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**SUSQUEHANNA**

Thursday, May 18th

## **CAPPING CEREMONY**

**CUMBERLAND**

Sunday, May 21st

## **STRAWBERRY NIGHT**

**FREDERICK**

Thursday, June 15th

## **LOBSTERFEST**

**BALTIMORE**

Saturday, August 5th

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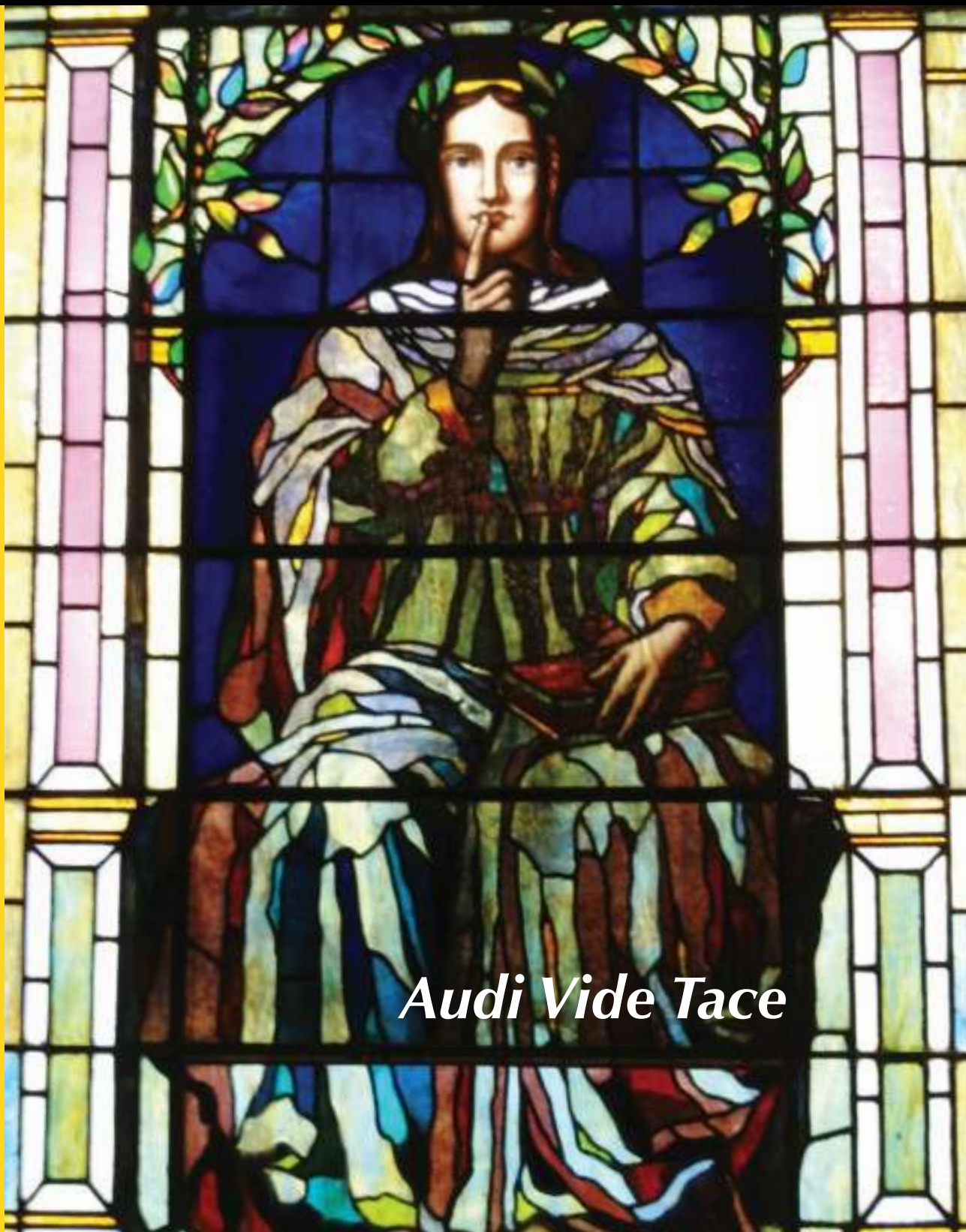
**THE LOWE'S FARM**

Saturday,  
September 16th

## **ORIENT HONORS DAY**

**BALTIMORE**

Saturday,  
October 14th



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

Greetings to all,

As always, I hope this issue of The Rite News finds you all well and ready for summer. I just heard, on the weather report, that the temperature is going down into the single digits tonight. Writing these notes sure has a way of making time fly. Our Spring Class and lodge meetings are now history. I want to extend my sincerest Thanks and Congratulations to everyone who helped. Regardless of the office you hold, or the part you took, nothing could have been accomplished had it not been for your efforts.

I welcome our newest Scottish Rite Masons all across Maryland. I invite you to think of the messages that were a part of each degree you witnessed and come back and get involved. It is your Scottish Rite.

Our Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP) was designed with you in mind. There are new ideas and activities for you to consider being a part of. These ideas come from men just like you from all across the United States and all walks of life.

There is nothing hard, demanding, or mandatory, you just need to show up and be a part of your Scottish Rite Valley. There are now six growing Valleys. Susquehanna Valley recently petitioned for a Charter for their Chapter of Rose Croix and Frederick is ready to begin their Council



of Kadosh. As in your blue lodge, you are always welcome to participate or just visit. Speaking of visit, why not visit our web page at [www.MD.SCOTTISHRITE.org](http://www.MD.SCOTTISHRITE.org) and view the many, many, things happening throughout the great Orient of Maryland. Our Lobster Fest on August 5th is an event not to be missed. Make your reservations Now- NO TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

Invite a brother or a friend who may or may not be a Mason. This is a perfect opportunity to show him a part of our wonderful fraternity. You may be surprised when he asks – “How do I become a member?”

In closing, I hope each of you have a terrific, safe and healthy summer and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



## Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

By: MW Kostas Vourvoulas, 33° – Jephthah Lodge #222



UPON RECEIVING THEIR Third Degree, many of our new Master Masons continue to seek “Still Further Light in Masonry”. It is the duty of the Scottish Rite to provide our new brothers with a venue where they are able to receive this enlightenment.

The spring classes are now forming. The Orient of Maryland hopes to add another large group of brothers to the ranks of the Scottish Rite. The one day conferral in the fall saw 129 new brothers become Scottish Rite Masons. This constituted one of the largest classes ever in Maryland.

During of the past several years, the Grand Lodge of Maryland has put forth an extensive effort to increase membership in our Blue Lodges. While progress has been made in certain areas of our state, there

has not been an increase in others. So, beginning in March and continuing through April and May, the Grand Lodge will

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–Margaret Meade

embark on a more extensive social media campaign. With an enhanced Facebook presence and using other social media avenues, the public awareness campaign will be able to reach out to the areas of the state that have not been affected by our television and radio advertisements. We believe that this will assist us in reaching potential members in Western and Southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore. Not only will this marketing scheme reach more areas, but it will do so at a reduced cost.

Increasing the membership in the Blue Lodges directly affects membership in all of the

collateral bodies. Therefore, it is not only in the best interest of the Blue Lodges to increase their membership, but it is also in the best interest of the collateral bodies. Therefore, increasing membership must be every member’s top priority. THINK MEMBERSHIP!!!!

Margaret Meade said, “Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have”.

The caring people who have changed a small part of the world are the speech pathologists at the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Centers. These individuals have dedicated their lives to helping children with speech and language disorders. Picture being a parent of a child with a speech disorder and hearing your child speak for the first time. We can only imagine the emotion of that moment. It would bring tears to our eyes.

We, as Scottish Rite Masons, can be proud that we are able to help children in this fashion and I urge you to support these clinics in every way possible.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and our entire Masonic Family as we spread the Light of Freemasonry throughout the world.

## Orient Personal Representative

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



SITTING HERE AT my computer and looking out of the window, I notice the snowflakes falling gently on the ground. I am reminded that each one is different and that each must have a different purpose in the grand scheme of things. So it is with our fraternity, each individual mason is different and may have a different purpose in the grand scheme of our fraternity. Neither you nor I, as individuals, can exactly orchestrate each mason into a certain position. We can,

however, use the tools that the Supreme Architect has given us and do that which produces the best results.

**We can utilize that which we have learned to be better citizens of our great nation and better friends for all mankind.**

Let us think about the working tools that are afforded us as we practice the art of FREEMASONRY. Our leaders are recognized by the Plumb, Square and Level. If we but use these tools as they have been explained to us, then we will realize that there is a power greater than each of us that

allows likeminded men to work together and produce results that are far beyond the ability of the individual.

It is not my purpose today to outline all the tools of masonry that we use, but only to get us to think about that which we have available to use in following our trade as Freemasons. It is not wrong to reach back into the lessons that we have learned and make our job of improving the craft a task that we all can enjoy.

I guess that the greatest advantage, to me, is the fact that the lessons of Freemasonry are not secret and that we can share the truths and directions with those we love. Yes, the words and signs are secret, but the truth and brotherly love are for all mankind. We can utilize that which we have learned to be better citizens of our great nation and better friends for all mankind.

*Save the Date*

**Orient of Maryland Honors Day**

**Knight Commander Court of Honor Investiture, Capping Ceremony of New Knight Commanders & New Inspector Generals – Honorary**

**Reception to Follow**

**Saturday, October 14th, 2017**

*Additional information in the next Rite News*



## Valley of Baltimore

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



**THE FOLLOWING** High Schools and Universities in the Baltimore area have been requested to submit one outstanding cadet in the second year of a three year period or in the third year of a four year program to receive the Scottish Rite award for Education and Americanism.

### JROTC

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Franklin High School  
Friendly High School  
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McDonogh High School  
Milford Mill Academy  
North Western High School  
Oakland Mills High School  
Overlea High School  
Patapsco High School  
Patterson High School  
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute  
Woodlawn High School  
Frederick Douglass High School

### ROTC

Anne Arundel Community  
Bowie State University  
Notre Dame of Maryland

University of Maryland  
McDaniel College  
Mt. St. Mary's University  
Morgan State University  
Coppin State University  
Hood College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Loyola University  
Towson University  
Stevenson University

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 the office at 410-243-3200. Any and all volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

## Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



**AS I WRITE** this message, it is a comfortable 62 degrees outside - in February. This can only be another indication that spring is right around the corner, and with it, the commencement of our formal degree cycle. In the Lodge of Perfection, we are presenting several degrees which have not been performed in many years; the 7th, 9th and 10th.

Conferring the 9th and 10th, along with the 11th and 14th degrees that we

normally perform here in Baltimore, means that we will be demonstrating, in full form, all the Scottish Rite “Elu” degrees, one facet of which is to demonstrate the interaction of the various components or groups that constitute the government of a Republic. This is a very important concept in the Rite, one that takes the lessons of the degrees from a speculative plane to one which is more practical and has an impact on our entire society and not just in the lives of our own members.

If you have not seen these degrees conferred, and I can imagine there are many newer brothers who have not had the opportunity, I strongly encourage you to come out and see the degrees. Our spring meeting of the Lodge

of Perfection was extremely well attended, with many of the new brothers from our fall “One Day” class attending, and it would be a great opportunity for all of them to come and see the degrees that were only communicated in the previous cycle demonstrated as they were meant to be. With that in mind, I close with the words of Albert Pike: “It is for each individual Mason to discover the secret of Masonry, by reflection upon its symbols and a wise consideration and analysis of what is said and done in the work. Masonry does not *inculcate* her truths. She *states* them, once and briefly; or hints them, perhaps, darkly; or interposes a cloud between them and eyes that would be dazzled by them. “*Seek*, and ye shall *find*,” knowledge and the truth.

## Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

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



**WE HAVE HAD** a busy Spring here at the Scottish Rite and I would like congratulate our new 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Hopefully, the illuminating degrees you have experienced have ignited an interest in pursuing further light in Masonry.

The culmination of the Chapter of Rose Croix is the 18th degree and it is permeated with symbolism. Of course, you have



the rose and the cross, but there is also the pelican, eagle, pillars, blazing star, the veil, the cubical stone, and plenty more. The symbols often relate to subjects

such as alchemy, Kabbalah, philosophy, and general mysticism.

One of the lectures of the 18th degree, that is not present during the conferral, deals with the Pythagorean Tetractys and explains the significance of the “Mysterious Numbers” learned in Freemasonry, particularly in the Fellowcraft degree. This figure was originally formed with ten dots, but the Tetractys pictured here is constructed from the Hebrew letters of the name of Deity. The ten positions can

be seen as referencing the ten *Sephiroth* frequently mentioned throughout Kabbalistic literature. So, you can see how just a single Scottish Rite degree can open up many paths of study to pursue.

It can be overwhelming trying to comprehend all of the symbolism portrayed throughout the degrees of the Scottish Rite. To help members get a grasp of the complexities of the degree rituals and the Scottish Rite in general, the Supreme Council has developed the

Master Craftsman Program. The program consists of three correspondence courses that cover the symbolism of the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite history and ritual, and, finally, Scottish Rite philosophy. More information can be found on our website under the *Membership* menu.

Now is the perfect time to start the Master Craftsman Program while the summer months are upon us. I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Scottish Rite next fall!



## Maryland Council of Kadosh

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



"WHY DO YOU go to work, dad?", my 4 year old son asks me one morning as I am putting on my shoes. No one in my household is awake at my usual time of departure, so this was a fairly rare occurrence of just father and son sitting together with no activity or agenda to pursue. He has asked this question before and I answered as before. I attempted to explain that an occupation was how a person provides for the needs, like food and clothing, and wants, like toys and television, of oneself and family.

I thought the repetition of the question was from a young child's need to hear a concept over and over, as his understanding increases

through his experiences and knowledge of the world. Each time, filling in the concept with more depth and color, until one day he understands the answer in its full context and moves on to a more advanced question. Reflecting upon this scenario later, I wondered, maybe he had moved on to another question. His question could be an inarticulate attempt at "what is the purpose of work, dad?" Masonry and my religious studies have provided ample preparation to answer this question in all its connotations, and made answering it well a priority in my life. I began to worry that maybe I had lost a good teaching moment between a father and his son.

Then I thought of my own boyhood, between the ages of 4 and 10. A few times, I had awakened earlier than usual and caught five to ten minutes alone with my father before he left for work. He also usually departed before the rest of the household was awake. As I aged, memories of these occurrences merged and

formed a single experience. I cannot remember any particular words exchanged between my father and me in these slivers of time. I only recall that feeling of excitement which a child feels when an adult talks and listens to them with respect and affection. To talk and listen with respect and affection probably is not only desirable in a father, but also a husband, brother, friend, or even a kind stranger. It is also not an inherently easy way to behave. It requires work. This is one reason why I work, son.

Thank you to all the brothers who came to the Council of Kadosh Festive Board. The high number in attendance added to the festivities. Also, thanks to all whose organization and hard work make such entertaining events possible. Many degrees are planned for this spring class. I recommend brothers review the schedule for any you may not have seen or have not seen in a while. A great deal of work goes into each degree and we can honor the labor of our brethren with our attendance.

## Maryland Council of Kadosh Festive Board for Spring 2017



## Maryland "Scottish Rite of Freemasonry" License Plates



Available through the Baltimore Office for  
SR Masons and their spouses.

The Office is open M-F from 9am to 3pm @ 410-243-3200 or you may email [aasr@verizon.net](mailto:aasr@verizon.net) and the forms will be mailed to you.

Cost is \$30.00



## 2016 Scottish Rite Mason of the Year ANDREW L. VINEBERG, 32°, KCCH



*Mason of the Year*

Bro. Vineberg, 32°, KCCH was chosen as the Scottish Rite Mason of the Year for 2016. Bro. Vineberg is very active in the Scottish Rite. Bro. Vineberg was raised a Master Mason in Amicable-St. Johns Lodge #25 in September of 2007, became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Spring Class of 2008 and was Invested with the honorary title of KCCH in 2013. He is a Past Wise Master of the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix, a Past President of the Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club and has been a cast member in numerous degrees. Currently, Bro Vineberg is the Degree Master of the 18th Degree, Expert in the 14th Degree and "Lincoln" in the Feast of Tishri and helps out around the Temple wherever there is a need.

## Conowingo Scottish Rite Club



**THE CONOWINGO** Scottish Rite Club held its first meeting of 2017 on February 25, 2017 at Mount Ararat Lodge in Bel Air, MD. We had a period of social time from 6:30 to 7:00p.m. We had a brief opening followed by a ham dinner cooked and served by the Nelson J. Briggs DeMolay Chapter.

The program consisted of some Show and Tell items such as old duck decoys and a most interesting item, a 4 gauge Punt Gun used in the old days to kill ducks in large numbers. He also provided an interesting and informative history of waterfowl hunting on the Chesapeake Bay.

After dinner, we had a program by Mr. C. John Sullivan from the Havre De Grace Duck Decoy Museum. The Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, S.G.I.G. introduced Mr. Sullivan and gave a brief history of Mr. Sullivan.

The evening was concluded with Mr. Sullivan answering questions in reference to the show and tell items and the slide show.

Our next meeting will be held in May or June and the last one of the year will be held in the October time frame. For further information, please contact one of the individuals named below.

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410-387-6058

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## Scottish Rite Presents:



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# Echo's From the Mountaintop

## KSA Celebrates 10th Annual Burns Supper

The Cumberland Valley Knights of St. Andrew celebrated their 10th Annual Robert Burns Supper at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club in Cumberland

on February 4 to benefit The Children's League. Over 100 guests and knights enjoyed an evening of toasts, food, haggis, music, poetry and laughter. Ill.

Jamey Hill, 33rd was recognized as the founder of KSA and presented a framed photo signed by each of the previous KSA Venerable Masters.



**1. Joe Kennedy hams it up prior to Burns Supper.**

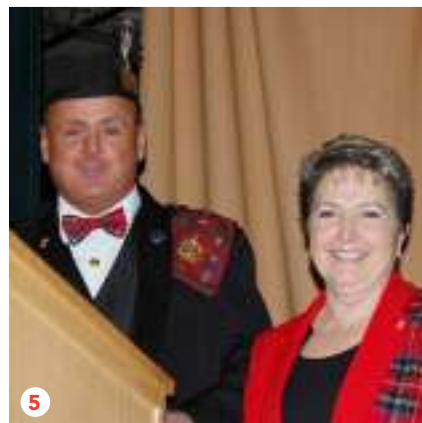
**2. Personal Representative Jamey Hill welcomes Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland, Kostas Vourvoulas**

**3. Former KSA Venerable Masters present Personal Representative Jamey Hill a photograph thanking him for founding KSA in Cumberland and for 10 years of dedicated KSA leadership. L-R: Jamey Hill (2007), Mark Weatherholt (2010), Tim Schupfer (2012), Jim Bosley (2015), Bud Miles (2009), Mike Kamauff (2014), Ray Ryan (2017)**

**4. Mark Weatherholt performs the traditional "Ode to the Haggis."**

**5. Tim and Susan Schupfer offer the traditional Toasts to the Lads and Lassies.**

**6. KSA Officers Mike McKay, Mike Kamauff, Ed Kave, Ray Ryan, Jim Bosley and Robin Summerfield pose with The Children's League Executive Director, Kathy Growden after presenting a \$3500 check.**



## News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer, 32°, KCCH

## Installation: Cumberland Style!

**1. Outgoing Body Head Certificates Awarded:** Scott R. Paddock, 32°, (for Gerard T. Kendle, 32°) Washington County Scottish Rite Club; Honorable John S. Spence, 32° KCCH, Master of Consistory; Joseph W. Cushall, 32°, K.S.A. Venerable Master; Honorable James M. Snider, 32° KCCH, Wise Master Rose Croix; Honorable Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32° KCCH, Venerable Master Master of Lodge 2016 and Presenter Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative in Cumberland.

**2. Snyder and Nieves receive Master Craftsman:** Honorable James M. Snider, 32° KCCH; Presenter S.G.I.G. Marlin L. Mills, 33°; Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative Emeritus and Daniel A. Nieves, 32°.

**3. Token of Appreciation to Outgoing VM Taylor:** Venerable Master Honorable Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32° KCCH, receiving Token of Appreciation from 2017 Venerable Master, Robin L. Summerfield, 32°.

**4. Presentation from 2016 A-Buck-A-Cup Fundraiser to the Children's League:** Ill. Kenneth R. Wilson, 33°, co-chairman of Fundraiser, Cathy Growden, Executive Director of the Children's League; Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary in Cumberland Valley.





News from the Cumberland Valley

Installation: Cumberland Style!



- 1. Shircliff Receives Appreciation Award as Personal Representative Emeritus:** Honorable Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32° KCCH – 2016 Venerable Master; Recipient Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33° Personal Representative Emeritus and His Lady Nancy, and Robin L. Summerfield – 2017 Venerable Master.
- 2. Hill Proclaimed as Personal Representative:** S.G.I.G. Ill Marlin L. Mills, 33° and Recipient - Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative
- 3. Robinette Awarded “Freemason of the Tertia Centuria” (One Third Century):** Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative; Recipient Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33° and his Lady Mitzie; Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33° Personal Representative Emeritus, and S.G.I.G. Ill Marlin L. Mills, 33°.

Upcoming Events

May 6	Scottish Rite Ladies Night Dinner	Ali Ghan Shrine Center	6:30 pm
May 7	Scottish Rite Ladies Brunch	Ali Ghan Shrine Center	1:30 pm–3:00 pm
May 21	Spring Capping Ceremony	Masonic Temple	Cumberland, 2:00 pm
June 3	Scottish Highland Festival	Friendsville Community Parkk	Friendsville, MD.
June 5	Strawberry Night, Covered Dish Dinner	Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
June 10	Annual Heritage Days	LODGE OPEN HOUSE	
June 16	Beer & Wild Game Membership Event	Fireside Restaurant (Ramada Inn)	Hagerstown

The Legacy of the 26th

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



MY BROTHERS, how does Masonry bring together men of all backgrounds and cultures? In our Blue Lodges, we bring men together, but it is in our Scottish Rite of Masonry that the framers of our ritual began to study how this feat was achieved. Consider, my Brothers, the example set forth in the entered apprentice degree. In our first degree of Masonry, when the Master reminds us that in every time are Masons to be found. So many Brothers, all with their own traditions, coming together through Freemasonry, how is this peaceful assemblage facilitated?

We, Scottish Rite Masons, use myth and allegory to express serious truths that are the gateway to understanding, and internalizing the lessons of the degrees. It is the degrees that bring the Brothers together, but how do they appeal to so many? In the twentieth century, psychologists and anthropologists have examined

the power of myth and symbolism at length. Many of us may have read Jung or watched Joseph Cabell where he describes archetypes and elemental ideas. These two thinkers sought to show that the stories and experience of mankind are universal and speak to us across time and culture.

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Symbols and the common roles occurring through our stories speak to us because they reflect us. This mirrors the use of symbol in our system of degrees. The use of symbol can speak to each of us. There is a school of anthropology called structural anthropology that seeks to show the evolution of cultural practices, how they arise out of needs either material or psychological. These were universal because each person has the same basic needs, and asks the same questions: Where do we come from? Why are we here? Academics have spent lifetimes examining these

issues, because if we understand where we came from, we can understand where we are going.

Considering the universality of Freemasonry, the first Scottish Rite Degree that attracts our attention is the Knight of the Sun, or Prince Adept. In this case, the designers of our rituals sought to use the universality of symbols as the conduit that spoke to men of so many backgrounds. In Morals and Dogma, Pike used the 26th degree to describe the universality of the sun, its importance, and its incorporation in religious traditions across the globe. In the 19th century, Scottish Rite Masons, like Pike, were looking at traditions as glue that bound the Brethren together. In the ceremonies of the degree, Brother Truth explains that everything in the degree, “even to the names and titles of the officers, is symbolical. These symbols do not explain themselves and it will depend on yourself whether what we have said, and shall say to you, shall be an explanation of them or only additional enigmas.” The Scottish Rite, in general, and the 26th degree, in particular, pulls from traditions from across the globe. Like the Anthropologist or psychologist, the Scottish Rite Mason studies the symbol as much to understand the world as to understand himself. My Brothers, visit the Rite, visit your Blue Lodge, and I hope to see you in the classroom.





## Installation of Officers – Valley of Baltimore 2017



## Installation of Officers – Valley of Cumberland 2017





## Valley of Susquehanna – Inaugural Knighting



On 11 February 2017, the Knights of St. Andrew in the Valley of Susquehanna conferred accolades on their new Knights. Many thanks to the Knights Commander of Frederick and Baltimore, as well as their Knights and Ladies, for being with us for our inaugural Knighting"  
Thanks!



## Excerpt from: The Symbolism of Freemasonry

By: Ill. Albert G. Mackey, 33° (1807–1881)

IN GRAVE PROBLEMS of history, such as the establishment of empires, the discovery and settlement of countries, or the rise and fall of dynasties, the knowledge of the truth or falsity of the legendary narrative will be of importance, because the value of history is impaired by the imputation of doubt. But it is not so in Freemasonry. Here, there need be no absolute question of the truth or falsity of the legend. The object of the masonic legends is not to establish historical facts, but to convey philosophical doctrines. They are a method by which esoteric instruction is communicated, and the student accepts them with reference to nothing else except their positive use and meaning as developing masonic dogmas. Take, for instance, the Hiram legend of the third degree. Of what importance is it to the disciple of Masonry whether it be true or false? All that he wants to know is its internal signification; and when he learns that it is intended to illustrate the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, he is content with that interpretation, and he does not deem it necessary, except as a matter of curious or antiquarian inquiry, to investigate its historical accuracy, or to reconcile any of its apparent contradictions. So of the lost keystone; so of the second temple; so of the hidden ark: these are to him legendary narratives, which, like the casket, would be of no value

were it not for the precious jewel contained within. Each of these legends is the expression of a philosophical idea. But there is another method of masonic instruction, and that is by symbols. No science is more ancient than that of symbolism. At one time, nearly all the learning of the world was conveyed in symbols. And although modern philosophy now deals only in abstract propositions, Freemasonry still cleaves to the ancient method, and has preserved it in its primitive importance as a means of communicating knowledge. According to the derivation of the word from the Greek, "to symbolize" signifies "to compare one thing with another." Hence a symbol is the expression of an idea that has been derived from the comparison or contrast of some object with a moral conception or attribute. Thus we say that the plumb is a symbol of rectitude of conduct. The physical qualities of the plumb are here compared or contrasted with the moral conception of virtue, or rectitude. Then to the Speculative Mason it becomes, after he has been taught its symbolic meaning, the visible expression of the idea of moral uprightness. But, although there are these two modes of instruction in Freemasonry—by legends and by symbols—there really is no radical difference between the two methods. The symbol is a visible, and the legend an audible representation of some contrasted idea—

of some moral conception produced from a comparison. Both the legend and the symbol relate to dogmas of a deep religious character; both of them convey moral sentiments in the same peculiar method, and both of them are designed by this method to illustrate the philosophy of Speculative Masonry. To investigate the recondite meaning of these legends and symbols, and to elicit from them the moral and philosophical lessons which they were intended to teach, is to withdraw the veil with which ignorance and indifference seek to conceal the true philosophy of Freemasonry. To study the symbolism of Masonry is the only way to investigate its philosophy. This is the portal of its temple, through which alone we can gain access to the sacellum where its aporrheta are concealed. Its philosophy is engaged in the consideration of propositions relating to God and man, to the present and the future life. Its science is the symbolism by which these propositions are presented to the mind. The work now offered to the public is an effort to develop and explain this philosophy and science. It will show that there are in Freemasonry the gems of profound speculation. If it does not interest the learned, it may instruct the ignorant. If so, I shall not regret the labor and research that have been bestowed upon its composition.



## Installation of Officers – Valley Of Frederick 2017



## Valley of Frederick

By: Bro. Tommy J. Morris, 32° P.K.C., G.T.C. – Columbia Lodge #58 – Venerable Master, Frederick Lodge of Perfection.



Reflecting on the comments afforded by Illustrious Ronald A. Seal 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander where he shared his personal story on why he wears his 14° Degree Ring, which embodied the spirit of true Scottish Rite ideals inspired us to grow stronger in our commitment to Scottish Rite Freemasonry and our masonic family.

My vision for this year is to focus on our “Culture of Giving,” and “the Scottish-Rite Family”. As Freemasons, we all share a desire to serve. We do community service projects. We help at our churches and in our communities. We might lead Scout troops or help coach youth sports. For many of our nation’s Freemasons, however, it’s a challenge to find a place that provides the same opportunities to fulfill missions and achieve goals, as when we first became masons. That place can be the Scottish Rite.

One way we promulgate the Scottish Rite ‘Experience’ and “the Scottish-Rite Family”, is through activities and programs such as the Annual Burns Nicht Supper, one of the highlights of our Valley. It engages members of the community, our Valley, the Orient of Maryland and their families. At this year’s event, there were more than 77 in attendance with 35 ladies, representing the Orient and the community. This was our second year hosting the dinner

and we were completely SOLD OUT. What this tells us is the Scottish Rite experience is real and is important to the members of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction and the community.

To personify the Scottish-Rite Family, I call to action all of my brothers in The Scottish-Rite Family to actively participate in our programs like the Burns Supper, with your wives and families. This will serve to enrich and enhance the overall Scottish Rite experience for our members, their families and perspective members to have a superior Scottish Rite experience.

In the spirit of our “Culture of Giving”, I would also like to call for action, and challenge each and every Scottish Rite Freemason to consider giving a donation of time or monetary, no matter how small, to the Scottish Rite Temple Preservation Fund. To support the Temple where our future members will develop their commitment to Freemasonry. Rivaling many great works in Masonry, our Scottish Rite Masonic Center is over 100 years old and is now in need of repair and attention. Necessary and long overdue alterations must be made to the Temple in order to ensure the preservation of our Masonic history, ceremonial rooms, treasured symbols, ancient books, and prized artifacts, and the promotion of Freemasonry to future generations.



## Valley of Salisbury – Capping And Ring Ceremony

January 15th, 2017



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## To See the Lodge Tiled

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

WE’RE FAMILIAR WITH the duties of the Tiler, his sword, and how he guards the outer door of the Lodge room, thereby assuring privacy for those within. The Tiler has a role in the examination and admission of visitors and he has a customary position in public processions. In some Lodges, the Tiler is appointed by the Worshipful Master, while other Lodges elect their Tiler.

There are a number of interesting theories on the origin of the word, “Tiler.” Some scholars relate it to the workman who tiled the roofs of the Cathedrals. The operative job of tiling the roof of a cathedral seals the structure from the weather. This can be symbolically compared to the speculative Tiler who seals the Lodge from cowans and eavesdroppers. Another interesting explanation traces the name to a man by the name of Wat Tyler, who led the English Peasants’ Revolt in 1381.

“To see the Lodge tiled, “this Masonic idiom, curiously answers a question directed to all Masons.” For many years, I heard this phrase used and never thought more of it beyond its application to the Tiler and the Junior Deacon of the Lodge. However, when I listened carefully, I realized that the question is plainly not, “The first great and important care of the Junior Deacon?” Neither

is it, “The first great and important care of the Tiler?”



When we consider the question, we can clearly hear how it is directed to each of us, not just the pair of Officers engaged in the dialog. Indeed, its deeper meaning is more than the usual connotation of its constituent elements.

So what deeper meaning could it have for us? We can find an

answer to that question if we take a look at one of the most beautiful and obscure passages of our Masonic ceremonies. It can be heard during the annual installation of Lodge Officers. In the section where the Tiler is installed, we hear, *“As the sword is placed in the hands of the Tiler, to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and permit none to pass except those who are duly qualified, so it should admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, post a sentinel over our actions; thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought and deed, thus preserving consciences void of offense toward God and man.”* I’ll never forget the striking “AH-HAH” moment I experienced the first time I truly heard these words.

Indeed, each of us must tile the Lodge, that is our heart and conscience, and thereby attend to the first great and important care of all Masons.



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Erin Stauder, MS, CCC-SLP is a licensed speech-language pathologist who is currently pursuing a PhD in educational public policy, allowing her to use evidence from the fields of economics, sociology, education, and political science to serve HASA. Erin received both her master's and bachelor's degrees in speech-language pathology from Loyola College in Maryland. While serving as a clinical faculty member at her alma mater, Erin managed inter-professional teams, coordinated programs, and established

relationships with community partners and charitable foundations.

While working as a university clinical faculty member, Erin supervised a diverse caseload that included non-verbal toddlers with autism and middle school students with language and literacy challenges. She was recruited to write articles for the ASHA Leader and the ASHA Leader Blog. She has



Erin Stauder, MS, CCC-SLP,  
HASA's new Executive Director

also published articles in scholarly journals. Erin taught 400-600 level coursework related to speech and language typical and atypical/delayed development. Erin has worked in special education schools, early intervention settings, and in acute care pediatric settings (including the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). She was a clinical faculty member at both Loyola University Maryland and Towson University.

Erin was a previous member of the Executive Committee for the State Interagency Coordinating Counsel for Infants and Toddlers in Maryland and is a current member of the Advisory Board for North Bend Elementary/Middle School in Baltimore City. Erin is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. In January 2017, she became a Professional Member of the National Academies of Practice (NAP) of speech-language pathology which recognized her as a leader in inter-professional healthcare. The NAP works as an "interdisciplinary force to influence national health policy, legislation, and promote quality healthcare through cooperative advocacy, practice, education and research."

We enjoyed Erin's February visit to our clinic where she met with staff. Please join me in welcoming the newest member of the extended Scottish Rite family!

**Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection Officers  
February 15th, 2017**



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## Valley of Frederick – Robert Burns Dinner 2017



## Columbia Lodge No. 58 A.F. & A.M.

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By: Bro. Tommy J. Morris, 32°, Junior Warden – Columbia Lodge #58



**COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 58 A.F. & A.M.**, was organized in 1815 on the petition of Joseph Swearingen, John Bayer, Henry Bantz, Thomas C. Worthington, Adam Schisler, Mathew Murray, William Bantz, Adam Korn and James F. Houston. The Grand Lodge of Maryland Granted a Charter bearing the date of Nov 7, 1815, authorizing William Bantz, Adam Schisler and Samuel Barnes to organize Columbia Lodge, No. 58, in Fredericktown, Maryland. Under this warrant, a number of Masonic Brethren met on December 8th, 1815 at the House of James F. Houston, Located on the South East Corner of Market and Second Streets where Farmers and Mechanics Bank Building is located.

The Lodge next met on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1815, in Henry Bantz' House on West Second Street where the Centennial Memorial United Methodist Church is now Located. May 1st 1819,

the Lodge moved to the House of Henry Bea, located on the North side of East Patrick Street, being the Fourth House east of Middle Alley.

On March 5th, 1821, the Lodge moved to the house of Samuel Webster, located on the North East corner of Patrick and Market where the store of Routzens was located.

In the year 1823, the Lodge moved to the East side of North Market Street between Third and Fourth Streets what is known as No. 324. The Lodge met there until 1830.

On Wednesday December 29th, 1824, General Marquis LaFayette and his Secretary, Lee Vasseuer, were received in the house of Henry Bantz on West Second Street, where Centennial Memorial United Methodist Church is now located. General LaFayette presented the Apron which he wore to Brother William Bear, who in turn presented it to the Lodge. This Apron is on display in the Temple Museum and to it is attached a card bearing these words "This Apron belonged to William Bear and was worn by General LaFayette when introduced to Columbia Lodge of A.F. & A.M. Masons at Frederick City MD. In December 1824, William Bear, acting Marshall and Master of Ceremonies, introduced General LaFayette to Dr. Jacob Bea, W.M. and through

him to the Lodge." The Lodge received General LaFayette with his son George Washington LaFayette and Brother Lee Vasseuer, his private secretary, in the west room of Col. Macpherson's home. (The Ross Home, 105 Council Street, 1974)

Columbia Lodge No. 58, A.F. & A.M., like all Masonic Lodges, was much affected by the anti-Masonic agitation, and Masonry generally was in a languishing condition. In fact, so much, that the brethren thought it advisable to cease their meetings, and on June 17th 1830, held their last communication under the charter of 1815.

There is no evidence of the existence of any Masonic Lodge during the year 1830 to 1843 in Frederick County.

In 1842, a number of Masons met in the old schoolhouse on the north side of West Church Street where the Evangelical Reformed Church now stands, for the purpose of petitioning the Grand Lodge for a renewal of the Charter of Columbia Lodge.

**Event of note:** January 3rd, 1862, a public installation of the Officers of the Lodge was held in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Brethren of General Banks Division of the U.S. Army, then in the winter quarters near this city, were in attendance.

*Continued in next issue.*



Valley of Frederick – Knights of St. Andrew

By: SK Clifford Gaston, 32°, Knight Commander, KSA



**BROTHERS, 2017 IS HERE** and moving by quickly. I am Clifford “Tre” Gaston, Knight Commander for Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley of Frederick. I look forward to serving for both my and all fellow Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA) organizations in Maryland and Scottish Rite brothers in 2017. I have been entrusted with

an opportunity unlike most others, and I will shoulder more than my share of the task. This year, I want to make the KSA drive about Brotherhood. Have you ever wondered what exactly it is the KSA does? The Knights of Saint Andrew is an internal service and support organization, creating many diverse opportunities to become a leader and an active participant. Knights provide many different services to the Valley, including Color Guard, as well as assisting with the Valley’s educational, ritualistic, social, fund-raising, and traditional programs. While enhancing a Mason’s moral character and positive work-ethic, the KSA continues to promote the Scottish Rite within Freemasonry. The Knights welcome new Squires

throughout the year and are encouraged to contact the Chieftain or any member with a KSA tartan for more information. Now, I would be remiss if I didn’t thank the Past Knight Commander Sir. Tommy Morris for everything he has done and continued to grow for the Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley of Frederick over the last two years. I am thankful to you for your mentorship, friendship and all the guidance you have and continue to give me. To the rest of the Knights of Saint Andrew, thank you for your support. To the Fellow Knights of Saint Andrew Chapters, Valley of Susquehanna, Valley of Cumberland and Valley of Baltimore, I eagerly look forward to building a bigger, stronger relationship with each of you in this upcoming year.

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Monday, May 15th	Cumberland – Council of Kadosh	7pm
Wednesday, May 17th	Southern Maryland – LOP	7pm
Thursday, May 18th	Susquehanna - Remembrance & Renewal	7pm
Thursday, May 18th	Frederick – Lodge of Perfection	7pm
Sunday, May 21st	Cumberland – Capping Ceremony	2pm
Saturday, May 27th	Frederick – KSA Meeting & Dinner	5pm
Monday, June 5th	Cumberland – Strawberry Night	6:30pm
Wednesday, June 7th	Southern Maryland – LOP	7pm
Thursday, June 15th	Frederick – Strawberry Night	7pm
Saturday, June 24th	Frederick – KSA Meeting & Dinner	5pm
Saturday, August 5th	Lobsterfest	2pm
August 18th – August 23rd	Supreme Council – Biennial Session	
Saturday, September 16th	Family Day – Ben Lowe’s	2pm
Saturday, October 14th	Orient Honors Day	
Saturday, October 21st	Cumberland Reunion Day	8am
Saturday, November 4th	Baltimore Reunion Day	8am