition which is submitted to you; do not repeat the mistake which we made twenty-five years ago of making Masonry a popular movement, and having bargain sales, as it were, of all its high privileges. We still carry incubus of some of the mistakes we made during the last World War. Let us not, in our anxiety to improve our statics or build our treasuries, lower the standards of Masonry or create problems for the Masonic generation which will succeed us. It is only as we keep in mind that Masonry is not a right which can be purchased, but rather a privilege which is to be

conferred, that the honor and dignity of the fraternity will be maintained upon the high level to which its rich traditions justly entitle it.....





Scottish Rite Photos



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Train Garden Request

Are you cleaning old treasures from your home? If you find any model trains or accessories that you would like to get rid of, please consider donating them to the Scottish Rite for use in our train garden. All you need to do is call us at the Scottish Rite office (410-243-3200) and we will even arrange to pick them up from you.

Also, if you are interested in helping with the design and set up of the train garden, just let us know. Work will most likely begin around mid to late August. Our members and most especially the children from the speech and language center get much pleasure from the garden and we would like to improve on it each year.

Conowingo Scottish Rite Club

Greetings to all from the Conowingo Scottish Rite Club. We had our quarterly meeting on the 6th of February and it went quite well. Our meeting place changed due to numerous problems at the restaurant where we previously met. This time, we met at Mt. Ararat Lodge #44, and our meeting was oriented toward Valentine's Day. We had a nice ham dinner to include all the fixings. At each table setting, there was a valentine favor with chocolate for each couple and each lady received a rose.

The president elect briefly discussed the origins of Valentine's Day and we were further entertained by the Job's Daughter's Choir. Everything went well and everyone in attendance had an enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately, the installation of officers was unable to take place

at this meeting and has been postponed to a later date. Our next meetings are tentatively scheduled for June 25, 2016 and October 22, 2016. We are currently planning to continue to meet at Mt. Ararat Lodge #44 unless another suitable venue can be found. Please come and join us for an enjoyable evening of good food, fellowship and entertainment.

If you would like information regarding this club or how to join, please contact:

Gerald R. Phillips, 32°, KCCH – President: 410-925-1497

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Charles (Bud) Ramsay, Jr., 32°, KCCH - Treasurer

Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33° - Thomas J. Shryock Lodge #223

CONGRATULATIONS

to Venerable Master Brother Robert Parsley, 32°, Lodge of Perfection and, Brother Dennis Leland, 32°, Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix. Each year starts off with new challenges and our new officers have started off running to face these challenges.

The first challenge facing us and, most valleys, is a financial one. Each year, it seems the expenses are increasing and our income remains the same. We started a program a few years ago at the suggestion on Ill. John W. LeRoy, call the Elu of the One Hundred. Each member donates \$40.00 to become a member. It has been a great help. The Venerable Master is

also having a pancake breakfast on Saturday mornings, once a month, and a Spaghetti Dinner in June. Family and friends are invited to these events and it is important to have a good turnout to be a success.

Masonic education is another important priority of the Valley of Southern Maryland. There will be Masonic Education Podcast on the meetings we do not have degree work.

The material presented in the Scottish Rite Degrees is very challenging and requires further study to receive the full benefit of the degrees. Brother Dennis Leland 32° is leading a study group using the Master Craftsman Program as a guide and tool.

One of the key factors to our success is the support we receive from our wives, families and friends. They are always there for our Family and Friends Events. I am embarrassed to say that they may even do most of the work. This does not seem exactly right but it is the truth. Scottish Rite is about education and fellowship, both with our brothers and our families. It gives us a better understanding of what is important in this world and makes us better citizens and better men.

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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70 Year Service Award – Brother Bennie Owens 33°



MWPGM Brother Bennie G. Owens, 33° receiving his 70 Year Service Award at the Installation of Officers of Annapolis Lodge #89 on Saturday, January 2nd, 2016.

Knights of St. Andrew – Guardians of Masonic Ideals

By: Tommy J. Morris, 32°, Columbia Lodge #58 – Knight Commander



OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ, KNIGHTS AND BRETHREN -

The purpose of the Knights of St. Andrew and Knights of St. Andrew Ladies Auxiliary (KSALA) of the Frederick Valley is to seek that which is most valuable in the world. We carry out our mission through intellectual development, charitable and moral programs, service, and mentoring. Ours has been a superb story of success, bringing hope and opportunity to our community and across the country through service and the dispensing of Charity without regard to race, color, creed or religion.

We have achieved numerous successes in the past year. The notable achievements include partnering with the Scottish Rite Valley of Frederick and the KSALA to host the Scottish Rite Christmas Gala, and our first ever Robert Burns Dinner. With a special thanks to Sir Adam Rivera 32°, whose efforts helped

to make the Robert Burns Dinner very special indeed. Our successes enabled us to raise funds for Breast Cancer Family Support, Frederick Chapter of DeMolay, and our Temple Restoration Fund.

While continuing efforts to attract and retain new and seasoned Scottish Rite Freemasons and their families, the Knights of St. Andrew and KSALA engaged in community events such as the Frederick, MD “In the Street” festival, the Frederick Celtic Festival, and other St. Andrew’s Society of Mid-Maryland events. We honor and celebrate service to God, the community and the Craft, while aiming to empower the community and broaden awareness of Scottish Rite Masonry. All the while, the Knights strive to shine the light of Scottish Rite Leadership by guiding our fellow man to recover moral virtues and spiritual values now lost in our society. It is through these actions that we can not only capture the attention of younger masons, DeMolay, and Rainbow girls, but also illustrate how they can write the next chapter of our successful institutions.

The month of June holds a very special meaning to our Country and to our Knights. It is the anniversary of Congressional Authority for “Old Glory”. On the 14th of June 1777, Congress decreed: “The flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes,

alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field, representing a new constellation.” As we are proud and fortunate to live in “the land of the free and the home of the brave,” we are ever so grateful to share this special month as our KSA birthday is on the 24th of June, 2014. For this date also commemorates the creation of the Knights of St. Andrew at the Battle of Bannockburn (Blàr Allt a’ Bhonnaich in Scottish Gaelic) on 24 June 1314.

In closing, as the Knight Commander for the Knights of St. Andrew, I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to come and celebrate with us at our Annual Festive Board on 25 June 2016. This will include an Honors and Remembrance Ceremony, and a menu of Bangers and Mash with delights. This will truly be a memorable event, celebrating another remarkable and historic year of new beginnings and advocacy for what is right in developing a unified spirit of Masonry in Action.

**Knights of St. Andrew,
Festive Board**
25 June 2016
Time 5:00 pm

Frederick Masonic Temple
6816 Blentlinger Road,
Frederick, Maryland 21701.

MASTER CRAFTSMAN COURSE -

“Scottish Rite Ritual & History” Essay for Quiz 5:

By: Brother Che F. F. Hackett, 32° - Palestine Lodge #189

THE IDEA OF TRUTHS VERSUS HIGHER TRUTHS, and reality versus a higher realm of reality has always been a philosophy that I have personally found intriguing. Such ideas have been explored in various Eastern philosophies and Eastern religions, and have been the forefront of the New Age Mystical Enlightenment movement. It also bears worth noting that such ideas have also served as the original philosophy in the early days of Christianity.

The Thirty-First Degree (31°) - Inspector Inquisitor, presents us with an amazingly graphic, descriptive image of these enlightened philosophies, in which truths versus higher realities are described within the lessons of this Degree. What I found most pleasantly surprising, while studying for this particular quiz, is the way the tale of the deceased candidate (here in this Degree representing the Architect, Cheres), presents his soul, while standing trial before the various Egyptian Gods.

The image of a man’s soul standing trial in the Court of the Dead, his casketed body close to where he stands, in a deep darkened cavern among the Egyptian Gods, conjures a very powerful image. The

lesson we are taught in this Degree, in describing the idea of truths versus higher truths, is expressed to help us face self-judgment and introspection, so as to help us find the truth within ourselves. The way the 31st Degree presents this lesson, is one where a “mirror” is given to the candidate in which to peruse upon and view his true self, and take the time to really examine his nature, and come to the understanding that the ways of this hardened reality of the flesh, in which there exists pride and external fake virtues, in no way compares to the higher truths of divine moralities.

The lower truths, which represent the nature of man while he is alive, teaches us that those ‘truths’ are corrupted and sullied, and it’s only through death and while standing judgment among the gods, are we able to peel away, remove, and divest of ourselves the last vestige of the corrupt hypocritical parts of us, until we are left with the higher untarnished truth, whereby we can truly ascend and walk among the Gods.

This introspection of ourselves, where layer by layer we remove of the corrupt and sullied parts of us, representing our reality in this life of flesh and blood, eventually leaves us with a clean, pure, spiritual being,

now able to walk among the ascended masters...amongst the Gods, in the ‘Realm of Light’ (“A Bridge To Light”...page 298).

In reading the material while studying for this Quiz, the 31st Degree does indeed peak my interest even more-so, with its dark and powerful imagery, yet at the same time providing us with an illuminating philosophy in which we are forced to look within, embrace the actual truths about ourselves, and then discard of the weaknesses of the mere mortal existence --- and ascend thereafter. The surprising thing is that the deep darkened cavern, in which we stand next to our casketed corpse, while standing introspective trial of ourselves, administered by what appears to be great intimidating Gods, eventually leads to a place of true light.

The poetic element of this Degree, from a darkened cavern, facing the scariest thing we can ever face...our true self...to a place of light, is surprisingly a very inspiring lesson, and one of hope. ‘Hope’ that we can face that which most of us dare not face in this life, discard of those weaknesses, and then walk as ascended beings.

A very powerful lesson indeed.

Valley of Frederick – Knights of St. Andrew Robert Burns Dinner 2016



Knights of St Andrew Frederick Valley 2016 Festive Board

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Kabbalah and the Scottish Rite

by: Hon. S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH- Annapolis Lodge #89

“The light that is revealed is called the Garment of the King. The light within, within is a concealed light.

In that light dwells the Ineffable One, the Unrevealed.

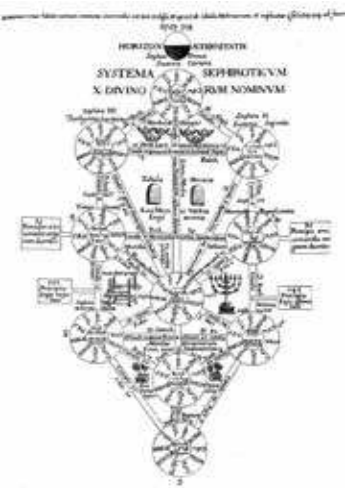
All those sparks and all those lights sparkle from the Holy Ancient One, concealed of all concealed, the High Spark.

Upon reflecting, all those lights emanating - there is nothing but the High Spark, hidden and unrevealed”

For many people, the word Kabbalah conjures images of famous pop-stars like Britney Spears and Madonna wearing red strings as talismans to ward off dangers of the “evil eye.” Or it might make some think of new age or occult practices. Scottish Rite Masons, however, are introduced to an entirely different concept of this ancient system of beliefs.

At the very beginning of our Scottish Rite journey, we were shown the Tree of Life of the Kabbalah, which is the tradition’s central mystical symbol. It conceptually represents the divine emanations that created the world, including man. The Secret Master (4°) degree presents the Kabbalah simply as a philosophic system, not to be seen as a religious doctrine. It is a symbolic and mystical school of thought that will aid us in our masonic progression through the degrees of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Kabbalah is referenced in just under a quarter of the current degrees of the A&ASR. Although the degrees of the Scottish Rite regularly mention the Kabbalah, like many other themes in our degrees, it is entrusted to each of us to interpret its meaning and discover how it could be important in our lives. Both the Scottish Rite and the Kabbalah are rich with multiple layers of symbolism and allegory. Kabbalah (הלֵבָק) literally means “receiving” and alludes to the receiving of the ancient esoteric wisdom passed down over the centuries from mouth to ear.

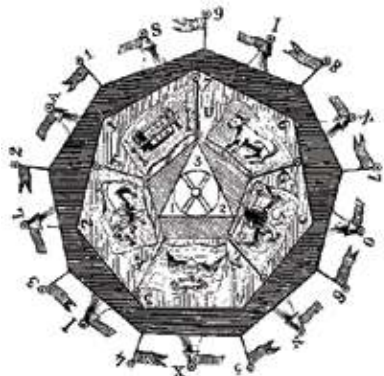


17th Century detailed depiction of the Tree of Life by Athanasius Kircher

Traditional Kabbalists believe the Kabbalah pre-dates world religions but it developed within Judaism. It is so interwoven with Jewish tradition that it is difficult to separate Kabbalah from the religion, although some Christians and occult groups have tried to adapt it to align with their belief systems. Even though it was originally an oral tradition, it was eventually

written down in multiple texts, comprising the body of work of the Kabbalah. Some of the primary texts are the Hekhalot, Sefer Yetzirah, Bahir, and the most well-known, the Zohar. Isaac Luria expanded on the teachings of the Zohar in the 16th century. One of the central concepts in Lurianic Kabbalah is the existence of a divine spark in man, something that should remind every Scottish Rite Mason of the Holy Doctrine of the 32°.

Before these primary texts appeared, many mystical themes in the Kabbalah tradition existed in Talmudic sources. One such theme was the Ma’aseh Merkavah (הבכרמ השעמ), meaning “work of the chariot.” This deals with the vision Ezekiel received on the banks of the Chabar River where he visualized the four ethereal universes of Kabbalah, corresponding to the four letters of the Tetragrammaton. In his vision, Ezekiel saw four Chayot (Living Creatures), each with four faces: a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle.



Camp from the 32°

TO BE CONTINUED.

The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrews Robert Burns Dinner for 2016



Ancient Metallurgy and Masonic Symbolism

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



PART I

Throughout my career, I have pursued my livelihood in the field of manufacturing, and that choice was due, in part, to my interest in the industrial arts. While much of Masonic symbolism is linked to the tools of the builder's trade, we are also given a taste of other manufacturing arts, particularly metallurgy and foundry operations. This paper explores the technology and symbolism related to the casting of metal during the period when King Solomon built his temple.

The first order of business is to clarify our use of the words "brass" and "brazen." This metal was not used by ancient people because brass is artificially created by mixing copper with zinc. The element zinc was not discovered until the 16th Century, and although its use in copper alloys predates its discovery, there is no archeological or historical record of its use until the Christian era.

In Freemasonry, what we refer to as being made of brass, was, in fact, bronze, another artificially produced substance made by mixing copper and tin. When producing the King James Bible, first published in 1612, early translators mistakenly used "brass" when "bronze" was correct. Another example of translator inaccuracy is using the word "brass" instead of "copper". There is a certain text in the scriptures that erroneously refers to mining brass, which does not occur geologically.

Bronze is a very significant material in the history of humanity. It was stronger than wrought iron and used for a myriad of applications. Tools, armor, decorative items and weapons were produced from bronze. The earliest forms of bronze were alloys of copper and arsenic. Later, the superior blend of copper and tin was discovered and utilized. Copper and tin rarely occur together in deposits of ore, therefore, the production of bronze required commerce and trade.

The general proportion of the components of bronze is approximately 85-90% copper, and the remainder is tin. By varying the amounts of each metal in the mixture, the properties of the bronze can be adjusted to achieve desirable results. There are many bronze tools in the British Museum collection found by Austin Layard at Nineveh. When an analysis was performed, it was learned that the tools such as chisels

were approximately 88% copper, a scabbard 85%, a musical instrument 88% and a mirror was 67% Copper, 25% tin, and 8% lead. Other analyzes reveal additional trace elements in the bronze such as iron. Ancient craftsman seemed to possess lost knowledge in hardening the sharpened end of a chisel and coating the bronze with a corrosion inhibiting patina.

The discovery of releasing metals from their ores by fire and innovations in the art of casting and forging can be biblically traced to the work of Tubal, who was a descendant of Cain. Contrary to the popular belief of those who get their biblical history and theology from Hollywood, Tubal-Cain was not the nemesis of Noah. By the description in the book of Genesis, he was a metalsmith. Some scholars believe he was a miner. The deeper meaning of his place in Masonic symbolism has been suggested by Albert Mackey, who tells us that he is a symbol of worldly possessions. Perhaps he serves as a reminder to all good Masons, that the path to being perfected is not through acquisition of the trappings of success, but rather intangibles such as the attainment of useful knowledge.

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Maryland DeMolay

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



IN REVIEWING THE CENTRAL MESSAGE coming from the Grand Lodge, we hear the importance of mentoring. We are beginning to redouble our efforts to mentor or teach our new Masons in our Lodges so they are better equipped to proceed through this Fraternity of ours without major pitfalls. We hear how important it is to educate our members so we don't lose them to embarrassment within the lodge or neglect after they have become a Mason and are sitting on the sidelines wondering what is next.

Mentoring is important on varying levels and the advisors of all three youth groups take

this extremely seriously with our members. What better place to hone your skill for mentoring or take up the challenge of a different type of mentoring than shaping the lives of our true future leaders? If we as Masons are to guard the West Gate as we receive petitioners we may not personally know, what better way to make this easier for us than to introduce our youth of today to the groups we sponsor? These groups were begun by those acquainted with Masonic and family values. The lessons taught within the walls of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow are those we all learned within the walls of our homes. As a youth Mentor, you can strengthen those value sets

that are often lost as families are too busy to have family time.

Teaching values is important but not the only lessons taught. We mentor our members as leaders. We help them with the skills of public speaking, budget making, working with others and many other skills desperately needed for today's work force and leaders. While many say "What's in it for me?", we advisors say "Everything". These young people will be our business owners, doctors, electricians, politicians and so on. Wouldn't it make for a better world if we were setting our future leaders up for success? This brings us back to the West Gate. These are the individuals who will be knocking at your door for membership. These are the individuals who will be assuming the seats of leadership and guiding our lodges forward. We guard the West Gate by first teaching those who will approach.

Thank you all for your support and please consider what you might have to offer to our youth. Keep in touch through our website www.mddemolay.org. We have plenty of activities coming up that you are welcome to attend.

The Clinic Corner

Lisa McGrain, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist



GREETINGS FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE CLINIC!

It's so hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close and summer is upon us. We have been busy wrapping up our contracts with the nearby private schools - The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, with whom we've been working closely for more than 10 years, and our newest partner school - The Friends School of Baltimore. After many years of completing screenings at the Friends School, we are happy to announce our official partnership. This collaboration was a long time coming, and we are so happy to have finally made an agreement with the school to see students for therapy during the day. The end of the academic year brings final sessions, speech parties, and progress reports for each student outlining growth and improvements made throughout the school year. We hope that many of our students will choose to continue services over the summer at Scottish Rite

in order to maintain important skills until school resumes in the fall.

We have very exciting news that we would like to share with all of you! The Scottish Rite Clinic in Baltimore has been asked to be a part of the "Celebrating the Craft" fundraising

event taking place at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 21st. Chrissy will be going live during this extravaganza to promote the clinic and answer questions about our services. As a portion of the show, they will also be interviewing a few of our clients and their families about the impact our clinic has made on them. This is a great way to raise money for our center and increase awareness about us in the community as well. We are so happy that they asked us to be a part of such a special Scottish Rite fundraiser! Be sure to watch out for us on the 21st!

We would like to send a big congratulations to Sarah Spicer who recently completed her clinical fellowship year and is now a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist! Sarah has worked under Chrissy's supervision for the past 9 months and is now officially an independent SLP. We are so lucky that Sarah will be staying on board with us

here! And while we do not have an intern scheduled to be with us this summer, the Brockman scholarship interviews will be taking place in May, which will bring new, highly qualified graduate student clinicians. We look forward to working with them!

You may have noticed the banner out front promoting our summer literacy camp which begins in June. It is not too late to join us! We still have spots available for our 6 week program targeting phonological awareness skills such as rhyming and sound/letter correspondence, and promoting story comprehension. It is perfect for any children you know who are just beginning to read or struggling with basic reading skills, and is a great way for rising preschoolers or kindergarteners to work on school readiness. Please see the flyer and brochure (including registration form) included in this magazine for more information.

If you know of anyone who may need a speech and language evaluation or who is seeking therapy services for their children or grandchildren, we encourage you to pass along our information to family and friends. It would be greatly appreciated. We always enjoy working with new clients and their families! From all of us at the Scottish Rite Clinic, we hope you have a fun and relaxing summer. Stay cool!

Respect for the Organization or Self Respect.....Part 2

By: Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° - SGIG in Maryland

AS I WROTE THE ARTICLE *Respect for the Organization or Self Respect* for the last Scottish Rite News magazine, I wondered if anyone would read it. I wondered if those who did would take offense and I wondered what the response would be. I must admit, I was very surprised and I want to thank each of you who called or commented on the article and I sincerely want to thank each of you who sent a donation. True respect for our organization and self-respect is lending a helping hand in a time of need. It is something this great nation has been and is known for in every country in the world.

Many of you suggested I start a fundraising campaign; hire a company to send letters and collect donations. This is something we have never done in the past. I think most people are tired of all the letters that fill their mailbox asking for money. Some even give little gifts in order to entice a donation. So you send in a dollar and next week you get a letter wanting two dollars or two hundred dollars. So what is the answer? We have tried things that are fun and things that you enjoy and get something in return i.e. Lobster Feast, Bingo, Cruises & Concerts. Some are very well attended and some very poorly attended. So again, what is the answer? Will you travel with me for a moment back to 1925?

Our beautiful temple on Charles Street was built as the headquarters for The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Maryland. It is a magnificent structure of Indiana limestone, built in the Italian Renaissance style. Ten stately columns, reminiscent of those classic Grecian temples from centuries ago, are the first to attract your attention from any angle. Twenty-one rows of massive steps welcome you to the beautiful portico that host two bronze doors each weighing 1,800 pounds. Trimmed in marble, the grand lobby invites you into a splendid auditorium that seats over 1,000 guests. There is a stage, forty feet by eighty feet, with a proscenium opening, twenty-eight feet by forty feet, that awaits to host concerts, plays, musicals and weddings to be enjoyed by the masses. A fine banquet hall is located on the lower level that can seat 665 comfortably where guests may be served and entertainment may be staged during any festive event. Classrooms, a library, lounges, a robing room and a property room have all been provided for. Headquarters for the Sovereign Grand Inspector General and the Secretary of the Orient of Maryland are among the many other features located in the splendid edifice. The temple was designed by brothers Clyde and Nelson Friz of Baltimore in association with Mr. John Russell Pope of New York City.

Ok, back to today, the 21st century and your home, a home that you have a right to be proud of. Any Brother in the Orient of Maryland can invite anyone to visit, without shame, to see the majestic beauty of his Scottish Rite Temple. This majestic beauty is symbolic of the beauty and dignity of a creed whose ultimate ideal is the Universal Brotherhood of Man and recognition of the Fatherhood of God! Respect for One's Self and Respect for the Organization is Self-Evident in the maintenance and preservation of this magnificent home of Scottish Rite Masonry in Maryland.

Many of you talked about a much needed campaign to raise funds. I talked about the majestic steps leading up to the entrance. These steps and the wall they abut are in serious need of repair. The elements have not been kind to the 80 year old limestone. The cost to just repair the steps and wall is in excess of \$300,000. We have completed the repairs to the roof and now the galvanized steel drain pipes, that carry water off the roof, have started to rust away and new leaks in the auditorium dome can be seen. These repairs are estimated to be near \$100,000 or more. It seems we repair one thing and a new need arises. This is to be expected with anything that ages. Look at some of us as we grow older (or mature). It costs money for our maintenance.

In the beginning, I mentioned that many of you suggested we start a campaign to raise funds for an endowment to preserve and maintain our temple that will eventually become self-sustaining. Raising money through outright gifts is much the same way in which the Maryland Brethren of the Scottish Rite built this temple. Today, hallowed by the same Brotherly love of all Scottish Rite Masons in the Orient of Maryland who recognize the sacredness of their Masonic ties,

“Let’s restore and preserve”

the Scottish Rite Temple will be preserved as a monument to the Masonic ideals for our children and our children’s children. We all talk about how much we receive from Masonry; it is not, therefore, too much to ask that now we give something back to Scottish Rite Masonry.

Remember the brother who said “I have paid my dues for over 30 years”? INSTEAD, why not make a pledge to our temple preservation fund and pay it off in 30 months? (30 monthly payments)

Would you be a part of a new campaign?

“Renew the Temple with a Renaming Campaign”
To perpetuate a living name or to dedicate to a cherished memory.

Any of the following specific units of the temple are now available for renaming
(Original nameplates will remain. A new large brass plate will be added)

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The Temple	\$1,000,000
The Auditorium	\$50,000
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We have taken your challenge. The call goes out now.....to the greatest builders the world

has ever known....MASONS – SCOTTISH RITE MASONS -- To preserve and restore a home dedicated to God and the ideals to which each of you has pledged himself.

If Masonic obligations are not merely lip service....

If Masonic teachings are not merely like the sands in the hour glass and Masonic symbolisms have no greater substance than the things dreams are made of.....

Then are the tenants of our Fraternity meaningless?

Not with the Brethren of the Maryland Scottish Rite! Brothers who still have faith in the unshakeable truth of their Masonic Creed, their Masonic obligations!

We believe in you Brother! Let’s restore and preserve our beautiful home. Home for you, your Brothers and your Family!

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I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge No. _____

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And I have resided at my current residence preceding date of this petition for _____ months/years.

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Upcoming **Events** 2016

Wednesday, May 4th	Southern Maryland Cinco de Mayo	6:00pm
Thursday, May 5th	Frederick – Breakfast: Barbara Fritchie's	9:00am
Saturday, May 7th	Cumberland Ladies Night	4:30pm
Sunday, May 15th	Cumberland Capping Ceremony	2:00pm
Wednesday, May 18th	Scottish Rite Club Washington Co. – Bourbon Tasting	
Thursday, May 19th	Susquehanna – LOP	7:30pm
Saturday, August 20th	Lobsterfest	2:00pm
Wednesday, September 14th	Baltimore – Lodge of Perfection Dinner @ 6:30pm - \$10.00	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 21st	Baltimore – Chapter Rose Croix Dinner @ 6:30pm, - \$10.00	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 28th	Baltimore – Council of Kadosh Festive Board @ 7:15pm - \$15.00	6:30pm
Wednesday, October 5th	Baltimore – Consistory Dinner @ 6:30pm - \$10.00	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 19th	Baltimore - Fall Class Orientation	6:30pm
Sunday, October 30th	Memorial Service - Baltimore	2:00pm
Saturday, November 5th	Fall One Day Class	7:30am