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BALTIMORE**

Saturday, Nov. 5

FEAST OF TISHRI
Wednesday, Nov 9

RING CEREMONY,
Sunday, Nov 13

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, Dec. 11

**INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS**
Sunday, Jan. 8



*No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a cellar or
under a basket. Instead, we put it on a stand, so that
all those who come near may see the light.*

– Luke 11:33



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GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL IN MARYLAND**

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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings to all,

I hope this issue of the Rite News finds you well and ready for our fall activities. A lot has transpired since our last issue. If you were not a part of the Lobster Fest, the ball games, the Western Maryland Music Festival and/or the Chester River Boat Cruise, you must have been at the Susquehanna Bingo or the Baltimore Bingo or perhaps the Salisbury Family Day Picnic. Your Scottish Rite has many, many things for you, your family and your friends.

We are now ready for our Fall Reunion, and not just any reunion, a historical one day reunion nationwide. This is an opportunity for you to bring a friend, a brother you have wanted to become a member but who has just not had the time due to family commitments or perhaps his job was such that he could not attend several weeks in a row.

This November, both the Northern & Southern Jurisdictions and U.S. Territories will conduct a one day reunion. A special coin has been commissioned especially for Maryland. Each candidate and their first line signer will receive one of these coins for this and only this reunion. A special ribbon and medallion will also be available for purchase. A brother Master Mason is waiting for someone to ask him "why don't you belong to the Scottish Rite?" This is your opportunity to help him obtain the 32° when schedules often have held him back. A petition is in this magazine for your use.



If you have not attended a reunion in a while, this is your chance to see some excellent degree work. The Baltimore stage has new lighting to make the work even more visible and enjoyable. A reunion is a social gathering attended by Scottish Rite members who have not seen each other for some time or the degree work for some time.

Why not put November 5, 2016 on your calendar and be a part of this historical event? You and a brother will be glad you did.

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,

As I near the conclusion of my term, I must share that, thanks to you, being Grand Master has been a great honor. It is an honor which I will always cherish. It has given me many opportunities to travel into other jurisdictions and within our own state. These travels have introduced me to many of the finest men anyone could ever want to know, many of them being Maryland masons. Whether they were young, old, new to masonry or masonic veterans, every Maryland mason I have met has left an impression on me. We all seem to have a common interest and that is a commitment to enjoying the benefits of being a mason.

Staying busy is easy for a Grand Master. Have you ever felt that you were on a constant treadmill just toiling away? There are so many things to do and so little time to get them all finished.

With all the challenges we face, it is often difficult to keep in perspective the right priorities.

I have determined that the mistake many people make is that they think the main goal in life is to stay busy. What is important is not whether you are busy, but whether you are progressing. The question is one of activity versus accomplishment. So if you find yourself saying, "I could be doing big things if it weren't for being busy doing so many small things", then it is time to take control of your time.

I have discovered that setting goals and a timeline for accomplishing our goals is imperative. Setting and maintaining a specific time schedule is the key.

One of our collective priorities concerns the direction of the Grand Lodge and each individual lodge and the collateral bodies within Maryland. Where are we really headed? What are our plans to get to our intended destinations?

We established specific goals for the Grand Lodge several years ago and set about methodically achieving those goals through the implementation of a number of sub-committees working with the Grand Lodge 2025 Committee. Two years ago, we had accomplished most of the goals and many of those committees became dormant.

The one perpetual goal of membership and membership development continues.

We all should know that membership is and always will be our number one priority. As Scottish Rite masons, we have committed to investing more of our time into masonry. Our individual goals vary from searching for more masonic knowledge to expanding our fellowship opportunities and to even learning and delivering more ritual as well as a myriad of others.

However, one of our chief objectives, as masons who have exemplified a deeper commitment to our fraternity, must be to lead the way for all masons in attracting new men to share in our values by joining masonry. We must also demonstrate leadership by encouraging more active participation within our lodges. We must be shining examples to our fraternity that being involved in Scottish Rite Masonry, or any other masonic body, actually improves the development of our membership and is not counteractive to the goals of Blue Lodge masonry.

I know that the Grand Lodge can count on you to help achieve our membership goals of attracting and developing new masons. So once again, I thank you for making "Maryland Masonry a Pathway to Excellence."

One Day Class

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



YES, MY COMPANIONS, as I start to write this article, it is September in the year of 2016. I do hope that all is well with our

Scottish Rite Brethren. Summer vacation is over and it is time to get back to our lodges and our Scottish Rite meetings. It is time for each Brother to dust off our thinking caps and put them back to work. We have been instructed and have had enjoyable outings with food and friends, so let's get back to work. We can all take some small part in our Scottish Rite, whether it is in the degree work, or just helping around the temple. If each just performs some small task, look how much we can accomplish. Sometimes we do not realize how many MAN

HOURS it takes to execute our degrees. Your help and concern is needed if only to sit and watch and show our workers how much we appreciate what they are doing for us. This is an urgent request, your presence is needed and your fellowship is greatly desired. Thank you Brethren, we look forward to your smiling faces during our lodge meetings and our degree work.

Fall One Day Class

Saturday, November 5th, 2016



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

**Illustrious Royal Pollokoff, 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

6:30 am - Coffee and Donuts

7:15 am - Class Check-In

8:00 am - Opening Ceremonies

12 noon - Lunch @ \$5.00 per person (Candidates – No Charge)

Wednesday, November 4th, 1970 – As copied from the playbill

“The Traitor”

A Historical Fantasy Presented by:
The Scottish Rite Players
Baltimore, Maryland
William M. McKinstry, 32° - Director
E. Ray Leppo, 33° - Stage Manager

THE ACTION – The time is 1784, three years after Cornwallis’s surrender at Yorktown and one year after signing the Treaty of Paris. During this year, the Marquis de Lafayette made a five month visit to the United States, his first since the victory of Yorktown.

PROLOGUE – Attic room in the home of Benedict Arnold in England, shortly before Mid-night.

THE DREAM – A Masonic Lodge in session in Richmond, Virginia.

EPILOGUE – Attic room in the home of Benedict Arnold in England, several hours after Mid-night.

THE CAST

In Order of Speaking

Brig. Gen. BenedictPaul M. Phelps, 32°, KCCH
Hiram Lodge #1 Connecticut
Gen. George WashingtonRobert G. Justis, 33°
The Lodge of Fredericksburg, Virginia
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The Grand Lodge of Virginia



Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



GREETINGS MY BROTHERS.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Autumn and Fall part of the year. As this is my last communication to you as Venerable Master, I would like to thank all of my officers for

their dedication and assistance to make this year go smoothly and accomplish some good work. As we end this year of accomplishment, I wish to reflect on a few things. What can we do to make our world better? With all the violence in the world, it looks like an uphill climb. I like to think that it can be accomplished somehow. Perhaps by setting the example of the principles of our fraternity to our fellow man?

Let us go forth into the world with a renewed sense of dedication to our fellow man. Let us be dedicated to the principles of trust and duty.

Trust that our fellow man may see us as Masons to be trusted and that we live by the principles that we are known for. Duty to humanity and to our families should be high upon our list of those things we should espouse, never to be found wanting in any of these things.

Go forth into the world with renewed energy to spread the principles of our fraternity to all. Again, thank you brethren, for all your assistance this year.

God bless and take care.

SCOTTISH RITE OF BALTIMORE
SPRING CLASS OF 2016



Patents, Ring Ceremony Pictures, Master Craftsman I Certificates and MC I lapel pins available at the Scottish Rite Office for pick-up:

M-F 9am to 3pm or during any of our events or meetings.

Class Pictures also available: \$15.00 each.

One-Day Class Schedule-Baltimore

(Subject to adjustments)

6:30am - Coffee & Donuts

7:15am - Class Check-In

8:00am – Opening Ceremonies

4th degree - Secret Master: Your first steps into our sanctuary are duty, reflection and study. They teach us to honor those relationships to God, family, country, Masonry. The apron is white and black, with a letter “Z” and all-seeing eye. The jewel is an ivory key with the letter “Z” on the wards. The lessons of the 4° are secrecy, obedience, and fidelity.

14th degree - Perfect Elu (Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason): In this degree, we learn to reflect and look into ourselves. We should strive to be true to ourselves and our God. The apron is white silk, bordered in gold, with the Ineffable Delta in the Center. The jewel is a quadrant (compass open to ninety degrees) topped by a crown, and with a nine-pointed star on the obverse, and a five-pointed blazing star (with the Tetragrammaton) on the reverse. The compass is opened on a segment of a circle, inscribed with the numbers 3, 5, 7, 9.

18th degree - Knight Rose Croix: This degree teaches that life and its strengths come from God. The rose signifies the dawn and the cross is a sacred symbol of antiquity in many cultures. To be tolerant of other’s errors and faults. The apron is of white leather or satin, bordered in red, with a skull and cross-bones, a red passion cross, and three red rosettes. The grand jewel is a gold compass open on a quarter circle. A rose-cross is between the legs of the compass, and under it is a pelican, tearing its breast to feed its seven young, on the obverse, and an eagle with wings extended, on the reverse. On the circle are the letters I.N.R.I.

12 noon – Lunch @ \$5.00 per person – No cost for Candidates

12:45pm – Reconvene in Auditorium

30th degree - Knight of Kadosh, or Knight of the White and Black Eagle: The lesson of this degree is to be true to ourselves, to stand for what is right and just in our lives today. To believe in God, country and ourselves. There is no apron, but the jewel is a gold Teutonic cross, enameled in red, with the letters J.’B.’M.’. on the obverse, and a skull transpierced by a poniard on the reverse.

32nd degree - Master of the Royal Secret: The lessons of this degree are that “genuine brotherhood requires mutual regard, opinion, esteem and charity”. We always look for the good in all, make allowances for other’s short comings. We trust the Supreme Architect to lead us to friendship, morality and brotherly love. The apron is white, lined in black, with a double-headed eagle and a plan of the Camp of the Princes. The jewel is a golden Teutonic cross, with a double-headed white and black eagle in the center.

3:45pm – Closing Ceremonies



Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Hon. Randall L. Watson, 32°, KCCH – Montgomery-Cornerstone #195 – Commander of Kadosh



BRETHREN, the year is drawing to a close. We have had our Council of Kadosh Festive Board and the Fall Class Reunion Day is upon us. It’s been an honor serving as Commander of Maryland Council this year. Thank you for the opportunity.

DeMolay’s International Supreme Council session was held in San Diego in June. The session hotel was next to Hazard Center; which is named after Roscoe “Pappy” Hazard, whose R.E. Hazard Contracting Company built and paved much of San Diego’s infrastructure; his brick making plant and construction yard stood for many years where Hazard Center stands today, developed in the late 1980s by his son, Bruce Hazard. Today, statues of Pappy and Bruce memorialize the Hazard family at the shopping center. The motto on the base of the statue of Roscoe “Pappy” Hazard caught my attention: “*Be just, and fear not*”.

This phrase leapt out at me because of its strange context in my memory – a sign in front

of the “Denton Episcopalian Church” reads “*BE JUST AND FEAR NOT*” in the opening scene of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* at the wedding of Ralph Hapschatt and Betty Munroe. Since “Pappy” Hazard died in 1975, the same year that *RHPS* came out, I figured he didn’t adopt that motto from the movie. I then wanted to know more about it.

From its context, I had always figured that “Be just, and fear not” was a scriptural reference, so I looked it up in the Concordance of my Masonic Bible – nothing! Fortunately, Internet search capabilities saved me from countless hours futilely searching through more detailed concordances and biblical indexes; and revealed the source was actually William Shakespeare in the 3rd Act of Henry VIII. It’s part of the advice that the downfallen Cardinal Wolsey gave to Thomas Cromwell:

Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition:

By that sin fell the angels; how can man, then,

The image of his Maker, hope to win by it?

Love thyself last: cherish those hearts that hate thee;

Corruption wins not more than honesty.

Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace,

To silence envious tongues. Be just, and fear not:

Let all the ends thou aim’st at be thy country’s,

Thy God’s, and truth’s; then if thou fall’st, O Cromwell,

Thou fall’st a blessed martyr!

A good lesson to live by! Perhaps strengthened by the fact that Wolsey (as depicted by Shakespeare) learned it the hard way; only realizing it after it was too late for himself.

“Be just and fear not” has also been adopted by several other diverse groups. It was placed on the regimental flag of the 35th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was formed as an Irish unit of the Union Army in 1861. It was also sometimes included in the coat of arms of the City of Carlisle, England after 1835; and had been formally adopted by 1915.

Not only is this an excellent motto; but I couldn’t resist the opportunity to discuss the writings of Richard O’Brien (*RHPS*) and William Shakespeare in the same article. Good advice should be followed, no matter what the source or the context; so “*Be just and fear not!*”

Chesapeake Consistory

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



THE FALL has now passed and what a success it was. The One - Day class on November 5th

is upon us as we welcome our new 32° brethren into the Valley of Baltimore. The fall class was dedicated in honor of Ill. Brother, Royal Pollokoff 33° who was a great mason and who gave so much of his time and talent to Maryland Masonry. Additionally, the Basket Bingo and Lobster Fest, both popular events, were successful in providing much needed funds for our Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Well done brethren.

On a more personal note, this will be my last message as Venerable Master of the Chesapeake Consistory as my term expires at the end of the

year. It has been my honor and privilege to have served this past year, and I wish to thank all of the officers of the Chesapeake Consistory who have given their time and effort to serve along with me. I congratulate Bro. Kraig Dean 32° and his line of officers who will guide the Chesapeake Consistory forward during 2017. I know they will do great job.

Finally my Brothers, remember to attend your Blue Lodges, and PLEASE try to attend and participate in the work of YOUR Scottish Rite as often as you can. I'll assure you, you will not regret it.

Conowingo Scottish Rite Club

By: Hon. Gerald R. Phillips, 32°, KCCH - Aberdeen Lodge #187 - President

GREETINGS from the Conowingo Scottish Rite Club in Harford County. We had our quarterly meeting on June 25th, 2016. We had a small group (always hoping for more) and we had a great evening. Our dinner consisted of fried chicken, veggies and a dessert. After dinner, we had Bro. Randy Geck, 32° as our guest speaker for the evening. Bro. Geck is a Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a Sojourner and he gave a nice talk about our flag. The program was well received by everyone in attendance.

We finally had our installation which was conducted by

Illustrious Bro. E. Ray Leppo, 33°, GC. Those installed were:

Hon. Bro. Gerald R. Phillips, 32°, KCCH as President

And Bro. Charles Ramsay, 32° as Treasurer

Our distinguished guests for the evening consisted of Illustrious Marlin L. Mills, 33° SGIG and Illustrious E. Ray Leppo, 33°, GC, Personal Representative for the Valley of Baltimore; Bro. Randy Geck, 32° PGP of the Order of the Eastern Star did a great job as guest speaker. The SGIG also spoke for a few moments after which our meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 2016.

Place to be TBD. If you would like to join us at our next meeting, or have any questions, please call me @ 410-925-1497.

Melchizedek

By: Hon. Charles J. Matulewicz, 32°, KCCH – Palestine Lodge #89

IN THE NINETEENTH DEGREE of the Scottish Rite, we are greeted with the idea that: “the true Mason labor for the benefit of those who are to come after him.” The degree seeks to make the Brother receiving it a Priest of the Order of Melchizedek, but who was Melchizedek and why does he serve as an example of good stewardship for future generations?

Let's first remember that our Scottish Rite takes from the great traditions from across the globe in order to impart serious lessons onto the Brethren. This particular degree utilizes Christian traditions which seek to show that the great lesson of this degree is that life, when properly lived, is but a bridge to eternal life. Once the secret of life after death is known, a man understands that there is no time but eternity. Therefore, calamities which happen are temporary and will not continue. We are not taken down by calamities, but remain strong to fight against oppression and ignorance; we have passed from the Alpha to the Omega, have learned all the letters of the alphabet and understand that Alpha comes after Omega, that life is renewed. There is no end to learning and science.

Consider the name of the degree for a moment: Grand Pontiff, what can this tell us about the lesson of the degree? Grand is self-explanatory, but pontiff is a word derived from two Latin words ponti (meaning bridge) and facere (the verb to make)

our 19th degree is working to make the Brothers passing through it bridge builders. The degree, with its use of the Book of Revelation, is looking to create a new Jerusalem. Those are lofty ideas, and Pike's commentary on the nineteenth degree in Morals and Dogma make it no easier to ascertain meaning. It is the lecture itself that breaks out the duties, virtues, and qualities of the Grand Pontiff, leaving us with the mysterious Melchizedek.

It is through the use of Melchizedek that the degree highlights the timelessness of the Alpha and Omega. Melchizedek is a figure from the Biblical tradition, who appears in the Old Testament. We read in Hebrews 7:1-3: *“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace. Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.”*

Melchizedek was technically a pagan priest, although he recognizes the one supreme deity of the Jewish people. He uses the title God Most High offering a blessing of bread and wine. Melchizedek then disappears from the record. To the Victorian gentleman or the

Theologian, Melchizedek would be seen as a stand in for Christ. St. Cyprian of Carthage and St. Cyril of Jerusalem mirror this idea, but how is this tied back to the lesson of the degree?

I would pose that Melchizedek, regardless of your religious conviction, with his blessing of Abraham and Abraham's subsequent tithe, shows the labor and stewardship for future generations of not only the Jewish people but also the Christians that are yet to come. In the nineteenth degree, Melchizedek serves as a bridge from the past to the future.

Brothers, what does this mean to the Scottish Rite Mason? In short, it means we have a duty to preserve our craft for those who have not even sought admission. My Brothers, there is no better time to bring the lessons of this degree to life. We, as Scottish Rite Masons, have the opportunity to preserve and advance our gentle craft. Look to your Blue Lodge and consider what part, no matter how small, you can take to make your Mother Lodge better than you found it. Make it out to see the Scottish Rite degrees and consider if it is within your cable-tow to aid the Rite. Can we be stewards of our craft and our degrees, preserving them for future generations? As 21st century Masons, we can be no less, for without our efforts our craft would be no more. My Brothers visit your Blue Lodge and visit the Rite... I hope to see you in the classroom.

Echo's From the Mountaintop

Upcoming Events

October 29th
Fall Class
Masonic Temple
Cumberland

Nov. 5- Dec. 17th
Buck-a-Cup

Nov. 12th
Ladies Night
TBD
Hagerstown

Nov. 20th
Fall Capping Ceremony
Masonic Lodge
Cumberland

Nov. 30th
Washington Co. SR Club
Hagerstown

Dec. 5th
Election of Officers
Masonic Temple
Cumberland

Jan. 15th
Installation
Masonic Temple
Cumberland

Feb. 4th
Robert Burns Night
Ali Ghan
Cumberland

News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer



Pictured from left to right: Paul G. Shircliff, Cumberland Scottish Rite Personal Representative; Senior Army Instructor LTC (Ret) Ralph Sheaffer and Cadet Kayla Harris of Southern High School; Cadet Jacob Toothman and Senior Army Instructor LTC (Ret) Jack Riley of Northern High School; and Robin Summerfield, Senior Warden, Cumberland Scottish Rite.



The Cumberland Scottish Rite presented a contribution from funds raised at the Annual Thing-A-Ma-Jig Talent Show to the Children's League. L to R: Jerry Robinette, Secretary; Kathy Growden, Children's League; Paul G. Shircliff, Personal Representative; and Jamey Hill, Thing-A-Ma-Jig Chairman.



Pictured from left to right: Paul G. Shircliff, Cumberland Scottish Rite Personal Representative; Senior Army Instructor LTC (Ret) Jack Riley and Cadet Jacob Toothman of Northern High School; Cadet Toothman's mother; and Robin Summerfield, Senior Warden, Cumberland Scottish Rite.

Strawberry Night Festivities

As part of the 2016 Scottish Rite Strawberry Night program the Cumberland Scottish Rite presented two Scottish Rite JROTC Awards to cadets from Garrett County JROTC Units.

Since 1998, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction initiated a program of recognition for outstanding Junior ROTC students, approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense. This initiative recognizes high school youth enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) for their scholastic excellence and patriotic Americanism efforts. The award consists of a medal, ribbon, and a certificate suitable for framing. The medal depicts the heraldic logo of the Scottish

Rite of Freemasonry, and by the words "JROTC Education and Americanism" calls attention to two of the major focal points of the Scottish Rite. This award recognizes one outstanding cadet in the second year or second to last year of their commitment to their unit.

In further recognition of their achievements, the Cumberland Scottish Rite presented a check for \$100 to each cadet to support their further pursuits in JROTC or other educational activities.

To be eligible to receive this award, the Cadet must have: contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular

activities or community projects; demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his/her academic class; and demonstrated outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship, and patriotism.

This is the first year that the Cumberland Scottish Rite has participated in the program. We are grateful to Senior Army Instructors LTC (ret) Jack Riley of Northern Garrett High School and LTC (ret) Ralph Sheaffer of Southern Garrett High School for their participation and for nominating two outstanding cadets for recognition. With their support, we look forward to making this award a part of our annual program.

Sam Lane was initiated into the Cumberland Valley Knights of St. Andrew on August 29th.

KSA Initiation



(Left to right) Jamey Hill, Advisor; Ray Ryan, III, SW; Clint Snyder, Knight Commander; Mark Weatherholt, Expert; Mike Wade, JD; Steve Fitzgerald, Piper; Jim Bosley, SD; Sam Lane, Novitiate; Joe Cushall, VM; Mike Kamauf, Sentinel; Tom Bosley, Novitiate; Robin Summerfield, JW; Charles W. Taylor, Jr., Chaplain; Mike McKay, Secretary; Wayne Lockard, Marshall; George Witherington, SW.

Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Bro. Dennis W. Leland, 32° - Thomas J. Shryock Lodge #223 – Wise Master

BROTHERS, I hope you have had a wonderful summer. We will soon get back into our rotation of attending meetings and connecting with other members of our great Fraternity. At the beginning of the summer, a survey was sent to the members of the Southern Valley asking for input to increase attendance. A total of 96 surveys were sent and 25%, or just over 25%, were returned. The responses showed that 50% of the respondents said they had no time to attend and several said there was no value in attending, or the meetings

were boring. I am familiar with no time to attend, as that was my excuse for years for not attending Blue Lodge. I did, however, manage to attend a meeting every so often. Hopefully, as things change in life, one meeting every so often is a possibility. The majority of respondents said they would like to see guest speakers and lessons on Scottish Rite history at the meetings. These are good suggestions and, hopefully, they can be incorporated in our meetings. A large group of brothers said

they like the Degree work and would like to be involved. The Honorable Tom Barnhart 32° KCCH is in charge of the Degree work and I urge anyone interested to contact Tom and volunteer. It was very enlightening and I want to thank everyone that responded. We need your input to keep the Valley viable. Just about everyone said on their survey that they like and enjoy the fellowship. So, without your attendance, we all miss out on the fellowship.

Diplomat Committee

FIRST OF ALL WE MUST, as we have in the past, look to our Blue Lodges for new candidates. But now we must do an even more effective job of explaining to these new Masons the advantages of joining the Scottish Rite!!! We must emphasize the idea of wanting to continue their Masonic Education – the continuation of what was begun in the Blue Lodge. What better place to continue that Masonic education than in the Scottish Rite?

It is our goal to have at least one Diplomat assigned to each Lodge in the State of Maryland to assist in this program. A Diplomat would not only be present to present the book and literature but would also be a source of information and possible programs for the Worshipful Master of the individual Lodges.

If you are interested in becoming a diplomat for your Lodge, please call the committee Chairman:

Western Maryland

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Ecclesiastes Chapter 1, Verse 9

“The thing that has been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is nothing new under the sun.”

Excerpt from Grand Master Warren S. Seipp’s Address at the Annual Communication

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1927

...Conditions in the past few years have made such changes in our methods and modes of living, that I am fully convinced we should change our laws to meet them. For instance, I would strongly recommend a revision of the law concerning reinstatement after suspension

for nonpayment of dues. I also believe that a time limit should be placed upon every member, beyond which, dues should not be allowed to accumulate. It is also strongly recommended that our own membership be required to show dues cards before being admitted into any Lodge, including their own. I sincerely trust this matter will be given serious consideration by the Grand Lodge....

...Extreme Care should be taken to safeguard our portals. No man should be argued into Masonry. Committees should be urged to do their duty and told how to conduct themselves when appointed. A real mason would never give tongue to an idle rumor without first verifying the truth of the statement,

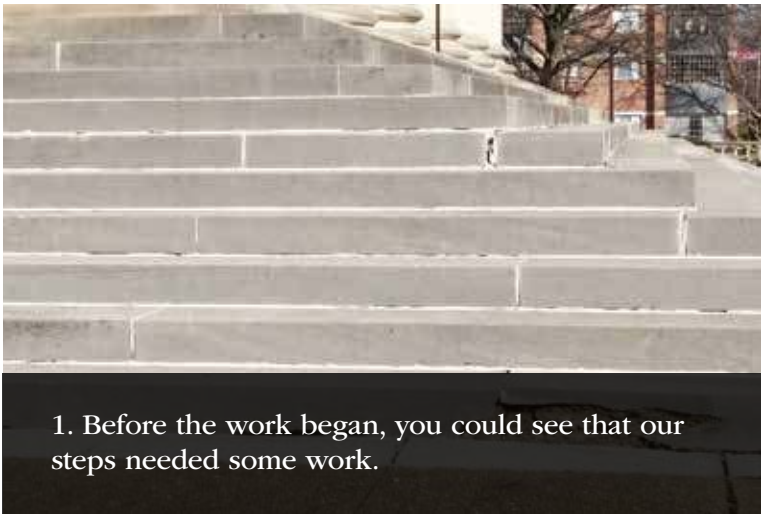
and in connection with our Fraternity, this one thing has caused no end of annoyance by the practice of certain individuals in trying to tell all that they knew, for he who tells all that he knows often tells more than he knows. Let your slogan be “Cooperation”. Should anything occur with which you do not agree, it is the easiest thing in the world to check up and find out the truth of the matter before casting it to the four winds of Heaven. (Editor’s Note: Must have been interesting times).

Our criticisms should be for ourselves, our work should be for the Fraternity, and the results will be a coalescence that will result to the greater glory of God.





Front Steps Restoration



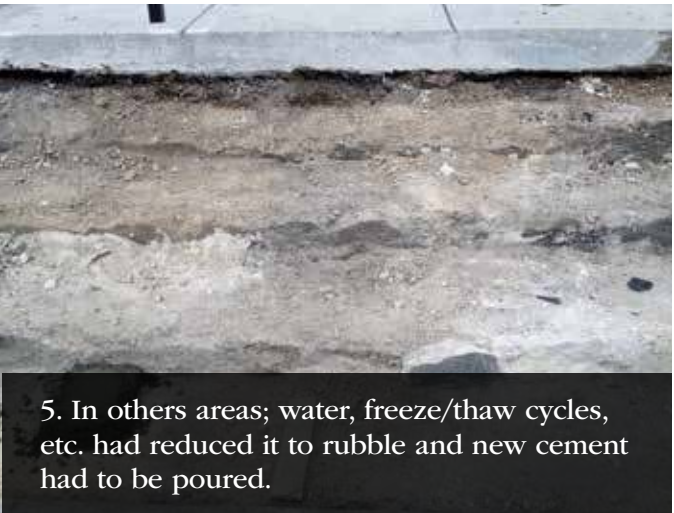
1. Before the work began, you could see that our steps needed some work.



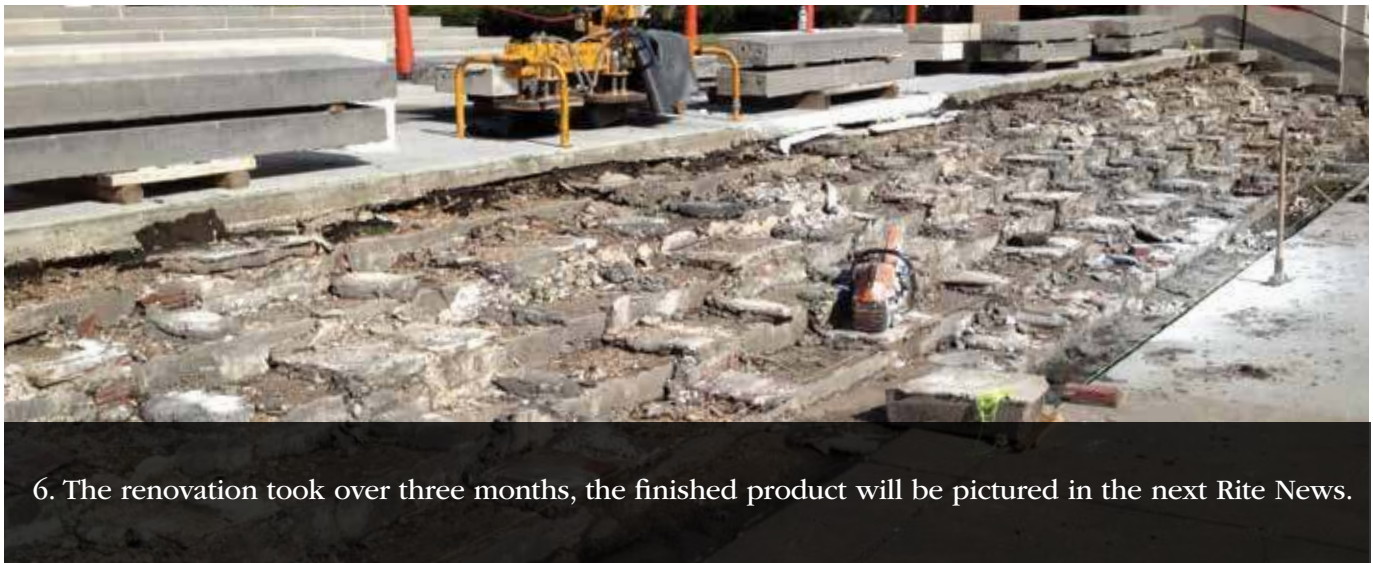
2. Each step had to be pulled out and assessed, some (89 total) obviously needed to be replaced with new.



3. Quite a number of steps looked good from the front, but the back and underside had been eaten away by the ravages of time.



5. In others areas; water, freeze/thaw cycles, etc. had reduced it to rubble and new cement had to be poured.



6. The renovation took over three months, the finished product will be pictured in the next Rite News.

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The Feast of Tishri – Open Ceremony

Deut. 16:13 - Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles after thou hast gathered in thy corn and wine.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has proclaimed the Feast of Tabernacles as the Feast Day of the Lodge of Perfection, the 15th day of Tishri, (October).

As did the Israelites of old and the New England Pilgrims, Scottish Rite Freemasons gather to acknowledge the mercies which God has poured upon them with lavish hand. It is a time of rejoicing, yet a time to pay humble adoration to the Great Architect of the Universe, without whose aid there would be no harvest.

*Anno Lucius - Freemasonry adds 4,000 years to our current calendar year (example: 2011 becomes 6011 A.L.).

After the Ceremony, a “sit down” dinner will be served in the Banquet Hall & each attendee will receive a bag of fresh fruit

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 @ 7pm
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Brother Bruce G. Colburn Honor



ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2016; Bro. Bruce G. Colburn, 32° and Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was honored by being made an Honorary Past Master of Glen Burnie Lodge #213.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland Marlin L. Mills and Lady Brenda

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Pictured are Front (L to R): Jerry Robinette, 33°, Paul Shircliff, 33°, Howard Brode,°, Charles Hout, 33°, Charles Doll, 33°, Mark Recard, 33° (from Northern Jurisdiction), and Fred Widmyer, 33°. Back (L to R): Charles Ridgeway, 33°, Robert Wheatley, 33°, Francis Shives, 33°, Fred Reel, 33°, Lonnie Jackson, 33°, and Donald Hansel, 33°.



In the second picture are the wives who attended. Front (L to R): Mrs Doll, Mitzie Robinette, Winnie Brode, Sue Shives, Nancy Recard, and Nancy Shircliff. Back (L to R): Ruth Wheatley, Ann Ridgeway, Carolyn Reel, Regina Hansel, and Pat Widmeyer.

The 33° Social for Cumberland Scottish Rite was held Sunday August 29, 2016 at Cacapon State Park Lodge restaurant. The 33° men and their ladies meet each year for a time of fellowship and good food. Personal Representative Paul Shircliff, 33° gave those attending an update of the Scottish Rite programs this year and those in the future.



Cumberland Scottish Rite participated in Cumberland Masonic Temple Open House in June. The Temple was open to the public during Cumberland Heritage Days. More than 100 persons toured the building. All of the local Lodges and coordinate bodies set up tables with information about their organization. The Cumberland Knights of St Andrew and the Cumberland Scottish Rite both had a table with displays and information. Manning the tables were Ed Cox, 32°, Joe Cushall, 32°, Paul Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative for the Valley of Cumberland, and Robin Summerfield, 32°.



The Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite Retirement Club held an indoor covered dish picnic for members and wives in July at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. Mike Kamauff, 3 2° KCCH and Charles (Buck) Taylor, 32° KCCH were co-chairmen. The men prepared the serving table and allowed the wives to be served first. The food was delicious and the meal finished with cake and homemade apple pie.



Knights of St. Andrew – Valley of Frederick

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



KNIGHTS, BRETHREN-

For some, summer represents a time to push aside responsibilities and personal growth. Most will be on vacation or travelling through Labor Day or frequenting the beach or pool, and hanging out with friends. Of course, we all need some R&R in our lives, but for those that desire to fellowship and personal growth, we have Scottish Rite programs and the volunteers who earnestly work to guide and support them throughout the year. Programs range from our Scottish Rite reunions, the Scottish Rite Annual Maine Lobsterfest hosted by our S.G.I.G, the Illustrious Marlin L. Mills, the Scottish Rite Valley of Frederick Annual Burns Supper coming up on the 28th of January 2017, hosted by the Knights of St Andrew, and more... Thousands of brothers and their families are gaining experiences and memories that can shape a lifetime.

When I began my journey last year as the Knight Commander, I asked brothers and their families to make the most of their time. As another year as commander draws to a close, I again challenge each of you today to dedicate yourself to the principles of Scottish Rite Freemasonry and actively participate in the programs. These programs support fellowship, community outreach and all philanthropic activities. Community outreach helps to communicate the Scottish Rite Brand and all philanthropic activities, thus improving our public image, and raise funds to support “RiteCare” Scottish Rite Childhood Language Programs and processes. Whether you volunteer to support the programs or actively participate in the programs, working together, our actions and participation help to continuously shape and reshape our future. Which for today’s generation -- for whom it will only be a matter of time until they make an impressionable mark on society -- the programs provide energy and enthusiasm for the craft.

In a time in our nation’s history when it seems to be more divided than any other time since the early 1960’s, it is important to point out the Freemasons’ strong and longtime support for law enforcement. One of our strategic objectives is “Have a recognized and respected Public Image that is valued by

its members, the Masonic world, and the communities in which each member resides.” In this, law enforcement officers play a significant role in communities and American society. I ask that you take a moment to remember our police officers and their families in Baltimore, Louisiana, Dallas and around the country. Thank them for protecting us ...We know the risk they are taking, and we should say thank you to every police officer and law enforcement agent that are protecting us – black, white, Latino, of every race, every color, every creed, every sexual orientation. When they come to save your life, they don’t ask if you are black or white. They just come to save you!

In closing, I want to say, I am humbled to be part of the Scottish Rite family, the experiences and the people that I got to meet – are second to none. Lastly, I ask that you also take the time to thank a Knight or Lady for their selfless service, courage, indomitable spirit and for their dedication. It’s not only leadership qualities that emerge from our Scottish programs. Brethren and their families forever remember the bonds they made during our time together.

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



Masonic Travels in Visibility

By: Bro. Gary C. Norman, 32° - Mt. Moriah Lodge #116



GIVEN THAT OUR REPUBLIC CONFRONTS PROBLEMS vexing to the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot alike, leaders of good intention but differing views may be brethren who seek to address issues or problems in common — even if one of those brethren is as diverse as the first guide-dog Mason. Having recently stood on the front stairs at the Scottish Rite Temple of North Charles Street, where my wife captured a photo of Pilot and me after our ring ceremony, I reflect on another opportunity where I have forged new ground with a furry partner — another instance of visibility and inclusion.

Many of our founding fathers, who often met in taverns, held membership in the Free Masons committing themselves to the study of the liberal arts and

sciences, studies the fraternity encourages. In addition, brotherly love — or, when the first political parties formed, learning the value of repairing strained relationships, figured highly to them. While not Masons, Presidents Adams and Jefferson, great if complicated men, esteemed, in a fashion befitting a Mason, the written word. In the end, their writing brought them back together as brethren. (So, too, I am hopeful that my written words change the impressions people have of leaders with disabilities.)

On occasion, issues are erroneously viewed as partisan when, in fact, they need not and should not divide us. I do applaud the Governor professed intent that his administration will be bipartisan. As a specific reminder for the Governor but also for all Democrats and Republicans, civil rights and disability should be understood to be bipartisan issues. As the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) approaches, it is worthwhile to recall its bipartisan quality.

Not that long ago, when Congress passed the ADA, renowned leaders such as Senators Dole and Kennedy collaborated together. Nor was this a new experiment. Three decades or so earlier, Republicans helped President Johnson pass the Civil Rights Act. All citizens are arguably

the better for these bipartisan collaborations.

As a new governor transitions to power in Maryland, there will hopefully be a bipartisan assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of civil rights law, such as disability-related issues, and where Democrats and Republicans may collaborate for a more inclusive social fabric. The Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities is an example where bipartisan collaboration might bear positive fruit. Despite the support of almost 800 disability, civil rights, and faith-based or faith related groups, not to mention the impressive bipartisan persuasion by the United States International Council on Disabilities for ratification, the Senate did not take up the resolution in the 114th Congress for ratification, tabling this important effort to the next Congress. I do encourage our Republican colleagues, including the Governor, to support ratification.

In early November 2014, when Pilot received his honorary membership into the Scottish Rite alongside me, an illustrious brother indicated that the fraternity seeks no more and no less than its brethren to be good citizens committed to liberty and equality. As new leaders emerge in the 21st century, our society would be well served to have leadership that considers all citizens when making policy decisions, both domestically and internationally, for we live in a

world bound by all rather than one. I am proud that Pilot and I are among these new leaders — a dynamic Masonic dog team ready for power in a fraternity dedicated to equality and ready for power in our republic.

Gary C. Norman, Esq., L.L.M. is a visible attorney with a guide dog who recently received the 32 degree in the Scottish Rite within the Valley of Baltimore. He thanks his fraternity brethren and his wife for their support.



OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

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Sharpsburg Parade and Cornerstone Rededication



Ancient Metallurgy and Masonic Symbolism

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

PART III

The decorative art of casting metal requires clay. Clay molds are fitted around a core of clay, and the decorations are carved into this pliable media. Rough castings can be molded using sand, but to create the finest details, clay is the better choice for the molds.

There is a region along the Jordan River between Jerusalem and Galilee known as the clay grounds of the Jordan. Within ten miles of each other on each side of this area are the towns of Succoth and Zarathan, a.k.a. Zaradatha. The clay that occurs naturally in this region is particularly well suited for making fine castings such as for jewelry. Clay is used to make the molds into which molten metal is poured. To this day, jewelry makers use and revere this fine clay. Due to the vast amount of clay and water needed to supply a colossal foundry, it is logical that his site was chosen for producing the enormously large bronze pillars and holy vessels.

The operation of a massive foundry would require a tremendous amount of resources, raw materials, and labor. The supply chain managers of the time would need to coordinate the flow of copper ore from a large-scale mining operation, procurement of tin from suppliers, wood for fuel and clay for the molds. It seems logical to conclude that Hiram Abiff was the project manager of the vast foundry complex.

Worth noting is some interesting fundamentals of the casting process. Charcoal is used to provide the necessary heat needed to release metals from ore. Clay is employed for the making of molds into which the molten metal is poured. Working with clay is not easy. It requires dedication to the task and zeal.

Releasing a desirable metal from its ore requires a method of removing the worthless or undesirable material that surrounds it. Interestingly, chalk is used in the smelting process to alloy or combine with the worthless gangue and carry it away from the valuable metal. In other words, chalk is used to "free" the metal from the ore.

Lastly, consider the meaning of the word "obdurate". It means adamant, inflexible, pig-headed and stubborn. This is a word intended to describe human behavior more so than in metallurgy. Are there "obdurate metals" in our Lodges and is there a symbolic lesson meant to teach them to yield to zeal and fervency?

Masonic ritual is bursting with symbolism. While much is quite obvious, some is subtle. We are taught to memorize the obvious, but that only scratches the surface. Closer examination and reflection will reveal so much more.

Skillful writers

embed hidden symbolism in their works. In his famous book, *The Great Gatsby*, author F. Scott Fitzgerald named one of the central characters, Daisy. This name was no accident and was not randomly chosen. If we think about a daisy the flower, we recall that it has white petals on the outside surrounding a yellow center. White is the color of purity while yellow is the color of rot and cowardice. This name suited the character because she was not what she appeared to be on the outside.

The same is there for us to find in our Masonic ritual. We are given clues and clear examples of the plurality of symbolism. Some things symbolize the obvious but have a still further allusion. It is up to us to look for them and find the meaning that fits our personal Masonic experience. Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. I wish you success in your quest.



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The Clinic Corner

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the
Scottish Rite Childhood Speech
and Language Center! We have
had a wonderful and successful
year at the clinic and would like
to take this time to share all of
our good news!

We are pleased to report
that Miriam Mandel and her
husband Dovid welcomed
their first child, a baby boy,
on August 23. Miriam recently
returned from maternity leave
and we are so lucky to have her
back. Additionally, Lisa McGrain
is expecting her second child
on December 12. We are
very excited for Lisa and her
husband Ken and can't wait to
meet the new baby boy or girl.
There must be something in
the water here at Scottish Rite!
Please come down to the clinic
to congratulate Miriam and Lisa
on their new family additions.
I'm sure they will have pictures
to share.

The biennial RiteCare
conference for speech-language
pathologists and administrators
held in Denver, Colorado
was an absolutely wonderful
experience! Many of our
professional peers presented
the most recent research and
clinical implications for the

treatment of children with
speech, language, reading,
writing, and learning delays.
We gained valuable knowledge
that will directly benefit our
clients and their families. We
are extremely grateful that the
Scottish Rite Masons allowed us
to attend such an educational
and worthwhile event.

This fall, we continued
serving children through our
contractual schools. Along with
the Cathedral School of Mary
Our Queen and the Friends
School of Baltimore, we have
recently obtained a contract
with Immaculate Conception
School in Towson. We are so
excited to be working alongside
Immaculate Conception's
parents and teachers to improve
their student's speech and
language skills in and out of
the classroom. All five of our
clinicians currently serve the
contracts Monday through
Thursday and see children in
their school environment for
speech and language therapy.
Midterms will be completed
before the holiday break and
will determine client progress
and whether or not therapy is
necessary for the remainder of
the school year.

Brockman Fellow and Towson
graduate student Annie Fiore
has been working at the clinic
under our supervision since
September. Annie has done an
exceptional job working with
the children and families of our
clinic. Annie will be completing
her placement in the beginning
of December and we will miss
her. Good luck in all your future
endeavors, Annie!

Everyone at the clinic wants
to thank all those who
participated in and attended the
Basket Bingo. We appreciate the
very generous donations made
by all businesses, families, and
individuals. All of the proceeds
directly benefited our clinic and
we could not be more thrilled
with the event's success.

Finally, our annual Holiday
Party will be held in the middle
of December. The children
(and families!) look forward to
this special event all year and
we could not do it without the
financial support of the Scottish
Rite Masons. Everyone loves
the balloon animals provided
by the Boumi Clowns and the
special visit from Santa, as
well as participating in various
holiday crafts and games.

In closing, we extend our
heartfelt appreciation to the
Scottish Rite Masons for all your
continued support this past
year. All of us here at the clinic
wish you and your families an
enjoyable holiday season and a
very happy and healthy start to
the New Year!

Cornerstone Rededication – Havre de Grace Library

Thursday, July 14th, 2016



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HAVRE DE GRACE, is a beautiful waterfront city situated where the Susquehanna River flows into the Chesapeake Bay. The downtown business district is on the National Register of Historic Places as the “Havre de Grace Historic District”. The architecture is primarily from the 19th and early 20th centuries and comprises over one thousand buildings (mostly residences). This is partly due to the fact that the British burned most of the town to the ground in 1813 including a Lodge attended by Lafayette.

As you enter the central downtown area from the north, you will see a statue of the Marquis de Lafayette at the corner of Union and Warren Streets. General Lafayette, during the Revolutionary War, visited the small town several times and commented that the area reminded him of the French port city of Le Havre. Inspired by Lafayette’s comments, the residents incorporated the town as Havre de Grace in 1785. As by local masonic tradition, if you see the Marquis is wearing a white apron, there is work that

evening in Susquehanna Lodge #130.

Susquehanna lodge #130 was organized under a dispensation granted on December 28th, 1866 by the Grand Master John Coats to Arthur Vosberg and eleven other Master Masons; three of whom came from Harmony Lodge #53 at Port Deposit. The Charter was issued on May 13th, 1867, with the early meetings being held at Spencer Hall, directly across the street from the current Temple. In the succeeding years the lodge grew and prospered and in 1868 several members withdrew and organized Stephenson Lodge #130 in Darlington and then in 1890 another group went on to found Aberdeen Lodge #187. The difficulties of traveling over the roads at the time was the main cause of the formation of lodges in nearby towns.

By 1906, Susquehanna Lodge had raised enough money to build their own Temple and in 1906 the cornerstone was laid by Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock. This new Temple was completed and dedicated on January 8th, 1907, has been enlarged several times over the years and is still the Lodge’s home today.

In keeping with a national masonic tradition of dedicating significant cornerstones, on Thursday evening, July 14th,

2016; the Grand Lodge of Maryland along with the officers and members of Susquehanna Lodge #130 (and many other masons from the surrounding area), rededicated the cornerstone for the brand new Havre de Grace Library. Brethren assembled at the Temple and paraded up Washington Street, made a right onto Pennington Avenue and on to the cornerstone rededication site at Union Avenue. There were many masons, their families, local dignitaries and townspeople in attendance. It was a fantastic event conducted by Most Worshipful Grand Master Kenneth S. Wyvill and his Grand Line of officers and color guard in conjunction with Susquehanna #130 Worshipful Master Alfred W. Peteraf.

The brothers of Susquehanna Lodge #130 have worked hard work in making masonry shine along the Chesapeake Bay in Harford County for nearly 150 years! Their members are involved in many charitable and civic service activities. 2017 will mark the big anniversary year for this historic lodge. If you are ever interested in visiting, regular meetings are 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30.





The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—Baltimore

One-Day Class

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

In the month of November, Valleys, Orients and Councils of Deliberations from both the Northern Masonic and Southern Jurisdictions will come together to celebrate the Scottish Rite.

It is the first time the fraternity has held such a nationwide day of honor.

A handsome, new challenge coin has been commissioned to commemorate this historic event each candidate receiving his 32° and his first line signer will be presented this commemorative coin free of charge.



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FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME

I have never applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the degrees, from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. (Note: If applicant has previously applied for any of the degrees, explain fully as to date, place and to what bodies such application was made.)

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

Location _____ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____

Date Raised _____ If raised in a Maryland Lodge, have you passed exam in 3rd degree Catechism? _____

Residence _____
(Street Address) (City or Town) (State) (ZIP Code)

Mail Address _____
(Street Address) (City or Town) (State) (ZIP Code)

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

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
(City or Town) (State)

My Occupation, position, or trade is that of _____
(State fully nature of your duties. If retired, please indicate your former duties and employer.)

Employed by _____
(Name of Firm or Gov't Agency) (Address) (Telephone Number)

Spouse's Name _____

Recommended by two members in good standing in the Maryland Scottish Rite Bodies,

(1) _____
(Printed name of Recommender) (Phone Number) (Signature) (Scottish Rite ID Number)

(2) _____
(Printed name of Recommender) (Phone Number) (Signature) (Scottish Rite ID Number)

1. The Supreme Council requires the acceptance of the following fundamental principles: The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, underlying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? (Yes or No) _____
2. Have you ever been held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with and organization which has? (Yes or No) _____: If your answer is in the affirmative, give particulars: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Signed _____
(Signature of Applicant in Full)

INITIATION FEE: \$250.00

INITIATION FEE INCLUDES:
14° Trilite Ring (May be upgraded to 10K Gold for additional fee),
32° Patent, Bridge to Light Book, Master Craftsman I Program

AT LEAST \$100.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION.

HAT SIZE _____ RING SIZE _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SCOTTISH RITE

This fee may be paid by Credit Card.

Select one: _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____ Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

3 Digit Security Number on back of card _____

Upcoming **Events** 2016

Saturday, November 5th	Baltimore – Fall Reunion Day	7am
Saturday, November 5th	Cumberland – Buck A Cup Starts	7pm
Monday, November 7th	Cumberland – LOP	7:30pm
Tuesday, November 8th	Election Day	
Wednesday, November 9th	Baltimore – Feast of Tishri	7pm
Saturday, November 12th	Susquehanna – Scottish Rite Day	TBA
Saturday, November 12th	Cumberland Ladies Night (Hagers)	6:30pm
Sunday, November 13th	Baltimore – Ring Ceremony	2pm
Thursday, November 17th	Susquehanna – Feast of Tishri & Ring	7pm
Sunday, November 20th	Cumberland Capping Ceremony	2pm
Monday, November 21st	Cumberland – LOP	7:30pm
Wednesday, November 30th	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	7pm
Monday, December 5th	Cumberland – Elections	7:30pm
Sunday, December 11th	Baltimore – Christmas Party	2pm
Thursday, December 15th	Susquehanna – Elections	7:00pm
Thursday, December 15th	Frederick – Elections	7:30
Monday, December 19th	Cumberland – Installation Rehearsal	7pm
Sunday, January 8th	Baltimore Installation of Officers	2pm
Sunday, January 15th	Cumberland Installation	2pm
Sunday, January 15th	Salisbury Installation	3pm
Wednesday, January 18th	Southern Md Installation	7pm
Thursday, January 19th	Susquehanna Installation	7:30pm