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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

S.G.I.G.'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends, Ladies and Brothers

As always, I hope this finds you and your families well and your New Year off to a great start. As I write for this issue of The Rite News, winter and the New Year are still in the not-too-distant future and I am hoping that everyone will enjoy a fattening happy Thanksgiving. We have had a wonderful year throughout The Scottish Rite. All across Maryland new members and new degree work are keeping the valleys busy. The Master Craftsman program continues to enlighten not only the new but also many of our longtime members. The experience has helped to meet the desires and expectations of many of our members. The Scottish Rite has often been referred to as "The University of Free Masonry" and as new programs and lessons are introduced through the Master Craftsman program and new degrees are presented by the valleys, the knowledge gained will continue to make a better Scottish Rite and men with a better understanding of our gentle craft. Along this line, I must admit that I am not a true fan of one-day classes. However, I realize that with today's demands and fast paced families, there is a need that fits certain individuals and families. Very often today, both husband and wife work, have children in school, sports, and other family obligations, and a one-day class is the only way to meet those obligations and participate in the Scottish Rite. Baltimore will offer a one-day class this spring for those who fall into any of these situations.

The possibility of a new Valley is being explored for Harford and Cecil Counties. If this comes to pass, it will save many miles and hours of time for those distant Brothers and their families.



There is always a lot of activity around the Rite. Why not stop by your Valley and take a look. Even better, bring a friend and introduce him and his family to an environment full of fun and excitement that can be found all in one place.

I would like to congratulate the Rite Cheer Club in Baltimore for the outstanding job they did on their Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches. The kitchen staff prepared 10 turkeys and half-dozen hams with all the trimmings and served over 200 guests. If you have not had a lunch prepared by the "Rite Cheer Crew" you do not know what you are missing. Check the menu and schedule in this issue.

Now in closing, may I wish each of you the Blessings of a Safe and Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you around the Rite!

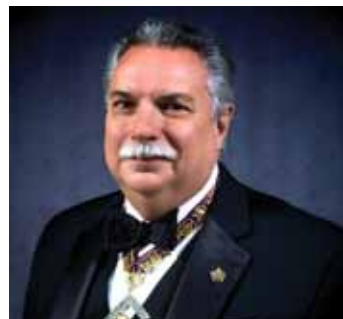
Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



For the Good of the Craft

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



THIS SMALL PART OF OUR RITUAL is familiar to each of us, regardless of where we meet. As a Grand Master, it is uppermost in my mind every day.

Fortunately for Maryland Masons, we have finally stopped our membership decline and are beginning the slow climb back hopefully to membership prosperity.

In recent years, we have been exhorting the Lodge leaders and mentors to be conscious of the necessity of new members being active somewhere in our Masonic family. In the past 12 months, there have been a number of articles and columns written by brothers on this subject. Again

and again we read, “find something that interests you and pursue it,” whether it is in the Symbolic Lodges or another body in the Masonic family. Don’t, however, forget your home Lodge.

Over the past two years, there have been approximately 1,500 men raised in our Lodges. They are now looking for meaningful experiences within our Masonic family.

Under the leadership of our SGIG, Scottish Rite Masonry offers many choices for proficient Master Masons. For those seeking “further light” there are 29 additional degrees from which to learn and participate. Having two to four bodies in each of the Valleys provide excellent leadership and officer training possibilities. Social and volunteer positions are also available. We are even seeing the beginning of a new Valley in the Northeast part of our jurisdiction.

My brethren, there is no shortage of opportunities where any

new (or not so new) Mason can participate and enjoy.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland and the AASR have been and are continuing to be strong partners in providing a setting for brothers to become better men. I challenge every Scottish Rite Mason, when visiting their home Lodges, to recommend to their brothers a visit to one of our valleys.

Lastly, for those who joined us at the Grand Lodge for the installation of the New Grand Master and Grand Line – Thank You! With more than 600 in attendance, regrettably I did not have the opportunity to greet each of you, but please know that the effect of seeing the Corinthian room filled to capacity was an image that will stay with me for a very long time. It is with great pride and humility that I serve as your Grand Master. My final comment at the installation was that “I AM PROUD TO BE A MASON” I hope we all share that feeling – for the good of the Craft.

ONE-DAY SCOTTISH RITE CLASS SCHEDULE

SPRING 2013*—SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

- 6:00am – Class Registration – Coffee & Buns
- 6:30am – Class Reports to Classroom
- 7:00am – Opening Ceremonies
- 7:15am – 11:50am - Confer 4°, 14° & 18°
- 11:50am – Class Exercise



- 12:15pm – Class Picture
- 12:30 Lunch - \$15.00 (Candidates No Charge)
- 1:15pm Confer 30° & 32°
- Closing Ceremony
- * Times Subject to Adjustment

Happy New Year

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



MUCH IS HAPPENING at our Scottish Rite. As we prepare for 2013, we need to take a look at what we have accomplished during the past year and use this as a guide for or progress in the year to come. Our joint class with the York Rite gave us a

great picture of cooperation and the results have been fantastic.

As we prepare for a One-Day Spring Class and all of the other activities that will be taking place this spring, we must remember how important that cooperation can be. Maryland will host the Scottish Rite training session this year and that should be a great incentive to show off the multitude of talent that we have. It should also give us a chance to observe the best from other Orients as they come here to learn. We must support our Sovereign Grand Inspector General in this important undertaking. We must promote the spring class and do all that we can to keep

our attendance up at all of our functions.

Marlin Mills has worked very hard to accomplish all of this. Let us take advantage of the leadership that Ray Leppo gives to the Valley of Baltimore and continue to make it one of the outstanding jewels of the Southern Jurisdiction. All five of our Valleys need to continue the great work that they have been doing. We have a new Grand Master and new Grand Lodge Officers, so let us show them how the Scottish Rite members cooperate and promote our great fraternity.

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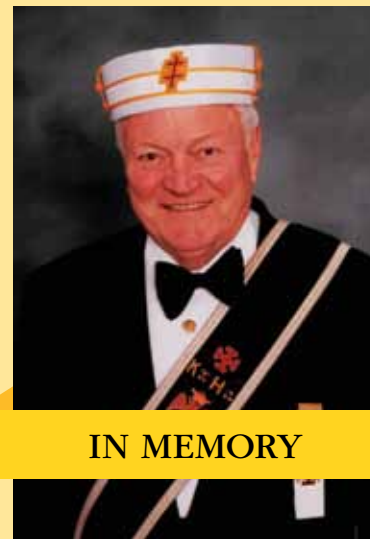


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KCCH–11/23/2003
Inspector General–Honorary
33°–8/28/2007

Personal Representative for the Valley of Baltimore

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



ONE DAY CLASS

Sometimes we may find it necessary to dispense with the full dramatic presentation of a particular degree, instead, it will be communicated by a brief summary of the lessons contained therein. Such a communication is not to be considered a reflection of the relative importance of the lessons of that degree. You are all encouraged, at the earliest opportunity, to see all of the degrees performed

in full, either in this valley or in another. You may enhance your understanding of a communicated degree by reading the appropriate chapter the book, “Bridge to Light.” There are many other books that will also increase your understanding and you are encouraged to seek them out and study their teachings.

Reunion Day is not the completion of your instructions in Scottish Rite Masonry, rather, it is the beginning. The continuation of your masonic learning will be left in your hands. It is expected that you will perform faithfully the lessons you have been prepared to receive in your Symbolic Lodge. Here indeed shall the attentive ear receive from the instructive tongue the knowledge which should be deposited in the faithful breast.

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Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Gregory M. Derwart, 32°, KCCH - Commander



“So far as I am acquainted with the principles and Doctrines of Freemasonry, I conceive them to be founded on benevolence and to be exercised for the good of mankind.” – Bro. George Washington

BRETHREN – IT IS WITH GREAT HUMILITY that I greet you as your Commander. Our beloved Founding Father and Brother George Washington provided us with many commendable

words of wisdom and examples with which to aspire. The “good of mankind” is a worthy goal of good men. And while the betterment of our global community may sound like an impracticable task, we must remind ourselves that such endeavors begin with our daily walk and the lives we affect in our homes, where we work and worship, and within the walls of our lodges and Temple.

We learn in our studies that the word Kadosh comes from the Hebrew language and means Holy. So it is good and appropriate that our Council’s initiatives this year point to our Holy bonds of Brotherhood, and our Holy bonds of family. We look forward to initiating some new efforts this year, to wit:

Brotherhood – Our spring meeting on Feb. 20th will include a Festive Board, including dinner, toasts and a commemorative

glass for you to keep.

Family – as we aim to support our Brothers and set a good example for our families, we are planning to create a special new ceremony to celebrate marriage. This will be a public commendation for any Masonic Brother who is about to get married, or desires to reaffirm his marriage. This effort is still in the planning stages, and the first ceremony will happen in the fall. Please reach out to me at gregderwart@gmail.com if you are interested in helping us create this special new observance that will be open to all Maryland Masons and their families.

I pray that our Supreme Architect will guide us in our efforts to accomplish His will. I look forward to seeing you at the Temple soon.

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Chesapeake Consistory

By: Jason M. Taft, 32°, KCCH



I AM TRULY HONORED TO SERVE as Master of Kadosh for the ensuing term and I look forward to working with all of you.

I am inspired by the words of Past Sovereign Grand Commander Henry C. Clausen:

The great historian, Arnold Toynbee, advanced the thought that societies have life cycles centuries long. During these periods a point is reached – a critical moment of decision – a time of change, of challenge, and of opportunity. Survival then depends upon a correct decision.

Those who die are like the blind-folded camels turning Egyptian waterwheels. In their blindness they imagine themselves traveling great distances, but in reality they are going over the same old mill endlessly.

Those survive who wisely recognize and successfully meet the challenge of the times and move forward with vigor and imagination. From this comes new ideas, ideals and motivations.

Decades have passed since

Brother Clausen wrote those words but I believe they are more important today than ever before.

As Marshall McLuhan liked to say, “Fish don’t know water exists till beached.” One must step outside of the overly familiar in order to be able to truly see what’s happening, otherwise one sees only “the Emperor’s new clothes.” William Patrick Patterson explains this concept well: “Watch a film from another era. Notice all the unconscious assumptions and values undergirding the story line. It was the world according to that time. It was how they thought of themselves, the values they held – all of it taken for granted, assumed. It all happened within the context of that time, a context that was largely invisible to those engulfed in it.”

We live in a very interesting era. All eras were interesting, but in ours things are changing far more rapidly than ever before. The Internet is replacing television as the dominant medium of our culture. Whereas a medium such as television (via which programming produced by a relatively small number of people is broadcast to a passive audience) by its very nature tends to produce a largely homogeneous “mainstream” culture, the Internet – which gives everyone a voice – reflects the fact that there are many diverse perspectives in our global village. The Internet makes it difficult for any particular world view to be treated as

the “official” world view (though each world view has its share of intolerant fundamentalists who go on fanatically believing that their chosen narrative is the absolute truth and all others are wrong). So, while a medium such as radio or television could be an aspiring tyrant’s best friend, the Internet is certainly his worst foe!

A lot of sacred cows are being slaughtered these days – or at least their sanctity is finally being questioned on a large scale. For example, more and more people are beginning to question whether GDP is a good measure of a country’s well-being. Just as a major car accident creates a lot of business (for auto repair shops, hospitals, lawyers, etc.), the poisoning of Mother Nature can perhaps be “good for the economy” in the very short term... but there is a big difference between a tragic car accident that was unintentional and a tragic environmental crisis that could have been avoided. I doubt that future generations will care about the GDP if they don’t have drinkable water or breathable air.

Albert Pike identified Freemasonry’s enemies: tyranny, ignorance, intolerance, fanaticism, and unbridled ambition/greed. In the war against these age-old enemies, our greatest weapons are Faith, Hope, and Charity.

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Fall Classes for the Orient of Maryland

2012



VALLEY OF BALTIMORE



VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND

GUIDELINES FOR SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY JROTC AWARD (For High Schools)

General: Through scholarship grants, Rite Care® Childhood Language Disorders Clinics, and patriotic programs, the Scottish Rite has sustained a positive presence throughout our country for over two centuries. Its 500,000 membership captures a very broad set of cultural and economic backgrounds.

Description: Approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, the award consists of a medal, ribbon, and certificate. The medal depicts the heraldic logo of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and by the words "JROTC Education and Americanism" calls attention to two of the major focal points of the Scottish Rite.

Purpose: This award recognizes one outstanding cadet in the second year or second to last year of their commitment to a unit. The award cannot be bestowed on a cadet in his/her first or last year of the program. To assist in preparation, a sample copy of the completed certificate is included in the award package.

Eligibility – The Cadet must:

- Have contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects
- Have demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his/her academic class
- Have demonstrated outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self discipline, good citizenship and patriotism
- Have not previously received this award

Selection: The DAI/SAI or other senior service official or the head of the school (or both) will make the selection.

Administration: The Supreme Council is divided between two Jurisdictions, the Southern Jurisdiction and Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. (For a map, click on website: www.scottishrite.org, then "Where We Are" at bottom of the page, and "Location of Scottish Rite Valleys").

- Southern Jurisdiction: Requests for the award should be sent to the nearest Scottish Rite Valley of the Southern Jurisdiction. (For locations, refer to the map described above and click on the desired state) or contact the National Headquarters, Grand Executive Director, telephone: 202-232-3579, or email: wsizemore@scottishrite.org.
- Northern Masonic Jurisdiction: Refer to: www.supremecouncil.org, click on ROTC Program. Inquiries should be directed to William Holland, Director of Operations, Telephone: 800-814-1432, Ext. 3133, or email: wholland@supremecouncil.org.

Presentation and Publicity: With 30 days prior notice of the presentation ceremony, whenever possible the Scottish Rite Valley which provided the award will select and provide a presenter.



Revised 11/10/10

Maundy Thursday Observance & Dinner Thursday, March 28th–6:30pm

All Scottish Rite Masons are encouraged to attend and the portrayal is open to friends and family of all Scottish Rite Masons.

In the Scottish Rite, darkness often refers to the disappearance of truth and justice in the world. As the symbolic lights are extinguished, we reflect upon this loss. By relighting them, we reinforce our belief that as Knights Rose Croix it is our duty to throw off the mantle of sorrow and darkness and to emulate those historical figures who have brought truth and knowledge to mankind. This solemn Ceremonial is an important part of the ritualistic work of the Chapter Rose Croix and expresses our commitment to the living of a conscientious and enlightened life.



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

BROTHERS CALLED FROM LABOR TO ETERNAL REST

As of December 11, 2012

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- Herman Samuel
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- Earl J. Bush
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- John C. Bond

The Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33°



WELCOME TO OUR THREE NEW MEMBERS, Bro. Jonathan Todd Brand, 32°, Bro. Barry Andrew Polk, 32° and Bro. Christopher James McCall, 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 go home 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.

Hon. George Kelsea, 32° KCCH, passed away on October 2, 2012. George was a pillar of our Masonic Lodge in Hollywood, Maryland. He made almost daily trips to the lodge to check things out. He had his workshop located under the steps and made repairs where needed. I do not believe George ever missed a Blue Lodge meeting, Scottish Rite meeting, Shrine meeting or the Reunion in Baltimore. George was from New England and had that dry sense of humor they are known for.

We have replaced the old theater seats in the lodge room with new chairs. We thank everyone who purchased a chair. The new chairs make a big difference in the appearance of the lodge room and they are more comfortable. We have also removed the old metal frame window on the north side of the lodge building and blocked in the space. The windows were not very well insulated so it should make a difference in our heating bill. We are working on filling in the space left by the removal of windows with display cases for Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star and Job's Daughters regalia that has been donated over the years.

The Divas and Infinity Choral Groups from Chopticon High School in Morganza, Maryland provided the entertainment for our Ladies Night Christmas Party. They have put on a wonderful Christmas Show for the Valley of Southern Maryland for the past few years. They are an a cappella group and perform in dress of 1500-1550 Elizabethan I era. Their renditions of familiar Christmas Carols are truly wonderful. It is always a thrill to share our lodge with a group of such wonderful young people.

The book of Scottish Rite Masonry never closes. Each new year brings new challenges. There are always new things to learn and a greater understanding to be achieved. The book is never closed.

Cumberland Scottish Rite

(Winter 2013)



On Sunday, November 11, 2012, Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland and the Grand Line Officers officially Rededicated the Cumberland Masonic Temple on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. The attending members, ladies and guests were treated to a banquet dinner in the social hall at 6:30 pm, followed by the Rededication Ceremony at 7:30 pm in the Main Lodge Room. There were 175 in attendance representing all the bodies of the Masonic Fraternity. Pictured are the members of the organizing committee. Front Row: (L to R) Deputy Grand Master Gerald E. Piepiora; Most Worshipful Grand Master Stephen J. Ponzillo, III; Paul G. Shircliff, Committee Chairman, and Charles J. Hout. Back Row: (L to R) Robert W. Hamilton; Kenneth R. Wilson, Jerome F. Robinette, and Howard V. Brode.



The Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew provided drum and bagpipe music for the September 15, 2012 Kid's Walk, Kid's Talk Fundraiser for The League! A Children's Place. The League manages the Scottish Rite Language and Speech Disorder Clinic. Clients and family members were led around the Allegany College of Maryland parking lot by Scottish Rite members. After the walk prizes were awarded and treats served. Members of the Scottish Rite who participated are shown (L to R) Aaron V. Lea, 32° KCCH, Kyle R. Diehl, 32°, Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Charles J. Hout, 33°, Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, C. Wayne Skidmore, 33°, and a young client of the clinic who was allowed to hold the bagpipe.

Spring Reunion

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



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the new 32nd Degree Masons who participated in the Fall Reunion of the Valley of Baltimore. Also, congratulations to those who also participated in the York Rite class that was held as a part of the Reunion.

I want to take a moment to express my thanks to all of the

cast members of the Scottish Rite Degrees and to all of the men who worked in the background in the property room, on the stage, in the robing room, in the classroom and elsewhere around the Temple to make this a very successful reunion. Many hours were expended by the support team during rehearsals and the conferrals. We could not have had the success without your help. I also wish to thank the Degree Masters of the several Degrees for getting their casts to rehearsal on time and seeing that all was in readiness for the conferral of their degree.

Sometime during December, we will have a meeting of the Degree Masters and Support Staff to look back over the Fall schedule and a have chance to critique our work in preparation for the Spring 2013

Reunion which is scheduled for March 16, 2013.

The Spring 2013 reunion is to be a one-day class in which we will confer the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd Degrees. It will be a busy day but will afford many who have limited time to join the Scottish Rite. We are looking forward to a large class so let the members of your Blue Lodge who are not currently members of the Rite know about the Spring Reunion. They can contact the office at 410.234.3200 for more information.

I wish all who read this a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I will look forward to seeing you at the Temple soon.

SPRING 2013 REHEARSAL DATES

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Monday, February 11th | 4th Degree |
| Tuesday, February 19th | 14th Degree |
| Monday, February 25th | 18th Degree |
| Monday, March 4th | 30th Degree |
| Monday, March 11th | 32nd Degree |

Cast Members Please Sign in to the Director of Works Office by 6:45pm
Support Staff: Please Arrive By 6:30pm

Rite Cheer Club Lunch Menu

Charles E. Winnebrenner, 33°, President

The Rite Cheer Club serves lunch on the Thursdays listed below

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| February 7th | BAKED CHICKEN Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Ice Cream | March 7th | PENNE PASTA W/ OLD WORLD SAUCE & MEATBALLS Garden Salad Fresh baked rolls Ice Cream |
| February 14th | SPAGHETTI WITH CHOICE OF TOMATO OR MARINARA SAUCE Fresh salad Ice Cream | March 14th | CORNED BEEF Boiled Potatoes Cabbage Fresh Baked Rolls Ice Cream |
| February 21st | ALL-BEEF HOT DOGS Baked Beans Cole Slaw Ice Cream | March 21st | BONELESS PORK ROAST Oven Baked Potatoes Sauerkraut Fresh Baked Rolls Ice Cream |
| February 28th | PORK ROAST WITH SAUERKRAUT Oven Baked Potatoes Seasoned Collard Greens Ice Cream | March 28th | Maundy Thursday – No Lunch Served |



The Scottish Rite Cheer Club looks forward to serving you!

Scottish Rite Photos

Fall 2012



Scottish Rite Photos

Fall 2012



A Word from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33°

March 12, 1807 – June 20, 1881



THE SPURIOUS FREEMASONRY OF ANTIQUITY.

In the vast but barren desert of polytheism—dark and dreary as were its gloomy domains—there were still, however, to be found some few oases of truth. The philosophers and sages of antiquity had, in the course of their learned researches, aided by the light of nature, discovered something of those inestimable truths in relation to God and a future state which their patriarchal contemporaries had received as a revelation made to their common ancestry before the flood, and which had been retained and promulgated after that event by Noah.

They were, with these dim but still purifying perceptions, unwilling to degrade the majesty of the First Great Cause by sharing his attributes with a Zeus and a Hera in Greece, a Jupiter and a Juno in Rome, an Osiris and an Isis in

Egypt; and they did not believe that the thinking, feeling, reasoning soul, the guest and companion of the body, would, at the hour of that body's dissolution, be consigned, with it, to total annihilation.

Hence, in the earliest ages after the era of the dispersion, there were some among the heathen who believed in the unity of God and the immortality of the soul. But these doctrines they durst not publicly teach. The minds of the people, groveling in superstition, and devoted, as St. Paul testifies of the Athenians, to the worship of unknown gods, were not prepared for the philosophic teachings of a pure theology. It was, indeed, an axiom unhesitatingly enunciated and frequently repeated by their writers, that "there are many truths with which it is useless for the people to be made acquainted, and many fables which it is not expedient that they should know to be false." Such is the language of Varro, as preserved by St. Augustine; and Strabo, another of their writers, exclaims, "It is not possible for a philosopher to conduct a multitude of women and ignorant people by a method of reasoning, and thus to invite them to piety, holiness, and faith; but the philosopher must also make use of superstition, and not omit the invention of fables and the performance of wonders."

While, therefore, in those early ages of the world, we find the masses groveling in the intellectual debasement of a polytheistic and idolatrous religion, with no support for the present, no hope for the future,—living without the knowledge of a supreme and superintending Providence, and dying without the expectation of a blissful immortality,—we shall at the same time find ample testimony that these consoling doctrines were secretly believed by the philosophers and their disciples.

But though believed, they were not publicly taught. They were heresies which it would have been impolitic and dangerous to have broached to the public ear; they were truths which might have led to a contempt of the established system and to the overthrow of the popular superstition. Socrates, the Athenian sage, is an illustrious instance of the punishment that was meted out to the bold innovator who attempted to insult the gods and to poison the minds of youth with the heresies of a philosophic religion. "They permitted, therefore," says a learned writer on this subject, "the multitude to remain plunged as they were in the depth of a gross and complicated idolatry; but for those philosophic few who could bear the light of truth without being confounded by

A Word from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33° Continued

the blaze, they removed the mysterious veil, and displayed to them the Deity in the radiant glory of his unity. From the vulgar eye, however, these doctrines were kept inviolably sacred, and wrapped in the veil of impenetrable mystery."

The consequence of all this was, that no one was permitted

to be invested with the knowledge of these sublime truths, until by a course of severe and arduous trials, by a long and painful initiation, and by a formal series of gradual preparations, he had proved himself worthy and capable of receiving the full light of wisdom. For this purpose, therefore, those

peculiar religious institutions were organized which the ancients designated as the MYSTERIES, and which, from the resemblance of their organization, their objects, and their doctrines, have by masonic writers been called the "Spurious Freemasonry of Antiquity."

Mid-Shore Scottish Rite Club

By: Robert Sparks, 32°—President

The new Mid-Shore Scottish Rite Club sends you greetings. The Club has had three meetings so far. The first was held at Temple Lodge #128 in Denton on February 11, 2012. We were served a delicious dinner prepared by the Eastern Star Chapter. After the dinner we were entertained by Steve and Ali Quillen called the Kindred Spirit with Celtic and a variety of different songs. Afterwards, gifts were given to the Ladies for Valentines Day. The Officers were installed by S.G.I.G Marlin Mills for the ensuing year.

The Officers of the Club for this year are

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Robert Sparks

1st Vice President

Edward Berkman

2nd Vice President

David McQuay

3rd Vice President

Michael Bauman

Secretary

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P.G.M Thomas Velvin 33°

On June 16, 2012 the club had a picnic at Camp Mardela in Denton with the weather perfect and with most of the members present. We had three new members join us on this occasion. We enjoyed a delicious picnic dinner and many desserts. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our third meeting was held in the Episcopal Church Hall. The dinner was prepared by Father Walt Burgess. The dinner of pork loin was delicious and enjoyed by everybody. We had Mary Handley (Annie Oakley) do a program, showed memorabilia,



and answered questions on Annie Oakley.

Our December Christmas Dinner meeting was held at Chesapeake Landing in St. Michaels and consisted of crab cakes or prime rib. We had the election of Officers for the following year. The Ladies were presented with a Christmas gift. We have enjoyed having the ladies with us this year, and having their support in our Masonic Journey.

If any Scottish Rite member would like to join us, please call any of the officers.

27° KNIGHT OF THE SUN OR CHIEF ADEPT

This Degree is to be added to our repertoire of degrees for Fall 2013
Degree Master: Bro. Timothy M. Dykes, 32°



EXCERPT FROM ILL. BRO. ALBERT PIKE'S WORK, MORALS & DOGMA

"The prima materia of the Great Work, in the Superior World, is enthusiasm and activity; in the intermediate world, intelligence and industry; in the lower world, labor: and, in Science, it is the Sulphur, Mercury, and Salt, which by turns volatilized and fixed, compose the Azoth of the Sages.

The Sulphur corresponds with the elementary form of the Fire; Mercury with the Air and Water; and Salt with the Earth.

The Great Work is, above all things, the creation of man by himself; that is to say, the full and entire conquest which he effects of his faculties and his future. It is, above all, the perfect emancipation of his will, which assures him the universal empire of Azoth, and the domain of magnetism, that is, complete power over the universal Magical agent.

This Magical agent, which the Ancient Hermetic philosophers disguised under the name of "Prima Materia," determines the forms of the modifiable Substance; and the Alchemists said that by means of it they could attain the transmutation of metals and the universal medicine.

There are two Hermetic operations, one spiritual, the other material, dependent the one on the other.

The whole Hermetic Science is contained in the dogma of Hermes, engraven originally, it is said, on a tablet of emerald. Its sentences that relate to operating the Great Work

are as follows:

"Thou shalt separate the earth from the fire, the subtile from the gross, gently, with much industry.

"It ascends from earth to Heaven, and again descends to earth, and receives the force of things above and below.

"Thou shalt by this means possess the glory of the whole world, and therefor all obscurity shall flee away from thee.

"This is the potent force of all force, for it will overcome everything subtile, and penetrate everything solid.

"So the world was created."

All the Masters in Alchemy who have written of the Great Work, have employed symbolic and figurative expressions; being constrained to do so, as well to repel the profane from a work that would be dangerous for them, as to be well understood by Adepts, in revealing to them the whole world of analogies governed by the single and sovereign dogma of Hermes.

So, in their language, gold and silver are the King and Queen, or the Sun and Moon; Sulphur, the flying Eagle; Mercury, the Man-woman, winged, bearded, mounted on a cube, and crowned with flames; Matter or Salt, the winged Dragon; the Metals in ebullition, Lions of different colors; and, finally, the entire work has for its symbols the Pelican and the Phoenix.

The Hermetic Art is, therefore, at the same time a religion, a philosophy, and a natural science. As a religion, it is that of the Ancient Magi and the Initiates of all ages; as a philosophy,

we may find its principles in the school of Alexandria and the theories of Pythagoras; as a science, we must inquire for its processes of Paracelsus, Nicholas Flamel, and Raymond Lulle.

The Science is a real one only for those who admit and understand the philosophy and the religion; and its process will succeed only for the Adept who has attained the sovereignty of will, and so become the King of the elementary world: for the grand agent of the operation of the Sun, is that force described in the Symbol of Hermes, of the table of emerald; it is the universal magical power; the spiritual, fiery, motive power; it is the Od, according to the Hebrews, and the Astral light, according to others.

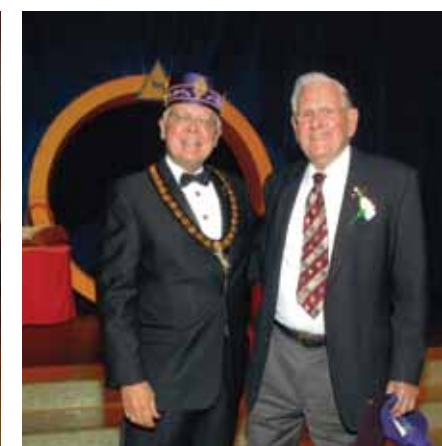
Therein is the secret fire, living and philosophical, of which all the Hermetic philosophers speak with the most mysterious reserve: the Universal Seed, the secret whereof they kept, and which they represented only under the figure of the Caduceus of Hermes.

This is the grand Hermetic arcanum. What the Adepts call dead matter bodies are as found in nature; living matters are substances assimilated and magnetized by the science and will of the operator.

So that the Great Work is more than a chemical operation; it is a real creation of the human word initiated into the power of the Word of God."

those philosophic few who could bear the light of truth without being confounded by

Presentation of 50-Year Service Certificates Fall Ring Ceremony 2012



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John P. Moore, 32°
Theodore Mark Provenza, 32°



The Valley of Cumberland Inspector Generals, along with their ladies, met for a summer social and dinner at the Cumberland Country Club. The members enjoyed musical entertainment after dinner.

Those attending were: Front Row: (L To R) Thomas A. Bryant, 33°, Ivan A. Hall, 33°, Charles C. Doll, Jr., 33°, William B. Bundick, 33°, Irvin W. Johnson, 33°, and Howard V. Brode, 33°.

Back Row: (L to R) Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Donald K. Hansel, 33°, G. Frederick Widmyer, 33°, Charles W. Ridgway, 33°, Kenneth A. Robertson, 33°, Frederick E. Reel, 33°, Geroge D. Powell, 33°, Lonnie R. Jackson, 33°, M. Robert Wheatley, 33°, Charles J. Hout, 33°, and Jerome F. Robinette, 33°.

Maryland DeMolay

Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., 32°

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS from all of us at Maryland DeMolay!

In this time of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we would like to thank all of our Masonic Family for all the support given to Maryland DeMolay throughout the year. Your generosity and support does not go unnoticed by our members and our parents. Our jurisdiction is extremely blessed to have so much support and recognition by all of the members of the Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite and York Rite, Shriners, Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, Rainbow and all Masonic groups in Maryland. Your dedication to us drives us to do our best to represent the Maryland Masonic Family in all we do.

We would also like to congratulate Dad Gerald E. Piepiora on his Installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master and Dad Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr. as Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and pledge our continued support to the Grand

Lodge and its officers. We were pleased to be at the Grand Lodge Installation for such a wonderful occasion and to see the Corinthian Room so full.

Maryland DeMolay is very proud of the accomplishments of Past Grand Master Stephen J. Ponzillo, III. We believe he carried the lessons learned within the DeMolay Chapter and experience gained as a State Master Councilor of Maryland DeMolay with him during his term as Grand Master. While he may be enjoying a well-deserved rest, we look forward to welcoming him around DeMolay functions in the future.

A quick overview of some activities for December:

- Nelson J. Briggs DeMolay Chapter sponsored by Mt. Ararat Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast (Break with Santa) on Dec. 8th at Mt. Ararat Lodge in Bel Air, Maryland. A portion of their fundraising goes to support the Muscular Dystrophy

Foundation and other local charities, while the remainder is directly used by the Chapter to fund Chapter events for the boys. We hope you had the opportunity to visit with Santa and the guys from Nelson J. Briggs Chapter.

- State Pickup Flag Football game at Dad Chuck Ridgeway's after Breakfast with Santa.
- Annual Catonsville Chapter Christmas Party for underprivileged children from the Catonsville Area on December 16.

Keep an eye out for more activities throughout the state! Until next time, thank you for supporting all the young people throughout Maryland who belong to DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughter!

For God, For Country, For DeMolay!

MORALS & DOGMA

By: Charles Matulewicz, 32°



I HAD ARRIVED at the lodge early to meet some gentlemen interested in learning more about Masonry, and while looking through the shelves in the banquet hall... well I realized that we have some 10+ copies of *Morals and Dogma*, some in a pristine state. Paging through them I started to wonder: How did they all come to be there? Why don't we read Brother Pike's work? Why are there pages that look like a Led Zeppelin album cover? Looking at the dates handwritten in the front pages of the book it appears that the Valleys in the Southern Jurisdiction gave copies out well after the 1969 printing, why didn't my class get a copy of the book?

So I took a copy home and I read it, and it was not an easy walk. Whole pages in Hebrew... and the parts people like to cite on the History Channel. But as I read I realized that this text is more than a collection of lectures on the degrees, this is the Victorian

version of Joseph Campbell's *Hero with a Thousand Faces*, this is comparative religion. What Brother Pike is doing is using the religious traditions of the world to highlight the universality of the themes of the Scottish Rite degrees. There are similar texts, Frazer's *Golden Bough* being one, that are contemporary to Pike's work and delve into the universality of religion, but these authors are largely practicing anthropology... Pike is selecting the world's religious traditions as symbol and allegory to describe wise and serious truths. Brother Pike does not want to tell the Scottish Rite Mason reading the text that we, as Scottish Rite Masons, believe in the death and resurrection of Osiris... but uses the myth to teach us something in his explanation of the Rose Croix, he is using the universality of the religious figure and sacrifice. Pike says, "Masonry also has her mission to perform. With her traditions reaching back to the earliest times, and her symbols dating further back than even the monumental history of Egypt extends, she invites all men of all religions to enlist under her banners and to war against evil, ignorance, and wrong."

So Brother Pike's book is a means to approach the degrees... and expresses the moral lessons in a way that engages the traditions of the

world. What does that mean for us? When we consider the Scottish Rite as the University of Masonry, it is not because the degrees are any higher than those of our Blue Lodge. I would go so far as to say that there are no higher moral lessons as those taught in the Blue Lodge, what the Rite offers expands on these lessons, but we have to engage these lessons critically. The Scottish Rite Mason needs to be able to widen his gaze and understand that there is not only a Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God in our fraternity, but there is also a plurality of ideas and traditions that regardless of our personal faith we can see the value of that which we share and Brother Pike's book assists us as a guide to appreciating that there is more about our traditions that are the same than could ever be different. Pick up a copy of *Morals and Dogma*, use the *Bridge to Light* as a guide and consider *Morals and Dogma*... Brother Pike considered all of us when he wrote it and his words echo in every modern version of our degrees. Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite, and see you in the classroom.



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From the Boumi Shriners

By: Bro. Jay Irwin Block, Chief Rabban, 32°, 2012



I AM WRITING this as my first contribution to the Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite magazines. I want to thank

them for allowing me the opportunity of contributing an article on behalf of our Boumi Shrine Masons. The purpose is not to talk about the events for 2013 but, rather, to review the year 2012. Sadly, this article should have been written by the Illustrious Sir, F. Carl Weiss, III but he is no longer with us. The Illustrious Sir put his heart and soul into his year but, unfortunately, did not survive long enough to enjoy its completion.

On September 11, 2012, F. Carl Weiss, III, beloved husband of Doris Weiss passed away. On that Friday night, he was

honored with a Masonic Funeral Service led by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland, Stephen Ponzillo, III, at the Schimunek Funeral Home. Honoring Carl was a line of Grand Officers, the Boumi Divan, as well as a number of Shrine Masons and others of our Craft. The Divan gave him his final Salaam at the grave site.

The Illustrious Sir's Boumi history is too extensive to review in this article but he will always be remembered in our hearts. Our sympathies continue for his wife and our first lady, Doris and his family.

Our Almoner - Ill. J. Frederick Hobine, 33°



THE ALMS OR MASON'S Box originated in the lodges of Scotland during the 17th century. The Almoner is an officer of the Scottish Rite bodies who is elected by the brethren. His duties are to disburse the monies of the fund by assisting those found worthy, Masons and non-Masons alike. Brotherly love is not measured by the size or source of the gift. It is hoped that each gift will bring an individual or family a

renewal of faith and strength by knowing that someone cares. Maintaining the Almoner's Fund is a duty of each member of the Rite. A Brother who is unable to attend meetings should not withhold his gifts. Many brethren "remember the Almoner" when paying their yearly dues; however, contributions are needed and welcomed anytime.

JOINT CLASS 2012

Ring Ceremony and Knightings



The Clinic Corner

By: Lisa McGrain, M.S., CCC-SLP—Speech-Language Pathologist
Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

HELLO AGAIN from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season. We are off to a great start here at the clinic in 2013!

We began the new year by adding additional time to our contract with The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. When we provided speech and language screenings to the school children in the Fall, there was such a high demand for services that the school requested we extend our hours to accommodate as many children as possible. Chrissy, Eleni and I are now providing therapy at Cathedral Monday through Thursday mornings. We really enjoy working with the students there to help improve their speech and language skills.

We also began working with Garrison Forest School this year. We completed speech and language screenings for students there and are happy to add this school to our ever-growing list of contacts in the surrounding area. We are hopeful that this will be the beginning of an ongoing relationship with Garrison Forest and we look forward to working with them in years to come!

As many of you may recall, we presented at the bi-annual RiteCare conference in Dallas, Texas back in September and shared our experiences with the iPad in therapy for children of all ages and a range of diagnoses. We have received much positive feedback regarding our presentation, and we were even asked to present this information to the graduate students at Loyola and Towson Universities. We feel very fortunate and honored to share our hard work with so many professionals in the field of speech-language pathology. We will continue to seek out organizations that may benefit



from our information regarding the iPad and therapy. Stay tuned for upcoming presentations!

You may have noticed a couple unfamiliar faces in the clinic recently. I'm happy to introduce Jessica Aaron and Elisa Pitchon, both second year graduate students from Towson University. Both girls are also Brockman Fellow recipients and are working under our supervision to evaluate and treat clients during the spring semester. Welcome Jessica and Elisa!

Finally, if you know of anyone who may benefit from a speech and language evaluation or who is seeking therapy services, we encourage you to pass along our information to family and friends. Feel free to stop by anytime to visit our center. We'd be happy to give you a tour of our freshly-painted facility and provide information on our services. Thank you all for your continued support of our profession and your generosity towards the children at our clinic!

Support your Scottish Rite Speech & Language Center

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

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Scottish Rite Degrees—One-Day Spring Class



4TH DEGREE - SECRET MASTER: Your first steps into our sanctuary are duty, reflection and study. They teach us to honor those relationships to

God, family, country, Masonry. The apron is white and black, with a letter “Z” and all-seeing eye. The jewel is an ivory key with the letter “Z” on the wards. The lessons of the 4° are secrecy, obedience, and fidelity.



14TH DEGREE - PERFECT ELU (GRAND ELECT, PERFECT AND SUBLIME MASON): In the degree we learn to reflect and look into ourselves. We should strive to be true to ourselves and our God. The apron is white silk, bordered in gold, with the Ineffable Delta in the Center. The jewel is a quadrant (compass open to ninety degrees) topped by a crown, and with a nine-pointed star on the obverse, and a five-pointed blazing star (with the Tetragrammaton) on the reverse. The compass is opened on a segment of a circle, inscribed with the numbers 3, 5, 7, 9.



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



30TH DEGREE - KNIGHT OF KADOSH, OR KNIGHT OF THE WHITE AND BLACK EAGLE: The lesson of this degree is to be true to ourselves, to stand for

what is right and just in our lives today. To believe in God, country and ourselves. There is no apron, but the jewel is a gold Teutonic cross, enameled in red, with the letters ‘J B M’ on the obverse, and a skull transpierced by a poinard on the reverse.



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

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Chesapeake Consistory

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(A.R. Orage made two clarifications that I find valuable: "Faith is confidence, not belief; for example the way a lion walks through the woods. Hope is ef-

fort, not wish; an effort to make it so and not a wish that it may be so.")

Will we "go over the same old

mill endlessly" like blindfolded camels or will we "wisely recognize and successfully meet the challenge of the times and move forward with vigor and imagination"?

I am very proud to say that, of the hundreds of Scottish Rite Masons who are friends of mine,

not a single one looks to me like a blindfolded camel!

Let's make 2013 a wonderful year for our Scottish Rite!



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ORIENT OF MARYLAND

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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 |
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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.)

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 employers.)

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)

INITIATION FEE: \$250.00

INITIATION FEE INCLUDES:

14° Trilite Ring (May be upgraded to 10K Gold for additional fee),
32° Patent, Bridge to Light Book, Albert Pike Morals & Dogma Book

AT LEAST \$100.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION.

HAT SIZE _____ RING SIZE _____

This fee may be paid by Credit Card.

Select one: _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____ Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

3 Digit Security Number on back of card _____

Upcoming **Events** Spring 2013

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| Wednesday, February 6th | Lodge of Perfection Dinner @ 6:30pm - \$15.00 |
| Wednesday, February 13th | Chapter of Rose Croix Dinner @ 6:30pm - \$15.00 |
| Wednesday, February 20th | Council of Kadosh– Festive Board w/ Toasts \$15.00 per person, open to all |
| Wednesday, February 27th | Chesapeake Consistory Dinner @ 6:30pm - \$15.00 |
| Wednesday, March 13th | Spring Class Orientation - 6:30pm – Refreshments after Open to Candidates and their Families |
| Saturday, March 16th | Reunion Day – One-Day Class - 7:00am Lunch \$15.00 – Candidates No Charge |
| Thursday, March 28th | Maundy Thursday – Rose Croix – 6:30pm Open Ceremony *Dinner cost – \$20.00 per person |
| Sunday, April 7th | Ring Ceremony – Lodge of Perfection – 2pm Open Ceremony – Refreshments After \$15.00 per person – Candidates No Charge |
| Sunday, April 21st | Basket Bingo – Information in Next Issue of Rite News |
| Saturday, June 15th | Family Picnic – 1-3pm – Pavilion at Bonnie Blink |