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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33^o



WHATEVER YOU DO THIS SUMMER, MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY.

GREETINGS TO ALL,

Wow, it's finally here; summer and warm weather! I hope you are all well and ready for summer vacation. Any vacation, be it going to the beach or just to a local park for a picnic—family time. A time when we slow our Masonic activities. Just a brief time when we are not rushing home to change clothes, grab a quick bite and tell the family “I’ll be home shortly... if he doesn’t talk too long!”

Whatever you do this summer, make time for family. We all know in this day and age family time seems harder and harder to come by. Do your children spend more time with their friends than they do with family? I think our children value any time they spend with their parents as a premium. Many parents don’t realize how important their time is to a child. Just talking (and listening) to the child about their interest, their problems, or just letting them chatter with a parent builds trust and a connection. They learn how to treat others from the way they are treated at home. They need to learn respect, manners and behavior from family or they will learn it from their friends on the street. Family time is important.

This got a little off track! Where was I heading? Oh yes, summer vacation!

Whatever you do this summer I hope you have a wonderful time with your family. Go

somewhere if possible; perhaps a weekend of camping, hiking, and sightseeing at some of our beautiful parks (local, state, and federal). Maybe a fishing trip or going biking. Maybe even take the kids to church. I was at a funeral recently and I heard a youngster ask his mom “what is a prayer for?” Just makes you wonder...

In closing I hope each of you and your families have the best summer ever, filled with memories that will last a lifetime. Whatever you choose to do, I wish you the Blessing of good health, safe travel, and much family happiness.



Sincerely and Fraternally,

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





Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

BY: MW KOSTAS VOURVOULAS, 33° - JEPHTAH LODGE #222



THE MASONIC FRATERNITY is composed of a very diverse group of men.

We are professionals, blue collar workers, farmers, government workers, police, firefighters, paramedics and military. We are men of all races and creeds. Even with all of this diversity we have one thing in common; we are brothers in this “The Greatest Fraternity in the World”.

There is no difference of station within a lodge. We come from all walks of life, however once seated in a lodge we are all on the level working toward the same goal of becoming a better man; better morally, spiritually and socially. Becoming a better man is the great aim we have in view.

Freemasonry must show the world outside of our doors that we are not a secret society. We are a Fraternity desiring to help our fellow man through our

various Masonic Charities. Our fraternity presents academic scholarships to students who wish to better themselves academically and socially. The Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies along with the Shrine, Tall Cedars donate millions

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of dollars a year to medical research in order to help those afflicted with debilitating diseases to lead a better life. We donate to the homeless so that they may eat a hot meal and have a place to sleep at night. My Brothers, this is why we are Masons and it is our duty to make the world a better place in which to live.

We are a fraternity made up of men from the entire world. But, make no mistake, we are a family organization. We have something to offer every member of the family. Our local lodges and appendant bodies sponsor events in which every member of the family is able to participate. Christmas parties, picnics and pot luck dinners are just a few of the activities in our lodges. The Order of the Eastern Star allows both men and women to come together as a fraternal organization. The OES contributes money to many worthwhile charities around this country.

The adult leaders of our youth groups teach our young people how to live their lives in a moral and spiritual manner. My brothers, our youth are our future leaders, we must give them every advantage possible to become successful.

Brethren, it is our duty to make the world outside of our doors aware that we are not a secret society but, a group of men willing to help make our community a better place to live through the exercise of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless you and keep you and our entire Masonic family as we go forth “Spreading the Light of Masonry throughout the world.



Spring is Here 2018

BY: ILL. BENNIE G. OWENS, 33° - ANNAPOLIS LODGE #89 - ORIENT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, MWPGM



YES, SPRING IS HERE and The Scottish Rite of Maryland is involved in planning and executing the Spring Classes. Now is the time to be a part of this great endeavor. My BROTHERS, it is not the size of our classes, but the personal effort that we each put forth to make them as effective as we can. I can only hope that we can go into each meeting and shake

hands with every brother and really mean “Welcome Brother.” You are not expected to remem-

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ber every name or each face, but the more you try, the easier it gets and pretty soon you enjoy this friendly approach to all of the brothers that you meet. Try it, my brothers, and it soon will

become a welcome habit in our daily endeavor.

Then, my brothers, you will find that when your mind starts to forget, your brotherly love will take over and each of those brothers, over all the years, will have a greater meaning in your Masonic Life. Yes, I do wish that I could remember each name and face, but with your help, I will continue to do a better job each day than I could have done without your help. Thank you so much for being a part of this great fraternity and please continue to help me, and others like me, remember the great fellowship that our Masonic journey allows us to enjoy.

Yes, spring is here and the Scottish Rite of Maryland is the perfect place to continue our journey of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

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Excerpts From the **One Hundredth Anniversary of Doric Lodge #124:1866-1966**

The history of Doric Lodge, by John H. Hessey, PGM, is one of which we may well be proud

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

THE FIRST APPEARANCE in public was November 20, 1866 for the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple on Charles Street.

The period of WWI, and immediately following, were the most active for all Maryland Masons. The history of the Grand Lodge indicates that in the four-year span encompassing these years, over 10,000 Masons were raised in this State.

The cornerstone of the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, was laid on November 1, 1923. Originally proposed to be erected for \$100,000 the project developed to such proportion that every United States Mason was asked to donate one dollar.

The sixtieth anniversary of Doric Lodge was celebrated on May 14, 1926. The festivities of this occasion attracted an attendance of 1,120 persons. The following year saw the installation of Bro. John H. Hessey as Master. During Bro. Hessey's administration, our then Most Worshipful Grand Master, Warren S. Seipp, announced to the Lodge and all Maryland Masons that Bonnie Blink Farm, consisting of 266.2 acres had been purchased from John B. Wailes

and Anna M. Wailes, his wife, for the sum \$45,000 in fee. Within several days thereafter, an additional 27 acre tract thereto was also acquired.

The first cornhusking at Bonnie Blink, originally called "Husking Party," was held on Armistice Day, 1929.

On September 9, 1930, Grand Master George R. Gorsuch was in attendance. In an address to the Lodge that evening, he noted that the laying of the cornerstone of the Scottish Rite Temple at Charles and 39th Street by Grand Lodge Officers would be held on Saturday, October 18 at 4pm. The new Scottish Rite Temple was projected to be completed in the spring of 1932 at a cost of approximately one and a half million dollars.

One of the most significant events in Masonic history occurred after years of planning, on May 19, 1931, during the administration of Worshipful Master John W. Donaldson. On that date, ground was broken for the first building at Bonnie Blink. Sixty-five hundred Maryland Masons and their families and friends gathered for the simple ceremonies.

The building at Bonnie Blink contained 150 bedrooms for

guests and help, and provisions had been made for reception rooms, living rooms, dining rooms, sun rooms, and smoking rooms. There were 30 baths and 31 rooms for storage, in addition to the kitchen, baking facilities, and refrigeration units. Other rooms were dedicated as the Board room, the Grand Master's room, and the medical room. Provisions also had been made for a chapel and a mortuary. In all, the building contained a total of 247 rooms. The home, as dedicated on October 22, 1932, with more than 10,000 persons attending the ceremonies. It was entirely paid for when it was dedicated. Since the original gift of \$1,000 made in 1927, Doric had presented an additional \$2,000 to the Masonic Home Fund in 1930, together with another gift of \$500 for improvements and \$100 for stocking the farm. Thereafter, Doric also advanced \$6,000 to the Grand Lodge by way of a loan secured by a note of the Grand Lodge in that amount at 5% and agreed to furnish a room at a cost of \$130, the money to be raised by individual subscriptions from Lodge members.



Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. WILLIAM A. ZARYCHTA, 32°, KCCH - ST. COLUMBA LODGE #150 - VENERABLE MASTER



BRETHREN,

We had our first Lodge of Perfection meeting for 2018 and what a success it was!! I would like to thank all those

who braved the poor weather and were able to make it out to Lodge. The weather forecast and the flu going around severely limited those in attendance, including many ill officers. But in true form, those present were willing to step in and fill the chairs. We even had 5 first time attendees and a visitor from the Valley of Southern Maryland.

Brother Randy gave a rousing presentation on Americanism, the National Sojourners and the American Flag, which was extremely well received by all who were able to attend. I wish to sincerely thank Brother Randy for his presentation and commitment to make the long drive

to the Temple.

As we prepare for the 2018 Spring Class in just a few weeks, I am hopeful it will be as successful as the Lodge of Perfection meeting. As you read this, the Ill. Robert F. Wilson Spring Class should be well underway. Please make every attempt to get to the Scottish Rite Temple and attend a degree performance you have never seen or one you haven't seen in a while. The degree team spends many hours perfecting their presentations and we should support their labors by attending, as often as able.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Lodge of Perfection Officers

Meeting of
February 7th, 2018





Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

BY: HON. ROBERT W. REYNOLDS, 32°, KCCH - IONIC LODGE #145 - WISE MASTER



THE ARRIVAL of this time of year provides many, if not most of us, the opportunity to feel happy and excited as we look forward to the warmer weather and being able to witness the new growth appearing around us in the larger world of nature. This concept of leaving the winter months and traveling into spring has both intrigued and motivated man from the earliest time. Our early ancestors marveled as the return of the Sun God brought light, warmth, and life from the dead of winter. This form of resurrection was often symbolized around the vernal equinox and took on various forms of expressions as time and the history of man progressed. Some of these forms were magical; some were religious, and many involved joyous celebrations.

Easter and the ceremony held on the Thursday preceding it, or Maundy Thursday, occurs during this period every year. On this day, Christians around the world take time out of their day to reflect on the life of Jesus Christ, leading up to the point where he celebrated the Passover at the Last Supper and sat down with his apostles to share food and wine, as well as the symbolic act he made of washing their feet. The Ceremony observed by the Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite, on this day every year, expresses the importance of the symbolism of this event and how it impacted humanity. In the ceremony, the Knights Rose Croix complete the act of “Extinguishing the Symbolic Lights” which commemorates the crucifixion of the Christ. The second act, or “Relighting the Symbolic Lights”, represents the Resurrection and was done in years past on the following Sunday. Today, it is completed in the same ceremony. It symbolizes the regeneration and renewal we find through stronger belief in our faith and in hope, that should then translate into a greater commitment for caring about our fellow man and all of humanity.

The ceremony itself draws upon many of the fundamental beliefs and lessons taught in the Degrees of the Rose Croix

Chapter. There are duties that are incumbent to being a Knight Rose Croix such as the giving of charity to the poor, whether Masonic or not, in visiting the sick and those in prison and in giving them aid in their necessities, each according to his means. Knights Rose Croix practice Charity in every aspect and grow stronger to labor in the cause of humanity from faith and hope.

Yet, the ceremony symbolizes much more than just a religious one. As described by Arturo De Hoyos, “The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, including the Mystic Banquet, is not a religious observance and it is neither the Feast of Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates the spirit of both days.”

As with “Relighting the Symbolic Lights”, we should more broadly acknowledge this time of year by renewing those vows so often repeated in the Scottish Rite which help us lead better lives not just for us individually, but also for those we impact around us. We will more clearly define ourselves as men of the Masonic Order who, by our personal acts and conduct, portray a standard that leads to their own ultimate fulfillment.



Maryland Council of Kadosh

BY: HON. CORY S. WRIGHT, 32°, KCCH - MT. MORIAH LODGE #116

GREETINGS from the Council of Kadosh! First off, thanks for all you do for masonry. It doesn't matter if you're a past Grand Master or you've just joined the Scottish Rite and want to help out with parking. Everyone deserves their place in our fraternity. Everyone needs to feel like a valued part of the team. We frequently express an attitude of gratitude towards our line officers and those who take part in the degrees. But shouldn't we celebrate our brothers who just show up to support? Who tirelessly work behind the scenes? I feel this is one of the elements of Masonry that is often overlooked. I can't help but wonder the effects this has on turnout and, most importantly, membership. For anyone who's attended a semi-annual, annual, or regional meeting, it is impossible to ignore the fact that our fraternity has seen a rather steep and steady decline in membership over the past few years. But is that the true data-point we should be focusing on? Converting more petitions? Or should we focus on what we already have? Engaging our current membership? Improving retention and turnout? The masonic experience?

It doesn't take long to realize that declining membership is a complicated issue that has

a lot more to do with culture than it does the mechanics of converting prospective masonic candidates into dues paying active members. A vibrant and engaged group will naturally generate more new members. So what can we do? Step 1: SMILE. Have you ever been to a lodge meeting or event where a few grumpy apples spoiled the bunch? Your smile is contagious. So don't be so dang serious all of the time. If the degree work isn't letter perfect...does throwing a fit solve anything? There are times when it is mandated that we labor in a serious manner. Make sure to set a balance of serious times and fun times. Smiling conveys happiness. If you don't see smiles, there's probably a much bigger problem. Step 2: Put yourself in the shoes of your fellow brother. We have a diverse membership. What worked 10, 20, and 30 years ago doesn't always work today. Become a student of your fellow brothers. Learn what makes them tick! The times have changed. Billy, who works 3 jobs to make ends meet, and has 2 young children...isn't going to have as easy of a time planning refreshments, memorizing ritual, providing for his family, and being a good dad. But Harry on the other hand, who is comfortably retired, might be your go to person to multi-task

or at least lighten Billy's load. In short, talk to your membership, involve them in activities that fit what they want out of masonry and what they can contribute in return, and most importantly, don't burn out your brothers. Burnout is the silent plague that runs rampant throughout masonry. We all know a brother who is appointed to multiple committees, is in every one of the appendant bodies, and eats, breathes, sleeps, and has an almost junky like addiction to masonry. This isn't healthy.

Not for the individual, their family, or their fellow brothers. And it's no wonder why these people sometimes "disappear" abruptly, leaving a gaping void that is often difficult to quickly fill. If you are involved in 4 degrees at the Scottish Rite... think about finding 2 people to fill the other 2 for you. Help them to grow into the roles and show them how important they have become to our fraternity. Step 3: Cut the crap (bull... nonsense)! 3 hours of introductions is never an effective use of time. EVER. It's 2018. Time is the new commodity and currency for our membership. I don't care if we've been doing it since woolly mammoths were the F-250 of their time. Things have changed.

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In the Chesapeake Consistory, Details Matter

BY: ROBERT N. CARHART, JR., 32° KCCH – MASTER OF KADOSH



BEFORE THE temperatures begin to warm too much with spring & summer nearly upon us, I wanted to take a moment to rectify an oversight of mine from my last article. And that is to thank Bro. Kraig Dean, 32°, for his prior service as Master of Kadosh in 2017. In my haste to look ahead in my last article, I forgot to look back!

Please forgive the unintended slight, Brother Kraig. Anyway, this serves as a good reminder that details matter, even small ones, as they sometimes point out your larger obligations.

I was struck, for example, that it will be my responsibility this year in signing the patents of our newest 32° brothers who join our ranks this year—and that this is both an amazing yet daunting responsibility. This is one of those things where it always seemed like it was a nameless (or, at least, certainly somebody else’s) responsibility—never mine—doing things like this, and that because it is part of my “job description” this year, I want to do a good job, even on such a seemingly minor detail. It actually is rather humbling.

There’s a life lesson in this, of course, and it’s yet another one of those teachable moments enjoining us each to look beyond ourselves, and that, more often than we might think, we’re continually in the service of others. The Scottish Rite, like all of Masonry, has this knack of not only making us better men when we put on our degrees and digest their greater meanings, but also in providing ostensibly smaller opportunities, like this, for us to do so. To this end, I’m grateful for this, and am honored to serve you all in the Consistory.

As the schools let out, the sun shines, vacations begin, and lodges go dark, I wish you safe travels, good health and a well-deserved respite from your various labors. Be well, my brothers.

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Maryland Council of Kadosh

Less really can be more. Plan your events and meetings to consider your demographic. If the vast majority of your attendees and officers commute to lodge from work and have to work the next day, do things to make their attendance easier. Move refreshments to before the meeting instead of at 10:00 PM. Or at least communicate what

will happen rather than force a brother to guess. If it’s a family function, survey what the family members may actually want and try to incorporate some of that. I’ve been to plenty of events that I’ve thought:

“Great! Good luck ever getting my wife to come back to one of these functions. Brother so-and-so was grandstanding about 1945 for 2 hours and then started an all-out battle with

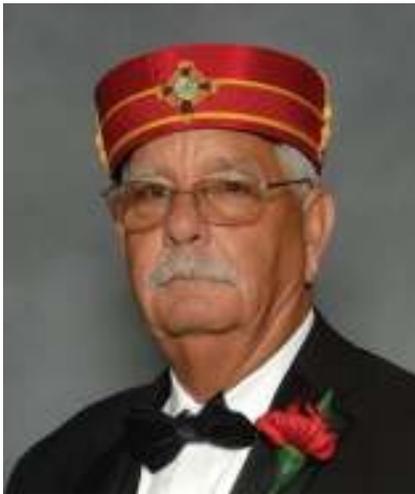
Past Master XYZ about whether there is a may or a might in the 3rd degree ritual.”

In the theme that we divide our lives into 3 equal parts (as we are reminded by the 24 inch gauge), I ask you to consider dedicating a portion of your day to these simple steps as a way to not only serve God and your fellow brother...but as a means to improve the masonic experience and grow or fraternity.



Valley of Southern Maryland

BY: HON DENNIS W. LELAND, 32°, KCCH - THOMAS J. SHRYOCK LODGE #223°



GREETINGS FROM the Valley of Southern Maryland are extended to all of our Scottish Rite brethren. We are looking forward to warm

weather and blue skies again to allow us to get out and renew old acquaintances. We are busy with degree work as we have new candidates to the Rite, looking forward to their capping at the Class Reunion in April.

We kept busy during the winter months selling raffle tickets as a fund raiser for the Valley. At our Installation of Officers in January, we raffled off a rifle that had been donated by one of our Brothers. The winner was another Brother who had just purchased his ticket that night. We are now preparing for our second annual **Crab Feast Raffle**. This consists of a bushel of crabs,

a case of soda, a case of domestic beer, five crab mallets and a roll of paper towels. We will be having the drawing at the end of May, and the delivery of the feast will be any day in June. We had great success with this raffle last year and are hoping to duplicate the results this year.

We invite everyone to come and join us at our meetings. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM. We are located at the **Thomas J. Shryock Lodge 223, at 24410 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood, Maryland 20636.**



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Valley of Susquehanna

BY: HON. JASON Q. STANDISH, 32°, KCCH, - MT. ARARAT LODGE # 44 VALLEY SECRETARY

BY THE TIME this magazine reaches you, spring will be in full force and getting ready to turn to summer. Our reunions will be completed and most of us will be looking forward to a more relaxed time, and hopefully, some additional time with our families. But

even as we get ready for some summer leisure, the Valley of Susquehanna is looking forward to the fall, and our 5th anniversary of existence. For many of us, autumn evokes memories of homecoming and celebration. Please plan to come and join us and help us celebrate. Our

regular meetings are the third Thursday of the month, 7pm, at Mt. Ararat Lodge in Bel Air. Look for a detailed calendar of fall events in the next issue of the "Rite News." Best wishes to all for a safe, happy, and relaxing summer!



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All the World's a Stage

BY: HON. CHARLES W. MATULEWICZ, 32°, KCCH - PALESTINE LODGE #189



WHEN THE NEW Scottish Rite Mason comes to the Temple to experience his first degrees, he is introduced to the stage as a vehicle to impart the lessons of Freemasonry. Why do the Scottish Rite Degrees take place on stage? They didn't always.

In the 18th Century, we had itinerant Inspector Generals who were authorized to confer degrees for some cost, start new Masonic bodies, and make more Inspector Generals. During the 19th Century, the Supreme Council came into being and brought together the 4th through 32nd degree in a uniform way. On March 1, 1801, the Supreme Council literally brought order out of the chaos and formalized the content and character of the degrees, but it was the trends in the 18th Century that led to the stage. The 19th Century was a golden era in theater construction. The

industrial revolution created rising wages and an increase in non-labor hours... people had more time and money and wanted to be entertained. Theaters started springing up in towns of all sizes to feed the demand. At the same time, we saw Scottish Rite Valleys starting to purchase costumes and backdrops creating bigger and more elaborate accoutrements for the degrees they were putting on. The Scottish Rite Valleys became well-funded repertory theater companies. You might say that this was an innovation, but it really called back to a much older tradition.

In the Middle Ages, people were largely illiterate, but the stained glass of the cathedral was not the only means to teach the faithful about the Church... there was a strong tradition of liturgical drama. The Church looked

down on the licentious paganism of Greek theater, however, theater itself was a powerful tool to connect with a congregation. Liturgical drama came into being to reinforce the liturgy, and to educate the faithful as to the stories of the Bible and the saints. In a world where the liturgy was in Latin, these plays that would tell the story of Adam and Eve, or the virgin birth and were vital to create a level of familiarity with the lessons of the Bible. The challenge was that these plays, like the liturgy, were done in Latin which made it largely inaccessible outside of the most educated parishioners. Theater was used as a tool, but this is the root tradition... there is an interim step between our Degrees and this ancient tradition: the mystery play.

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Strength Through Membership

Chapter Rose Croix – Valley of Frederick

BY: SIR TOMMY J. MORRIS, 32°, P.K.C., PGTC, PVM - WISE MASTER - COLUMBIA LODGE #58

BRETHREN, there is strength in numbers and there is dedication among Scottish Rite Freemasons and their family members. Combine Scottish Rite Freemason dedication and strength through numbers, and we have a time-honored formula for meaningful advocacy for the values we share; Reverence for God, Integrity, Justice, Tolerance, Devotion to Country and Service to Humanity.

Many of your communities, and communities across America, are better off today because of Scottish Rite Freemasons. I still can't help but be inspired by Freemasons and their family members that I run across. I have witnessed the kindness and dedication of them first-hand. I also know the impact we have on Masons and their families which cannot always be measured in numbers. Yet, it's numbers we need now, more than ever.

We not only need to retain current members, we also need to recruit new members to continue effectively serving our communities, our Valleys and the nation in ways only the Masonic Family can.

We attract Masons and their families through our educational programs, grassroots fund-raising programs, our philanthropies and other programs such as

the Orient's Annual Chocolate Soirée, which encourages community involvement. This year's Chocolate Soirée, sponsored by our S.G.I.G, the Illustrious Marlin L. Mills, 33° and his lovely wife Lady Brenda, was such a hit that we had 120 people sign up and more than 300 show up for the event.

Yet still more needs to be done. Without strong numbers, our influence in our communities is jeopardized. Our youth programs will mentor fewer youth who need our guidance. Our charitable donations will help fewer Masons and their families who need us.

We need your help. This is a call to action, I encourage all Freemasons to check in with Masons whose memberships have expired and encourage them to rejoin. Connect with

younger Masons and let them know how the Scottish Rite has their backs.

- Promote and raise funds for our charities, such as Rite Care & the Temple preservation fund.
- Remind brothers that the best way to show their support is to participate in our programs.
- Showcase premier Masonic youth programs, such as the DeMolay and Rainbow Girls.

Together, our dedication and the strength of numbers will allow us to continue growing individually and continue strengthening our order and our nation. In closing, I think it's an appropriate time to give thanks to you.

Thank you, for all that you do every day to keep our Brethren, families and youth engaged.

An Elegant Afternoon Tea

Sponsored by the Knights of St. Andrew Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, June 3 at 2:00 PM
Frederick Masonic Temple
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There will be light refreshments and raffle baskets. Men are also welcome to attend this auspicious event.

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Valley of Frederick

BY: BRO. ADAM S. RIVERA, 32° - COLUMBIA LODGE # 58 - VENERABLE MASTER
FREDERICK LODGE OF PERFECTION



AS I WRITE THIS, it feels as though spring is here, with some early unseasonably warm temperatures. The magnolia tree in my backyard seems to think the same thing. The blossoming of the trees lead us into our season of rejuvenation, annually marked by the Chapter of Rose Croix Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal. It is a chance to remember our fallen brethren and loved ones, and look inward and renew ourselves anew. It is a chance to make amends and go outside our comfort zone and grow. Every day, I find I grow a little, and it's not just because my daughter is 5 months old, challenging me with new behaviors every day. We greet every day with new challenges and different solutions. Many times, the same solution doesn't work for the same problem, and we need to find new roads to the answer. It may take us a while to

get to the solution, but in the end, we will get there, and be better for it.

For us, in the Valley of Frederick, we are finding new ways to do what we've been doing all along. Just this spring alone, I've visited (or plan to visit) two Blue Lodges to talk about what the Scottish Rite is and does in our area of Maryland. I fully plan to visit more, especially lodges where we don't have many brethren, for one reason or another. It also supports our diplomats who meet each new Master Mason and gives them a quick introduction to the Scottish Rite, and reminds those who were raised long ago, but never came to the Scottish Rite, what we are all about. We brought back an old tradition last year in our Ladies' Night, and updated it to be at a local dinner theatre, and we are going back. Our fundraising got a real boost last year when we decided to put on

a Charity Trap and Skeet Classic, and we are doing it again, with a goal to surpass what we were able to donate last year, and to more organizations. Our biggest change, for us, is that we're moving our reunion to two days so that we can accommodate more people, and still put on a tremendous performance for our brethren, new and old.

It's amazing to me how much we can change when we are motivated. We push each other to do better, and by that act, are better for it. We've motivated our Valley to do better, and we continue to find new solutions to old problems. I highly encourage everyone to come out to an event in the Valley of Frederick, whether it is our Charity Trap and Skeet Classic, our Reunion, our Breakfast Club, or even a regular meeting of the Valley or KSA. Let it inspire you to find new solutions.



Scottish Rite Photos







ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

Cumberland Lodge of Perfection

By Bro. Samuel J. Lane, 32° ~ Queen City Lodge #131 – Venerable Master



GREETINGS from the Cumberland Valley of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. I would like to take a moment of your time to discuss a matter that is becoming vastly important in our Valley, that being the idea of solidarity. Anyone who has attended a lodge meeting, or gathering of Masons in Western Maryland, can attest that Masonry in the panhandle is a special and serious matter. There are seven Blue Lodges in Allegany County alone. Each lodge has its own unique character with a fiercely loyal body of brethren. I know because I am Queen City #131 to the core of my soul. This is not a bad thing, and lends itself to a strong Masonic identity within our jurisdiction. However, when one stays only within the four corners of his mother lodge he limits the potential of what Ma-

sonry can be as an institution.

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“pack”. We are one. If we can get everyone united under the banner of Masonry, while maintaining our unique identities, we can achieve greatness. We can return to the days when our peers were kings and regents. And the Scottish Rite shall lead the way.

To this end, our Valley has reached out to the Blue Lodges and other Masonic bodies within our jurisdiction and made them partners in some of our social events. One such example is

Ladies Night. At time present, four Blue Lodges, the Shrine, and the local Tall Cedar Forrest are sponsors of our Ladies Night. Why is this important? From our perspective, for two reasons; the first is that now instead of six sparsely attended ladies nights, we have an EVENT. We now have, with sponsorship, the capability of providing a top notch venue, entertainment and dinner. The sponsors are not mere invitees but they are invested in the event. Secondly, with all of these Masons present, along with their significant others, what better time and place to showcase what Scottish Rite Freemasonry is all about? The greatest recruiting tool we have is ourselves. We firmly believe that with solidarity among Masons, wheresoever or howsoever dispersed, we can make programs into events, events into happenings, and happenings into large Scottish Rite classes.

We invite you to join us in this movement. Come join us in one of our time-honored events like the Capping Ceremony, Strawberry Night or Feast of Tishri or in one of our social “happenings.” In either case, your attendance will advance the glory of our Rite.



Recognizing Outstanding Ritual



distinguished himself as a ritualist, most memorably in the role of Prelate in the 14th Degree. Bro. Bantz's name will be the first to appear on a new Scottish

THE VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND has established a new program to recognize members of the Valley for outstanding ritual work. Congratulations to Clyde E. Bantz, 32° KCCH on being named Ritualistic Champion for his performance during the Fall 2017 Class. Bro. Bantz has long

Rite Ritualistic Champion plaque to be displayed in the Cumberland Masonic Temple. The Valley of Cumberland looks forward to recognizing one individual at each Reunion for their outstanding achievement in ritual work.

Blue Lodge Honors Ill. Aaron V. Lea, 33°

ILL. AARON V. LEA, 33°, was recently honored by Hiram Lodge No. 103 with a framed portrait to be displayed in the Lodge. Brother Lea is only the second member of Hiram Lodge elected to receive the title of 33° Inspector General Honorary. Brother Lea shares this distinction with MWPGM A. Wayne Reed, who was a member and Past Master of Hiram Lodge. Brother Lea has served his Blue Lodge and the Scottish Rite with distinction for more than 45 years. During the event, Personal Representative Jamey Hill, 33°, presented Bro. Lea with an honorary Past Venerable Master's jewel on behalf of the Cumberland Lodge of Perfection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 5: Combined Masonic Ladies Night, Ali Ghan Shrine Center, 5:00 PM

MAY 20: Spring Capping Ceremony, Masonic Temple, 2:00 PM

MAY 24: Scottish Rite Club of Washington County, Hempten Hill BBQ, 7:00 PM

JUNE 2: Garrett County Celtic Festival, Friendsville Community Park, 10:30 AM

JUNE 4: Combined Masonic Strawberry Night, Masonic Temple, 6:30 PM

JUNE 9: Cumberland Heritage Days Open House, Masonic Temple, All Day

JUNE 23: Scottish Rite Family Picnic, Location TBA, 2:00 PM

JUNE 28: Scottish Rite Club of Washington County, Hempten Hill BBQ, 7:00 PM



ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew 11th Annual Burns Night Raises \$5,000 for RiteCare

DURING THE ROBERT BURNS Supper on February 3rd, the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew presented a check for \$5,000 to the Children’s League on behalf of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation. The funds were raised through program advertising for the annual event honoring the Immortal Memory of the revered Scottish Poet.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation celebrated its 20th year of partnership with the Children’s League in 2017, supporting free diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders to equip children in our community with



the ability and skills to lead productive lives. This clinic has directly benefited and improved

the lives of more than 1,500 children in Western Maryland and the surrounding region.



< 2017 Freemasons of the Year Hon. Curtis C. Haines, 32° KCCH, and Hon. Michael Kamauff, 32° KCCH. Pictured L to R: Robin L. Summerfield, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master; Honorees Haines and Kamauff; and Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative



How We Bring Members into the Fraternity is Far Less Important Than What We Do with Them Afterwards

BY: ILL. BRO. RICHARD E. FLETCHER, 33° - MWPGM VERMONT

Continued from previous issue

We now have many members with few, if any, leadership skills. In addition, we have members who simply know nothing about the Fraternity.

There is also the equally devastating problem of trying to encourage men to join a Fraternity perceived as “mainstream,” with a strong emphasis on values. Fraught with cynicism, distrust, lack of respect for others, and far too often very little self-respect; our 1960’s, 70’s, and 80’s generations showed little interest in ethical or moral values or in organizations that stressed these values.

To suggest that there are overnight cures is simply misunderstanding the 40 to 50 years of

benign neglect our Fraternity has experienced!

Quite honestly, Freemasons will have to accept a fundamental tenet of our Fraternity- Being a Mason requires commitment! A commitment of time and effort.

For heaven’s sake, let’s stop telling men how easy it is to join and how they don’t have to learn or memorize anything – just show up! That is not what being a Mason is all

about. It requires an effort to learn and then to share what we have learned with others.

We have to teach Masons to be Masons and not just members.

Freemasons helped build democracy in both the United States and Canada. We can now play a vital role in rebuilding

our nations from the valueless societies we are becoming into strong, just, and caring countries.

Ethics and morality are not just Masonic values; they are community values. Expressing these values by living them, each Freemason can, by example, raise his nation’s standards of conduct and behavior!

It won’t happen overnight, but it will happen if enough Freemasons make that commitment. It would also produce the kind of Masons who would enjoy going to Lodge.

Wouldn’t it be great to hear those welcome words; *You gotta be kidding! I can’t go to the game, it’s my lodge night!*



Annual Christmas Soiree 2017





Du Bon Pasteur – An Eighteenth Century Masonic Rite

BY: S. DIRK WIKER, 32°, KCCH

Continued from previous issue

*This magical Sun burns through our Art, then the King will appear as he descends from heaven,
and the mysteries and wonders of nature will be revealed to you.*

7° – KNIGHT OF THE GOLDEN CROSS

This degree further explores basic alchemical concepts and stresses the importance on the Prima Materia (First Matter) from which all things, even man, originate. This degree bears the date of 1770 but it makes reference to the Bon Pasteur system existing in 1620.

8° – INTERIOR MASTERS OF THE TEMPLE

This degree contains a story of Masons working during the building of King Solomon's Temple. The instruction gives further information on the primal material from which all substances originate. There are also hints for later explanations on the number 40 that is found throughout the Old and New Testaments.

9° – THE SUBLIME PHILOSOPHER

There are several kabbalistic themes contained in this degree. The primary instructions for this degree are given through several pictorial tableaux containing gnostic, kabbalistic and alchemical teachings.

10° – ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS HOSPITALLER OF CHRIST AND TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

This is the longest degree in the system of the *Bon Pasteur* and is a Templar degree. The degree gives details describing how the Knights Templar went “underground” in Scotland and called themselves Freemasons. Later in France, an Order was formed called *Order of the Knights Hospitaller of Christ*. Most of the ritual details the rules of the Order but an interesting section in the history portion of this degree lists every Grand Master of the Order from 1111 - 1795. The degree perpetuates the origin myth of the Templars while the well-known Templar order of the time, the *Rite of the Strict Observance*, abandoned the myth in 1782. This is strictly a chivalric degree and has no part in the alchemical progression of the overall order.

11° – SOVEREIGN ARCHITECT OR PHILOSOPHER OF THE FIRST ORDER

This degree resumes earlier alchemical themes and displays to the candidate the laboratory

he should be working in. The attributes of Christ are directly compared to the attributes of the Philosopher's Stone and the First Matter is displayed to the candidate for the first time. This Prima Materia is described as amber, a stone but not a stone, and it comes from the vegetable kingdom.

12° – BROTHER OPERATOR

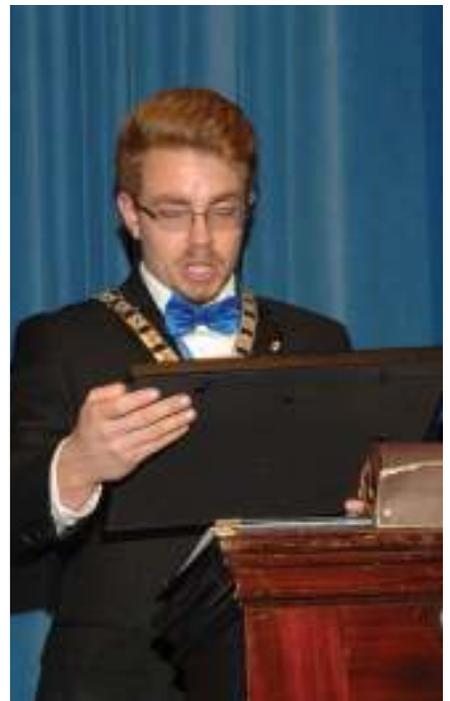
The final degree reveals to the candidate the “unfathomable secret” – where to find the Prima Materia and how to process it. The candidate is then instructed to begin the herculean task of conducting the Great Work on his own.

For further research on many of the ideas expressed in this masonic system and others like it during the eighteenth century, the book *The Rose Cross and the Age of Reason* by Christopher McIntosh is an excellent resource.



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A Short History of Freemasonry in Annapolis, MD

BY S. DIRK WIKER, PM, 32° KCCH AND G. ANDREW MARTINEZ, PM, 32° - ANNAPOLIS LODGE #89

ANNAPOLIS LODGE NO. 89'S history takes Maryland Freemasonry back to its roots with the earliest recorded warrant and charter being issued to "the Lodge in Maryland" or the "Lodge in Annapolis" on August 12, 1750 by Provincial Grand Master of North America, Thomas Oxnard, of St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. However, a lodge was operating prior to this date as recorded by the Maryland Gazette article of January 3, 1750:

On Wednesday the 27th [December 27, 1749] being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the Anniversary of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, the Gentlemen of the Brotherhood, belonging to the Lodge in this City [Annapolis], with several of their visiting Brethren from the Country, to the Number, in all, of about 30, celebrated the Day in the following manner:

At Twelve o'Clock they went in Procession, with white Gloves and Aprons, from the House of their Brother Middleton, being preceded by their Master, Wardens and Grand Stewards, to the Church, where an excellent sermon, adapted to the Occasion, was preached by their

Brother the Rev. Mr. Brogden. After Sermon they returned in the same Manner from Church to the Indian King [hotel], where, having Dined elegantly, they elected their Master and Officers for the ensuing Year: and then proceeded in the above Order to the Great Council Room [in the Maryland State House], where they made a Ball for the Entertainment of the Ladies, and the Evening was spent with innocent Mirth and Gaiety.

This being an anniversary celebration, it is evident that a Masonic Lodge existed prior to the formal charter, but it is not known under what authority this lodge existed - theories extend to an undiscovered charter, a military warrant, that it was a private (irregular) lodge, or that it was one of the inherent lodges of North America. The

Maryland Gazette mentions "The Honorable Society of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Annapolis" several other times between 1750-64. Jonas Green, a former printing apprentice of Brother Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia (1734-38), was the printer of the Maryland Gazette and served as the secretary of the Annapolis Lodge. Dr. Alexander Hamilton was its first (known) Worshipful Master who had prior started the infamous Tuesday Club (1745-1756) with several men who would later become brethren of the Annapolis Lodge. Hamilton was the brother-in-law of Lloyd Dulany, the loyalist that lived in the house that was originally connected to the building which is the current Annapolis Lodge No. 89 temple. This lodge operated until about 1764 then fell away to the sands of time.



< This photograph of the mural by Alan Cox depicts Bro. George Washington laying the U.S. Capital cornerstone - Bro. Joseph Clark stands immediately behind him.



The Old Lodge
Maryland Avenue
and Prince George Street



Mann's Tavern
(background, right)
attached to the City Hotel



Annapolis Lodge No. 89 today
Mann's Tavern,
162 Conduit Street

The Grand Lodge of Maryland, A.F.&A.M., was established in 1787 and, in 1792, then Grand Master Peregrine Lethrbury issued dispensation to create Amanda Lodge No. 12 in Annapolis. This lodge, chartered April 1793, only existed for short time. Joseph Clark, the architect and builder of the Maryland State House Dome was its Worshipful Master. He also served as the Maryland Grand Master Pro Tempore during the U.S. Capitol building cornerstone laying ceremony conducted by George Washington in 1793. (In the mural depicting the event at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Joseph Clark is seen standing behind Washington.)

In May 1803, members of Amanda Lodge No. 12 formed Annapolis Lodge No. 36, but it was suspended in 1807. Grand Master William H. Winder issued dispensation for Annapolis Lodge No. 71 in May 1822, but this lodge could not survive the troubles of the Morgan affair and surrendered its charter on May

13, 1829. Membership lists from Amanda No. 12 to the current Annapolis Lodge No. 89 show an overlapping of membership from the former to the next succeeding lodge, thus No. 89 is able to trace its lineage back at least to 1792.

Annapolis Lodge No. 89 was granted charter May 9, 1848 by Grand Master Charles Gilman and its meetings were originally held in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall. The lodge then moved to the store of J.B. White and then the Maryland Hotel until a Masonic temple was built in 1872 (Maryland Avenue and Prince George Street). The lodge operated here until it was lost due to foreclosure. The Lodge started meeting in its current location at 162 Conduit Street in 1888 when they were invited to rent Mann's Tavern with Palestine Commandery No. 7.

The Lodge eventually purchased this historic building in 1900 and has been there ever since. Just like the long history of Annapolis Lodge, the building itself has a prominent history. It

was part of the larger building complex that was the meeting place for the Annapolis Convention of 1786, the precursor to the Constitutional Convention of 1787. (Brother George Washington stayed at both the City Hotel (the old Woodward/Dulaney house) and Mann's Tavern in his travels to Annapolis.) The building also has connections to many of our country's founding fathers that were Freemasons, so it is a fitting home for the Lodge.

Famous Freemason Annapolitans include admirals, congressman, ambassadors and other important state and national figures. Brother Robert Edward Cox, a Medal of Honor recipient, was also raised in Annapolis Lodge.

Annapolis Lodge No. 89 has been a beacon of Masonic light in our state capitol for 170 years with a lineage that extends back to colonial times. The Lodge is looking forward to serving the Annapolis community and Maryland Freemasonry for years to come.



The Clinic Corner

BY: MS. CELESTE SEGAL, M.S., CCC-SLP



HELLO!! My name is Celeste Segal and I am so happy to have this opportunity to be a part of this amazing clinical team at the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders in Baltimore. You can find me at the Scottish Rite Center every Monday. I started working for HASA after moving to the Baltimore area almost 28 years ago. For the past 12 years, I have been working part time in the clinic at HASA as well as being part time faculty at Towson University.

I have been working for 30+ years and I continue to be energized by the diverse population of the children and families with whom I work. My primary focus is with the pediatric population (infants- school age), however I also work with adults who have intellectual disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and hearing impairments. I strongly believe family involvement is the key

to success. In addition to my direct therapeutic intervention with the children, I encourage parents to actively participate

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during therapy sessions and invite them to “play” with us. I also spend time educating family members and empowering them to advocate for their child. I am so honored to be associated with the Scottish Rite Masons and am grateful that they share my views regarding the benefits of education and therapy.

The annual award of The Brockman Fellowship further supports this commitment. Thanks to the Scottish Rite

Mason’s generosity, during the months of September-May, some of our Scottish Rite children and families had the good fortune of working with two student interns, Amanda Pugliese from Loyola University and Sarah Morrison from Towson University. They worked under the supervision of myself and some of my colleagues. This opportunity allowed the children to engage in fun and dynamic therapy sessions while it facilitated our interns to gain valuable clinical experience with a diverse population. They brought so much energy to our team and we miss them both!

It seems like there is always something exciting happening at the Scottish Rite Center for Children with Communication Disorders. WOW!! Another big Thank You to the Scottish Rite Masons- we were so excited when they supplied two new iPads to the Speech and Language Center. The kids benefit so much from the programs we are able to use on the iPads and we get a lot of engagement from the children through the use of current technology. As spring ends and the summer begins, the fun and excitement will continue. Last year’s success with our Summer Literacy Program was such a big hit. We are so pleased that we will be offering the program again this summer!

2nd Annual Family Fun Charity Trap & Skeet Classic

Presented by

The Scottish Rite Valley of Frederick Maryland

at the Izaak Walton League of America Club of Mount Airy, MD

Saturday, May 12, 2018

(Rain date June 16, 2018)

Competition: 25 Trap Targets & 25 Skeet Targets

Adults = \$75; Juniors 20 and under = \$50

Competition sign-in and safety instruction 8-9AM. Competition starts at 9AM.

Beginner to expert skill levels are welcome. Team and individual awards.

Other charity Long Bird and Battue raffle competitions. Family activities will be available.

A steak & chicken lunch is provided by the Outback Steakhouse of Ellicott City to all competitors who pre-register by April 28th.

Guest lunch tickets can also be purchased for \$12 via pre-registration until April 28th.

Register as a competitor by April 28th and your name will be entered into a raffle to win a Remington VERSA MAX MOSSY OAK® DUCK BLIND™ CAMO Shotgun (MSRP \$1,664)*



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- Other supported charities of the Foundation include the Scottish Rite RiteCare Childhood Language Program; the Frederick Chapter of DeMolay; and other Scottish Rite non-profit charity programs.



Register as a shooter, register as a team, donate to the Foundation, and/or become an event sponsor. To learn more about the charities or other details about the event, go to www.scottishritefrederick.org and visit often for updated information. Call 301.829.9501 or email SR.Charity.Classic@gmail.com to register.



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Upcoming Events 2018

Wednesday, May 2nd	Southern Maryland – Cinco de Mayo Dinner	6pm
Saturday, May 5th	Cumberland – Ladies Night @ Ali Ghan	5pm
Monday, May 7th	Cumberland – LOP	7:30pm
Saturday, May 12th	Frederick – 2nd Annual Trap Shoot	7pm
Wednesday, May 16th	Southern Maryland – Ring Ceremony	7pm
Thursday, May 17th	Susquehanna – Ring Ceremony	7pm
Sunday, May 20th	Cumberland – Capping Ceremony	2pm
Wednesday, June 6th	Southern Maryland – LOP	7pm
Thursday, June 21st	Susquehanna – LOP & Chapter Meetings	7pm
Thursday, June 21st	Frederick – Family Strawberry Night	7pm
Saturday, August 11th	Baltimore – Lobsterfest	2pm
Wednesday, September 5th	Baltimore – LOP	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 12th	Baltimore – Chapter Rose Croix	7:30 pm
Wednesday, September 19th	Baltimore – Council of Kadosh	6:30pm
Thursday, September 20th	Susquehanna – LOP & Chapter – 4th, 14th	7pm
Thursday, September 20th	Frederick – Open Festive Board	7pm
Wednesday, September 26th	Baltimore – Consistory	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 3rd	Baltimore – Fall Class Orientation, Dinner	6:30