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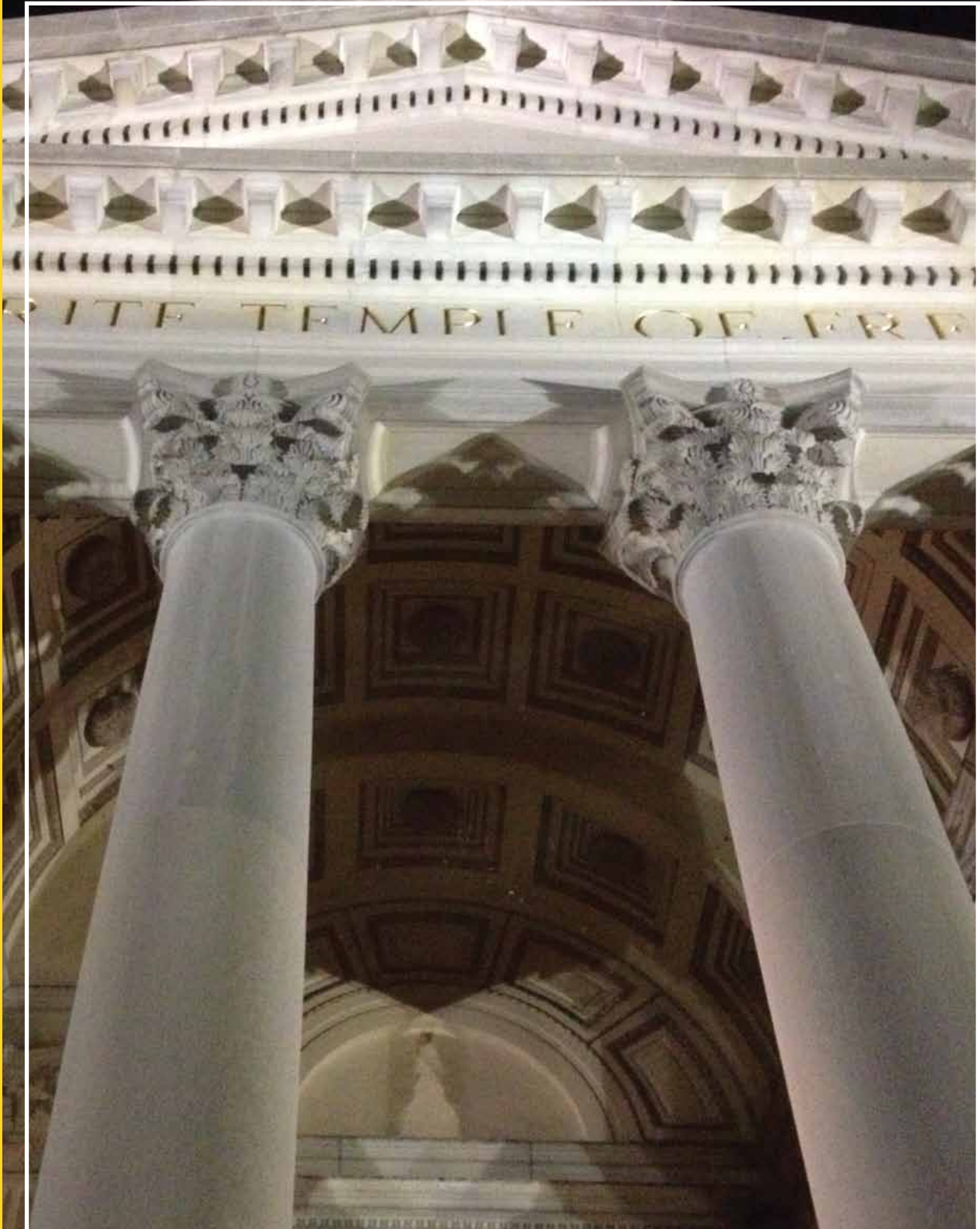
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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings all:

I hope this issue of the Rite News finds each one of you healthy and happy. Since our last issue, spring has come and gone and now the dog days of summer are upon us. Some things have started to slow down, lodges have gone dark and vacations are winding down but the Scottish Rite in Maryland still looks like Spring! New growth is everywhere. New members are getting ready for our fall class with several new degrees. New red and white hats are ready to be fitted onto deserving new honor men. Our new valley is waiting to be chartered at our Biennial Session and a brand new club "The Washington County Scottish Rite Club" is now up and running.

This new club brings the grand total of Scottish Rite clubs to nine and each one provides an excellent venue for year round activities and fellowship. At all nine, you will find superb guest speakers and be provided with an excellent meal, all for a reasonable price. If you have not been to a club meeting, you are missing out on a great opportunity! Look for their schedule in this issue of the Rite News.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and the best way to enjoy those "final days" is with a Lobster Fest! If you missed last year's event, this is your chance for a feast fit for a king. Look for the ad and make your reservation now!



In closing, I want to congratulate each of our new honor men. This honor is given to no one, but must be earned. It is earned not only by the efforts and time given to our Scottish Rite, but by unselfish acts within our Blue Lodge, our Grand Lodge, our Collateral Bodies and our communities. Each nominee has been carefully considered before being submitted to our Supreme Council for a vote that must be unanimous. I cannot congratulate them without saying thank you to every one of you who have worked so hard to make the Scottish Rite in Maryland "the place to be" and I look forward to seeing each of you at the "Rite" in Maryland.

May I wish each of you the blessing of good health and much happiness now and always.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

Masonic Summers

By: Ill. Gerald E. Piepiora, 33°—Most Worshipful Grand Master



THE KIDS (OR GRANDKIDS) ARE OUT OF SCHOOL, the barbecue grills are fired up, plans are made for vacations – summers as usual – whatever “usual” is.

Let's add a few more items to these plans: Table Lodges, Festive Boards, Degree work and other special events by our Lodges. Requests for dispensations continue to show up on my desk for all kinds of Lodge events during June, July, and August.

Installations, degree competitions, fundraisers of all sorts, carnivals, crab and lobster feasts, cookouts,

award ceremonies, conventions, and conclaves are all special events being held by the appendant bodies and youth groups.

Of course, we then have to add those events sponsored by the Grand Lodge; Family Day picnic, Scholarship Award Dinner, Grand Master's Masquerade Ball, 5K run, Mid Shore Seafood Festival, and, in September, the Western Maryland Country Music Festival.

Somehow, we manage to fit in all of these events while we are “on vacation”. Hopefully, busy can also mean relaxing and fun. Noteworthy in all of this is that, whatever we enjoy with our brothers, sisters, and families, all can be found within our Fraternity. I can also assure you that our neighborhoods and communities are taking notice of who we are and what we stand for.

Oh, and as we're enjoying these many

activities, it's probably not a coincidence that the Lodges, Temples, Chapters, Assemblies, Bethels, and Valleys just happen to be growing with quality and active members. If you have not visited your nearest Scottish Rite Valley in a while, please do so. You will be pleasantly surprised at the number of new activities being planned.

It is my sincere hope that everyone is enjoying a safe and healthy summer season. May God's greatest blessings be with all of you now in this summer of 2013 and in all of your future endeavors.

Honors Day

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



OCTOBER 12TH IS HONORS DAY. This is the day that the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and Thirty Third Degree are conferred in Baltimore. It will be a special day with special programs to congratulate the new recipients of these honors. However, it is a special time of the year to remember all of the positive things that have happened in the Orient of Maryland and to honor all who have contributed to the success that we have enjoyed. We must remember that it is not only the few who wear Red and White caps that make us successful, but

also the many who contribute little things that lead to our improvement.

As our several Valleys grow and improve, let us remember that without the support and cooperation of every member of that Valley, we could not continue to improve as we have in the past several years. Scottish Rite Masonry is a fellowship that must continue to grow and progress if we are to continue to move forward. We must participate in all of the business and social activities of each valley and the basic teachings of our Masonic Fraternity.

Brotherly Love – not for my sake, but for the good of the fraternity.

Relief – not only for my friends, but for all my brothers who are in need of help.

Not only **Financial**, but **Personal** and that which we can teach or organize.

Truth – in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Remember the Golden Rule, “Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You”. There are so many ways that we can make our Fraternity better. There are so many little things that are most important. A quick greeting, a handshake, a smile or a word of encouragement. The normal every day actions that make life more bearable.

Let us try and find more ways that we can HONOR our Fraternity on this HONORS DAY. I'll bet that if you just try a little, that you can think of more ways to honor each other than I have. Don't tell me, but show it every day in your actions and reactions with your Scottish Rite Brothers and we will make October 12th a HONORS DAY like we have never seen before. My Scottish Rite Brothers, let me take this opportunity to Honor You for all that you do for our great fraternity.



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Margaret & E. Ray Leppo Library Dedication

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



necessary to make it happen. Reverend Donald Burgraff gave a short resume of the Leppo's, followed by Ill. Brent Morris, 33° GC, the managing editor of the Scottish Rite Journal, who spoke about the importance of books and what they do to influence our daily lives. Speeches culminated with best wishes from the Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, Ill. Gerald Piepora, 33°.

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2013, a reception celebrating the dedication of the Margaret & E. Ray Leppo Library was held. After the ribbon cutting, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Marlin Mills, 33° spoke about how the idea behind the library came about and the work

I wish to thank all the people who attended, Brother James Butcher, 32° for his beautiful portraits and Atlantic Catering for outstanding food and refreshment service. Also I want to thank Crystal Strings who provided the music that helped make this a memorable day.



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Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: Hon. William D. Gunn 32°, KCCH



HELLO, MY BROTHERS. Perusing Rex Hutchins' Bridge To Light text the other evening, my focus was drawn to the 11th Degree, Prince of Ameth. In particular, how does one fulfill the duties to be a Prince Ameth? It requires a Mason not only to be upright and true, but also to be earnest, reliable, sincere, and a helper to all people. While I pondered these attributes, I reviewed some material I had collected when I facilitated The Master Craftsman course for two years. A poem by George M. Free, "What Makes A Man A Mason?" made the aforementioned attributes ring true.

Besides what is mentioned in this poem, what to you, dear reader, makes a man a Mason?

What Makes A Man A Mason?

What makes a man a Mason, O brother of mine?

It isn't the due guard, nor is it the sign,

It isn't the jewel which hangs from your breast

It isn't the apron in which you are dressed

It isn't the step, nor the token, nor the grip,

Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,

Nor yet the possession of that mystic word

On five points of fellowship duly conferred.

Though these are essential, desirable, fine,

They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.

That you to your sworn obligation are true

'Tis that, brother mine makes a Mason of you.

Secure in your heart you must safeguard and trust,

With Lodge and with brother be honest and just,

Assist the deserving who cry in their need,

Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed.

Support he who falters, with hope banish fear,

And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.

Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,

And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,

The gavel of vices with courage apply;

Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,

On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,

The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,

The compass your passions shut safely inside;

The stone which The Architect placed in your care

Must pass the strict test of His unerring square.

And then you will meet with approval divine,

And you'll be a Mason,

O brother of mine.

Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

By: Charles S. Hallock, 33° Degree, Wise Master



THIS IS A TRYING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PERIOD IN OUR COUNTRY. Disclosure of many government scandals are coming to light. Trust in our government is waning. Our media keeps telling us that the economy is improving and economic times are prosperous. Yet a substantial number of people are unemployed or underemployed. Many persons have given up looking for work. And, the interest rates are still at rock bottom.

"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you

cannot fool all of the people all of the time". Abraham Lincoln

The 16th Degree, Prince of Jerusalem, deals with the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. (A Bridge To Light, Second Edition, Rex H. Hutchens, The Supreme Council, 33 Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction United States of America, 1995.) Though not specifically referenced in the degree, to reduce the financial hardships on the people caused by rebuilding the temple, Nehemiah cut the yearly temple tax on the people from ½ a shekel to 1/3 a shekel. (Nehemiah verse 10:32) The people of Jerusalem prospered.

In recent history, President Kennedy and President Reagan reduced income and corporate taxes and our country prospered.

"Less glory is more liberty. When the drum is silent, reason

sometimes speaks." (Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Albert Pike.)

As Wise Master, it is not my place to tell anyone how or what to think. It is the Wise Master's place to provide sources for research and thought. Above are provided a few references on taxes. There has been much discussion in our country over the past year concerning taxes. What is the truth? As Wise Master, I request you research the above references while applying President Lincoln's quote. I pray that God gives you wisdom to discern the truth on the taxes and the others issues pounding our country. The tenants of our Masonic Institution are what America needs.

"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." Albert Pike

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2013

Monday, September 30	Rehearse 4th Degree
Tuesday, October 1	Rehearse KCCH
Monday, October 7	Rehearse 5th Degree
Tuesday October 8	Rehearse 33rd Degree
Monday, October 14	Rehearse 11th Degree
Tuesday, October 15	Rehearse 13th Degree
Monday, October 21	Rehearse 18th Degree
Tuesday, October 22	Rehearse 14th Degree
Thursday, October 24	Rehearse 20th Degree
Monday, October 28	Rehearse 21st Degree
Tuesday, October 29	Rehearse 25th Degree
Thursday, October 31	Rehearse 30th Degree
Friday, November 1	Rehearse 32nd Degree
Tuesday, November 5	Rehearsal Feast of Tishri

Cast Members – Please sign in to the Director of Works Office by 6:45pm.

Support Staff – Please arrive by 6:30pm

Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Gregory M. Derwart 32° KCCH— Commander



gump-tion *n.* 1. Boldness of enterprise; initiative or aggressiveness. 2. Guts; spunk. 3. Common sense.

We often speak of our Founding Fathers and their connectivity to Freemasonry. But there are also many other courageous American pioneers (and Freemasons) who we should look to for inspiration. Think of Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clark – and even the Lindberghs and Aldrins from our past. Then also, our immigrant ancestors who, at one point in our families' histories, took that step onto a boat or steamship

and decided to make America their new home. Some escaped tyranny, war, and poverty. They came and started a new life here in a land where they were given nothing except freedom, and where anything was possible. Think of the guts, perseverance – and gumption.

The Masonic journey we share together teaches us about virtue and morality. But these lessons mean nothing unless we have the courage to implement and act upon this instruction. My pastor gives the analogy that our worship on Sunday is like a locker room pep talk, but Monday through Saturday is the “game” where we need to implement what we have been taught. Similarly, the lessons we learn in our lodges and our Scottish Rite Temple need to take action once we exit our gathering places and reenter the world. This charge is not an easy one, which is why we need to

support each other on a daily and weekly basis. It's also why we need to regularly reconvene and “sharpen our saws”.

So, where do you get your gumption? It all starts with our innermost thoughts. This is why it's so important for us to support each other and lift each other up with positive thoughts. It is essential to be mindful of our daily thoughts, for they become our words; our words then become our actions; our actions become our habits; our habits become our character; and our character ultimately becomes our destiny.

While summer may be a time for vacations and breaks from busy work, the duties and obligations of a Knight Kadosh will not cease. We must remain ever vigilant as we continue our search for further light, and attempt to make this world a better place.

The 13th Degree

By: Brother Charles Matulewicz, 32°



BRETHREN,

Let's think about our 13th degree and the lost word. The lost word presents a conundrum indeed when contrasted to the Hiram legend imparted in the Blue Lodge. The Master's word being lost is key for Master Masons. There is a great deal of confusion when reading the degree for me, to say the least. When we had received the 14th degree in the Valley, there was a small reading done describing the details of the 13th so, I was unable to fully grasp that that which was lost, was recovered. Our fraternity is a moral system illustrated by symbol and allegory, the rediscovery of the lost word in the crypt gave me pause and caused me to approach the Hiram legend more allegorically.

In memorizing the ritual work in the Blue Lodge, we tend to forget that the third degree exists to impart a moral lesson, or at least I had. I

had a visceral reaction to the idea that the Lost word had been found aright in biblical times... sometimes allegory and myth is difficult. In our third degree, we emulate our GM Hiram as a simulacrum. We are not the Master, we don't have the word, and we are only “synthetic masters”. This is why we go back to wearing our aprons as Fellows of the Craft as soon as we attend our next lodge meeting. In fact, we toil in the quarries that are our lives for the remainder of our time on earth, only really becoming Masters when we are received into the Celestial Lodge above. I had totally locked my view on the historical reality of the morality play in our third degree, and would say that reading about the 13th degree helped widen my view, as I was very obtuse in my thinking earlier.

The lost word is alluded to, but not explained in our third degree. However, our Grand Masonic word has a clear context (even if the meaning is clouded in mystery). I find it interesting that the ineffable name of Deity in the Rite is linked to the lost word. If our Blue Lodge word is placed in the context of the grave... being of the Judeo-Christian tradition and I consider that God is the word and the Word is God, then I could say that the ineffable name of God is,

in fact, a glimpse of Deity. This idea is really a hard one to wrap your head around if you have not considered the morals and allegories of the other Scottish Rite Degrees.

I can't express enough that I was very conflicted about expanding the Hiram legend in our 13th degree, it just didn't sit well with me. I would suppose that most Blue Lodge Masons may be dismissive of the ideas expressed in the 13th degree, not because it is not valuable, or has nothing to teach... but because it does not fit within the paradigm we have created and reinforced in our local Blue Lodge. My eyes were opened, and there is a profound beauty in this degree, we just have to be willing to really witness it. The Scottish Rite is the University of Masonry Brethren, bringing Brothers from all over the jurisdiction and trying to impart a lesson or two along the way. If we carried the lessons taught in the Scottish Rite out into the world, what a better place this would be. Maybe the lost word in our 13th degree is a verb, and we give it action by living it as Masons every day. Visit your Blue Lodges, visit the Rite and I will see you in the classroom.

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Frederick Scottish Rite

By: William E. Eisentrout 33°— Personal Representative, Valley of Frederick



BRETHREN,

Congratulations to the Susquehanna Valley. This is really great for the Orient of Maryland. We wish them a very successful journey in the Scottish Rite.

We are looking for a great “Fall Schedule.” Worshipful Master Bro. Scott Cameron, 32nd KCCH, is serving as a degree organizer and forming 4th, 14th, & 18th teams. After several practices, they are doing well and looking forward to doing our degrees in our lodge. We need your assistance in getting new members for them to perform the degrees. Visit your Blue Lodge and try to recruit new members.

The Fall Schedule is a busy one, Supreme Council Biennial Session; Honors Day, October 12th; Reunion Day, November

2nd, and Feast of Tishri in November. You will receive more information on all events in our “Rite Moment” bulletin in the Fall.

Our “First Thursday” breakfasts are going well at the Barbara Fritchie Restaurant, thanks to Bro. Jack Doll, 32nd KCCH. Great speakers, so bring your wives, friends, or special guests as all are welcome.

Don’t forget to visit our sick or shut-in members, they really enjoy your visits.

Boumi Shriners

By: Jay Irwin Block, Illustrious Potentate, 2013

GREETINGS BROTHER SCOTTISH RITE MASONS from Boumi Shriners. I wish to thank the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Marlin Mills, for allowing me the honor of contributing this article. It continues to reflect the positive relationship between Shriners International and our masonic roots. In Maryland, we are one united family and will continue to be so.

Recently, we had an Open House at Boumi, inviting many of the recent raised Masons and their wives. This was the first time that we asked for Masons’ Ladies to attend and learn about the opportunities offered

to Shrine Masons and their families. In attendance was the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr.

Those who came had the opportunity of visiting the various Clubs and Units. We also had several of the Ladies’ organizations there as well. Our intent was to communicate that women are an integral part of the survival of our membership and have a full understanding of the activities in which we are involved. As well as a video presentation of the activities of the Burn Center at the Boston Shrine Hospital, we also had, as our guests of honor, a Mason and his daughter. She has been

one of our “Shrine Children” and had the opportunity of telling her story to all that were there. We are planning a fall activity comparable to the Open House. Please feel free to continually visit our website, www.boumishriners.com, to see what events are scheduled.

Please come join us and celebrate the year 2013, the year we are “lighting the way for our children.”

From the Director of Work

By: Ill. Tom Vevlin, 33°— Director of Work



IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE I AM WRITING ABOUT THE FALL ACTIVITIES when it is not yet the first of June. The most difficult part of it is, it will soon be Labor Day and the Valley of Baltimore will be off and running once again preparing for the Fall 2013 Reunion which is on the calendar for November 2nd.

During the run-up to the Reunion Day, we will be conferring eleven degrees, conferring the 33rd Degree twice, and the Knight Commander Court of Honor on those men who have been selected by the Supreme Council to receive honors this year. Most of the degrees, all but three, will be conferred on consecutive Wednesday evenings during the month of October. The remaining three degrees, the 25th, 30th and 32nd will be conferred on Reunion Day.

On October 12th, we will confer the 33rd Degree,

Inspector General Honorary, on those candidates who were selected to receive the honor this year. This conferral will be followed by the conferral of the Knight Commander Court of Honor. A banquet will follow the afternoon activities to honor all of the recipients.

The Annual Memorial Service is set for October 27th at 2:00 PM where we will honor all of the Scottish Rite members who have passed on to the Celestial Lodge during the past year. November 3rd will be the date our newly made 14th Degree Brothers will receive their 14th Degree ring. And, on November 6th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Tabernacles (Feast of Tishri). Make sure you mark your calendar and plan to join us at the Scottish Rite for these events.

Members who are participants in the several Scottish Rite Degrees are reminded to attend the rehearsal as well as the conferral of the degree in which you are a cast member. It is very difficult to rehearse when many of the cast are absent. Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:00 PM which means cast members should plan to sign in and be in the auditorium no later than 6:30 PM.

Conferrals begin promptly at the time designated by the Director of Work. Cast members should obtain a copy of the time-line for the conferral of the degree and pay

careful attention to the time designated for the cast to be in the Robing Room so that they will have sufficient time to be robed, get their microphone and earpiece before the time for the degree to begin.

We, the team of behind the scenes workers, are looking forward to another successful Reunion marked by exemplary work performed by the casts of the eleven degrees. We look forward to renewing acquaintances with Scottish Rite members whom we’ve not seen in a while. Please plan to attend and support the work of the Rite and the members of the several casts who give so generously of their time to ensure these degrees are performed as well as they can be in order that the class members will be impressed with the message and story each degree tells.

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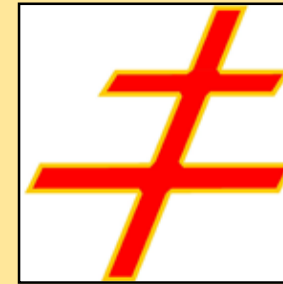
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HONORS DAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2013

**TO ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS
THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND**



Honors Day

Saturday, October 12th, 2013

Honors Day is a Biennial Event when the Scottish Rite confers the 33rd degree and the Knight Commander Court of Honour. While the 33rd degree is a closed rite, only open to Inspector Generals – Active and Honorary, the KCCH Investiture and Capping are public ceremonies and open to all. Afterwards, there is a Gala Banquet, again open to all, to celebrate this auspicious occasion and the elevation of the honorees.

3:30pm – 4:45pm

Open conferral of the KCCH Investiture

Capping Ceremony to follow the 32° - KCCH Investiture

5:30pm

Pictures of new Honor men in Classroom

5:30pm – 6:00pm

Refreshments – Upstairs

Light Hors d'oeuvres

Iced Tea, Wine, Soft Drinks

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Honors Banquet - Reservations Required - \$60.00 per person

Fresh Spring Salad

Shrimp Cocktail – Served with Lemon and Cocktail Sauce

Four oz. Broiled Maryland Crab Cake & 5 oz. Filet Mignon

(Porchini Mushroom Ravioli Vegetarian Option)

Scalloped Potatoes, Fall Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Open Bar To Include – Bottled Beer Assortment, Wine Selection, Spirits for Mixed Drinks, Soda, Juices and Various Mixers

Dessert – Fruit Tartlet Served with Lemon Glaze

Fresh Brewed Coffee and Tea

8:00pm – 10:30pm

Music & Dancing

Banquet Tickets are available from The Scottish Rite Office Monday-Friday 9am – 3pm or by calling 410-243-3200. Cash, Check and Charge Cards accepted



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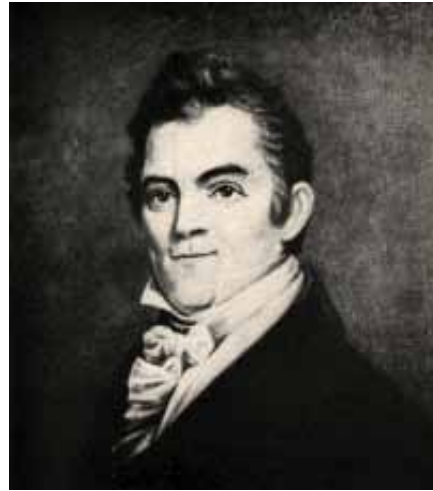
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The Importance of the Secrets of Masonry Demonstrated

Excerpt from: Webb's Masonic Monitor - 1801

By: Thomas Smith Webb, 1771-1819



IF THE SECRETS OF MASONRY are replete with such advantages to mankind, it may be asked, why are they not divulged for the general good of society? To which it may be answered: were the privileges of Masonry to be indiscriminately bestowed, the design of the institution would be subverted; and, being familiar, like many other important matters, would soon lose their value and sink into disregard.

It is a weakness in human nature, that men are generally more charmed with novelty than the real worth or intrinsic value of things. Novelty influences all our actions and determinations. What is new, or difficult in the acquisition, however trifling or insignificant, readily captivates the imagination, and insures a temporary admiration; while what is familiar, or easily obtained, however noble and

eminent for its utility, is sure to be disregarded by the giddy and unthinking.

Did the particular secrets or peculiar forms prevalent among Masons constitute the essence of the art, it might be alleged that our amusements were trifling, and our ceremonies superficial. But this is not the case. Having their use, they are preserved; and, from the recollection of the lessons they inculcate, the well-informed Mason derives instruction. Drawing them to a near inspection, he views them through a proper medium; adverts to the circumstances which gave them rise; dwells upon the tenets they convey; and, finding them replete with useful information, adopts them as keys to the privileges of his art, and prizes them as sacred. Thus convinced of their propriety, he estimates the value from their utility.

Many persons are deluded by their vague supposition that our mysteries are merely nominal; that the practices established among us are frivolous; and that our ceremonies might be adopted or waived at pleasure. On this false foundation, we have found them hurrying through all the degrees, without adverting to the propriety of one step they pursue, or possessing a single qualification requisite for

advancement. Passing through the usual formalities, they have accepted offices, and assumed the government of Lodges, equally unacquainted with the rules of the institution they pretended to support, or the nature of the trust reposed in them. The consequence is obvious; wherever such practices have been allowed, anarchy and confusion have ensued, and the substance has been lost in the shadow.

Were the brethren who preside over Lodges properly instructed previous to their appointment, and regularly apprised of the importance of their respective offices, a general reformation would speedily take place. This would evince the propriety of our mode of government, and lead men to acknowledge that our honors were deservedly conferred. The ancient consequence of the Order would be restored, and the reputation of the Society preserved. Such conduct alone can support our character.

Unless prudent actions shall distinguish our title to the honors of Masonry, and regular deportment display the influence and utility of our rules, the world in general will not easily be led to reconcile our proceedings with the tenets of our profession.

Maryland DeMolay

By: Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., 32°



AS WE ROLL INTO SUMMER, Maryland DeMolay is exploding with activities! To say that we are being as diverse and inclusive as possible is an understatement. Many of our Chapters are looking to do more in the community and proof of that comes from the George Flemming Moore Chapter who had their first

Adopt A Highway cleanup! We hope to have a photo by the next issue of them proudly surrounding the newly installed sign. The Nelson J. Briggs Chapter No. 35 to participate in Relay For Life, an overnight walk

for cancer. Our Grand Master, Gerald E. Piepiora and his lady, along with members of the lodge and SGIG Marlin Mills, were also in attendance. The Annual Family Day Picnic held at the Grand lodge of Maryland saw the members of Maryland DeMolay serving out over 450 snowballs to those

in attendance. The Frederick Chapter recently held a billiard tournament with lots of fun and fellowship. The Savage Chapter held a fundraiser for Mother's Day selling hanging baskets and made a great deal of moms smile. At the time of this article, Maryland DeMolay is about to begin their Ritual Competitions for the year. These winners, provided they meet a minimum score, will be eligible to attend the Region II Ritual Tournament to be held at the Grand Lodge of Maryland in September and represent Maryland. We hope you have a great and safe summer and look forward to bringing you more great news from Maryland DeMolay!

Ill. Marvin A. Comer, 33° - Memorial Fall Class 2013



ILL. MARVIN A. COMER, 33°, was born on October 7th, 1930 in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He joined the family business, Comer Co., when he was 14 years old and worked his way up through the ranks to President. He joined Jephthah Lodge #222

in 1951 and continued his masonic education and received the 32° in the Scottish Rite on 12/2/1959. Ill. Brother Comer was very active in the Scottish Rite and was invested with the honorary title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor

– October 15th, 1979 and coroneted an Inspector General Honorary 33° - October 9th, 1991. Ill. Bro. Comer is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mrs. Evelyn L. Comer (married in 1969), his daughter, Evelyn

L. Hubiak; his sons, Marvin A. Comer II, Jack A. Comer; stepson Richard Northcutt; 11 Grandchildren and 6 Great-Grandchildren. He was also a very active member of Boumi Shrine, having joined in 1971, a member of the Antique Truck Club and American Historical Society. In the picture, he is shown at the Capping Ceremony in 1991 with his family; Ill. Brother Comer is on the left (in the blue vest). He will be missed by all who knew him. It is because of his great work this Fall Class is named in his honor.



**Saturday, October 19th, 2013
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**Scottish Rite Masonic Center
3800 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218**

\$35.00 Per Ticket

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Spring Ring Ceremony Pictures





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We are planning a pre-cruise get together for Fall 2013 where all of your last minute questions can be addressed. As soon as we have a solid date for this meeting, we will let you know.

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Please Note: Cabin availability and pricing can only be guaranteed until October 1st, 2013

Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33°



THE VALLEY OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND meets at Thomas J. Shryock Lodge in Hollywood, MD. We have upgraded the heating system and the lodge lighting system. The heating system seemed to fail just when it was needed most and the lights and fans in the lodge room would keep turning on and off. Lights and fans going off and on was kind of distracting.

Bro. James Scott Clay, 32° said it was really rewarding to be able to be the candidate in the degree work in the lodge room at Southern Maryland and then to witness the degrees presented at the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore.

Seems like children are born with telephones (minicomputers) in their hands today. I was ten years old before we had a telephone in the house. We communicated either face to face or by letters in the mail. When we visited, we just showed up and left a written message in the door if no one was home.

We went from the vacuum tube to the transistor to

the integrated circuit to the microprocessor in a blink of an eye. Now we have the God Particle (Higgs Boson). This is in addition to electrons, protons, neutrons, quarks, preons, etc. It seems like new discoveries are made every day. Yet some things remain unchanged, the Scottish Rite lessons you have learned.

As we progress through the degrees, we are taught the lessons God gave us thousands of years ago. They are as true today as they were then and will remain unchanged. But the best is yet to come. Come back on Reunion Day and see the degrees again after you have read about them. Better yet, join a degree team. You will be amazed as to what you have missed. What you take away will not be obsolete the next day like today’s technology.

God gave us the important stuff up front and left the other stuff for us to figure out for ourselves. We will keep making new discoveries and inventing new stuff but it will be of no value if we forget about the stuff God gave us to get started. Science is fun but the rules of life are critical to happiness and even to our survival.

I hope you didn’t think our lodge was haunted when you saw the lights going on and off by themselves. We hope to have that problem fixed the next time you visit. We are always happy to see you.

BROTHERS CALLED FROM LABOR TO ETERNAL REST

As of June 27, 2013

- Constantine D Anagnos
- Aaron T Bowden
- Robert C Brink
- Robert M Clark Sr
- Charles S Codd
- Robert W Coleman
- Vernon B Dunlap
- Alfred B Feast
- Elias R Fernandez
- Daniel J. Flag
- Charles C. Freitag, Sr.
- Robert N Gordon
- John F H Hager
- Roy W Haines
- Robert T Hammel
- Charles L Hardesty
- John C Kellam
- Robert E Kelley
- Melvin A Kencel Sr
- Donald C Kerr
- Francis E Larrimore
- William B Marshall
- Turner Mathison
- William C Mc Elhaney Jr
- Jay F Mc Grath
- Earl F Michael
- John L Mills Jr
- Bruce P Murdock
- Marshall N Ragsdale
- William F Reimann
- William E Rhoads
- Leonard Rosenthal
- Sidney M Sallada
- Clifton L Sewell
- Michael Shiptisky
- Brent H Siegle
- Clark B Spicer Sr
- John H Swann
- James L Tritapoe
- Robert L Wilson Jr
- William M Winegrad
- George E Young Jr

Greetings from the Kitchen Staff of the Thursday Rite Cheer Club

By: Ill. Leslie G. Metcalf, Sr., 33°
 Beginning on September 19th, 2013
 \$5.00 per Person | Includes Dessert

We are looking forward to another year of good food, fellowship, and fun as we plan to serve you fresh and tasty food Thursdays at noon at the Scottish Rite Temple. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

We encourage you to bring your family and friends. We can use this luncheon to introduce non-members to our organization while they are enjoying a great meal.

When you arrive for the luncheon, you will be greeted by our jovial leader, Brother Charles Winebrenner, who will gladly receive your money. Again this year, we are trying to hold the cost of the luncheon to \$5.00. However, there will be a container at the reception table for any extra donations you wish to make towards the cost of the lunch and the supplies we use each week.

Our goal is to provide you with the best lunch that we can for the most reasonable price. We are again serving the foods which you have indicated you like the most.

All of our kitchen staff are volunteers who work for the good of our Scottish Rite fellowship. You can help us in our weekly planning by making reservations ahead of time.

We look forward to seeing you every Thursday and we hope that the revised menu meets with your approval.

Sept. 19th	BAKED SLICED HAM Au Gratin Potatoes Glazed Carrots
Sept. 26th	ITALIAN SPECIAL Salad
Oct. 3th	TENDER EYE ROUND ROAST BEEF Mashed potatoes and gravy Vegetable
Oct. 10th	OCTOBERFEST #1 Three types of German sausages German potato salad Sauerkraut
Oct. 17th	BONELESS PORK LOIN Oven baked potatoes Seasoned collard greens
Oct. 24th	OCTOBERFEST #2 Sour beef Mashed potatoes Red cabbage
Oct. 31st	HOMEMADE MEATLOAF Mashed potatoes Green beans
Nov. 7th	SHRIMP CREOLE Rice Baked apples
Nov. 14th	ITALIAN SPECIAL Salad
Nov. 21st	TURKEY DINNER with all the Trimmings
Dec. 5th	BAKED CHICKEN Mashed potatoes and gravy Vegetable
Dec. 12th	OVEN BAKED PORK CHOPS Parsley potatoes Vegetable
Dec. 19th	No Lunch Due to Holidays



Scottish Rite presents a

Maine Lobster Fest

Saturday, August 17, 2013

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Scottish Rite Temple

3800 North Charles Street

\$40

per person

Two Lobsters per person

Boiled Potatoes

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Dessert

Beer, Sodas

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Proceeds to Benefit Building Preservation Fund

The Clinic Corner

By: Christine Wandishin, M.S, CCC-SLP

Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

I HOPE EVERYONE IS ENJOYING THEIR SUMMER VACATIONS! The Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center participated in many great events this past summer and into the new school year. The Scottish Rite Family Day Picnic was held on June 15th and many of the clinic families attended, as well as many children and grandchildren of Masonic families. Everyone had a great time and we would like to thank the Scottish Rite Masons for planning this fun-filled day!

A "Zumba Night" was planned and executed at the clinic over the summer. This was a Latin-inspired dance fitness class that was hosted by a previous Brockman Scholar, Jessica Aaron. It was so much fun that we are looking into planning another event soon. Please stay tuned for upcoming information.

We also welcomed two new interns at the clinic: Miriam Balsam and Kelli Robinson. Miriam is a graduate student from Western Kentucky University and completed her internship over the summer. Kelli Robinson was a recipient of our Brockman Fellowship scholarship and is a graduate student from University of Maryland. Kelli is currently completing her internship with us. Both girls have been a wonderful addition to our clinic and we would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Our speech therapy contracts were renewed at the School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and the Garrison Forest school. They will be keeping us busy every day of the week. We enjoy working with the kids in their school environment and look forward to their progress and success throughout



the rest of the school year. We also have over 100 screenings scheduled at the surrounding private schools and will begin seeing many of the children at the clinic.

As always, the Scottish Rite Woman's Club has been extremely generous and continues to give us the opportunity to provide our children and families with the most effective and efficient treatment. This year thanks in part to WM Pete Hicks and the Grainger Foundation, we were able to purchase much needed software for the iPad, testing materials, and therapy enhanced workbooks. We thank them for their most recent charitable donations and for all of their continued support!

We wish all of you a wonderful, happy and healthy rest of the summer as we look forward to fall!

Recent Charitable Contributions

RECENT CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

As of June 5, 2013
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As of June 5, 2013
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 Dr. Hans & Leah Wilhelmsen in memory of MWPGM Francis E. Larrimore, 33°
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 Kathleen P. & William V. Sweeney Jr. in memory of Jean & Pete Trionfo
 Evelyn Comer in memory of Marvin A. Comer, 33° who passed away 7/17/2012
 Frederick J. & Dorothy E. Reitz in memory of Michael Shiptisky and V. Bruce Dunlap

SCOTTISH RITE WOMAN'S CLUB

By: Kathie Sweeney, President

Ladies, five dollars isn't a lot of money these days but it can get you into one of the best masonic clubs around. If you are related by birth or marriage or associated with a Scottish Rite Mason in good standing, you qualify to join the Scottish Rite Woman's Club for only \$5 per year. Our ladies get together several times a year for fellowship and friendship. We also sponsor annual fundraisers to raise funds to help support the Hilgenberg Hearing and Speech Center. This center helps children who are diagnosed with language and speech disorders. If you are a lady that qualifies for membership and haven't yet taken the time to join, I invite you to do so. You can call the Scottish Rite office at 410.243.3200 for further information or to have an application for membership mailed to you.



Support your Scottish Rite Speech & Language Center

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 Center.

The average cost to tutor a child for one year is approximately \$5,000. 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.

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I wish to help a language-disabled child with this enclosed tax-deductible contribution to the **Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Inc. (MSRCF, INC.)**

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Brockman Scholarship Awards 2013

By: Ill. J. Thomas Vance, 33° - Education Committee Chairman



ON MAY 16, 2013, The Scottish Rite Education Committee met to interview candidates for The John W. Brockman Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to identify and provide monetary awards to graduate students in Maryland universities who are preparing to become speech and language therapists. All award recipients are required

to serve one semester of their supervised clinical practice in our own Hilgenberg Childhood Center for Speech and Language Disorders. This Fellowship has been awarded to over 85 students since it was established in 1982.

This year, the committee interviewed six candidates from Loyola University, University of Maryland and Towson University. Awards totaling \$9,000 were made to Stephanie Rulle and Julie Sechler from Towson University and Kelli Robinson from University of Maryland. The committee is pleased to announce The Brockman Fellows for 2013.

This year's committee included Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. John T. Vance, III, 33°,

Committee Chair, Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33°, Ill. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, 33°, Ill. S. Brent Morris, 33°, G.C., Ill. Charles W. Ridgeway, 33°, Ill. Frederick A. Spicer, 33°, Hon. Charles F. Reid, III, 32°, KCCH, and Ms. Eleni Bowden, M.S., CCC-SLP, Hilgenberg Childhood Center.

Please remember that your financial contributions to this important Fellowship offering supports not only the graduate students receiving the award, but also the many speech/language disabled children who will receive services throughout the therapist's career. How many investment opportunities yield such long term benefits?



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BROCKMAN FELLOWSHIP AWARD WINNERS FOR 2013

Pictured are our awardees with Ill. J. Thomas Vance 33° and Ill. Marlin L. Mills 33° – SGIG in Maryland



Manners Lost

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

I HAD THE OCCASION TO GO TO DINNER WITH A YOUNG MAN to a local restaurant. As we entered the establishment, I noticed an older gentleman sitting at a table with a lady. He was wearing a baseball cap while eating his dinner. When we were seated, I made a comment that he was old enough to know better than to wear his cap indoors and especially at the table. The young man did not say anything since he too was wearing a baseball cap. We ordered our meal and when it arrived, he was still wearing his hat. I just had to ask, "Don't you remove your hat indoors or at the table?" He looked at me incredulously and replied, "No one does that anymore!" We finished the meal with his hat on.

Recently at a dinner meeting, the President called for order to open the meeting and, as usual, some men were slow to end their conversations. The President called for the chaplain to come forward to bless the food we were about to receive. Three of the men were still engaged in conversation as relative quietness fell over the room as the Chaplain approached the podium. All heads were bowed and the Chaplain gave the Blessing as these three men continued their conversation. Were they so engrossed in their conversation that they were

oblivious to what was going on in the room? Were they so hard of hearing that they did not hear the call for the Blessing? Were they just so ill-mannered that it did not matter? Then again, why didn't someone near them kick them under the table? Then again, maybe a kick would have been just as rude since the outcry would have been almost as disruptive.

The Scottish Rite recently held their scholarship interviews for candidates applying for the Brockman Fellowship. Each candidate was interviewed individually before a board. It was noted by one that every man on the board stood to greet each young lady as she entered the room.

I suppose that manners may be a thing of the past for some. However, chivalrous acts are still practiced by a few gentlemen and it is noticed by those receiving! I wonder, is it only noticed because of its novelty?

Good manners are usually learned very early in life. Our parents stayed on our case about all sorts of things: don't eat with your mouth open, excuse yourself before leaving the table, look a person in the eye when you're talking to them and on and on. Yet still, a lot of folks are going through life without the faintest idea of how to treat other people.

I do not think that anyone would disagree that a society without some basic manners would result in total chaos. Much like today. Just kidding! Even if it did not result in total chaos, a society without good manners would not be pleasant to be a part of.

I do know that, as times change, so do people and their attitudes but the need for some social skills will never change.

- Saying please or thank you is easy to do and just plain common courtesy.
- RSVP to a dinner or event. It is difficult to guess who is coming and how many people will attend without an RSVP.
- When you talk about people behind their back, make sure they are not close enough to hear you – unless it is to remind them to have good manners!

Good manners cost nothing and are a polite way to give back to society. Maybe I'm just getting old or from too far down South but I hope I never lose the manners my parents taught me!

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To the Officers and Members of:

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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.)

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

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(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.

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(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.)

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Wife's Name _____

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

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(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) _____
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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

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Upcoming **Events** Fall 2013

Saturday, August 17th
Lobster Fest 2-5pm

Saturday, August 24th – 28th
Supreme Council Biennial Sessions in DC

Wednesday, September 4th
Lodge of Perfection

Wednesday, September 11th
Chapter of Rose Croix

Wednesday, September 18th
Council of Kadosh

Sunday, September 22nd
Wine Tour

Wednesday, September 25th
Chesapeake Consistory

Wednesday, October 2nd
Fall Class Orientation 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 9th
Confer 4th & 5th Degrees

Saturday, October 12th
Honors Day - 33°, KCCH & Banquet

Wednesday, October 16th
Confer 11th & 13th Degrees

Saturday, October 19th
Annual Bull & Oyster Roast

Wednesday, October 23rd
Confer 14th & 18th Degrees

Sunday, October 27th
Memorial Ceremony 2pm

Wednesday, October 30th
Confer 20th & 21st Degrees

Saturday, November 2nd
Reunion Day – Confer 25°, 30° & 32° - 8AM

Sunday, November 3rd
Ring Ceremony – Lodge of Perfection 2pm

Wednesday, November 6th
Feast of Tishri – 7pm

Sunday, December 15th
Christmas Party 2pm
