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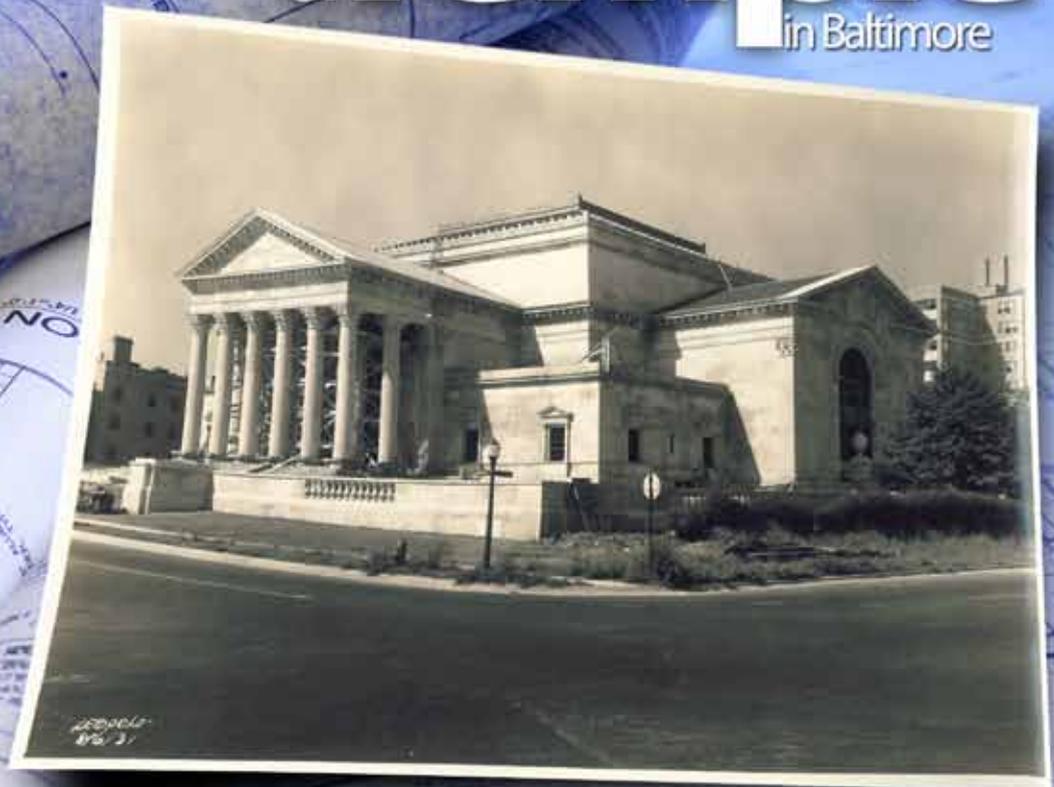
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ON THE COVER

Breaking ground in 1930, on the corner of 39th and North Charles Street, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center stands alone on the highest elevation in this section of the city. Its unique architecture makes the Scottish Rite Masonic Center one of the most beautiful monumental buildings in the nation. Architect Clyde N. Friz, 33° designed the building along with consulting efforts from architect John Russell Pope.



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A MESSAGE FROM
ILL. MARLIN L. MILLS, 33°

Dear Brethren,

What a wonderful time of year, spring! Birds singing, flowers blooming and warm sunshine. It is a new beginning for many things, large and small, all a part of the grand plan.

Speaking of new things, I hope you all like the new look for our Scottish Rite Journal. It is still the same terrific magazine, but Maryland now occupies the front of the publication instead of the middle. Be sure to read all of the articles from the contributors, as well as important dates and donations. I would like to thank our Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale for allowing us to try this new format, as well as Brent Morris for giving me the idea. I also thank Dean Alban, Stan Dodd and Jerry Arnold for all the layout and graphics. Please let me know what you think.

New things are beginning around our Scottish Rite Temple. First, our new class with 20 members is a great way to start. These men bring many new ideas and experiences. The average age is 43, and this adds a little more color around the edges of our Scottish Rite caps. I want to welcome each of you and encourage you to attend all of our Scottish Rite activities as your schedule allows. Please bring your wife or significant other. We always have a meal at a very low cost and a brief program for everyone. You will find that you will get more from the Scottish Rite than you put in.

During the last week in January, I attended the new Deputy training seminar in Washington, DC and came back with a mountain of material and new ideas. There were five other new Deputies in attendance, which gave me the opportunity to meet and hear how things are done in other Orients. They were all "the cream of the crop" and I look forward to working with them.

We recently updated the computers in our main office, as well as in the Clinic in order to meet new HIPAA standards. Instead of disposing of the old computers, we are having them cleaned and re-programmed for use in our classroom. We will soon be giving computer classes to anyone interested in learning basic computer skills. This means that you can learn about email and word processing.

There are many new and rewarding things in the works, so keep updated on the Scottish Rite. I began this note by tanking about spring and new beginnings, but I cannot help recalling Grand Commander Seale's last message, "The Sands of Time." There cannot be a beginning without an end and this year has been difficult for many of our Scottish Rite families throughout Maryland. Since the new year began, we have mourned the loss of 18 of our family members. As our hearts go out to all those families in this time of sorrow, I leave you with the eloquent words of our Grand Commander: "Yesterday is but a memory and tomorrow only a hope, so it remains for us to live each day-indeed, each moment-to the fullest, not leaving obligations unfulfilled nor deferring what we are able to do each day. And finally, may we never take one another for granted, not for a single day-ever again."

May our Supreme Architect be with each and every one of you until we meet again.

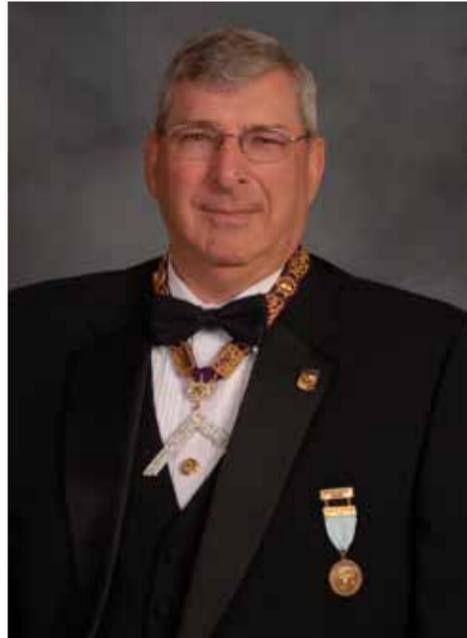
Sincerely and fraternally,

 **Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°** 
Deputy of the Supreme Council
in Maryland



A MESSAGE FROM THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
ILL. THOMAS. M. VELVIN, Jr. 33°

by: Ill. Thomas M. Velvin, Jr., 33° - Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland



Let me start this by first congratulating our Scottish Rite on their new format of the Journal. "The Rite News of Maryland" sure stands out and puts Maryland in the forefront. I commend the Grand Commander and all those involved in the idea.

I also want to congratulate Grand Commander Seale and his staff for the outstanding job they did in New Orleans. The Sentinel training, Rite Care Conference, Fellows Conference and the National Leadership Conference were all excellent. This was a huge undertaking by the entire Supreme Council Staff as well as the Orient of Louisiana.

As I write this article, we have recently finished our regional meetings with near record attendance and our Leadership Seminar was a huge success. I know the Scottish Rite Spring reunion has presented several new degrees which I encourage all Scottish Rite members to witness when we present them again in the Fall. It is not only good for us to revisit the meanings of our degrees, but it is important for new members to see our presence and feel welcome. Do you remember your first visit to your Lodge or the Scottish Rite.

We do seem to be having a renewed interest in our Fraternity. We currently have nearly 500 candidates working in the three degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry. This is a good sign for the Scottish Rite as well as our other Collateral Bodies. We must all remember that our members still need to have a reason to attend meetings. If every meeting is the same, members will soon become disenchanted and stop attending. Lodge work and degree work interspersed with interesting programs will ensure better attendance.

I offer my congratulations to all members of the 2010 Ill. Donald A. Adams, 33° Spring Class. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you and your families at the Ring Ceremony. I look forward to seeing you at Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite in the near future.

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
ILL. E. RAY LEPPA, Jr. 33°

by: Ill. E. Ray Leppa, Jr., 33° - Personal Representative, Valley of Baltimore

Welcome new members on behalf of the Valley of Baltimore. I want to extend our sincerest congratulations to the Brethren in the Spring 2010 Donald Adams, 33° Reunion Class and welcome each of you as a Scottish Rite Mason.

You have witnessed degrees demonstrating moral and philosophical lessons that expand on the Blue Lodge degrees and represent the ultimate in personal character and perfection. Your

next step to enjoy the Scottish Rite and feel part of it is to start attending our regular monthly meetings. After that, take part in one of the degrees or assist in stage properties, lighting or sound.

The Rite is here for you-you can help to make it even better. Come back in the Fall and witness some of the other degrees. I am looking forward to a long and close Masonic relationship with each of you.

THE OLDEST
MARINE

by: Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33° - Orient Personal Representative

My very good friend Richard Rhinehart was 102 years old on March 10th 2010. Richard is the oldest living United States Marine. On March 2nd, the celebration started with a luncheon with about 35 of his friends at Friendly Farms in Upperco, Maryland. Richard likes to go there several times a year for lunch, so it was wonderful that we could join him on this particular Tuesday afternoon. We sang happy birthday, sang the Marine Corps Hymn and listened to several stories.

Several months ago, when the Marine Corps realized that their oldest member lived so near, The Commandant of The Marine Corps invited him to be his guest at TATTO Service in Washington. He sat with The Commandant and watched the "Pirade" and listened to the Marine Band and was quite impressed. He still talks about this treatment every time someone will listen.

Richard enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1928. He was one of the first Marines in the Marine Air Corps. He was a tail gunner during the Nicaraguan Campaign and actually shot something from his plane. He completed his ten years prior to World War II.

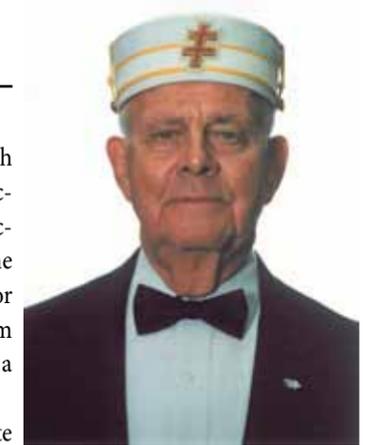
On his actual birthday, March 10th, he was invited to the "House of the Temple" (The headquarters for the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, at 16th Street in Washington, DC). An interview was set up with ABC News to talk about being

the oldest Marine and Oldest Scottish Rite Mason in the Southern Jurisdiction. I do not know when this will actually air. I will try and keep anyone interested informed. Our Deputy for Maryland, Marlin Mills was with him all day and said they really put on a show for him.

He attended our regular Rite Cheer Luncheon at the Scottish Rite on Thursday the 11th. Of course we sang Happy Birthday again and he told us of all the exciting things that had happened.

Richard is in excellent physical condition. He works out at the gym twice a week and walks at least a mile three times a week. If you shake hands with him, be careful, he has a very strong handshake.

It was my pleasure several years ago to present him with a 60 or 70 year service award. He is quite a guy. He still RUNS the parking lot for special guests at the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore. Do not try to park in any of his special places. He is great.



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WE WILL SUCCEED, IN SPIRE OF DIFFICULTY

by: Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33° - Orient Personal Representative

We have now arrived at the time of year when beautiful weather is abounding. New growth and flowers are the order of the day. It was not long ago, however, that we had snow in such great proportions that we could not safely travel the streets of Baltimore. Many of our meetings were postponed or canceled and our rehearsals were greatly curtailed. That, my brothers, is the incentive that we need to apply ourselves with double diligence to make our efforts for Masonry even more forceful. It is up



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to us now to show the world that the Scottish Rite in Maryland is alive and well and we need to make it even stronger. We can not reclaim those lost opportunities, but we can demonstrate that we are more dedicated because of them.

We can look at our school system that has so many snow days to make up in order that students may attend school so many days a year. In real life, we can not make up those lost days, we must find ways to accomplish more in the days that we have. Our production for the year must be the same or better, even though we must lose some of that time. Each of us in Scottish Rite must find ways to do even the small things that will make our production better.

Your first question will be "What are we producing?" We are certainly not running a production line to produce widgets or any such thing. Our product must be brotherly love, relief and truth. You remember the tenants of Freemasonry. Our job is to dispense Masonic truth

and education to our less informed brethren. I believe we call that light.

It is up to every brother in the Orient of Maryland to assist in a large or small way to perform this great task. Each must do his small or large part to make the road easier for all of us. It is only by working together that we can cause our fraternity to grow. Not only do we want to grow in numbers, but we need to grow in our ability to teach and assist. We can not emphasize too strongly the need for all of our members to share in this endeavor. Our new members and some of those who, for one reason or another, have not been so very active for a while will be able to help us greatly, if only to be a spectator at some of our beautiful degrees. With some of the innovations that are taking place, we all will learn something new as these degrees unfold.

Won't it be great to see our sidelines filled again? What an incentive this will be to our new candidates to realize that there are so many of us who care about their Masonic Education. It will also let the members of the various degree casts know how much we appreciate the efforts that they put forth. Please join us as often as you can in all of the programs and degree work that we offer right here at our Scottish Rite Temple.

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Let us make this the year when we bring back that spirit that persisted in those days and fill our temple with that brotherly love and fraternalism that makes our fraternity so unique. Please come on out and share Masonry with your Scottish Rite Brothers.

Thank you!!!!

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THE SCOTTISH RITE SINGERS

Our Scottish Rite Singers are in desperate need of your help. The all-devouring scythe of time and the hourglass have taken a devastating toll on this fine group of men. These are men who dedicated much of their free time to adding enjoyment to our degrees and programs. These



modest men would assemble for a short rehearsal, select songs and then present a joyful noise for each audience. Not one of them professes to be a great vocalist, but all of them enjoy knowing that they made a difference. Instead of just degree ritual, they were a light moment or a soft touch that added to the program.

Now, our auditorium is silent. The electric organ plays without an accompaniment. The degrees lack a musical backup. Could it be you? Can you sing? Would you be willing to try? We are only talking

about a few minutes during our degrees or ceremonies. There will be no on the road work or outside performances. If you can carry a tune, even if it's only in a bucket or in the shower, we can find a place for you.

"Speak to yourselves in psalms and hymns, and in your spiritual songs, sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:13

Please call Hon. John Kinnier, 32°, KCCH (410-321-7235) or Ill. Fred Spicer, 33° (410-243-3200) for more information.

THE SCOTTISH RITE DIPLOMATS

By: Ill. Edward B. Kraft, 33°, Chairman
& Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council

Are you a Scottish Rite member and active in your Blue Lodge? If so, have you heard of the Scottish Rite Diplomat Program? These men are ambassadors to our Blue Lodges, without which, there would be no other collateral bodies. They provide information on the Scottish Rite and can even arrange for your Lodge to have a 15-20 minute presentation, when invited by the Worshipful Master. They can make a presentation to all the newly raised Master Masons in the Lodge.

The Diplomats support their Blue Lodge as well as promote further light in Masonry by providing accurate information about the Scottish Rite degrees, programs, ceremonies and lunches. If you would like to be a Diplomat for your Blue Lodge, please contact Brother Ed Kraft (410-795-1951) or the Scottish Rite Office (410-243-3200) for the next meeting date.



A TOAST TO THE FLAG

*Here's to the red of it
There's not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head.
But heroes bled for it
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it Red!*

*Here's to the white of it
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it,
But feels the might of it,
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so White!*

*Here's to the blue of it
Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star-spangled dew of it
Constant and true;
Diadems Gleam for it,
States stand supreme for it,
Liberty's beam for it
Brightens the Blue!*

*Here's to the whole of it
Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
O, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through;
Hearts in accord for it,
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red, White and Blue*

THE NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

by: Ill. Oswald Kinat, 33° and Ill. John S. English, 33°

We are all familiar with the term, “sojourning Mason,” but do you know what it means or where it came from? Webster’s Dictionary defines the word sojourner as one who stays at a place for a short time or as a verb – to stay temporarily in a place. So in Masonry, we think of a sojourner as one who travels or moves around quite often. Therefore, our men in uniform who are often moved from one state or country to another could be and are considered sojourn-

our great nation.

Members of the National Sojourners are all active or prior military Master Masons, who support patriotic ideas throughout America, and as stated in our Masonic Creed: *“I pledge my loyalty to the government of the United States of America.....and will not countenance disloyalty on the part of others.”* They now have over 150 chapters in nearly every state in the union.

The Maryland Chapter, which meets at the Scottish Rite Temple, is very active and presents many awards to students in college and high school programs. One such program is the National Sojourners Award. This award is presented each year to an outstanding ROTC cadet who has demonstrated a true example of Americanism on his or her campus. The winner of this award received a ribbon and a medal pendant, which they may wear on their ROTC uniform.

These men often work in conjunction with the Scottish Rite ROTC program and make joint presentations to well qualified, deserving Students. If you would like to be a part of this outstanding group of Masonic patriots, please contact Ozzie Kinat or John English. If you would like to be a part of the Scottish Rite ROTC program, please contact Ill. Ray Leppo, 33° (410-243-3200) or Hon. John Kinnier, 32°, KCCH (410-321-7235).



ROTC Cadet 2nd Lt. Lauren Sparks and Cadet Sgt. 1st Class Seth Pennock, of St. Joseph, Mo., Pony Express Raider Challenge A Team, cross a one-rope bridge as Cadet Sgt. Jonathan Montgomery and Cadet Capt. Micah Carr prepare to do the same during the timed event in the Leavenworth High School-sponsored ROTC Raider Challenge.

Photo Credit: Prudence Siebert, Fort Leavenworth Lamp

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THE MEREDITH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

by: Hon. Howard S. Maxwell, 32°, KCCH – Wise Master

As I write this, the snow is almost gone and Spring is on the way. I want to thank my line officers for their enthusiasm and work, not only for our regular meetings but also in the degree work.

I would like to encourage every member to introduce the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry to as many of your Blue Lodge members and others as possible. We need new faces to come forward and continue the wonderful work that is being done.

The closing line in the Maundy Thursday celebration of extinguishing the lights is: *“Peace be with you always: remember that it is better to love than to hate; that your duty is not to be better than your brethren but to be better than yourself; and that the more you have the more you owe to those who need assistance.”*

If we practiced this, the world would be a much better place.

THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH

by: Hon. Reed H. Cole, Sr., 32°, KCCH - Commander

It is springtime and we all know what that means. It is the time of renewal and time for the presentation of the degrees of the Scottish Rite. They tie in with one another. It is a great time to renew your knowledge and understanding of the Rite and the spirit of the Rite. We need to re-energize our commitment to the principles exemplified in the degrees. They inspire us to work harder for the good of humanity and for ourselves. This is part of the function of Masonry. I challenge you to come out and observe the degrees and find new meaning to the degrees. Share in the brotherhood both in the Rite and the Blue Lodge. You will find yourself better to handle the day-to-day stresses and anxieties of this age.

Looking around the Temple, I see a new vigor. There are younger faces and new ideas. Don’t be someone who misses out on this. Come, participate, and get active. Help bridge the old and the new. It is our challenge!

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THE KNIGHT OF ST. ANDREW

ATTENTION ALL 32° SCOTTISH RITE MASONS! Are you looking for a great way to get involved in the Scottish Rite without having to do a lot of degree memory work or trying to be an actor? Have you thought about the Knights of St. Andrew?

We are not all cut out to be great actors and some of us have a harder time learning parts for a degree, and some still have little free time. Well, the Knights of St. Andrew may be just the thing for you. **The Knights are made up of a select unit of Scottish Rite Masons, of which only 32° Black Hats are eligible.** They exist as a service organization on behalf of the Scottish Rite and fall under the immediate supervision of the Valley Personal Representative or Assistant Personal Representative.

The Knights provide an invaluable service by acting as personal escorts for visiting dignitaries, the Deputy of the Supreme Council or for our ladies during Reunions and Ring Ceremonies. The Knights may also serve as official greeters or guides to meet new candidates. They are charged with the responsibility of presenting the national and or state colors, and with forming all honor guards.

If you would like to be a part of this elite group of men who wear the Glengarry cap and sash, please contact Brother Brian Lewis, 32° (410-636-8928) or Hon. John Kinnier, 32°, KCCH (410-321-7235).

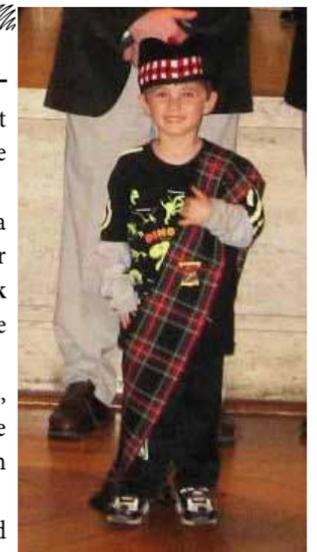
Those that attended the talk following the meeting of the Maryland Council of Kadosh learned much from Brother Poe’s exemplary talk. To subject matter advertised was added by the account of his tale of his work in Haiti after the earthquake there. It was an astounding experience that he communicated with passion and pathos. No one who was there at the talk was unmoved by the description of the devastation of the lives of the victims of this horrible tragedy. But don’t get the impression that it was a mournful presentation; instead it was remarkably lively and also uplifting. He is a superior speaker. The other part of the talk was on the Further Light Research Group and the Maryland Research Lodge. It too was informative and live-



Debris lays in the street after an earthquake along the Delmas road in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010. A 7.0-magnitude earthquake, the largest ever recorded in the area, rocked Haiti. (AP Photo/Jorge Cruz)

ly. All, I believe, were glad they took the time to come and listen.

Make Masonry live in your lives and the community – re-energize your life with its teachings and its hope for humanity.



Four years old Andrew Goldman.

THE CHESAPEAKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

By: Hon. John W. Kinnier, 32°, KCCH - President



2nd Annual Outing to Ripken Stadium August 29, 2010 "Take me out to the Ballgame"

The Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club, Orient of Maryland, has scheduled an outing to Ripken Stadium to see the Aberdeen Ironbirds in Aberdeen, MD for Sunday August 29. All Scottish Rite Masons and friends are invited to join!

An "all-you-can-eat" MVP barbeque picnic will kick-off at 4:30 PM, and we have reserved box-seats for the baseball game scheduled to start at 5:35 PM. The total cost for the picnic and game is \$25.00 per person.

We have reserved the area and a block of seats, however it is necessary to make payments in advance to obtain these rates. Deadline for reservations and payments is July 5, but please reserve and send payments as soon as possible.

Please, ASAP, mail your reservations and payments to Brother Bill Grau, 3137 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, MD 21158-2536. 



CONOWINGO SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

by: Hon. Charles F. Ramsay, Jr., 32°, KCCH

By the time you receive this news, spring will be here and we would have lost an hour's sleep by "springing forward". The good news is that hopefully the bad weather is behind us. It was truly a tough winter for everyone from businesses to groups like ours.

Unfortunately, we cancelled our February meeting due to the dire predictions of weather reports and the storm never materialized. However, we had to make our decision a day ahead of the storm to notify everyone and the restaurant. They are truly the most understanding business you will ever have the privilege to work with as

they essentially lost a weekend of business. This has happened to us twice now.

We will hold our next meeting on May 14th and then October 15th. Our program and menu will be the same and we look forward to having a good turnout for our new Deputy of The Supreme Council, Brother Marlin Mills. Again, our reservation notice will be mailing approx. one month prior and a follow up phone call one week prior. Please mark these dates on your date books now. We look forward to seeing you--bring a friend. 

THE CARROLL SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

by: Hon. Charles F. Ramsay, Jr., 32°, KCCH

After several postponements due to the February snowstorms and blizzard, we finally got a break in the weather to hold our quarterly meeting of the Carroll Scottish Rite Club. A few of our regulars had other commitments on the new date, but the 50 plus attendees enjoyed the meeting.

We were treated to a delicious Swiss steak dinner with all the trimmings and dessert served by the ladies of the Social Order of the Beauseant. Our speaker was Mr. Dean Minnick, a newspaper editor, photojournalist and a Carroll County Commissioner. He spoke about the small towns and villages in the county, their beginnings, growth and importance to the area today. He is an entertaining and excellent speaker and was well received by all.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 5:00 PM, with a dinner served by members of the Eastern Star, Door to Virtue Chapter. For Scottish Rite members not currently on our mailing list who would like to attend, call me at 410-833-8811 for a bulletin or to make a reservation. We would love to have you and even bring a guest. We hold our regular meetings on the 1st Saturday of February, May, September and November. 

THE CHESAPEAKE CONSISTORY

By: Hon. Robert S. Yingling, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Master of Kadosh

The Spring Schedule for 2010 is now complete and we are eagerly looking forward to summer and all its beauty. The Spring Class, in honor of Ill. Donald A. Adams, 33°, was a huge success and the conferral of the various degrees went quite well. The hard work and countless hours spent by our Scottish Rite brethren was a joy to behold. Sadly, so few of us were there to enjoy the fruits of their labors. I'm sure we all remember our first three degrees in our Blue Lodges, when we were "brought to light," and the feeling we had at the number of Brothers present to see the fine work done. Wouldn't it be just as rewarding to now be a part of the side-liners witnessing the conferral of the beautiful Scottish Rite degrees? The Fall Class will be there, so let's try to be there too, as our support can only strengthen our beloved Scottish Rite Temple!

Speaking of attending Scottish Rite activities, our Family Picnic is fast approaching. This is a wonderful time to be with our "Scottish Rite Family." Saturday, June 5th will be the day and children are welcome, so come on out and enjoy the day filled with good food, games for the kids, and plenty of Masonic brotherly love to share. Call the Scottish Rite Office (410-243-3200) to make reservations and let them know what type of dish you will bring. See you there! 

THE ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION

by: Ill. David L. Schneider, 33°, Venerable Master

We finally have left the snow and very cold and blustery weather behind us. Those of you who missed the two major storms during the first two weeks of February by attending the Grand Master's and Deputy of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite cruise were very fortunate in many respects. First, we had great weather and did not have to shovel all that snow. Second, our Grand Master Thomas M. Velvin, Jr., 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council Marlin L. Mills, 33° and our SGIG Emeritus Dr. Hans R. Wilhelmsen, 33° could not have been more gracious hosts. Last but not least, we provided a financial donation to Masonry.

On March 19, 2010, I had the pleasure and honor to represent our Deputy for the Supreme Council Ill. Bro. Marlin L. Mills, 33° at the Grand Assembly of Maryland International Order of the Rainbow Girls. What a distinct pleasure and honor to be in the presence of dedicated and serving adults and young women. Their goals on belief in GOD, self improvement, confidence,

leadership, understanding citizenship, learning and performing their ritual from memory and their charitable work should set an example for us all.

Your lodge and degree teams, under the direction of Ill. Bro. Chuck Carmichael, 33°, are working hard to be ready for the Spring Class and Fall Class. I hope you can find time in your busy schedule to attend the degrees and various lodge meetings. Please contact any of the lodge officers or members of the degree teams if you have a desire to participate. We can use your support in making the Scottish Rite grow.

Please remember each of our degrees has its paramount duty. We should reflect on these duties and teachings every day: Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Faith, Hope, Charity and our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves. Please remember our military personnel in your prayers. God Bless each of you and God Bless these United States of America. 

Please remember each of our degrees has its paramount duty. We should reflect on these duties and teachings every day: Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Faith, Hope, Charity and our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves.



Spring is here and our Family Picnic is fast approaching. This is a wonderful time to be with our "Scottish Rite Family." Saturday, June 5th will be the day and children are welcome, so come on out and enjoy the day filled with good food, games for the kids, and plenty of Masonic brotherly love to share.



Can you believe, "spring, a time to plant seeds, has finally arrived; and summer, a time to pull weeds is not far behind"? With the dregs of winter behind us, we can now begin planning for the warm and sunny months ahead for the Woman's Club.

THE SCOTTISH RITE WOMEN'S CLUB

by: Janet Kraft, President

We have several events coming up, beginning with the **Scottish Rite Family Picnic** on Saturday, June 5th at Sunnybrook Farm from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please see the ad below. Please call the Scottish Rite Office and let Sharon know what covered dish you will be bringing. This is always a day of fun and fellowship and especially enjoyed by the children and families of the Clinic.

Also, mark Sunday, September 26th on your calendar for the **Scottish Rite Annual Bull Roast**. Once again, we will have a cake table and book sale. Keep these dates in mind, and look for further details in the next newsletter.

Remember to call our Sunshine Chairman, Carole Yingling at 410-795-1939, to report anyone who just might need a pick-me-up card from the club. We also have a new Membership Chairman, Lori Spicer, and she would love to meet and greet any ladies who are interested in joining our group. We would love to have you! She can be reached at 410-740-8359.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, June 4th at *Patrick's Restaurant* at 12:00 Noon. At this meeting, we will welcome Chrissy Wandishin, who will bring greetings from the Clinic. Just a note for our working members: our September meeting will be held at the Scottish Rite on a Wednesday evening, date to be determined.

In closing, we would like to extend congratulations to Marlin Mills, Deputy of the Supreme Council in Maryland, and wish he and Brenda all the best in the coming years.

**The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation
& The Hilgenberg Childhood
Speech and Language Center**
invite you to the
9th Annual Family Day Picnic
Games, Prizes, Food & Fun on the Farm!

Saturday, June 5, 2010
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunnybrook Farm
13729 Jarroville Pike
Phoenix, MD 21131

Please call the
Scottish Rite Office
(410-243-3200)
for Reservations and
covered dish item.

Directions to the Farm:

From South: Take I-695 Beltway to Exit 27 (Dulaney Valley Road North, Route 146). Cross Loch Raven Bridge, Bear Left and Proceed North on Jarroville Pike for 3 miles. Sunnybrook Farm is on the right side (new fence).

From North: Take Jarroville Pike to 1 mile south of Four Corners, Jacksonville (400 feet past yellow blinking light) Turn left into entrance to Sunnybrook Farm.



MARCH 27, 2010 SPRING CLASS

by: Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-Valley of Cumberland



Row One: (Left to Right) Richard Lynn Bittinger, Bloomington, MD; Gerld Vannienwenhove, 32° KCCH Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection; Ill. Paul Gary Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative in Cumberland; Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33°, Personal Representative in Baltimore Scottish Rite Bodies; and Carlo Michel Merhi, Frostburg, MD.

Row Two: (Left to Right) Larry John Smith, Cumberland, MD; Ryan Dale Thorn, Ridgeley, WV; Stephen Edward Kemmet, Martinsburg, WV; Daniel Ray Shealy, Hagerstown, MD; Jeremy Joe Buckley, Romney, WV; and John Rodney Meanyhan, Frostburg, MD.

Row Three: (Left to Right) Vincent Edward Densmore, Frostburg, MD; Nicholas Joseph Costello, Frostburg, MD; Samuel Aaron Blair Earl, Martinsburg, WV; Milton Elwood Miller, III, Hagerstown, MD; and Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretry-Registrar for the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite.

Row Four (Left to Right) Robert Lee Dawson, Jr., Burlington, WV; Terrence Matthew Thompson, Clear Spring, MD; Nathan David Rice, Ridgeley, WV; and William Raymond Zimmer, Hagerstown, MD.

CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY BUCK-A-CUP FUND RAISER

The Cumberland Consistory, Valley of Cumberland partnered with the League for Crippled Children to establish the Scottish Rite Language Disorder and Speech clinic in 1997. The clinic was established to be the principle philanthropy of Cumberland Scottish Rite. In addition the Cumberland Clinic has an orofacial clinic for children with cleft lip and/or cleft palate. The clinic is available to all young clients in need of these special services. All Scottish Rite members are active entity of the foundation, through which funds come to support the speech clinic.

We generate additional funds by two community fund raisers supported by the local commu-

nities in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties in Maryland and Mineral County in West Virginia. The Buck-A-Cup fund raiser is managed by the retirement club of the Scottish Rite. These brethren contact various eating establishments to participate to sell a Scottish Rite button for \$1.⁰⁰, from November 1st to the first week in December. Two days in December is designated from the button holder to receive free coffee and tea at a sponsoring establishment. The Rite honors the employees with a plaque and gifts for their devotion in producing funds to support the Speech Clinic.



Recently *Little Sandy's* establishment in Hancock, MD was honored by the Scottish Rite with a plaque.



Top botton sellers from *Arby's* restaurant in LaVale, MD. Left to right are Amananda Garland, Mary Bennett, Robin Berman and Jerome Robinette, 33°.

The second fund raiser is the *THING-A-MA-JIG, "Showcase of Talent"*, to be held this year at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, on April 16th at 7:30pm in the auditorium. The cost is \$10.00 perperson. This will be our eighth year of producing outstanding musical programs for the citizens of our local and surrounding communities. Proceeds from the event support the organization's Childhood Language Disorder Clinic. The committee is shown above with front row: Ronnie Snyder, Vickie Skidmore, Mitizie Robinette, Nancy Shircliff; back row: Clint Snyder, 32° KCCH; Gerald Vannienwehove, 32° KCCH; Paul Shircliff, 33°; Wayne Skidmore, 33°; Jerome Robinette, 33°.



RITE CHEER CLUB MENU

May 6, 2010	Beef	There will be No lunches in
May 13, 2010	Ham	June, July or August Lunches
May 20, 2010	Pork	will resume September 23, 2010
May 27, 2010	Sloppy Joes	



The Cumberland Consistory's General Director of Works Br. Lonnie Royce Jackson, 33°, recently retired from the position after 9 years of service. Left to right: Venerable Master Gerald Vannienwehove, 32° KCCH, Br. Jackson, 33°, and Br. Paul Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative.

OUR
UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE		
Saturday, June 5	Scottish Rite Family Picnic	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday, September 15	Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection	
	Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
	Meeting	7:30 PM
	Speaker	8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 22	Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix	
	Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
	Meeting	7:30 PM
	Speaker	8:00 PM
Saturday, September 18	Annual Scottish Rite Bull and Oyster Roast	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, September 29	Maryland Council of Kadosh	
	Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
	Meeting	7:30 PM
	Speaker	8:00 PM



Mark your calendars for these special Scottish Rite events coming soon.

**WOODWORKERS DREAM TOOL
SHOPSMITH MARK V**

Are you one who loves to work with wood, build furniture, bird houses or other wood crafts? Are you limited in space for placing a lot of tools such as a saw, lathe, planer or drill? Well thanks to Brother Jerry Phillips, 32° and his wife Virginia, the Scottish Rite may be able to help make you the next "Master Craftsman" in woodwork.

The Phillips' have donated a nearly new Shopsmith Mark V to be sold or auctioned off by the Scottish Rite, with 100% of the funds going to the Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Here is your chance to help yourself and help a child.

Shopsmith has been around since 1953 and is the world's original multi-purpose wood-working machine. This unit has the five most needed woodworking tools in a single compact unit. You get a 10 inch table saw, a 34 inch lathe, a 12 inch disc sander, a 16 1/2 inch vertical drill press and a horizontal boring machine. It also comes with a belt sander, band saw, and other tools and accessories to make your woodworking easier. All of this comes in a 2ft by 6ft machine that tucks away in almost any corner of a garage or basement until needed.

If you are a true woodworking enthusiast, and are interested in this magnificent unit that includes all you will need to get started, please call the Scottish Rite Office (410-243-3200) or Ill. Marlin Mills, 33° (410-459-1500). The unit sold new for over \$6,000.00. Please make an offer by submitting a sealed bid as soon as possible to the Scottish Rite Office. The unit will be sold to the highest bidder by the Scottish Rite Picnic on June 5, 2010.



RECENT CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Daughters of Job Chapter No. 74, O.E.S. Charles W. Thomas, Jr.
Marlboro Chapter No. 61, O.E.S.

RECENT TEMPLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Charles W. Thomas, Jr.
Valley of Southern Maryland in honor of Ill. Hans R. Wilhelmsen, 33°, S.G.I.G. Emeritus

RECENT IN HONOR OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Craig G. Gombolay in honor of Matthew Golombay
Fred Green in honor of Matthew Golombay
William & Jeannie Gunn in honor of Marlin & Brenda Mills
William & Jeannie Gunn in honor of Dr. Hans & Leah Wilhelmsen

RECENT IN MEMORY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

John & Kit Baker in memory of Robert A. Suchy
William & Jeannie Gunn in memory of Ill. Michael S. Glushakow, 33°
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of the mother of Ill. Dean R. Alban, 33°
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of the uncle of Teddy & Gail Barkley
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of Ill. Michael S. Glushakow, 33°
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°, S.G.I.G. in Florida
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of the brother-in-law of Jack & Martha Hooks
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of the mother of Ill. Allen B. Keller, 33°
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of the son-in-law of Ill. & Mrs. Oswald Kinat
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of Bro. Gregory M. Skinner, 32°
Robert T. Reitz in memory of R. Earle Johnston, II
Patricia A. Shreffler in memory of Ill. Michael S. Glushakow, 33°
Dr. Hans & Leah Wilhelmsen in memory of Ill. Michael S. Glushakow, 33°
Dr. Hans & Leah Wilhelmsen in memory of Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°, S.G.I.G. in Florida
Dr. Hans & Leah Wilhelmsen in memory of Patricia Hughes



**BROTHERS CALLED FROM
LABOR TO ETERNAL REST**

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| Martin R. Clarke | Charles M. Koontz |
| Andrew F. Coleman | Seymour H. Lipshitz |
| Estil C. Daniels | John S. Lynch |
| Richard J. Daffron | James W. Mease |
| Jacob W. Easton, Jr. | Samuel B. Moyle, III |
| Albert C. Ellis, Jr. | George C. Rees |
| John K. Fassel, Jr. | Gregory M. Skinner |
| Thomas A. Gill | Lester J. Stanley |
| Michael S. Glushakow | Gordon Thomas |
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| Joe R. Hollifield | Samuel Young |
| Maurice L. Irvin | |



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Scottish Rite
Master Craftsman Program
 Congratulations on completing the
 Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program, Pa



Congratulations on completing the
 Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program, Part II!

Bro. William E. Andrews, Jr., 32°
 March 22, 2010

Hon. Arthur J. Manning, Jr., 32° K
 February 3, 2010

Bro. Robert H. Koons, 32°
 April 5, 2010

Ill. Spyridon G. Treklas, 33°
 February 18, 2010

For more information on the Master Craftsman Program, call the
 Scottish Rite Office (410-243-3200) or visit www.scottishrite.org/mastercraftsman.html



**Support your
 Scottish Rite
 Speech & Language Clinic**

The Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is a tax exempt 501 (c)(3) charitable organization whose sole function is to support the Hilgenberg RiteCare Childhood Speech & Language Clinic.

The average cost to tutor a child for one year is approximately \$5,000.00. Typically, children require an average of two years of tutoring. Your tax-exempt contribution can make a real difference in these children's lives.

For more information, please contact the Scottish Rite Office at 410-243-3200.

Or send a check directly,
 payable to:

Maryland Scottish Rite
 Charitable Foundation
 3800 North Charles Street
 Baltimore, MD 21218

I wish to help a language-disabled child by this enclosed tax-deductible contribution to the

**MARYLAND SCOTTISH RITE
 CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. (MSRCF, INC.)**

- \$100 -"Million Dollar Club" Membership Certificate issued
- \$1,000-"Gold Club" Membership Name to be engraved on plaque at Temple
- Other amount \$ _____

All gifts are tax deductible and can be made in installments

- General Donation
- In Memory of _____
- In Honor of _____

Commemorating: _____
(Indicate special occasion)

The Maryland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc., will acknowledge all gifts to the bereaved family or the person honored. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed. A separate letter will be sent to you acknowledging your tax-deductible gift.

Enclosed is my /our contribution of \$ _____

Please acknowledge to:

Name _____

Street _____ Apt. # _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

From (your name)

Name _____

Street _____ Apt. # _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____