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A MESSAGE FROM

## Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



I WISH YOU  
THE BLESSING  
OF GOOD  
HEALTH AND  
MUCH FUN  
AND HAPPINESS  
THIS SUMMER.

### GREETINGS TO ALL,

As always, I hope this issue of your Rite News finds you well and enjoying the first weeks of spring, longer days, and the sun's rays. I would like to begin by extending my sincerest welcome to our newest Scottish Rite Brothers and their families. I realize the volume of information you received may have seemed overwhelming. Yet, I hope you found it enlightening as well and will return to experience the degrees in a more relaxed time frame. I am committed to you and want you to be an active part of your Valley. If you have any questions, comments or just want to say hello, my door is always open to you. I also extend congratulations to each of the dozens and dozens of men who made the Reunion a great success. The time and effort you put in to make the One Day Class one to be remembered is to be commended and I send my heartfelt thanks. None of this could be accomplished without you.

As you know, the One Day Class was named in honor of Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33° (11/2/1922 – 05/20/2018). Ill. Bennie had been a very active member of our Scottish Rite. He received his 14th degree on November 10, 1973 followed by the Knight Commander Court of Honor October 10, 1979 and, on October 10, 1995, he was given the honor of the 33°, Inspector General Honorary. He served as Most Worshipful Grand Master from

11/20/2000 until 11/11/2002. Brother Bennie was active in all three bodies of the York Rite. Having presided over all three Grand Bodies, he is one of 7 Maryland Grand Masters to hold the four quadrants in the York Rite Grand Cross of Honor. In the Scottish Rite, Bennie excelled in several degrees with the fourteenth being his favorite. For many years, Ill. Brother Owens served exceptionally as Orient Personal Representative. He was always ready to assist wherever needed. In his 96 years, Bennie touched many lives, made many friends and left many memories for those who knew him. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

Finally, I want to thank each of you who signed a petition for a Brother. Membership is the life-blood of every organization, especially this of ours. How good and pleasant it is when all come together for the good of each other. There are six Valleys in Maryland and each one would love to have you visit for a meeting or event. It is also a great way to meet new friends and Brothers.



Sincerely and Fraternally,

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





# Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

BY: MW RICHARD, P. NAEGELE, 33° – ANCIENT BALTIMORE LODGE # 234



**I** RECENTLY WAS GIVEN a pamphlet published over 70 years ago from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I want to share some of it with you.

“Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society. Its principles are proclaimed as widely as men will hear. It’s only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction.”

“Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community. Thus it impresses on its members principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, enlightens them as to those things which make

for human welfare, and inspires them with that feeling of charity, or good will, toward all mankind which will move them to translate principles and conviction into action.”

“The true Freemason will act in civil life according to his individual judgement and the dictates of his conscience.”

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IS A CHARITABLE,  
BENEVOLENT,  
EDUCATIONAL  
AND RELIGIOUS  
SOCIETY.”**

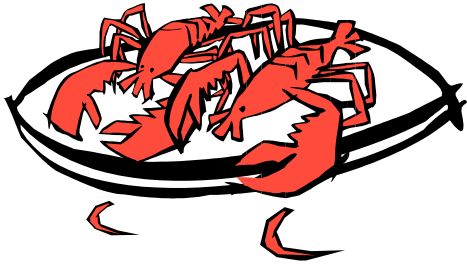
It has much more as it explains the meaning behind what Freemasonry stands for. I believe these words ring true today for our purpose in this world. Many things in society have changed but our core beliefs remain the same. We must evolve with the times as our forefathers must have to bring us not only through the centuries but now a new millennium.

Some may disagree with approaches we take to keep masonry relevant to today’s society. They may not like the approach taken to spread our message through various media sources which have come about in the later part of the last century.

Remember, Freemasonry is 300 years old and far reaching media sources have only been around for about 50 years. If this technology existed when Freemasonry was first organized, imagine the impact it could have had on the world.

Switching topics – “How ‘bout them O’s” Hopefully they will have a better season this year as well as our fraternity. We have a few events I need to make everyone aware of. The first is May 1st – Masonic Awareness Day. Wear any type of masonic apparel – lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, OES or youth organization clothing. Show your pride in masonry and maybe you will spark interest in someone wanting to know more about it. May 13th we will visit Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to recognize and honor our deserving veterans. Join us at 10:30am that morning as we introduce them and make a special presentation to help with their care and comfort. Finally is the Family Day Picnic on Saturday, June 1st from 11am – 3pm. Bring your family and friends to Grand Lodge for a day of fun activities and eating.

Maryland Masonry will continue moving through the millennium as we continue towards greatness spreading the light while maintaining our integrity and uprightness.



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# Valley of Baltimore

BY: ILL. E. RAY LEPP0, 33°, GC - PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE VALLEY OF BALTIMORE



**W**ELCOME BROTHERS. I want to start by saying thank you for the cards, calls, and visits during my recent setback. However, I am back and feeling much better. I would like to congratulate

and welcome our new Scottish Rite Brothers and invite them to attend our meetings and events. It is also my wish that all our Brothers, new and old, participate in our Rite. There are many opportunities to get involved and volunteers are needed and welcomed.

**THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND WELCOMED.**

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Brothers who made the One Day Reunion a success.

The teams that presented the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd degrees made the day both an enjoyable and flawless experience for all.

The officers of the four Baltimore bodies have now been installed and I look forward to excellent work from them as well. Presiding over the bodies are: David L. Lebowitz, 32°, KCCH-Venerable Master of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection; Lister J. Haughton-James, 32°, KCCH-Wise Master of the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix; James T. Hill, 33°-Commander of the Maryland Council of Kadosh and Roger D. Dunn, 32°, KCCH Master of Kadosh of the Chesapeake Consistory. I wish them a very successful term.

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# Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. BRO. DAVID L. LEBOWITZ, 32°, KCCH – HOWARD LODGE #101 – VENERABLE MASTER



**GREETINGS MY BRETHREN!**  
It gives me tremendous pleasure to write to you again, as your Venerable Master, as we move into the spring and summer months of 2019. The Lodge held a successful installation of Line Officers at our first meeting on February 6th, delayed due to the havoc released by Mother Nature in January. Further, after close of business, all in attendance adjourned to the dining room and participated in an interesting discussion about financial and cybercrimes and protection of senior government officials by a representative of the United States Secret Service, Baltimore Field Office. It was an excellent presentation that was well received by the Brothers, with many family and friends in attendance.

It's always an interesting construct to write articles for the Rite News, reflecting upon events that have already transpired while looking ahead to those scheduled on the Valley's calendar. The month of March was a busy period for Lodge of Perfection, as the Orient of Maryland delivered several Scottish Rite degrees within the One Day Class in memory of the Illustrious Bennie G. Owens, 33°. On behalf of myself and the Line Officers, I applaud all involved in the administration and performance of the degrees. The newly-capped 32° Masons are blessed to have borne witness to the extraordinary degree work conducted within the Valley of Baltimore and throughout the Orient. The responsibility now lies within each of us, as proud members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, to assist these new Masters of the Royal Secret as they further explore the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and the Consistory in greater focus.

Traveling through my own exploration of the Degrees, a sentiment penned by the Illustrious Albert Pike, 33° piqued my interest, especially given current events experienced throughout the world. As he stated within *Morals & Dogma*

*"It is not even in extraordinary situations, where all eyes are upon us, where all our energy is aroused, and all our vigilance is awake, that the highest efforts of virtue are usually demanded of us; but rather in silence and seclusion, amidst our occupations and our homes; in wearing sickness, that makes no complaint; in sorely-tried honesty, that asks no praise; in simple disinterestedness, hiding the hand that resigns its advantage to another".* It is times like these, as difficult as they seem, that recall the responsibility we bear to ourselves, and our family, occupation, and belief system. What would the world look like if everyone acted as Pike detailed? How would populations act to one another if given the respect and attention that they desired while in the public eye and behind closed doors? The world's societies might be fortunate enough to explore these themes one day in the future.

Brethren, I look forward to sharing time with you and your families over the coming months, and wish you a very happy and healthy May, June, and July. Please remember that if you have an interest in communicating with the officer line or myself, please feel free to contact me directly at [VenerableMaster2019@gmail.com](mailto:VenerableMaster2019@gmail.com).



# Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

BY: HON. LISTER J. HAUGHTON-JAMES, 32°, KCCH – HIGHLAND LODGE #184 – WISE MASTER



## CORRECT ATTITUDE AND ENTHUSIASM

Let us look at a few of the giants of the past, all were Freemasons. Without going into details of their achievements, their names will ring a bell – a very loud bell: Bros. Henry Ford, George Washington, Franklin D. Roosevelt, the classical composers: Bros. Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and many, many more in so many fields. They left their footprints on the Masonic sands of time. Always there, never to be erased and serving as a beacon for us to follow.

Yet we keep complaining we haven't got enough time. They did not have the facilities and resources that we have to implement our progress and make things happen. We spend too much time on frivolity. Yes, recreation is important. Yes, the

computer creates and speeds up things. The smart phone is always in our hands and at our ears. We continually are not realizing that we are wasting time. We complain there is not enough time. We need to prioritize, get things right and put in order our house. Organize so that we can execute thoroughly.

One of the problems we do have is not realizing we are putting time in the work instead of work in the time.....they are two different situations altogether. "I am going to the office to put in some time" should be "I am going to the office to put in some work". You should not

be putting time in the work, but work in the time.

Whatever we enjoy, whatever we revel in – we find the time. Then we complain we cannot make a lodge meeting or we cannot help with "this or that" in Freemasonry and we slip Freemasonry down toward the bottom of the list. Brethren, that is not good enough at all. We need to realize that Freemasonry is a vocation, we need to realize that the Masons of the past did not have our conveniences and yet we are enjoying the privilege of their dedication and hard word work.

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# Maryland Council of Kadosh

BY: ILLUSTRIOUS JAMES T. HILL, 33° - JEPHTAH #222 - COMMANDER



## MY BRETHREN,

I hope that everyone survived the roller coaster ride of the winter's weather. It played havoc with the schedules of many, including our Council as we had to reschedule our installation twice. We were finally successful by joining the Chesapeake Consistory at their regular meeting and both Lodges were installed. It marked the first time to recent memory that two lodges met and held an installation. It was a great evening and provided an opportunity for some fraternal interaction that normally does not occur. Congratulations to all the officers who were installed and thanks to all who attended the meeting. Remember to put our Fall meeting and Festive Board on your calendar for Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

The Summer Solstice marks

the beginning of summer and longer days of light. It presents us with an excellent opportunity to adore the creations of our great creator. It also presents us with opportunities to travel to nearby masonic monuments to observe the works of master craftsmen and improve ourselves in masonic and historical knowledge. Monuments that immediately come to mind include: The George Washington National Monument in Alexandria VA, the House of the Temple (33rd Degree) in Washington, DC, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in historic Philadelphia, PA just a few blocks from the Liberty Bell and, the National Cemetery in Gettysburg, PA. Each has a unique story. For example, at the Gettysburg Cemetery is the Friend-to-Friend Masonic Memorial. It depicts a confederate soldier, Brigadier General Lewis A. Armistead, a Freemason, who was wounded during Picket's Charge on July 3, 1863, being attended to by Union Captain Henry Bingham, also a Freemason.

The story behind the monument (excerpted and sourced from various documents) goes that prior to the war, General Armistead served with Union General Winfield Hancock of the Federal Army and considered him a valued, personal friend. When the Civil War broke out,

General Armistead refused to raise his sword against fellow Southerners and joined the Confederate Army in 1861.

After 27 months of fighting the war, the units that the two generals commanded met on the Gettysburg battlefield during Picket's Charge. Both generals were injured during the fight that day, but General Armistead was left to the mercy of the Union soldiers after he lay injured and the Confederate sources had been pushed back.

During the lull after the charge, a staff assistant to Winfield Hancock, Captain Bingham of the Union, was riding past General Armistead who was lying on the ground where he fell. Captain Bingham inquired as to who the southern General was, and General Armistead himself responded. After some conversation between them, Armistead discovered for whom Bingham worked, and that Bingham was also a freemason. Due to this, Armistead entrusted his personal possessions, including a pocket book, a watch, his spurs, and a chain with a masonic emblem on them to Captain Bingham. These items were asked to be given to Captain Bingham's superior officer, Union General Winfield Hancock, so that they could be returned to General Armistead's family.

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# Chesapeake Consistory

BY: ROGER D. DUNN, 32°, KCCH - MT. MORIAH LODGE #116 - MASTER OF KADOSH



**W**HILE I AM WRITING THIS, the snow is falling and the temperature is dropping, all during the time Punxsutawney Phil said winter would be winding down. Stupid groundhog.

By the time you read this, the One Day Spring Class Reunion will have occurred and the Valley of Baltimore will have grown stronger with the infusion of new members. I want to take this opportunity to again congratulate those new brothers and welcome them into Scottish Rite Masonry.

I wish to thank the officers of Chesapeake Consistory for assuming the various positions and for a fine job during our installation. The installation was a rare and perhaps totally unique experience, in that the Consistory was installed at

the same time as the Council of Kadosh. Those who attended the night's festivities were treated to a "twofer". As usual, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General Marlin L. Mills, 33°, and Executive Director Fred Spicer, 33°, provided excellent preparation for the exciting experience. I want to also thank Bro. David Sandy, 32°, our speaker for the evening, for an excellent presentation on symbolism. Bro. Sandy took four totally different entities and wove them into one intimate connection. Well done!

The Consistory continues to grow! At our last meeting, we received and balloted on 29 petitions, and expect more by the time of our next meeting. Who do you know, at work, at church, in the neighborhood,

among friends, that would make a good Scottish Rite Mason? And Consistory member?

As we approach warmer weather and the summer months, I want to take the opportunity to reflect upon the brothers who have entered Scottish Rite Orient of MD this year and last. It is my fervent hope that we, the heads of the various bodies of Scottish Rite throughout the state, pursue these men of high caliber to help in our labors. We need to make sure we are engaging them, getting to know them, encouraging them. The Scottish Rite has a lot to offer – let us all make sure we are doing our part to help others benefit from the lessons taught therein, so we all can become better men and better brothers.



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*Additional information in the next Rite News*

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# Valley of Frederick

BY: BRO. RICHARD BROWN, 32°, PHILANTHROPIC LODGE #168 - VENERABLE MASTER,  
FREDERICK LODGE OF PERFECTION #3



**H**AVING ONCE AGAIN installed another enthusiastic and actively involved officer line in January, the Valley of Frederick has quickly gotten down to work to ensure our continued success in delivering a superior experience to our Scottish Rite brethren and their families.

None of this comes about by accident. Our Valley Executive Committee meets regularly to support the planning, refinement, assessment, and strengthening of our programming and activities, a formula we have followed for several years. This intentional approach delivers solid results. We are gratified to have earned the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) Achievement

Award for the fourth consecutive year. We especially thank the Hon. Brother Gary Kennedy, 32o KCCH, for his continued dedication and tireless efforts as our Valley's VMAP Chairman.

## WE HONORED THE LADIES OF OUR KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW LADIES' AUXILIARY (KSALA) WITH A CELEBRATORY BRUNCH IN TOKEN OF OUR THANKS.

Our degree teams and Committee on Work have continued to sharpen our ritual skills in order to convey the meaning and beauty of our Scottish Rite degrees. Their dedicated work paid off during our Spring Reunion in March. Membership development remains a focus as we seek to strengthen our Valley membership experience with the many talents, fresh ideas, and enthusiasm that new members always bring. To assist in our efforts, our lodge ambassador program ensures representation within blue lodges in Central Maryland, and we are

enhancing their liaison activities via additional outreach from the officer line. Our various open meetings and myriad of programs on our active events schedule generate interest and encourage inquirers about the Scottish Rite to learn more.

In other news, we marked Presidents' Day with a special presentation on Mount Rushmore's Masonic connections. On the fellowship front, our Valley and its guests celebrated the birthday of Brother Robert Burns with our Burns Night supper, which always draws a capacity and enthusiastic crowd. We honored the ladies of our Knights of Saint Andrew Ladies' Auxiliary (KSALA) with a celebratory brunch in token of our thanks for all the wonderful things they do to make our Valley experience special.

Fellowship opportunities indeed abound in our Valley, and some important upcoming activities this quarter include:

- 2 June – Ladies & Ladies' Tea
- 20 June – Annual Open Strawberry Night
- 29 June – Annual Scottish Rite Night @ Frederick Keys

We look forward to your visiting with us and to seeing you on the hilltop at Blentlinger Road in Frederick!



# Valley of Susquehanna

BY: JONATHAN M. MCCLAVE, 32°, VENERABLE MASTER, CHESAPEAKE LODGE OF PERFECTION.  
MT. ARARAT #44



**T**HERE ARE MANY great lessons in the 4th degree, Secret Master, but one of my favorite lessons is the sense of duty. In Masonry and the Scottish Rite, we have a duty to not take the teachings of the Masonry lightly and to support our Lodge, Valley, and Scottish Rite if within the length of our Cable Tow. One of the best ways to learn the teachings of Masonry and support the Scottish Rite is to get involved.

When I first joined the Scottish

Rite, I loved seeing the Fourth Degree, the first degree of a One Day Reunion. But after the third or fourth degree, all the degrees blended together, and I didn't get much from them. I sadly left not being completely fulfilled. It wasn't until a year later, when a Brother asked me to become a cast member in the 27th degree that I started to learn all the great lessons the Scottish Rite had to offer. During rehearsals and the actual degree, I started to see the beauty of the degrees and all the lessons I failed to see the first time seeing the degrees. Since that time, I have joined several other degree teams and learned many more lessons. Although there is no reward of any intrinsic or monetary value, there is the much more valuable reward of learning the lessons of the Scottish Rite, which have had a positive influence in my life. I have also made some great friends along the way.

In the Valley of Susquehanna, we perform the degrees in a lodge room which provides a more intimate way to observe the degrees. We have several openings in the three degrees we perform each reunion. Some of the parts are of just a few lines, while others are a larger. You can learn the part at your own pace without having to read a cypher. If you do not want to be in the degree, we also have openings back stage, setting up the scenes, working sound, building props, and preparing the candidate. If you are interested in learning a part and supporting your Valley, please talk to me or any officer in the Valley. We would be more than happy to find a role that fits what you are looking for. Not only will be you be supporting your Valley, but you will also gain a deeper understanding of Masonry and the lessons the Scottish Rite teaches. We hope to see you at our next meeting.



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3.

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4.

Enjoys viewing worthwhile drama, well presented;

5.

Finds the hearty fellowship and good-will of other men inspiring and enjoyable.

6.

Is willing to enter into true fraternity with other men when he finds them worthy; and

7.

Has caught the gleam of Masonic inspiration from his Blue Lodge work and is ready to seek the truth still further;

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# Why Scottish Rite Masonry?

BY: HON CHARLES J. MATULEWICZ, 32°, KCCH - PALESTINE LODGE #89



**W**HY SHOULD A MAN join the Scottish Rite of Masonry, why should he become a member? This is a question that is front of mind for men across the fraternity... how do we increase membership? But what if that is the wrong question to ask?

With the rolls of Masons decreasing, it would be natural to think about doubling down our efforts on the Ancient Craft Lodges and forgo the appendant bodies altogether, focus on what matters, so to speak. The problem, my Brothers, is that we indeed do need to focus on what matters... and that is not the due-guards, signs, or words... it isn't word perfect ritual or the minutes of our previous communication. Rather, the most

important thing in the fraternity is the Brethren... more especially, the youngest entered apprentice who is about to knock on the West Gate for admission into our beautiful degrees. So, if the most important thing is the experience of the Brethren, what does that mean for the appendant bodies?

Freemasonry acts like an ecosystem, each of the appendant bodies filling a niche, and creating a world of opportunities for the Brother to find what he was seeking in Masonry. Maybe the apt question is how does Masonry work? Well Brothers, I serve often as the okayest ringer for exemplifications for my local Blue Lodges... and I am brushing up on my Middle Chamber as I write this. My inelegant summation is this... those two columns from your FC degree were cast hollow, to serve as a repository of Masonry... and the WM then explains that not even Solomon's Temple itself escaped the ravages of force. So how does Masonry work? It works two men at a time the attentive ear then receiving instruction of the instructive tongue, such that those secrets are then lodged in the faithful breast of the Brother receiving them... it's that process through which the real secrets of Freemasonry have been passed down through time to us today... so what does

that digression tell us about the Scottish Rite?

A man may not find what he was looking for in his Blue Lodge and our Scottish Rite is a venue to not only learn Masonic principles from the morality plays which are our degrees. No, it is also a venue that brings together Brothers from all over the jurisdiction. The Scottish Rite may be the venue in which a Brother, struggling to balance being a new father and a good husband, meets a Brother who has walked that road before, who can offer good council and share his experience of how he really applied Masonry to be both. It may be a situation in which a Brother who was struggling with his tendency to judge based on appearance sees the 31st degree and realizes that those lessons from his Blue Lodge apply to the world. It is the internal and not the external that should recommend a person. The Scottish Rite creates an environment where the Brothers, the work, and the combination thereof offer up so much instruction... so that those with ears to hear have another opportunity to internalize and hopefully apply the lessons of Masonry to the world outside the walls of the Temple. What the world needs now, what the 21st century man needs now is Masons who can apply Masonry,

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## ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

### Membership Prism Award

**BRO. HARRY L. "CORK" RINGLER, 32°** (at right) was presented the Membership Prism Award by Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, General Secretary, during the Valley of Cumberland Installation of Officers for his commitment to membership development. Since joining the Rite as a member of the Spring 2018 class, Bro. Ringler has become an active member and diplomat for the Scottish Rite. He was the top line signer for Fall 2018 class member Marc T. Valentine and has invited many brother Masons to be his guest at Scottish Rite and other Masonic events in the Valley of Cumberland.



### 2018 Mason of the Year

**BRO. SAMUEL J. LANE, 32°**, was recently recognized as 2018 Mason of the Year by the Valley of Cumberland for his distinguished service to the Scottish Rite and Maryland Freemasonry. Bro.

Lane is a Past Venerable Master of the Cumberland Lodge of Perfection, Past Master of Queen City Lodge No. 131, and Worshipful Master of Esoteric Lodge of Research No. 237. In addition

to serving the Grand Lodge of Maryland as Grand Inspector and RW Past Grand Sword Bearer, he has been an active member of the York Rite, the Red Cross of Constantine, and Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Bro. Lane exemplifies the tenets of Freemasonry and reflects a selfless dedication to improving the lives of his brethren and enhancing the image of Freemasonry. Above, pictured L to R: Asst. Personal Representative Robin L. Summerfield, 32° KCCH; General Secretary Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; Samuel J. Lane, 32°; and Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill, 33°.



## Cumberland Scottish Rite Making RiteCare a Reality

**MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AND FUND-RAISING** activities by the Cumberland Scottish Rite contributed more than \$23,000 in support of RiteCare Childhood Speech and Language Clinics in Cumberland, Oakland, and Keyser in 2018. The hard work of the men of our Valley as well as our Ladies Auxiliary is ensuring that the Cumberland Scottish Rite continues to provide strong support for the free RiteCare speech and language services that have been available to children in our region since the Cumberland Scottish Rite founded our first clinic twenty-two years ago.

The most recent contributions

were presented to Cathy Growden of the Children's League during the 12th Annual Robert Burns Supper where the Knights of St. Andrew presented a check in the amount of \$8,000 raised through the event to the Children's League and Hon. Chip Zimmer presented a \$550 check to the Children's League that was raised through the Valley of Cumberland's Third Annual Masonic Bird Hunt.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on behalf of our efforts to raise funds for RiteCare in 2018. With the continued support of our membership, we look forward to breaking records again in 2019!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

All events at Cumberland Masonic Temple unless noted

Join us for a monthly Pancake Breakfast to Support Restoration and Preservation of the Cumberland Masonic Temple on the 2nd Saturday of Each Month from 7:30 am - 10:30 am.

#### MAY 4:

Ladies Night  
Ali Ghan Shrine Club  
6:30 pm

#### MAY 6:

Council of Kadosh  
7:30 pm

**MAY 19:** Spring  
Capping Ceremony  
2:00 pm

**MAY 20:** Consistory  
7:30 pm

**JUN 3:**  
Strawberry Night  
6:30 pm

**JUN 24:** Black Cap/  
Red Cap Soiree  
Churchill Pub  
6:00 pm



### OFFICERS OF THE CUMBERLAND LODGE OF PERFECTION

Seated L to R: Junior Warden James M. Snider, 32° KCCH; Venerable Master Jason S. Landis, 32°; Tyler Harry E. Cox, 32°. Standing L to R: Master of Ceremonies Thomas L. Paxton, 32°; Treasurer Elmer W. Miles, Jr., 33°; and General Secretary Jerome F. Robiette, 33°. Not pictured: Senior Warden Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32° KCCH.





# Frederick Chapter of Rose Croix

BY: SIR, TOMMY J. MORRIS, 32°, P.K.C., PVM, WM – COLUMBIA LODGE #58, COMMANDER OF KADOSH



## Freemasonry Not Withstanding Has Still Survived

Some leaders, in the recent past, have said the “U.S. Constitution is “deeply flawed.” Others have said Freemasonry needs to change to embrace younger progressives. I believe these assertions are diametrically opposed to Freemasonry and the Patriotic Masons responsible for the civil and religious freedoms we enjoy. Since time immemorial, we, as enlightened Freemasons have advanced the cause of human progress and institutions of the Republic. So why now all this fanatical hatred and animus against the republic blooming in the media? Simply put, this fanatical behavior is not new. It has been demonstrated throughout the history of Freemasonry. Masons and those inspired by Masonic ideals have

always opposed intolerance, bigotry, spiritual despotism and political tyranny. We believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, the betterment of men and tolerance of the intolerant. We embrace all men and religions with the belief in God. We welcome Christians, or Jewish or Buddhist or Mohammedan. The ideals of progressivism and socialism will always run counter to the

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OR BUDDHIST OR  
MOHAMMEDAN.**

Masonic ideals of equality and freedom and the fulfillment of a man’s destiny as an individual.

## Freemasonry Not Withstanding Has Still Survived...

Scottish Rite Freemasonry enjoys amazing success at home and abroad through our educational programs, grassroots fundraising programs, philanthropies and other programs. Communities across America are better off today because of Scot-

tish Rite Freemasons. Our principles can best be summarized by a letter penned by Brother George Washington, 22 August 1790, to King David’s Lodge in Newport, Rhode Island. “Being persuaded that a Just application of the principles, on which the Masonic fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the society, and be considered by them as a deserving brother.” I proudly share the sentiments expressed by Brother George Washington, and I believe we, as Scottish Rite Freemasons, must continue to stand as Pillars of Society and to proclaim what we believe is right and true and honorable. We must pay homage to our National Heritage and to the great and beneficent author of the universe who gave us life. In my experience, the appreciation we receive is sincere and heartfelt from those who benefit from our many great, inspirational, and impactful events and philanthropies. This tells me that the Scottish Rite experience is real and is important to the members of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction and the Community. Be active in the Scottish Rite, Be a Pillar of Society and Be inspired by our Masonic ideals and Freemasonry Notwithstanding will still survive.

*By order of the  
Queen of Hearts...*

The Frederick Knights  
of St. Andrew  
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Cordially invite you to the

***4th Annual  
Afternoon Tea***  
Sunday, June 2nd  
2:00 p.m.

\$20 per person donation

RSVP No later than May 18th to Lady Patty Morris

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for this important  
date!***





# Installation of Officers— Valley of Baltimore







# Robert Burns Dinner—Valley of Frederick

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2019





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

MARCH 12TH, 1807-JUNE 20TH, 1881



*The ultimate success of Masonry depends  
on the intelligence of her disciples*

**T**HERE 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 five years if it had to depend upon about 85 percent of the membership. It is the small minorities – the really interested Masons – who have kept and are keeping the order alive today. These few men give unselfishly of 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 a 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 whatever, 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 its 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 if they had 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; for, if Masonry is worth going into, it is worth knowing something about.

# Cyrus the Great, King of Persia

(576-530 BC)

**K**ING CYRUS figures prominently in the Scottish Rite 15th Degree. He is considered by many to number among the greatest leaders of all time (hence “Cyrus the Great”).

The Cyropaedia, a mostly fictional biography written around 370 BC by Xenophon, attributes the following nine attributes King Cyrus gave as evidence to what made him an exceptional leader and one who men followed willingly.

## 1. Be Self-Reliant

“Never be slow in replenishing your supplies. You’ll always be on better terms with your allies if you can secure your own provisions...Give them all they need and your troops will follow you to the end of the earth.”

## 2. Be Generous

“Success always calls for greater generosity--though most people, lost in the darkness of their own egos, treat it as an occasion for greater greed. Collecting boot [is] not an end itself, but only a means for building [an] empire. Riches would be of little use to us now--except as a means of winning new friends.”

## 3. Be Brief

“Brevity is the soul of command. Too much talking suggests desperation on the part of the leader. Speak shortly,

decisively and to the point--and couch your desires in such natural logic that no one can raise objections. Then move on.”

**BE:  
SELF-RELIANT  
GENEROUS  
BRIEF  
A FORCE FOR GOOD  
FUN  
LOYAL  
AN EXAMPLE  
COURTEOUS  
AND KIND**

## 4. Be a Force for Good

“Whenever you can, act as a liberator. Freedom, dignity, wealth--these three together constitute the greatest happiness of humanity. If you bequeath all three to your people, their love for you will never die.”

## 5. Be Fun

“When I became rich, I realized that no kindness between man and man comes more naturally than sharing food and drink, especially food and drink of the ambrosial excellence that I could now provide. Accordingly, I arranged that my table be spread everyday for many invitees, all of whom would dine on the

same excellent food as myself. After my guests and I were finished, I would send out any extra food to my absent friends, in token of my esteem.”

## 6. Be Loyal

[When asked how he planned to dress for a celebration] “If I can only do well by my friends, I’ll look glorious enough in whatever clothes I wear.”

## 7. Be an Example

“In my experience, men who respond to good fortune with modesty and kindness are harder to find than those who face adversity with courage.”

## 8. Be Courteous and Kind

“There is a deep--and usually frustrated--desire in the heart of everyone to act with benevolence rather than selfishness, and one fine instance of generosity can inspire dozens more. Thus, I established a stately court where all my friends showed respect to each other and cultivated courtesy until it bloomed into perfect harmony.”

*There is a reason Cyrus found students and admirers in his own time as well as the ages that followed. The Founders of the United States of America were well acquainted with the Cyropaedia, as evidently was the authors of our 15th Degree.*

## Brothers Called From Labor To Eternal Rest

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# The Clinic Corner

BY: KATHI SHUTE, M.S., CCC-SLP - CLINIC COORDINATOR



**H**APPY SUMMER from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! We are so excited to be completing another school year servicing our local private schools. We have been so fortunate to build relationships with 3 nearby schools to provide speech and language services for the students within their school day. We screened 182 students, completed full evaluations for 11 students and saw 45 students each week for therapy! We love having the opportunity to work with our school kids, utilizing their curriculum and providing our expertise to their teachers to help them flourish at school.

Over the summer we are able to help these students maintain their skills by providing continued service in our clinic. They join our clinic-based clients in receiving evidenced-based, individualized treatment to target their speech and language needs. Our clinic is equipped

with observation rooms to allow parents to be more engaged with client sessions so they can provide carry over at home. Our parents love being able to watch their children work so hard during sessions. They come away with a better understanding of how to help their kids each day at home to further progress toward their goals.

Over the summer our clients are often out of town or unable to attend sessions with the same regularity as the school year. Camps, vacations, and much-needed summer down time are all experiences we encourage, but they can sometimes take a toll on progress in therapy. For those clients who need to take breaks during the summer, we are able to provide supplemental activities that they can do at home, at camp and on vacation to ensure they are maintaining their skills. Some of the ideas we give our parents include:

**TAKE A WALK:** walk around

your neighborhood, the park, the mall, or your city. Play “I spy.” Describe the flowers. Pretend to be animals. Ask open ended questions and show your child how to critically think. Say things like, “hmmmm... that flies and makes a chirp chirp sound. I wonder what that is?” You could also create a game or scavenger hunt for your walk, prompting your child to search for and label objects using a picture checklist

**COOK:** plan a picnic, make a snack, or cook dinner. Allow your child to help you find the ingredients in the grocery store and even ask the employees for help. Gather all the tools, talk about smells and tastes, make observations and predictions. Plan the steps and use sequencing words like, “first we pour the water into a bowl.” Best of all, share the meal together and have conversation!

**STAYCATION:** stay home or in your town, and have a day trip! Go to a local beach, park, museum, or downtown. Planning events helps to build your child’s background knowledge. Talk about the things you see, what you’re doing, and even what you like/don’t like about it. Excursions are a great way to foster natural conversation and practice talking about things we notice in the environment.

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# Installation of Officers 2019— Valley of Susquehanna



## HOME FOR THE CREATIVE AT HEART

Let Your Inspiration Thrive  
at Carsins Run Artist Studio

Set to open in late 2021, Carsins Run at Eva Mar is Harford County's first and only Continuing Care Retirement Community featuring an unparalleled 60+ lifestyle in a park-like setting with resort-style amenities, activities and services as well as a continuum of care.

Sponsored by The Presbyterian Home of Maryland.  
The development of Carsins Run at Eva Mar as a CCRC is subject to the approval of the Maryland Department of Aging.



  
**CARSINS RUN**  
AT EVA MAR





### ***Maryland Council of Kadosh continued from page 9***

General Armstead succumbed to his wounds shortly thereafter, dying on July 5, 1863. General Hancock survived the war and died in 1886. Captain Bingham attained the rank of general, and later served 32 years in the United States House of Representatives.

This story exemplifies some of the virtues of Freemasonry and highlights the unique bonds of friendship, which enabled these men to remain brothers undivided. Even as they fought in a divided nation, they faithfully supported the respective governments under which they fought while seeking to help each other in their time of need.

Happy Trails.

### ***Why Scottish Rite Masonry continued from page 15***

and what the Rite offers is a university to learn their application and Brothers who have walked nearly every road in life to share how they applied them. What the world needs is more Scottish Rite Masons, and we need it right now more than ever. My Brothers visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite... and I hope to see you in the classroom.

### ***Clinic Corner continued from page 25***

It's also a great time to talk about other places or events that are similar. Say, "this park has swings just like the one near our house! But this park is different because it has a pond."

Summer Fun doesn't have to mean that kids aren't still getting the speech and language exposure they need. We love helping parents, and kids, come up with fun ideas to incorporate their goals in their summer activities.

As always, we want to thank everyone who contributes to make these opportunities through our clinic possible. Because of you, our kids experience summer fun with a side of learning and language. Have a wonderful, safe and enriching summer!

## **OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS**

### **OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

We pay tribute to the Officers of our clubs, to the founders and leaders, past and present, and to the members for their cooperation in promoting the Scottish Rite way and the Masonic understanding and fellowship that go with it. For year round activities and meetings of these clubs, call:

#### **Arundel Scottish Rite Club**

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#### **Washington County Scottish Rite Club**

Bro. Robert Reiff, 32°  
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## What's Happening with Maryland Royal Arch!

BY. THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

**J**ANUARY WAS A very busy month for Royal Arch in Maryland. Since 2006 the Grand Chapter has been presenting Master pins to new Master's of Lodges in Maryland at their Installations. These pins are always desired by the new Master and we enjoy presenting them.

The Grand Chapter, Council, and Commandery held an Administrative Officer seminar in February.

The seminary is geared towards the Secretary, Recorders, and Treasurers of the York Rite. Topics included types of office equipment to use, suggestions on types of software available, and government and Banking requirements. Much information was given and great discussion ensued, but the sharing of experiences and suggestions by others was most important. Plans for the 2020 seminar has already begun.

The Grand Chapter introduced a new activity, The Grand King's Bowling Tournament. We had 4 Chapter's participate and trophies for High score and Low score were given. What made this tournament even special; it was held in conjunction with Maryland DeMolay. It was great to see the young men of DeMolay having fun and sharing Brotherhood together and with



The Grand King's Bowling Tournament, held in conjunction with Maryland DeMolay.

Royal Arch Masons.

We have many upcoming events over the next few months. All York Rite Grand bodies will be holding their Semi-Annual meeting and elections and Chapters will be having Installations. Many other events are planned too, from a Distillery Tour, Degree classes, and Ritual schools. We will highlight them in future Rite News magazines.

Communication is important to every group. The Grand Chapter and York Rite are trying new ways to communicate with our members. Beside the standard email and phone calls, we introduced a new website, [www.yorkritemd.org](http://www.yorkritemd.org),

early last year. This site is easy to navigate and is full of information for everyone.

We have a Facebook presence that helps keep our members informed. We use Google calendar with email notifications to the members. The Grand Chapter has introduced a monthly newsletter called the Keystone to recap past events and highlight upcoming events for the month.

We thank the Ill. Marlin Mills, SGIG and the Scottish Rite of Maryland for allowing us to be included in this issue. Working together to share masonry is what makes the Maryland Masonic Bodies special.





# Scottish Rite Cruise 2019

PROCEEDS BENEFITTED OUR CHILDHOOD SPEECH & LANGUAGE CLINIC





# Saint Columba Lodge #150

100 W. HAWTHORNE DRIVE, LA PLATA, MD. 20646 | REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS: FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY  
BY: WORSHIPFUL MASTER - BRO. MICHAEL J. PORTER

**S**T. COLUMBA LODGE NO. 150 received its dispensation from Grand Master John Coates and was chartered on November 16, 1869. The Lodge takes its name from an Irish monk who lived in the sixth century and who founded many monasteries in Scotland. Its first officers were William E. Smith as Worshipful Master and Edgar Griswold and John S. Button as Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively.

The minute book of the Leonardtown Lodge for the year 1759 contains a notation stating that a Brother Fisher was requested to write to Mr. James Mills, asking for the jewels belonging to the Port Tobacco Lodge. From this it can be deduced that another Lodge existed in Port Tobacco prior to 1759. However, as early as 1792, Columba Lodge No. 11 was organized at Port Tobacco. Its first Master was Alexander Grier; Robert Ferguson and Judson M. Clagett were the Senior and Junior Wardens. Many of the organizing members had come from Georgetown Lodge No. 9.

Columba Lodge No. 11 produced three Grand Masters during the eighteenth century. Gustavus Brown, who was the fifth Grand Master in Maryland, was also a personal physician to George Washington. There was



also Grand Master William Craik, and last, Grand Master William Thomas, who was also president of the Maryland Senate until he died in 1813. His son, James Thomas, was a Governor of Maryland. Another noteworthy member of Columba Lodge No. 11 was judge Michael Jenifer Stone, who was the brother of the Honorable Thomas Stone, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Columba Lodge No. 11 lay dormant after 1828 until its revival as St. Columba Lodge No. 150 after the Civil War. A warrant for Columba Lodge No. 11 and its jewels, along with a copy of

the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1797, was presented to the Grand Lodge by James W. Brown, ending officially the existence of Columba Lodge No. 11 and establishing the authenticity of St. Columba Lodge No. 150.

Currently, St. Columba Lodge No. 150 is a bustling hive of activity. The Lodge meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, along with an assortment of brotherly and family activities, including our most recent Super Bowl party and Valentine's paint night. The Lodge also enjoys being the home to Job's Daughters Bethel 62, Chesapeake Chapter DeMolay, and BSA Troop 1814.



# Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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ORIENT OF MARYLAND

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

To the Officers and Members of:

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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)

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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)

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

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

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## Upcoming Events 2019

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Saturday, August 10th     | Lobsterfest                      | 2pm    |
| August 17th - 21st        | Biennial Sessions                |        |
| Wednesday, September 4th  | Albert Pike LOP                  | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, September 11th | Meredith Chapter Rose Croix      | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, September 18th | Maryland Council & Festive Board | 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, September 25th | Chesapeake Consistory            | 7:30pm |
| Sunday, September 29th    | Baltimore Basket Bingo           | 2pm    |
| Wednesday, October 2nd    | Baltimore Fall Class Orientation | 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, October 9th    | 4th & 5th Degrees                | 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, October 16th   | 11th & 13th Degrees              | 6:30pm |
| Saturday, October 19th    | Honors Day                       |        |

*Schedule subject to change*