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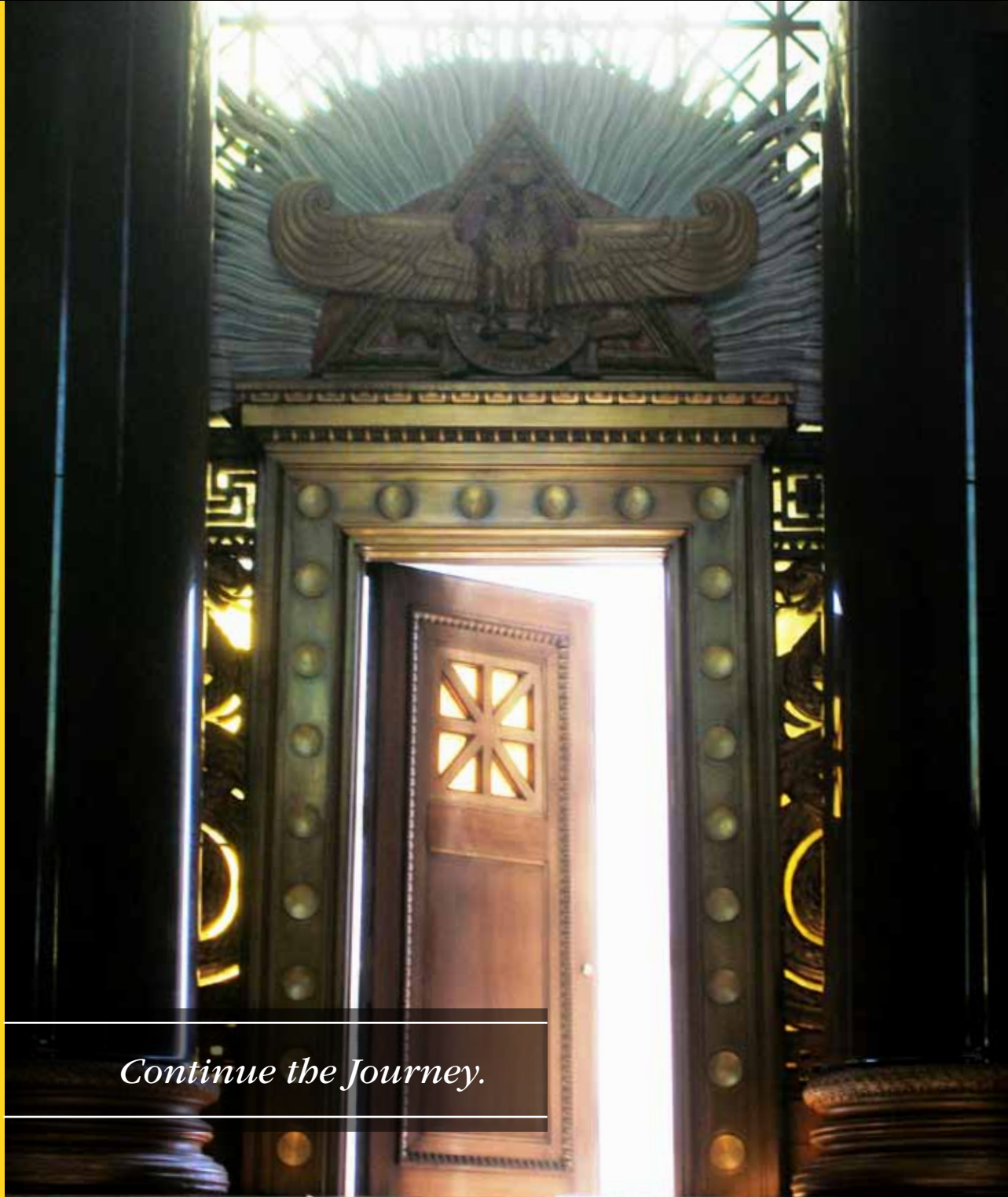
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A MESSAGE FROM Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

S.G.I.G.'S MESSAGE

Greetings and Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and 2012 is off to a great start.

The Scottish Rite in Maryland had a banner year for 2011, thanks to each of you. The support is unbelievable and if I have not personally reached out to shake your hand, watch out, it is coming! Can you believe we had two super classes in each Valley, with more than 175 new Scottish Rite Masons putting Maryland in the black for the first time in many years!

We had our Rite Cheer lunches, a Bull & Oyster Roast, Basket Bingo, Shrimp Feast, Family Day Picnic, Wine Tasting, a Scottish Rite Cruise and a joint Grand Lodge Cruise, not to mention the Biennial Session and the cornerstone re-enactment in Washington, DC. In addition to our lodge meetings, we had degree work, Maundy Thursday, Feast of Tishri, Memorial Service, Bonnie Blink Church Service and our annual Christmas Program for the Clinic and Scottish Rite. What a wonderful way to end the year! I must thank Ill. Bro. Brent Morris, 33°, G.C. and Hon. Fred Reitz, 32°, KCCH for the "Sweet Magic of Christmas" idea and Bro. Joe Ries, 32° for the bicycles given to children from the clinic. Each of these events was a huge success, only because you were there to support them. I thank each of you sincerely!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



Each Valley has worked very hard for the membership and NO ONE can say things are status quo in Maryland! Feel free to walk up to the Personal Rep in your Valley and just say "thank you" for all they do.

2012—What will this year bring? I pray that it will bring each of you health, happiness and prosperity. I hope the Scottish Rite will continue to grow and be the organization that you are proud to be part of and that you encourage others to join. I pray that the work of each one of us will help our children and our children's children have a future even better than the one we enjoy today in the greatest country in the world.

Charities that MASONS become involved in

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



IT MAY SEEM TO SOME OF US THAT ONE CHARITY OR ANOTHER IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR OUR HELP.

What seems more interesting to me is how these various charities that Masons become involved in may affect our lives and affect each other. I will not try to trace all of the various charitable endeavors that have a Masonic involvement. I would, however, like to talk about a few of the intertwining issues that we may see as we look back over the recent past.

Way back in the 1960's, Royal Arch Research Assistance chose as their research project "Research into speech problems" at the University of Colorado. It is most interesting that some of that basic research is now part of our Scottish Rite Speech and Language Center.

For over fifty years, research grants have been given annually to Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins. In my own case, I have benefitted from

some of those research grants by receiving a partial cornea transplant three weeks ago. This particular technique has only been available for the past two years and is a direct result of continuing research by the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. What a blessing to watch as sight is restored in my left eye. I had no idea that I was part of my own future when I was privileged to make some of these presentations fifteen years ago.

As Regional Deputy Grand Master for General Grand Council, I was able to visit the University of Indiana School of Medicine and learn about some of the advances that they were making in surgery to replace heart valves and expedite bypass vessels. Many Masons, including myself, have benefitted from this vast research, not only at Indiana U, but everywhere.

We are all aware of Jerry's kids and the amount of research that our Tall Cedars Foundation has been able to contribute to Muscular Dystrophy and other muscular conditions. We cannot forget our Shrine Hospitals for Crippled Children and Burns Units. This is probably the most publicized program of all the Masonic programs.

Our own Grand Lodge has been a leader in Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling in the Maryland school systems. Not to mention the scholarships that

Maryland Masonic charities issue every year.

These and many more programs are sponsored by various Masonic organizations. We urge you to continue to support and promote those of your choosing.

We, however, would encourage you to think about our own Scottish Rite Speech and Language Center. Keep in mind that those young people that we help today may have a significant impact on the future of our state and nation. We never know what a few dollars in research or teaching to a young person may affect ten, twenty, or even fifty years from now. If I have indirectly benefitted from contributions made many years ago, how much more can our future generations benefit from the small donations that we are making today? At the end of this publication is a list of recent Charitable Contributions. I hope that many of us want to see our names there, not for our benefit, but for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Bennie G. Owens,
Orient Rep.

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House of the Temple – October 18th, 2012



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Chesapeake Consistory

By: Hon. Ken Taylor, 32°— KCCH



GREETINGS, MY BRETHREN! I look forward to the coming year and serving as the Master of Kadosh for the Chesapeake Consistory. Thank you placing your confidence in me and allowing me to serve in this honorable

position. My congratulations to my predecessor, Bro. Ray Lunn, for his fine year.

In the past year, Maryland Masonry has experienced a tremendous growth in membership. I would like to suggest that we in the Scottish Rite take advantage of the wonderful opportunity that has been presented to us by this increase.

It is not uncommon to read in these messages an admonition to attend your Blue Lodge. I would like to extend that challenge further and suggest that we make every effort to attend our respective Blue Lodges and meet this large group of gentlemen joining our

order. Talk to them about the Scottish Rite. Let them know of the many opportunities that exist when they become Scottish Rite Masons. As we all know, there are just not enough jobs, committees, officer's chairs, etc. to give all of our new members a chance to get involved and enjoy their Masonic experience. But there are many opportunities to get involved once they become Masters of the Royal Secret. Please take the time to get to know our new brethren and encourage them to become Scottish Rite Masons.

Faternally,

Ken Taylor, Master of Kadosh

Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

By: Hon. Dennis Hamlet, 32°— KCCH



ASIDE FROM BEING A PAST WISE MASTER OF THE TUCSON, ARIZONA chapter of Rose Croix, Rex R. Hutchens was awarded the highest honor of the Scottish Rite, the Grand Cross, in 1995. In his book, "Bridge to Light," he reflects on the duties of a Knight of the Rose Croix. Practice virtue, labor to eliminate vice, and tolerate the faith and creed of another, are three which he highlights. As we go about our daily chores this winter, in the quiet of a moment alone, perhaps we can dwell on

the writings of this Past Wise Master—on Virtue, Purity and Tolerance.

So, as we look forward to winter's thaw and the blossoming of spring, with our Maundy Thursday service on April 5, it is my wish that you will carry with you the thoughts of Alexander Pope, a mason of yesteryear:

"Where'er you walk, cool gales shall fan the glade,

Trees, where you sit, shall crowd into a shade:

Where'er you tread, the blushing flow'rs shall rise,

And all things flourish where you turn your eyes."

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There will be nothing to staple

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Telephones will be outlawed

But a finger-snap will bring

A cool drink or gourmet dinner

And rare treats fit for a king.

You may ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few

And work for all they're worth?"

Why, it's all those who reaped the benefits

And not once volunteered on Earth!

-Author Unknown

A special thanks to each and every one of you who volunteered and made 2011 the most successful year ever for our Scottish Rite! Our volunteers are the best.

SPRING CLASS 2012



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Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Hon. Thomas A. Marraffa, Jr., 32°— KCCH



I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING ALL OF YOU for making me your Commander. For our first meeting on February 15, I have invited Edelman Financial Services, LLC. The topic is Personal Finance in Turbulent Times. I know this would be beneficial to all of us. Invite your family, your Lodge Brothers and your friends. Invite

them for dinner, too. They will be so impressed that they will want to join our Spring Class, which starts two weeks later.

That reminds me! If anyone would like to participate in one of the Degrees, contact Fred Spicer or me. It could be as Cast or Crew (costume, lights, sound, or stage). Let's make the Spring Class better than ever.

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: Bro. Rob Maxson, 32°

GREETINGS, GENTLEMEN! It is a true pleasure and honor to be your Venerable Master during this 6012th year of light, and I wish you all health and good fortune from myself and your officers of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection. As we begin another year as bound and free men, I am reminded of the lessons found in the Perfect degrees and that we are all, in our own times, the temporary custodians of this intuition. Like all of Freemasonry, our Scottish Rite survives in perpetuity because of the dedication to the lessons

of the degrees and the dramatic communication of the degrees demonstrated by brothers on every degree night, at each Reunion and in their daily lives. Our Rite offers many ways for us to grow through the Rite by continuing our search for that elusive Light, by studying the lessons or participating in the dramas. Brothers, I challenge every member of this Valley to expand our Masonic knowledge this year by reading a new Masonic book, enrolling in a Master Craftsman program, participating in a degree or simply attending and watching

the conferral of a degree you may not have seen lately. We all seem to be busier and stretched thinner than ever before; we may not have the time to dedicate to deep Masonic study or we may not be able to make it to Baltimore very often. But we all should take just a few minutes every once in awhile to reflect on our own Scottish Rite Masonry, the lessons learned and the lessons sought. Those who are gone have left it to us to promulgate the spirit of our Art, the spirit to continue the search for Light for our sons and grandsons. God Bless.

Valley of Frederick

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



and all those who helped with our special events.

We are looking forward to the New Year with our new officers and committees. Installation of officers for the Valley of Frederick will be on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

In February, we will be having our "Honors Day" with an open house and banquet with the hope of getting our older members and new candidates interested in Scottish Rite Masonry. As you go to your Blue Lodge, try to enlist new members for our Spring Class.

GREETINGS, BRETHREN! As we finish up a great year at the Valley of Frederick, we congratulate the Ill. Marlin L. Mills on being crowned our new Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Maryland. What a great thing for all Scottish Rite members. His visits to Frederick are greatly appreciated. Congratulations also to our new "Honor Men," to our officers who served the past year

It is hard for us to accept the fact the we have lost 14 members to the "Celestial Lodge Above" over the last two years. What a loss of great men; now let us keep in contact with their families and offer support to them. Our Charitable

Foundation will soon be making contributions in their memory. Let us visit our sick and shut-in members and offer support to them as well.

Look forward to Thursday, March 15, 2012 for our Maundy Thursday Ceremony. More information to follow.

Our monthly "Breakfast at Barbara Fritchie" on the first Thursday of each month is well attended and we are having interesting speakers on many subjects. Please bring a friend or anyone interested in Masonry.

Please do not forget to assist in the renovations to our "House of the Temple" with your donations. If you need a petition, just let us know. The initiation fee is \$250.

Hope to see you in your Valley.



Frederick Valley's New Honormen

From Left to Right: Ill. William Eisentrout; New Honoree, Hon. Timothy S. May; SGIG, Ill. Marlin L. Mills; New Honoree, Ill. Charles C. Doll, Jr.

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SPRING AND FALL CLASSES 2012

Petitions are now being accepted for Spring and Fall Classes for the Scottish Rite Degrees. Why not introduce a friend?

There are 29 degrees in the Scottish Rite and they are presented in one-act plays. The actors are in costume and perform with props and scenery which greatly enhance the work being presented. Each candidate will witness the required degrees, which are the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd. They will also receive their 32° Cap, 14° Ring, the "Bridge to Light" book and the brand-new Revised Albert Pike's Morals and Dogma, as well as their 32° Scottish Rite Patent and dues card issued by the Supreme Council in Washington.

The Scottish Rite in Maryland is family-oriented and your lady can attend many functions, dinners and lunches. Many have speakers of interest on a variety of topics. So don't leave your lady alone—bring her along for a journey you both are sure to enjoy.

The Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33°



WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS, Bro. Robert Nielsen, 32° and Bro. Michael Sparks, 32°. Also, many thanks to our degree teams who worked so hard to make the degrees a memorable experience. We have to set everything up the afternoon of the degree and make sure everything is put away before we leave, as we share the building with other Masonic bodies. Bro. Tom Barnhart, our Director of Work, keeps us hopping and makes sure everything runs well.

The Valley of Southern Maryland meets at the Thomas J. Shryock Masonic Building in Hollywood, Maryland. We share the building with Thomas J. Shryock Lodge #223, Julia Halla Charter No. 107, Order of the Eastern Star, and Bethel #42, International Order of Job's Daughters. The Valley of Southern Maryland, the Eastern Star Chapter and the Job's Daughters have members associated with Masonic Lodges throughout southern Maryland. There are strong ties between the members of our Hollywood Masonic Family and we work together on many projects.

Some of the highlights of the season for the Valley of Southern Maryland are our trips to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Baltimore. Our candidates always enjoy seeing the degrees presented on this stage in this beautiful building. For us old timers, it's good to see old friends. We are always greeted with a handshake and a warm greeting. It always feels like coming home to me, as this is where I started my Scottish Rite journey many years ago.

The Scottish Rite is a lifelong experience. Anyone who studies the degrees and material available through the Scottish Rite will have a good understanding of the history of the world and a better understanding of current events. The challenges that faced our founding fathers continue throughout the world today. How fortunate we are to have had such wise men at the founding of our country, many of whom were Freemasons and embraced the principles of Freemasonry as the founding principles of the United States of America.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Class Reunion. There is a very interesting article in the Heredom, Volume 18, 2010, titled "The Symbolic Camp of the 32°" by Ion Lazar, 32°, KCCH. I suggest you read it before Reunion Day on April 14.

The Higher Degrees of Masonry

By: Charles Matulewicz, 32°



BRETHREN, WELCOME TO THE FOURTH DEGREE, ONWARD TO THE ESOTERIC!

It doesn't take long to use the Esoteric as a teaching aid, as we are first introduced to aspects of the Kabbalah in the fourth degree. Brethren, the Kabbalah is more than the hot thing in Hollywood for Madonna and company to study between Yoga and the latest in organic cooking. The Kabbalah is an ancient Jewish mystical philosophy, or theosophy, which seeks to describe the nature of man, Deity, and the interrelationship between the two. It is an apt teaching aid in our efforts to seek further light in Masonry.

The Kabbalah accomplishes its teaching through symbol and allegory, which to the Freemason, is a language that is both accessible and familiar, as these are the very tools the Blue Lodge uses to teach its lessons.

The word "Kabbalah" is derived from the Hebrew word "kabal," which means to receive, as it is the tradition for the doctrine or theosophy to be received from the elders. I have not been a Mason, or in the Rite, particularly long...but to those of us in the jurisdiction of Maryland, there is something familiar about the idea of tradition and knowledge that is received from our elders. In reading about the history of the Kabbalah, I was taken back to catechism class and being instructed by Brothers who were the age of my grandfather...to the kind words of a Past Master patiently correcting a "that" or a "there" during floor work. There is something particularly Masonic in the tradition of passing knowledge between generations.

In the Jewish tradition, the study of the Kabbalah was limited to those who had put in years of study, becoming experts in Torah and Talmud, since the philosophy sought to explain profound truths through symbols and allegories. The lessons were to explain the divine to the finite, so the student needed to have a firm understanding of historical and theological Jewish tradition, so as not to misinterpret the Supreme Architect. The Scottish Rite takes the Kabbalah not as a theological system but as a symbolic system used to illustrate moral concepts and philosophical meaning.

The Kabbalists used these lessons to illustrate that the Creator of the Universe was so complex and incomprehensible that a system was required to allow the human mind to understand the nature of creation. In our fourth degree, we use it as a teaching aid for the same purpose; our Fourth Degree highlights the "Tree of Life" as corresponding to the three principle officers of our Blue Lodges and the pillars Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty which support them. The "Tree of Life" in the Kabbalah has three pillars, which correspond with our three Masonic pillars and consist of nine attributes of Deity that typify Masonic virtues. So the Kabbalah, to the Scottish Rite Mason, is a road map to understand that these nine virtues are not only the virtues of the individual Mason, but also of the Creator.

"To Know, to Will, to Dare, and to be Silent...Acknowledging our duties, let us practice them..." remembering that the Kabbalah can assist us in our efforts along the way. My Brethren, visit your Blue Lodge, and stop by to see the degree work at the Rite!

UNCOVER THE MEANING OF MASONRY



ARE YOU A NEW MASTER MASON or perhaps been a member for some time and just have not had a chance to be active or get involved? Are you recently retired and looking for something in which to participate?

Why not continue your Masonic Journey? Most men today have a desire to uncover the meaning of Masonry. They want to know how to interpret the symbols and lessons they encountered as they passed from degree to degree. As you have been introduced to the principles of Masonry, we congratulate you and invite you to continue your journey.

Have you given any real thought to it or wondered what it was all about? What is the grasshopper story (Ecl 12:1-7) about? What did they mean by operative and speculative? Who were St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist?

The Scottish Rite is often referred to as the “University of Freemasonry,” and offers 29 degrees and several programs that can help answer these and many other questions. Have you given any thought to those other 29 degrees? There are some very interesting storylines and some very intriguing lessons and meanings. The “University” has an educational program that provides an in-depth study of the degrees. Master Craftsman I and II are designed as

self-study programs, or you can join a group study. You are always welcome to sit in as a monitor or visitor. Knowledge is power and it has been said, “If you think education is expensive, think what ignorance can cost.”

There are many collateral bodies available and each has its purpose, philanthropy and Masonic roots, but you must take the first step to get involved.

The Tall Cedars is an appending Masonic body devoted to fostering friendship and fellowship among Freemasons and all mankind. Their primary charity is Muscular Dystrophy.

The Grotto of North America is a charitable organization dedicated to promoting good fellowship and fun among Master Masons. They make no claim to being a Masonic order nor do they confer Masonic degrees. Yet the membership is exclusively Masonic and Masonic in character. Their charity is providing dental care to children with special needs.

The Eastern Star is a social Order comprised of both men

and women whose purpose is to promote charitable, educational, fraternal and scientific values. Their charitable works support national, jurisdictional and local charities.

The Shrine of North America is built upon the principles of Freemasonry while adding fun and philanthropy. One Potentate describes the Shrine as “The Playground of Masonry.” Their major philanthropy are the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The York Rite has three separate and autonomous bodies: Chapter, Council and Commandery. They each conduct meetings and present degrees or ritual. All three promote behaviors and lessons that strengthen and civilize man.

The York Rite and Scottish Rite are so similar and yet so different that pages could be written about each. For the sake of time and space, it could be said that the Scottish Rite is the champion of individual freedoms and citizenship, while the York Rite is the champion of self-reflection and self-improvement through religion.

The York Rite Charities vary by body. The Royal Arch Chapter supports auditory research for children, the Council of Royal and Select Masters supports the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation, and the Knights Templar Commanderies support the Children’s Eye Foundation.

As you can see, there are many paths leading to further light and all are open to anyone willing to take the first step and continue their journey. The journey will be both fun and enlightening.

So if you have an interest in any of the collateral bodies or in learning more about our gentle Fraternity, why not take the first step, get involved, and complete the journey.

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A Brief History of Coats Masonic Temple

By: Bro. Michael S. Bauman, 32°



ON THE 26TH OF DECEMBER IN THE YEAR 1880, Coats Lodge No. 102 held its first meeting at its Temple Building on 114 N. Washington Street in the town of Easton, Maryland. Originally numbered Coats Lodge No. 76, Coats Lodge No. 102 was officially chartered on November 21, 1855.

The lodge is named after Dr. John Coats, a prominent Revolutionary and Freemason who served in Washington's Army. The building is composed of three floors and a basement. The initial size of the building was 1600 sq. ft. In 1930, an addition to the temple was built, which now serves as the lodge room where several Masonic bodies meet, including Talbot Chapter No. 22 Royal Arch Masons and Jeshua Council No. 8 Royal and Select Masters. The old section of the building is now used as a dining hall and for less formal meetings.

In 1980, on the 125th anniversary of Coats Lodge, Mayor George P. Murphy gave the lodge special recognition for its many years of service to

the community. In honor of the memory of Dr. John Coats and the members of Coats Lodge, he proclaimed November 17-23 as Masonic Week. Twenty-five years later, on October 28, 2005, in commemoration of its 150th anniversary, Coats Lodge was again recognized by the town of Easton for continued service to the community. Mayor Robert C. Willey made a proclamation dedicating November 15, 2005 as Coats Lodge No. 102 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Day.

Throughout the years, many have passed through the doors of Coats Masonic Temple seeking to become part of the world's oldest and largest fraternity. Men from all walks of life and professions have asked the question, "Is there greatness in me?" It is through renewed membership and brotherly love that Freemasonry continues to flourish. May 5, 2012 is a day that all Masonic Lodges in Maryland will open their doors to extend a fraternal hand and welcome potential candidates inside to look around and get a glimpse of what Freemasonry is all about.

SCOTTISH RITE National LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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The National Leadership Conference is coming to Baltimore, Maryland on April 20-21, 2012. Today, more than ever, Leadership in your Valley is key to helping your members. Meeting brothers from other Orients, exchanging ideas and fellowship is the main agenda. There will be something for everyone. Ladies are especially invited to join in this weekend program.

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A Word from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33°

March 12, 1807 - June 20, 1881

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MASONS who can repeat the ritual, but who have no conception of what it all means. There is nothing said in the ritual that should seem mysterious. Everything in Masonry has a beautiful meaning if rightly understood, and everything done in the ritual work is meant to teach a distinct moral lesson. Masonry would die out in a few years if it had to depend upon about 85% of the membership. It is the small minority—the really interested Masons—who have kept and are keeping the order alive today. These few men give unselfishly their time and intelligence as officers of their Lodges. How long would any Lodge last if all the members merely paid their dues, rarely if ever attended Lodge, and considered their duty done? Does Masonry mean anything to you, or are you just “a member”? Some Masons seem to take pride in saying, “Oh yes, I belong to the order, but have not been in a Lodge room in years.” Of what benefit is Masonry to this man, and what earthly benefit is he to Masonry? Then again, you will hear a Mason say, “I have lost my interest in Masonry.” He never had any real interest to lose. All he has lost is his curiosity. If he had been interested, he would have learned something about it, and his interest would have been increased instead of dying out. The Mason who pays his dues

because he is ashamed not to, is simply throwing his money away. He gets no benefit whatsoever, and his attitude of indifference sets a bad example to the younger Masons, who look to him for inspiration and guidance.

Taking the secret work and learning the ritual does not make a Mason any more than learning his A B C's makes a child a scholar. It is merely the cornerstone; the building is yet to be erected.

How many Masons understand the beautiful lesson of the third degree? If this lesson were learned and understood and practiced, Masonry would be on a higher plane than it is today. There would be more real Masons and fewer “members.” Too many Masons say, “I have no time,” but they had or took the time to take their degrees and learn the catechism. The same amount of time spent in intelligent study would give them the groundwork for a real knowledge of Masonry. If Masonry is worth going into, it is worth knowing something about.

“The ultimate success of Masonry depends on the intelligence of her disciples.”

SCOTTISH RITE WOMAN'S CLUB

By: Sharon Johnston, Treasurer

The Scottish Rite had its 11th Annual Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, October 23 and the Woman's Club had their wonderful cake wheel and book sale at this event. If you did not attend, you missed a great time. The Cake Table made over \$300 and the Book Table made over \$100. The Quilt Raffle made over \$1,500 and the lucky winner was Janet Kraft. The ladies also hosted a “Taste of the Grape” here at the Scottish Rite. The wine tasting featured local wines by Basignani, Boordy, Fiore, Legends, and Woodhall Vineyards. There were Chocolates by Perfections, jewelry shops, food stations and free gift wrapping. All this fun is for the benefit of the Hilgenberg Rite Care Childhood Speech & Language Center. If you are not a member and would like to know more about the Scottish Rite Woman's Club, please call our Membership Chairperson, Mary Lou Hooper, at 410-879-1888.

The “Eagle's Nest”

The Scottish Rite Store

Offering a wide variety of Masonic items such as shirts, ties, jackets, Scottish Rite pins, button covers, Masonic books and many more items available for purchase. The Eagle's Nest is open during all Scottish Rite activities, so stop in and browse.

Degrees to be Conferred in Baltimore

Spring Class of 2012

Wednesday, March 7th



4° – **Secret Master** – Duty, reflection and study are the gateway to opportunity. As such, one honors those relationships to God, family, country and Masonry. The apron of the 4th Degree is white and black, with a letter “Z” and all-seeing eye. The jewel of this degree is an ivory key with the letter “Z” on the wards. The duties are secrecy, obedience and fidelity.

5° – **Perfect Master** – The degree teaches Masonic honor; that honesty and trustworthiness is the cornerstone of the foundation of such. This virtue should be in all of our undertakings with mankind. The apron of the 5th Degree is white and green, with a cubic stone and a Hebrew YOD. The jewel is represented by a compass open on a segment of a circle, to an angle of sixty degrees. The duties are honesty, sincerity, good faith and industry.



Wednesday, March 14th



11° – **Elu of the Twelve** (Sublime Knight Elect of the Twelve) – This degree teaches sympathy. We should be compassionate to our brother Masons and to all mankind as well. The apron of the 11th Degree is white, lined with black, with a flaming heart in the center. The jewel is a dagger suspended from a black cordon inscribed with the words “Vincere aut Mori,” the

pledge “that you will rather die than betray the cause of the people, or be overcome through your own fear or fault.” The duties are to be earnest, true, reliable and a champion of the people.



13° – **Royal Arch of Solomon** (Knight of the Ninth Arch) – Liberty in our mind and hearts and motivated by duty and honor are the lessons of this degree. The apron of the 13th Degree is purple, bordered with white and with the “Enochian delta” (hexagram inscribed with Tetragrammaton) in the center. The jewel comprises a circular

medal of gold. The duties are to seek knowledge and to be motivated by duty and honor.

Wednesday, March 21st

VIRTUS JUNXIT MORS NON SEPARABIT

“Whom virtue unites, death shall not separate”

14° – **Perfect Elu** (Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason) – This degree teaches us to reflect and scrutinize ourselves. We should strive to be true to ourselves and our God. The apron being of white silk, bordered in gold with the Ineffable Delta in the center, is truly emblematic of the degree. The jewel of the 14th Degree is split; one being a quadrant (compass open to ninety degrees) topped by a crown and with a nine-pointed star on the obverse; the other being a five-pointed blazing star with the Tetragrammaton on the reverse. The compass is opened on a segment of a circle inscribed with the numbers 3, 5, 7, 9. The duties are to assist, encourage and defend the brethren; to protect the oppressed and relieve want and distress; to enlighten the people and serve the common good.



Wednesday, March 28th

18° – **Knight Rose Croix** – This degree emphasizes that life and its strength come from God. The rose signifies the dawn, and the cross is a sacred symbol of antiquity in many cultures. One is also taught to be tolerant of other’s errors and faults. The apron is of white leather

or satin, bordered in red, with a skull and cross-bones, a red passion cross and three red rosettes. The grand jewel is a gold compass open a quarter circle. A rose-cross is between the legs of the compass and under it is a pelican, tearing its breast to feed its seven young on the obverse, and an eagle with wings extended on the reverse. On the circle are the letters I.N.R.I. The duties are to practice virtue; to labor to eliminate vice; to purify humanity; to be tolerant of the faith and creed of others.



20° – **Master of the Symbolic Lodge** – This degree demonstrates liberty, fraternity and equality. These truths teach morals, religious and philosophical understandings. This degree helps one to comprehend Deity, the forces of nature and good and evil. The apron is yellow bordered in blue, with three concentric point-down triangles, with the Tetragrammaton (horizontal) and Fiat Lux (vertical) at the center forming a cross. Its triangular shape relates to the “fourth great light, which reminds us of the Deity and his attributes.” The jewel is made of gold with the same three concentric triangles. The duties are to dispense light and knowledge and to practice Masonic virtues.

Reunion Day – Saturday, March 31st

21° – **Noachite, or Prussian Knight** – The lessons to be learned from this degree are that arrogance, defamation and cowardice are unworthy attributes of a Mason; and that humility, modesty and courtesy are the true virtues of men and Masons. The apron is yellow and contains an arm holding a sword, a winged figure holding a key in the left hand and the right forefinger on the lips (the Egyptian figure of silence). The jewel can be described as a point-up triangle, with an arrow, point downward, an arm holding a sword and the motto “Fiat Justitia, Ruat Coelum.” The duties are humility, modesty, trust in God and to be steadfast and courageous in the face of adversity.



30° – **Knight of Kadosh, or Knight of the White & Black Eagle** – The lesson of this degree is to be true to ourselves, to stand for what is right and to be just in our lives today with a belief in God, country and oneself. There is no apron, but the jewel is a gold Teutonic cross, enameled in red, with a silver double-headed eagle with wings spread

pointing downward resting upon it. The duty is to labor unceasingly for the good of mankind.

32° – **Master of the Royal Secret** – The lessons taught in this degree are that genuine brotherhood requires mutual regard, opinion, esteem and charity. We always look for the good in all and make allowances for other’s shortcomings. We trust the Supreme Architect to lead us to friendship, morality and brotherly love. The apron of this degree is white, lined in black, with a double-headed eagle and a plan of the Camp of the Princes. The jewel worn is a golden Teutonic cross. In the center are the letters XXXII, surrounded by a green wreath. The cap of a Master of the Royal Secret is black silk with a black band trimmed in gold. In the center front is a double-headed eagle emblem with a rayed equilateral triangle above in gold. The triangle is red, has 32° in its center and is trimmed with gold. The duties are: a Soldier of the Light seeks truth and knowledge; a Soldier of Freedom demands for the people free vote and voice and attains freedom of voice, vote and opinion for himself; a Soldier of the True Religion combats spiritual tyranny with reason and truth; a Soldier of the People encourages men to be self-reliant and independent; a Soldier of Scottish Rite Masonry is zealous and ardent in the performance of his duties to God, his country, his family, his brethren and himself.



Scottish Rite Temple Restoration Fund

AFTER MORE THAN 80 YEARS, our Temple is in need of significant exterior renovation. Over the past year, the Scottish Rite Holding Company Board (which oversees the building) has identified and listed in order of priority the tasks that must be undertaken. As you can see from the photos, these range from mortar repainting of the exterior limestone blocks, to step repair/alignment, to roof replacement and repair. This is all to stop the water intrusion that has been taking place over the last 30 years.

As you may have noticed as you walk through the building, we have been making interior repairs over the last two years, including but not limited to: replacement of broken steam pipes in the Ladies' and Men's Lounges, repair and replastering of the cracks on the interior of the dome, replastering and repainting the classroom and Whitehurst Lounge, and replacing sinks and ruptured waterlines in the men's washroom.

The Board has set up a separate Fund, called the Scottish Rite Temple Restoration Fund. All donations made to this Fund are tax deductible as a 501(c) organization. As work progresses, photos and descriptions of the completed work will become a regular feature of this magazine.

Thank you to all who have already given to this Fund to allow us to start repairs, but more will be needed as time goes on.



To donate, please contact the office at 410.243.3200 or mail a check payable to "Building Restoration Fund" to 3800 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218

Spring Reunion

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



THE SPRING REUNION FOR 2012 IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14.

This spring, we will follow the same format as we did for the Fall 2011 Reunion. We will confer the 4th, 5th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 29th, 30th and 32nd Degrees, beginning with the conferral of the 4th and 5th Degrees on March 7. Degree work will proceed on March 14 and March 21, and the 18th and 20th Degrees on March 28. Finally, we will conclude the Spring conferral schedule with the 21st, 29th, 30th and 32nd Degrees on Reunion Day, March 31. The rehearsal and conferral calendar is printed elsewhere in this issue of the Rite News.

A special treat for the Spring Reunion will be the conferral of the 29th Degree by a cast from the Valley of Cumberland under the guidance of Degree Master, C. Wayne Skidmore, 32°,

KCCH. We will look forward to working with the Brothers from Cumberland once again.

As in the past, there are plenty of openings in the casts of the several degrees which we normally confer in the Valley of Baltimore and we are always looking for Scottish Rite members who have an interest in learning a speaking part, or those who prefer to wear a costume and take a non-speaking part. Both are essential to the success of each Degree.

For many years, Lodges in our grand jurisdiction were responsible for conferring a particular degree with the cast members coming almost entirely from the membership of the Lodge. An example was Pythagoras Lodge No. 123, which conferred the 11th Degree and will be doing so again for the Spring Reunion. I think this was a great idea because it not only brought that Lodge closer to the Scottish Rite, it also provided a very worthwhile activity for the Scottish Rite members of the Lodge and it provided the Scottish Rite with a cast for the selected degree. If you are looking for a project for your Lodge that will bring a great amount of satisfaction and pride for your members and a way of building camaraderie, consider putting together a cast

for one of the Degrees. Let me know and I'll be most happy to assist you in the process. You can contact me at tvelvin@baybroadband.net, or the office at aasr@verizon.net.

In addition, we always need members who are interested in working in a support role behind the curtains, in the well or in the classroom. Just let us know what you are interested in doing, and we will find a place for you. You will find that helping out backstage or dressing up in a costume can be a fun experience and a way to contribute to the future of our Rite, as well as a way to learn more of the lessons contained in the 29 Degrees that we confer.

Please plan to attend the Spring Reunion and support the cast members, stage hands, property room team, robing room crew, sound engineers, prompters and everyone else who works hard to make these degrees as interesting and educational as possible. If you know of a Brother who has recently joined your Lodge, please make sure he is aware of the Scottish Rite and that he can find further light in his Masonic travels by becoming a member.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER — Why We Meet This Day Thursday, April 5th, 2012

By: Ill. Albert D. Wiebley, 33°—Wise Master, 1963

The most logical reason is to rededicate ourselves, but to be more explicit, this meeting on Maundy Thursday for the Hebrew is in commemoration of Passover, a great religious feast celebrated by the Jews on the thirteenth day of their calendar month Nisan, for their release from slavery in Egypt. For the Christian, the meeting on Maundy Thursday is in remembrance of the last supper of our Lord, which was on Holy Thursday nearly 2,000 years ago.

From these meetings on Maundy Thursday, let the vivid impressions bring humility and good deeds to the exhibit of Masonry, rededicating ourselves to the labors of Masonry. This task is not easy, but it has meaning and influences young people, the leaders of tomorrow. This task can be pleasant and enjoyable, for his life is as broad as its love and service, as high as its ideals and as deep as its convictions.

The Symbols of the Mystic Banquet

1. **The Matzo**, or unleavened bread, is also called bread of affliction. It is symbolic of the bread which the Hebrews made when they hastily left Egypt, because they did not have enough time to allow their dough to rise. The Matzo is the most important symbol of Passover.
2. **The Moror**, or bitter herb (represented by a small slice of horseradish), is symbolic of the hardships which the Israelites endured while they were slaves in Egypt.
3. **The Haroses**, a paste of apples, nuts, spices and wine, is symbolic of the mortar the Israelites used when they were slaves, in the construction of the Pharaoh's treasure cities, Pithom and Ramses.
4. **The Shank Bone**, a roasted bone, is symbolic of the Paschal Lamb that was sacrificed and eaten on the eve of Passover.
5. **The Hard-Boiled Egg** is symbolic of life and spring time, when nature renews life.
6. **The Four Cups of Wine** commemorate the four promises made by God to Moses to redeem the Israelites and bring them out of bondage.

Cost for this event – \$20.00 per person

Cumberland Scottish Rite

(Fall 2011)



Cumberland Scottish Rite 33° members met on Sunday, August 28, 2011, for a Social Gathering at the Cumberland Country Club. Members and wives attend the yearly event for good fellowship and a good meal. Vocal entertainment was enjoyed after the meal. 33° members attending were: 1st Row: Robert Biggs, 33°; Ivan Hall, 33°; Irvin Johnson, 33°; William Bundick, 33°; Thomas Bryant, 33°; George Smith, 33°; James Lough, 33°. 2nd Row: Howard Brode, 33°; Paul Shircliff, 33°; Donald Hansel, 33°; Jerome Robinette, 33°; Charles Ridgeway, 33°; Frederick Reel, 33°; Charles Hout, 33°; Fred Widmeyer, 33°; David Hall, 33°; Wayne Skidmore, 33°.



Cumberland Scottish Rite Consistory held their One Day Class on October 29, 2011 in the Masonic Temple in Cumberland, MD. Three inches of snow did not stop a good turnout of candidates. Fifteen candidates became members of the Valley of Cumberland and eight candidates became members of the Valley of Baltimore. These eight men were from Marigot, Saint Martin. SGIG Marlin Mills, 33°, was in attendance and witnessed a good presentation by the various Degree Teams and Stage, Lighting, and Wardrobe Department.

Illustrious Brother Brian Kent Parkinson attended the One Day Class. He has been visiting in the Maryland and Washington, DC area this fall. He is a member of the Scottish Rite of Victoria, Australia. He is pictured in the 1st row, fifth from the left. He is the immediate Past Grand Commander of Victoria Sovereign Council, No. 14.



On Saturday, September 17, 2011, the Orient of Maryland performed the investiture of the 33° and KCCH degree at the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore. The 33° was performed in the morning and the KCCH degree was performed in the afternoon. Family members were permitted to witness the KCCH program. Fifty people from the Cumberland Consistory attended the all-day event. Pictured are the men who were honored from the Cumberland Consistory: William McClean, 32°, KCCH (Hagerstown); Elmer W. Miles, Jr., 32°, KCCH (Cumberland); Mark C. Weatherholt, 32°, KCCH (Cumberland); Charles C. Doll, Jr., 33° (Frederick); George R. Baker, 32°, KCCH (Cumberland); Theodore Raynovich, 33° (Oakland); Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32°, KCCH (Cumberland); Richard R. Gornall, 32°, KCCH (Cumberland); Kenneth R. Wilson, 32°, KCCH (Cumberland); George D. Powell, 33° (Cumberland). Those attending were very impressed with everything that happened that day.

Scottish Rite Cruise & Event Photos

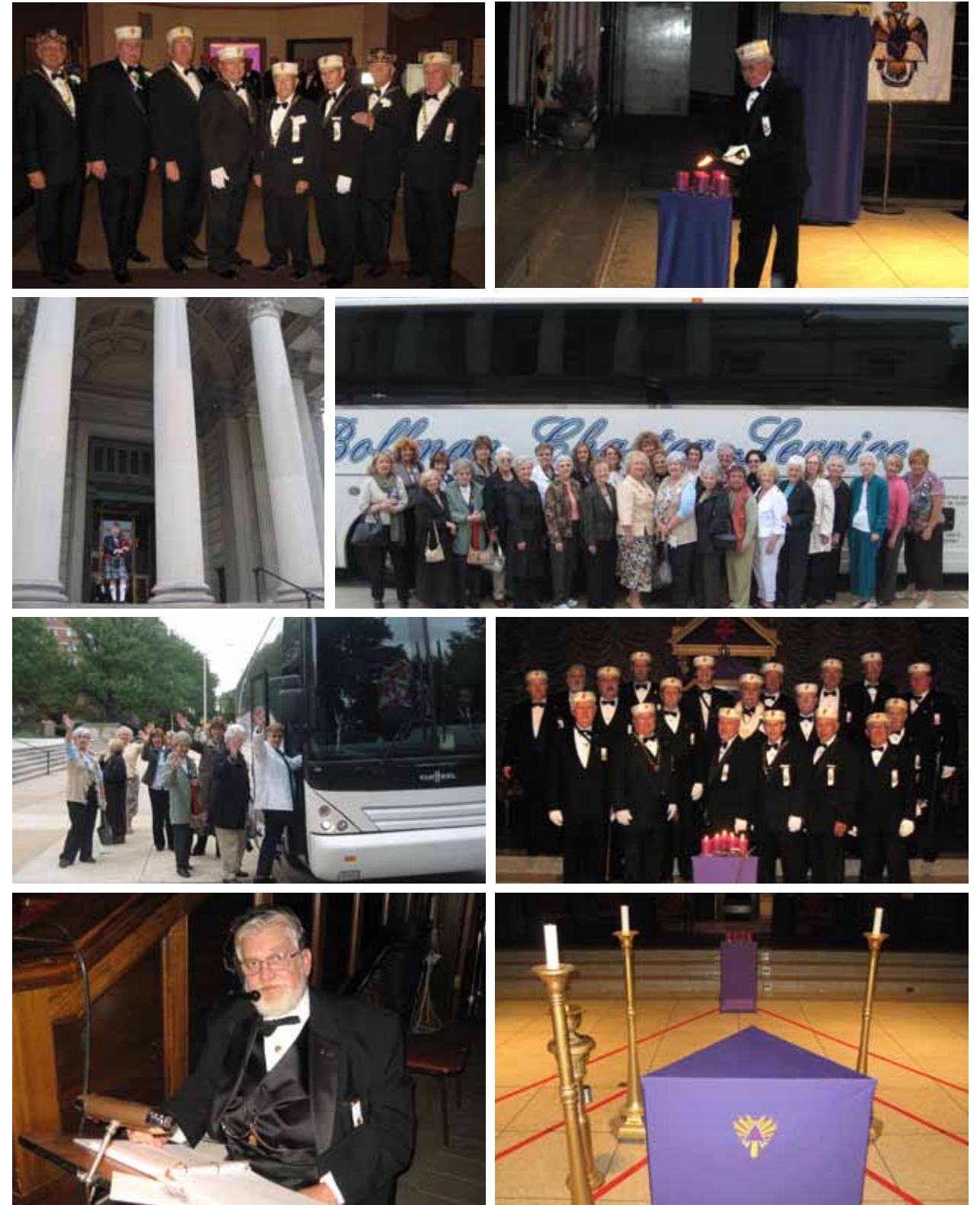
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Menu for Thursday Luncheons

(Prepared by Members of the Rite Cheer Club)

Jan. 5th
TENDER EYE ROUND ROAST BEEF
Mashed potatoes

Jan. 12th
BONELESS PORK LOIN
Oven baked potatoes
Seasoned collard greens

Jan. 19th
HOMEMADE MEATLOAF
Homemade macaroni and cheese
Stewed tomatoes

Jan. 26th
SEAFOOD NEWBURG OVER RICE PILAF
Glazed carrots
Baked apples

Feb. 2nd
BAKED CHICKEN
Mashed potatoes
Mixed vegetables

Feb. 9th
SPAGHETTI WITH CHOICE OF MARINARA SAUCE
Fresh salad

Feb. 16th
ALL BEEF HOTDOG
Baked beans
Cole slaw

Feb. 23rd
SOUR BEEF
Mashed potatoes
Red cabbage

Mar. 1st
ITALIAN SPECIAL
Fresh salad

Mar. 8th
BAKED CHICKEN
Com bread dressing
Baked apples and sweet potatoes

Mar. 15th
CORNED BEEF
Boiled potatoes
Cabbage

Mar. 22nd
ROAST BONELESS PORK LOIN
Oven baked potatoes
Sauerkraut

Mar. 29th
BAKED HAM
Baked sweet potatoes
Special green bean dish

Apr. 5th
MAUNDY THURSDAY
NO LUNCH PROGRAM

Apr. 12th
SEAFOOD NEWBURG OVER RICE PILAF
Glazed carrots

Apr. 19th
BAKED CHICKEN
Mashed potatoes
Peas and carrots

Apr. 26th
HOMEMADE MEATLOAF
Homemade macaroni and cheese
Stewed tomatoes

May 3rd
ALL BEEF HOTDOGS
Baked beans
Cole slaw

May 10th
SPAGHETTI WITH CHOICE OF SAUCE
Fresh salad

May 17th
TENDER ROAST BEEF
Mashed potatoes
Green beans

May 24th
SALAD PLATTER
Chicken salad and tuna salad
Macaroni salad with shrimp
Cole slaw

* All meals are served with homemade rolls, dessert and beverages.

Upcoming Events at Valley of Baltimore 2012

Sunday, January 15th	Annual Installation of Officers, 2pm Open to All Refreshments After
Wednesday, February 1st	Lodge of Perfection Dinner—Open*
Wednesday, February 8th	Rose Croix Dinner—Open*
Wednesday, February 15th	Council of Kadosh Dinner—Open*
Wednesday, February 22nd	Chesapeake Consistory Dinner—Open*
Wednesday, February 29th	Spring Class Orientation Refreshments After
Wednesday, March 7th	Confer 4th & 5th, 7pm Lodge of Perfection
Wednesday, March 14th	Confer 11th & 13th, 7pm Lodge of Perfection
Wednesday, March 21st	Confer 14th, 7pm Lodge of Perfection
Sunday, March 25th	Ring Ceremony, 2pm Open to All Refreshments After
Wednesday, March 28th	Confer 18th & 20th Chapter Rose Croix
Saturday, March 31st	Reunion Day Confer 21st, 29th, 30th & 32nd
Thursday, April 5th	Maundy Thursday Dinner, 7pm Rose Croix**

* Open dinners begin at 6:30pm and are open to all at a cost of \$15.00. Please RSVP to the office one week before.

** Maundy Thursday is an open ceremony with dinner at a cost of \$20.00. Please RSVP to the office if you are attending.

SECURITY POSITION AVAILABLE

The Scottish Rite in Baltimore is looking for a few good men to work at the Temple during special events. The pay is \$15.00 per hour and a minimum of 4 hours guaranteed.

The Temple is rented for weddings, receptions, graduations and other similar events. The duties include security of the building and Temple assets, opening and closing the building and securing the alarm system, checking the parking lot regularly, answering questions and assisting the guests as needed.

We normally work in two-man teams and training is provided. No physical work is involved.

If you are interested, please contact Ill. Bro. Fred Spicer, 33° at 410-243-3200 for more information or an application.

The Clinic Corner

By: Christine Wandishin, M.S., CCC-SLP
 Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's hard to believe that the holidays are behind us and a new year has begun. It has been a great year for the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic. We would like to thank the Masons, the Scottish Rite Woman's Club, and the Hearing and Speech Agency, as well as our client families, for their continued support and dedication to our clinic. We were able to raise extra money for the clinic and purchase much-needed technology. Special thanks go to Marlin Mills, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland, for allowing the clinic to purchase the iPad 2 for our clinicians. We are now the only clinic in the immediate area using this new technology in our treatment.

With the launch of the iPad 2, the clinic has been able to implement the most up-to-date speech and language therapy sessions and evaluations. This device, similar to a small computer, is being used with children with a variety of speech and language difficulties, including apraxia, articulation disorders, receptive and expressive language disorders, fluency disorders, and voice disorders. The iPad 2 applications (software programs) use animation to help children practice their oral motor skills, track changes in speech fluency, as well as improve their vocabulary skills. One of the biggest populations that has benefited from the iPad 2 is our children with autism. The Proloquo2Go application that we purchased for the iPad 2 allows children that have difficulty communicating due to autism or any other communication disorder to communicate their basic needs and interests through the use of images and corresponding audio. Please check out the use of the iPad 2 with children with autism on the CBS



television show "60 Minutes." Go to cbsnews.com and click on the 60 Minutes tab. Next, click on the Science tab and click on the "Apps for Autism" segment aired on October 23, 2011. This will show you how important this technology can be for children who cannot communicate with their own voice.

We would like to welcome our new student intern, Nikki Gorsuch, to our clinic. She is a communication sciences graduate student at Towson University and will be helping us diagnose and treat our children with speech and language disorders. We are very lucky to have her as part of our Scottish Rite Clinic team!

Finally, we wish you all a wonderful, happy, and healthy New Year! We also invite you to come and visit us any time.

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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Morris & Sharon Bohlayer in honor of
Ill. W. Raymond Bosley, Jr., 33°

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their 42nd Wedding Anniversary

William H. & B. Paige Cox in honor of
Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, S.G.I.G. and
Lady Brenda

Jack & Cheryl Young in honor of Oliver
& Christa Strong's 50th Wedding
Anniversary

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Albert H. Cohen, 33°

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Albert H. Cohen, 33°

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Ill. Albert H. Cohen, 33°

Thomas & Mary Keller in memory of
Josephine D. Keller

Thomas & Mary Keller in memory of
Robert A. Keller, Jr.

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H. Cohen, 33°

Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of
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Robert A. Keller, Jr.

Mary Ann E. Turney in memory of Ill.
Albert H. Cohen, 33°

Cliff and Deborah White Family Fund
in memory of Ill. Albert H. Cohen,
33°

Dr. Hans & Leah Wilhelmsen in
memory of Mrs. Josephine D. Keller
mother of Ill. Thomas A. Keller, 33°

To the Officers and Members of:

ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION
MEREDITH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH
CHESAPEAKE CONSISTORY

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME

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

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

Location _____ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____

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

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

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

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

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

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

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

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

Wife's Name _____

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

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

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

- 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) _____
- Have you ever been held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with and organization which has? (Yes or No) _____: If your answer is in the affirmative, give particulars: _____

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

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14° Trilite Ring (May be upgraded to 10K Gold for additional fee),
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Cruise on the brand new Celebrity Silhouette "The Largest Ship Afloat"
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DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Wednesday, Feb 22	Cape Liberty, New Jersey	---	5pm
Thursday, Feb 23	At Sea	---	---
Friday, Feb 24	At Sea	--	--
Saturday, Feb 25	Labadee, Haiti	9am	4pm
Sunday, Feb 26	San Juan, Puerto Rico	2pm	10pm
Monday, Feb 27	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	9am	6pm
Tuesday, Feb 28	St. Johns, Antigua	8am	5pm
Wednesday, Feb 29	St. Croix, US Virgin Islands	8am	5pm
Thursday, Mar 1	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am	5pm
Friday, Mar 2	At Sea	--	---
Saturday, Mar 3	At Sea	--	--
Sunday, Mar 4	At Sea	--	--
Monday, Mar 5	Cape Liberty, New Jersey	8am	

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