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*In Memory of:
Illustrious*

Bennie G. Owens, 33° - PGM
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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



MEMBERSHIP IS OUR "LIFEBLOOD" AND I HOPE YOU WILL BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN YOUR SCOTTISH RITE.

GREETINGS TO ALL,

I hope this finds you and your family well and reflecting upon a wonderful Christmas with hopes that your New Year is off to a great start.

The Scottish Rite in Maryland is active in every Valley and many great events have been scheduled. Events, which are not only for members, but for the families' enjoyment as well. The Valleys of Frederick and Baltimore worked together to produce an outstanding Christmas Chocolate Soiree. Our sincerest thanks go out to all who made this the "sweetest" event to date.

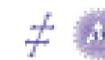
Frederick also has a most enjoyable experience planned for "A Red, Red Rose" night filled

with music and fun on January 26, 2019. Each Valley has something to offer for everyone, and I encourage you to visit. You can find many clubs offering a night out or even a first Thursday breakfast club. Look for the Valley schedules to be published throughout the year and come support your Scottish Rite. Membership is our "lifeblood" and I hope you will be an active member in your Scottish Rite. I look forward to seeing each of you and your family at one of our functions.

In closing, may I wish you all the Blessing of good health and much happiness throughout the New Year.



Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Ill. Marlin L. MILLS, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector
General in Maryland



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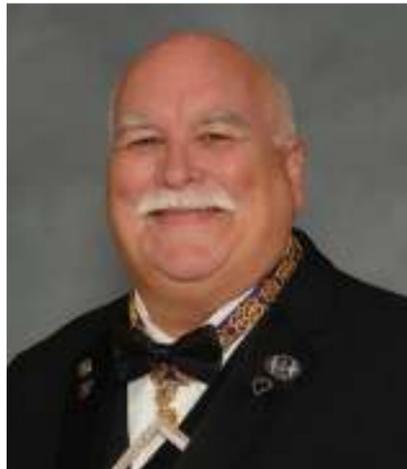
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Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

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



saying, "You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel."

I realized the foundations of Masonry were in this simple quote. For Solomon to build the temple, he had to maintain his position, and to do so, he had to maintain his integrity and continue walking uprightly in Society. We, as Masons, follow this mantra today.

STAYING TRUE TO OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER IS THE PRIMARY INTENT OF THIS FRATERNITY.

Maintaining integrity in your heart and walking uprightly in society will afford you to be a good person and retain your position of good in the world. This is a tall order and we must all try to attain. Our integrity is the most important part of our being. Staying true to ourselves and each other is the primary intent of this fraternity.

We have all knelt at the altar and assumed the same obligations. Promises were made to be men of good moral, spiritual, and social character and to assist our brothers and their families whenever possible. Therein lies our duty of maintaining

our integrity.

The new Grand Master's pin design has multiple meanings like many parts of masonry. The columns signify the two great pillars of integrity and uprightness we must all strive to achieve. The seven stars have a three-fold purpose. First, for the seven precepts taught in DeMolay—Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanliness, and Patriotism. Secondly, the seven color stations in Rainbow—Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism, and Service. Finally, for those that have preceded me as leaders in this fraternity by attaining a special place among the craft—Thomas J. Shryock, Warren Seipp, Edward R. Saunders, Sr., Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., Bennie G. Owens and Stephen J. Ponzillo, III. Each are holders of four quadrants in the York Grand Cross of Honor. I have now become the seventh among this distinguished group.

"Maryland Masonry Moving Through the Millennium" is the focus as we adapt to this ever changing world. We may have a few bumps and bruises along the way, but like our brothers of the last millennia, we will triumph.

I wish for all the kindnesses of the season and hope for a healthy and prosperous New Year for us all and Masonry.

"MARYLAND MASONRY Moving Through the Millennium"

That is our theme as we continue our journey towards excellence spreading the light of freemasonry. This was no more evident than ever by the tremendous turnout of support from our youth and masonic family at the Annual Communication on November 17th. We may be embarking with a new team, but our goals and focus remain the same—making quality men Masons.

In my remarks I quoted **1 Kings 9: 4-5**, "And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father,

ONE-DAY CLASS SCHEDULE MARCH 16TH, 2019

In Memory of Illustrious Bennie G. Owens, 33°, MWPGM

(Subject to Adjustments)

6:30am - Coffee & Donuts

7:15am - Class Check-In

8:00am - Opening Ceremonies

4th degree - Secret Master: Your first steps into our sanctuary are duty, reflection and study. They teach us to honor those relationships to God, family, country and Masonry. The apron is white and black, with a letter "Z" and an all-seeing eye. The jewel is an ivory key with the letter "Z" on the wards. The lessons of the 4° are secrecy, obedience, and fidelity.

14th degree - Perfect Elu (Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason): In this degree we learn to reflect and look into ourselves. We should strive to be true to ourselves and our God. The apron is white silk, bordered in gold, with the Ineffable Delta in the Center. The jewel is a quadrant (compass open to ninety degrees) topped by a crown, and with a nine-pointed star on the obverse, and a five-pointed blazing star (with the Tetragrammaton) on the reverse. The compass is opened on a segment of a circle, inscribed with the numbers 3, 5, 7, 9.

18th degree - Knight Rose Croix: This degree teaches that life and its strengths come from God. The rose signifies the dawn and the cross is a sacred symbol of antiquity in many cultures. To be tolerant of others errors and faults. The apron is of white leather or satin, bordered in red, with a skull and cross-bones, a red passion cross, and three

red rosettes. The grand jewel is a gold compass open on a quarter circle. A rose-cross is between the legs of the compass, and under it is a pelican, tearing its breast to feed its seven young, on the obverse, and an eagle with wings extended, on the reverse. On the circle are the letters I.N.R.I.

12 noon - Lunch @ \$5.00 per person - No cost for Candidates

12:45pm - Reconvene in Auditorium

30th degree - Knight of Kadosh, or Knight of the White and Black Eagle: The lesson of this degree is to be true to ourselves and to stand for what is right and just in our lives today. To believe in God, country and ourselves. There is no apron, but the jewel is a gold Teutonic cross, enameled in red, with the letters J.'B.'.M.'. on the obverse, and a skull transpierced by a poniard on the reverse.

32nd degree - Master of the Royal Secret: The lessons of this degree are that "genuine brotherhood requires mutual regard, opinion, esteem and charity". We always look for the good in all and make allowances for other's shortcomings. We trust the Supreme Architect to lead us to friendship, morality and brotherly love. The apron is white, lined in black, with a double-headed eagle and a plan of the Camp of the Princes. The jewel is a golden Teutonic cross, with a double-headed white and black eagle in the center.

3:45pm - Closing Ceremonies

Petition for the Class on Page 31



Valley of Baltimore

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



In the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection:

David L. Lebowitz, 32°, KCCH - Venerable Master
D. Douglas Walters, 32° - Senior Warden
L. Evans Votta, 32°, KCCH - Junior Warden

In the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix:

Lister Haughton-James, 32°, KCCH - Wise Master
Timothy M. Dykes, 32°, KCCH - Senior Warden
Harry M. Harger, 32°, KCCH - Junior Warden

In the Maryland Council of Kadosh:

James T. Hill, 33° - Commander
Darryl J. Smith, 32° - 1st Lt. Commander
Charles S. Matulewicz, 32°, KCCH - 2nd Lt. Commander

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK the outgoing officers for their participation and attending to the various functions of their bodies. I congratulate the newly elected officers for the 2019 term.

In the Chesapeake Consistory:

Roger D. Dunn, 32°, KCCH - Master of Kadosh
Weston A. Dunn, 32° - Prior
A. J. Eisenrauch, 32° - Preceptor

This spring, on Saturday March 16th, we will be holding a one-day class in Memory of Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33°, PGM. Petitions are available. If you know of a Master Mason seeking further light in Masonry, please let him know about this opportunity to join the Scottish Rite.

We will again this year be making presentations to ROTC and JROTC cadets in our local schools. I invite any of the Brethren who would like to help with the presentations to please advise the office.

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



if the seed endures, the energy endures; if the energy endures, then will the spirit endure. The spirit is thought; thought is the heart; the heart is the fire; the fire is the Elixir". It is my fervent desire that our activities this year allow for such opportunity within the Orient of Maryland. Excitedly, we now begin our investigation and contemplation of the ineffable degrees.

any organization, and Freemasonry is no exception. They bring enthusiasm, excitement, and energy to our fraternity and provide new vantage points to reinvigorate our organization. In addition to the events scheduled throughout the Orient, much has been planned for 2019 within the Lodge of Perfection. For more than 25 years, I have dedicated my life to the service of others throughout the public safety community, and am fortunate to continue this passion within Masonry. In sharing my zeal for preparedness and resilience, I have invited the United States Secret Service's Baltimore Field Office to deliver a presentation at the conclusion of our first meeting on Wednesday, February 6th. Please join us as we explore current themes such as cybersecurity, financial crime, and internet safety with those charged to maintain confidence in our economic infrastructure. This will be an informative discussion provided by Special Agents engaged globally in our country's protection, with Masons and non-Masons invited to attend. I look forward to sharing time with you and your families during the year. If you have an interest in communicating with the officer line or myself, please feel free to contact me directly at VenerableMaster2019@gmail.com.

I IMPLORE YOU TO SERVE AS AN AMBASSADOR, ENGAGING YOUR BLUE LODGE MEMBERSHIP AND PEERS IN OTHER APPENDANT BODIES.

GREETINGS MY BRETHREN! As we begin our travels into 2019, I look forward to exceptional degree work, shared experiences, extraordinary events, and personal growth afforded by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It is humbling beyond measure to serve as Venerable Master of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection for the ensuing term. I thank you for your confidence in my ability to lead within our beloved fraternity. The success of our officer line is due, in no small part, to the dedication of the Honorable William A. Zarychta, 32°, KCCH, and I congratulate him and the administrative team on a remarkable 2018 year. As the Illustrious Albert Pike, 33° detailed, "True thoughts have duration in themselves. If the thoughts endure, the seed is enduring;

I implore you to serve as an ambassador, engaging your Blue Lodge membership and peers in other appendant bodies; provide them with the opportunity to learn more about the Scottish Rite and expand their Masonic knowledge, participate in our philanthropic activities, and share fellowship with the exceptional families within the Orient of Maryland. New members are the lifeblood of

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Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

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



donation for better communities and a better world. In that

IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS WE MUST, AT ALL TIMES, INVOKE THE BLESSING OF GOD TO ALLOW OUR DUTIES TO BE GOD DRIVEN.

We need to make the basic tenets of the Craft a part of our everyday life to ensure that we are always mindful of the fact that the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations and that its greatest treasure lies in the human personality. We labor not only for ourselves, but for our neighbors and the common good. Skill and high intellectual qualification without application are a total waste. Brilliance minus wisdom equals chaos. Brethren all: let's strive for 100% attendance and involvement. Let the year 2019 be Excelsior! Excelsior!! Excelsior!!!

way we will be proud to say that Freemasonry is definitely a beacon of light for all.

I DEEM IT A SINGULAR HONOR to be Wise Master for the ensuing year, but it takes all of us for the year to be one of great success. Doing this together and with humility must be a part of our daily modus operandi. No one should be seeking to outdo the other or put the other down, but to hold hands and move forward together as one body and one unit under the Canopy of Heaven. Only God makes the difference in life. In all our endeavors we must, at all times, invoke the blessing of God to allow our duties to be God driven. We must call upon God for protection. Call upon God that we may achieve our goals. Call upon God for guidance and direction. We must at all times ratchet up our faith so that at all times our faith is stronger than our fears; so that our time in office is not only one of duration, but one of sterling

Maryland Council of Kadosh

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



pause and reflect. These events are: Saint Valentine's Day, President's Day and a small aircraft crash just outside of Mason City, Iowa. Saint Valentine's Day is a day that we send cards, flowers and sweets to loved ones and others close to us. President's Day is a day that we pay homage to the leaders of our great Republic. It was originally established in 1885 to honor George Washington on the occasion of his birthday, but in 1971 it was changed to the 3rd Monday in February to comply with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act to provide for more three-day weekends. The aircraft crash occurred on February 3, 1959 shortly after take-off and all the occupants including singer and musician Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson perished. A memorial to the three rock and roll legends was erected in the field where the plane crashed commemorating "The Day the Music Died." I grieved the loss of the three singers. And, I was naive enough to think this was the end of rock and roll but Elvis helped me get over my fear.

MY BRETHREN,
Thank you for electing me as Commander of the Council of Kadosh. Congratulations to all the Officers of the Council of Kadosh. We look forward to working with and serving the Scottish Rite Brothers in 2019. The holiday season is behind us and I hope it was full of joy for everyone. I love this time of the year because, in addition to the spirit of the season, my birthday falls at the end of November. This year, one of the gifts I received was a pair flannel-lined jeans. They are really cool (warm). I hope Cory Wright has purchased his. He's going to love them.
Each month of our calendar has an event or several events that give us cause to reflect. The month of February is of particular significance to me. When I was the impressionable age of 16, there were three events that occurred which caused me to

also throughout the year. So, when you look in the mirror each day, after you stop admiring your reflection, ask yourself: am I extending myself to help someone outside of my comfort zone? Am I living my life as an example for others to exemplify? Has the flame inside of me that brought me to Freemasonry crashed or is it still flickering? Is the light brighter than ever? The regular practice of our tenants not only makes us better men and masons, but it also impacts those whose lives we touch.

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Chesapeake Consistory

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



WHEN I BECAME a Mason 48 years ago, I never dreamed of becoming anything more than that in Masonry. To me, at the time, being a Master Mason was enough and I felt I knew everything. I now realize what a narrow perspective and closed mind I had then. These many years later, I am still learning about Masonry and about myself. I realize I will never learn everything and will never stop improving myself as a man and a Mason.

Scottish Rite has certainly broadened my horizons and perspectives. I am truly honored to be elected as Venerable Master of Kadosh of the Chesapeake Consistory. This is one of the many highlights of my masonic career, and I am thankful to all who have seen fit to elevate me as such. I can promise that I will do my best to honor your trust in me and to live up to your expectations.

I congratulate our outgoing Venerable Master, Hon. Robert Carhart, Jr., 32°, KCCH for a job well done, and I will endeavor to continue his practice of bringing a series of great speakers to our meetings.

Brethren, I urge you to attend your blue lodge meetings as much as possible and to enlighten your fellow Masons on the educational value of joining the Scottish Rite. You owe a debt to your home lodge to further Masonry among your brothers. If you are not happy with your home lodge, change your home lodge or become a plural member in another lodge. But make it a point in your life to further Masonry as light in the lives of your lodge brothers and especially the newer and/or younger ones.

With that in mind, I wish to congratulate the brethren from the Fall 2018 Reunion and invite

our new Scottish Rite brothers to join us in our Consistory meetings. Our first meeting is February 27th. Consider enjoying the other upcoming events as well—the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection on February 6th, the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix on February 13th, and the Maryland Council of Kadosh and Festive Board on February 20th.

Finally, my brothers, let us resolve to grow the Consistory this year. Bring someone who has never been here before, or someone who hasn't been here for some time. Resolve to learn something new every day. Learn a new face and new name, or even to associate a familiar face with a name you didn't know. We are all Scottish Rite Masons. Make sure we also act as and enjoy each other as brothers and friends.



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Maundy Thursday Observance & Dinner

ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS are encouraged to attend, and the portrayal is open to friends and family of all Scottish Rite Masons.

In the Scottish Rite, darkness often refers to the disappearance of truth and justice in the world. As the symbolic lights are extinguished, we reflect upon this loss. By relighting them, we reinforce our belief that, as

Knights Rose Croix, it is our duty to throw off the mantle of sorrow and darkness and to emulate those historical figures who have brought truth and knowledge to mankind. This solemn Ceremonial is an important part of the ritualistic work of the Chapter Rose Croix and which expresses our commitment to the living of a conscientious and enlightened life.



THE SYMBOLS OF THE MYSTIC BANQUET

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

Thursday, April 18th, 2019
7PM

Cost for this event: \$20.00 per person.



Valley of Frederick

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

LOOKING BACK on the final months of 2018, the memories of another successful Fall Reunion in the Valley of Frederick are still fresh and vivid. We were fortunate to have another excellent group of attentive and enthusiastic candidates. The efforts of our brethren over many years to generate solid, committed, and well-rehearsed degree teams shone through. This included the vision and dedication of our committee of work to establish a suite of creative and effective props, costumes and technical solutions to help communicate the beauty and the message behind each of the degrees (4, 5, 14, 18, and 30) we confer in the Valley of Frederick. Our brethren and candidates truly demonstrated their resolve in making their way to the hilltop on Blentlinger Road through the same driving wind and rain-storm that produced destructive tornados elsewhere in Maryland on our opening night.

The team effort of our Valley's various fundraisers throughout 2018 contributed to our ability to enhance the reunion degree exemplification experience for the candidates, visiting brethren, and Valley members. The always faithful and creative efforts of our Knights of Saint Andrew Ladies' Auxiliary

(KSALA) combined to provide a delicious meal after the degrees were conferred and were much appreciated. It was truly a team effort, and it is gratifying to know we continue to have such a lively and committed Scottish Rite family in our Valley. It was

THE FLAME OF SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY CONTINUES TO BURN BRIGHT FOR MEN OF ALL AGES AND STATIONS IN LIFE HERE IN OUR PART OF MARYLAND.

also a blessing to see the range of ages, backgrounds, and life experiences among our class members and to see that the flame of Scottish Rite masonry continues to burn bright for men of all ages and stations in life here in our part of Maryland.

I am especially grateful for the continued support, encouragement and wise counsel of my Masonic mentors in the Scottish Rite and in my home lodge. In the coming year, I look forward to working with the

Valley brethren to build on their excellent past work and to collaborate with our Valley's Blue Lodge ambassadors to support them as we continue to spread the light of Scottish Rite masonry across central Maryland. I also look forward to working closely with our Knights of Saint Andrew and KSALA who are so crucial to the success of our efforts here in the Valley. In 2019, we look forward to the Valley's annual Hogmanay (New Year's Eve), officers' installation, Burns Night, Maundy Thursday Celebration and Feast of Remembrance and Renewal. In addition to these and other festivities, we hope to build momentum towards our Spring Reunion and, thereafter, to a time of summer relaxation and rejuvenation.

Over the years, we have worked hard to build a community who cares for each other and shares in one another's joys and sorrows. It shows. We are family. And we will build upon this in 2019 and help spread the light by showing our renewed commitment to brotherly love, relief, and truth to our neighbors here in Central Maryland.

Valley of Susquehanna

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



THE FOURTH DEGREE is perhaps my favorite of our Rite. While not revealing any deep esoteric secrets, or particularly elaborate in presentation, it might be easily overlooked in favor of some of the other degrees. But much like the cornerstone of a Temple might be easily glanced over in favor of the grandeur of other parts, it is no less vital to the foundation of the building. A cornerstone as defined by Wikipedia is "the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation, important since all other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire structure." Much like it is with the Fourth Degree, its message is powerful in its simplicity. The work has to be done. Duty must be performed for duty's sake.

Masonry is duty.

The fall of 2018 marked a small but special milestone for the Valley of Susquehanna. It was our fifth anniversary, and there was no small amount of work to be done. We were again traveling to the other side of the Chesapeake Bay to confer degrees and bring the Rite to those more remote from our established Valleys. We also had to prepare for our own Reunion Day. As with every Masonic organization, our busy fall schedule created overlaps and conflicts for our officers and cast members. However, men both in and out of our Valley came forward ready and willing to assist in the work. Each event had more than a few last minute curveballs thrown in as well.

Ironically, both days started out the same: cold, wet, and rainy. Each day also had the opportunity to turn out less than spectacularly (or even disastrously), given logistics and last minute personnel challenges presented for both events. But in both cases, everyone came together and covered what needed to be covered and assumed duties not necessarily assigned to them. This was done without the slightest hint of expectation for approbation or reward. It was the fourth degree in action, and the work was not only accomplished, but accomplished well. And each day we emerged from the Lodge Room greeted with sunshine as if by a smile from our Grand Architect of the Universe.





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Maryland DeMolay

BY: BRO. RAFAEL A. RODRIGUEZ, IV - COLLINGTON LODGE #230 - STATE MASTER COUNCILER

AS THE STATE MASTER Councilor of Maryland DeMolay, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dad Richard Naegele, Dad Marlin Mills and all the Grand Lodge Officers who were installed in November. Maryland DeMolay is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of adult leaders to guide us into the Centennial celebration of DeMolay. Our fraternity is a fantastic organization which offers opportunities for young men to develop the necessary skills to become better men and productive members of our society and our nation. As DeMolays, we strive to apply the seven cardinal virtues of DeMolay every day of our lives: filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism. Since chapter meetings are conducted by its members, we develop organizational, leadership and management skills. DeMolay chapters across the state are very involved with their communities conducting activities such as food drives, road cleanups, toy collections, adopting families for the holidays and fund raisers, just to name a few. Maryland DeMolay is blessed by the number of dedicated adults who serve as chapter advisors and give an incredible amount of their time to ensure our chapters continue to



> Dad Richard Naegele receives DeMolay Alumni Certificate.

function. Although it may sound like DeMolay is all about work, we also have many fun activities such as movie nights, video-game lock ins, paint ball, rifle competitions, “go-karting,”

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bowling and many other fun activities. Our yearly Conclave is something every DeMolay across

the state looks forward to since this is a weekend filled with fun and fellowship activities. Maryland DeMolay also holds a yearly “Congress” where adult advisors and external experts put together training sessions where we learn about a variety of subjects such as team building, ritual, interpersonal and organizational skills. We also find ways to have fun during Congress and our adult advisors make sure this is another weekend filled with fun activities. From my personal experience, DeMolay has helped me in developing public speaking, leadership and communication skills. But most importantly, I have developed relationships with many fantastic brothers across the state; friendships that last a lifetime.

Finally, on behalf of Maryland DeMolay, I want to wish everyone a prosperous 2019 as we look forward to the continued growth of this great fraternity.



Fall Class Ring Ceremony 2018



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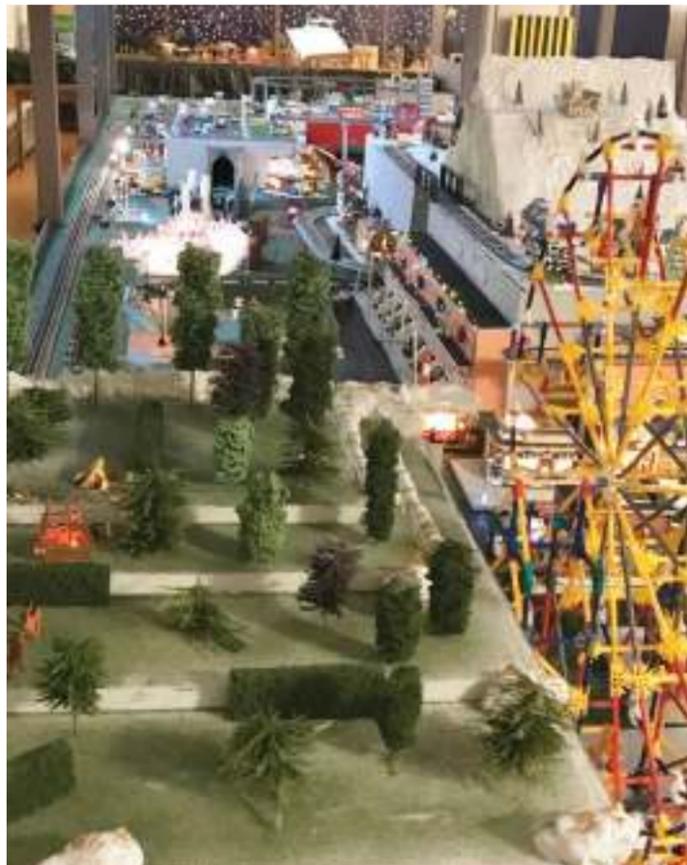


(Ring Ceremony and Fall Class Pictures Are In and Available for Pick-up at the Scottish Rite Office)



Scottish Rite Christmas Train Garden

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BY: HON. BRO. TOMMY J. MORRIS, 32°, P.K.C., PVM, PGTC, WISE-MASTER, FREDERICK CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX



MASTERS & BRETHREN,

Sometimes we forget what we do not see. The Scottish Rite strongly advocates for preserving the memories of our Brothers who have passed. It's an important ritual that began with our founding and continues through today.

In an example of The Scottish Rite quest to honor and remember our brothers, I was pleased to attend the Orient's Ceremony of Remembrance. It honored those who served and the families of those who have

served. As we Freemasons erect our Spiritual buildings eternal in heaven, we should Honor our brothers and those whom they loved as they would honor us. I am proud to honor our departed brethren, but was saddened

deserve no less than to have an opportunity for the families and friends to remember.

Since time immemorial, The Scottish Rite has focused on preserving the memories of our departed brothers. And that's why it is so critical that we—Freemasons and families alike—never forget those honored in these ceremonies. As I tell my knights, freemasonry is a way of life, not just a word or a symbol...Live it to its fullest and you will be remembered.

My challenge to you is to participate in our Masonic Programs. Programs like the Ceremony of Remembrances, Reunions, our SGIG's Annual Chocolate Soirée (this year's theme "Death by Chocolate") and the Frederick Valley Annual Burns Supper and more. Be a part of the fraternity and brotherhood of men who support each other and the communities they live in.

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by the absence of brethren who were not there to support our brothers that had passed, who dedicated their lives in service of our order, and surely would have been there for other brothers. I feel so deeply that these brothers and their families

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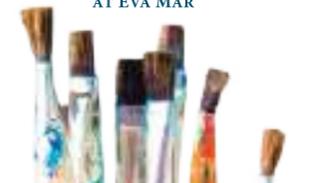
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Annual Designer Bag Bingo Supports RiteCare in Western Maryland

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE Foundation Ladies Auxiliary will hold its Third Annual Designer Bag Bingo at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm. Last year's event netted \$2,500 to support the Children's League's Cumberland Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Disorders Clinic (RiteCare). The Ladies Auxiliary was established in 2017 as a vehicle for the ladies of the Scottish Rite to add their talents and energy to the fund-raising effort.



Members of the Scottish Rite Ladies Auxiliary present funds raised at the 2nd Annual Designer Bag Bingo to the Children's League. Pictured L to R: Ruxandra Landis, Mary Ruddell (Children's League), Mitzie Robinette, Ellen Hill, Cathy Growden (Children's League), Marcia Cushall, and Jenna Stitt.

Third Annual Masonic Bird Hunt Benefits RiteCare

THE VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND'S Third Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to benefit the Scottish Rite Children's Speech Language Disorders Clinics in Cumberland, Oakland, and Keyser, was held on Saturday, October 13 at the Quail Hollow Farm in Berkeley Springs, WV. Twelve shooters competed, with each having an opportunity to shoot 20 birds (a mix of pheasants and chukars). Team Benelli won the "Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner Award" as the team with the most kills, 19! They consisted of Rick and

Dave Gornall, Rob Elliott and Jamey Hill and were each presented with a whole chicken. Team Zembower (Jerry Zembower, Chris Appleman, Kaitlin Rossignuolo, and her husband Tony Rossignuolo) finished second with 15 kills. Team Zimmer had 12 kills and consisted of Chip Zimmer, his niece Sydney Church, and her husband Dan Stenger, of Georgia, and his son-in-law Jon Gonzalez of Williamsburg, Virginia.

Jerry Zembower received the "Brother Davy Crockett Best

Shooter Award" and received a bottle of Bird Dog Whiskey. It was a close call with Rob Elliott bagging a double. Coordinator Chip Zimmer's future son-in-law, Jon Gonzalez, received the "Chicken Liver Bent Barrel Award."

The event raised \$555 to support the Cumberland RiteCare Clinics. A check presentation will be made during the Valley's 12th annual Robert Burns Supper in early February. Plans are underway for the Fourth Annual Bird Hunt coming in Fall 2019.

The Valley of Cumberland Fall 2018 Ritual Champion Award



The Valley of Cumberland Fall 2018 Ritual Champion Award was presented to Ill. Kenneth A. Robertson, 33° by Spring 2018 Champion Hon. James M. Snider, 32° KCCH. The Ritual Champion Award recognizes excellence in degree ritual performance and scholarship.

Cumberland RiteCare Adds Third Clinic Location

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION and the Children's League recently announced the availability of free RiteCare speech and language services for children from birth to age 21 at the Mineral County Health Department in Keyser, WV. Since 1997, the Cumberland RiteCare clinic has directly benefited and improved the lives of more than 1,500 children in Western Maryland and the surrounding region. As a result of this and other recent expansions, RiteCare is now available at three convenient locations in Allegany and Garrett Counties in Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia.

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.

FEB 2: KSA Robert Burns Supper
4:30 pm

FEB 4: Chapter of Rose Croix
7:30 pm

FEB 18: Lodge of Perfection
7:30 pm

FEB 23: Friend to Friend, Oakland
6:00 pm

FEB 27: Scottish Rite Club of Washington County - Friend to Friend, Hagerstown
7:00 pm

MAR 2: Friend to Friend, Ali Ghan Shrine Club
6:00 pm



Les Schtroumpfs and the 30th Degree: Knight of Kadosh

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



LET'S CONSIDER the thirtieth degree of our Scottish Rite, while the degree reflects on knightly virtues and questions whether these virtues can survive in this our modern world. In the fourth apartment of this degree, we see a powerful symbol of liberty, one that many of us have not seen since we were children. In the East of the fourth apartment, laying by a shepherd's crook is found a small Phrygian cap, or liberty cap. It could almost be overlooked, but in this degree that sets out to teach the lesson that we must fight tyranny in all of its forms, it relays a powerful message.

Les Schtroumpfs was a Belgian cartoon, which later came to the United States and was Anglicized as: The Smurfs. A children's

cartoon where all of the blue characters wear this same Phrygian cap, which the artist purposely picked to symbolize the freedom of these cartoon characters from their persecution at the hands of an evil wizard. You see the story of the cap is one that symbolizes not only the yearning for, but more importantly the attainment of freedom from bondage.

We see the Phrygian cap being made of leather in the Hellenistic period and used as actual protective headgear. In ancient Rome this cap was adopted as the headgear of the followers of Mithras. Mithraism was an ancient mystery cult, in which the members were initiated into a series of degrees, and their initiates were known as *syndexioi*, or those united by a handshake... but Mithras is a story for another time. In this degree, focused on tyranny by the church and state, we need to consider the tradition of ancient Rome, where the Phrygian cap was the symbol of a freeman. A man who was in bondage or indentured was freed, he was given an approximation of the Phrygian cap known as a pileus. This distinctive hat was a symbol of his status as a free man, and with it, he was right to vote

as a citizen of the Republic.

The hat reappears during the French revolution, when the workers wore a red version of the cap as a symbol of their demand to escape the tyranny of the absolute monarch Louis XVI. The revolutionaries adopted this distinctive headgear as a protest not only of the finery and wigs so prevalent amongst the upper classes, but as a symbol of their deepest desire for the right of self-determination and freedom to express their wishes through the right to vote.

So, the next time you visit the Rite and happen to view the 30th degree, look in that fourth apartment and consider that small Roman cap of Liberty, that Phrygian cap. This cap which symbolizes the struggle for individual freedom, the right of suffrage, and the hopes and dreams of those who stand against tyranny. It symbolizes freedoms many take for granted every day and is just as important as the crown or the papal tiara found in the fourth apartment of the 30th degree. Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite... and I hope to see you in the classroom.

The More Things Change...



Excerpt from
Pike's Address to the Supreme Council
March 29th, 1860

“Masonry, meant to be exclusive, has become popular.... Masons no longer feel nearer to each other because they ARE Masons... We have flung the doors of our temple too far back upon their hinges, and all the world have come in; and there is now the same necessity for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite that there was originally for Masonry itself. One after one, the other high degrees have been popularized, until the words ‘Brother’ and ‘Companion’ are merely formal, mere idle, empty phrases of conventional propriety; instead of having, as they once had, and still should have, a deep and earnest meaning.”

—Albert Pike, March 29, 1860



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The Clinic Corner

BY: SARA FREDERICK, M.S. ED, CCC-SLP

GREETINGS! My name is Sara Frederick, and I am pleased to be a new member of the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders. I'm currently in my third year with HASA and have felt so welcomed to Scottish Rite by the Masons. The clinicians of Scottish Rite had a very busy Winter and Spring, as we've continued to travel to local private schools to provide speech and language screenings, evaluations, and therapy services. We also continue to treat many clients within the clinic, both during and after school hours. One of the most common questions we receive from parents is, "How can I help my child with communication goals at home?" It's one of my favorite topics to explore, as finding the right answer to this question often involves getting to know each family on an even more personal level.

There is a huge push right now for integrating therapy goals into a child's functional environment. In fact, the *ASHA Leader* recently published an article about the importance of the coaching model and incorporating language strategies into a child's functional routines. Additionally, the state of Maryland is currently experiencing vast changes within

early intervention programs to encourage use of therapy goals and strategies within a family's everyday activities. The key to this is *collaboration* and *care-giver education*. As clinicians, we need to first learn from parents: what motivates the child, what skills we can build upon, and what activities are particularly tricky. We can then coach parents through these activities (i.e. dressing, mealtime, transitions, sharing books, cleaning up, etc.) by providing specific language strategies to use in order to build upon their child's current communication skills and decrease the associated frustration of communication mismatch. Many of these strategies eventually become habitual for parents and generalize to other routines, allowing families to have more successful and productive interactions, overall. It's very empowering for both parents and children!

For parents of early language learners, these strategies could be as simple as:

- providing two verbal choices, paired with presented items
- simplifying sentences when speaking to the child
- slowing down speech, adding pauses, and adding emphasis to words
- including visual cues, such as pictures, gestures, or signs when modeling language

-repeating and expanding your child's sentence (i.e. "Dog run", "Yes, the dog runs fast!")

No matter the communication goals, it's crucial for parents to incorporate strategies into everyday routines. An SLP may only see a child 30-60 minutes per week, and historically, these sessions have been quite structured. While this model is beneficial for some learners, research is supporting that progress is more measurable when a communicator can practice language strategies within more organic opportunities. As we continue through Spring and move into Summer, the clinicians of the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders will be continuously working to provide the most functional therapy for our clients by collaborating with their families to turn goals into skills. Thank you for your support in our mission to bring these valuable skills to our families!

Basket Bingo 2018

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN RAISING OVER \$10,000 FOR OUR CHILDHOOD SPEECH & LANGUAGE CENTER





Jephthah at The Jordan

First Use of Shibboleth

BY. BRO. SCOTT M. GEBAUER - COLLINGTON LODGE #230

Outline: Gilead and Ephraim spoke mutually inclusive but different languages, thus illustrating a disparity between the two groups, illustrating that ancient Israelites were not a unified nation during the time of the Judges

Learn of shibboleth: /f/ and /s/ as distinguishing features

Sibling languages: Language differences as markers of national identity

Conclusion: Jephthah was not defending Israel, but rather was defending his own people's territory from an external threat, traditionally thought to be another "tribe"

LEARN OF SHIBBOLETH

It started with my second degree where I learned of Jephthah's use of the word "shibboleth".

WHAT IS A SHIBBOLETH

The word "shibboleth," in ancient Hebrew referred to the chaff around the grain kernel. Also, there are some scholars theorizing that "shibboleth" means "creek," or "stream."

This word has come to mean anything that is used as a language test, drawing social boundaries. Often this is used to identify and exclude outsiders.

When an outsider attempts to pronounce a word containing sounds, or articulations, not occurring in their own language, they will inevitably articulate with a sound from their own language which is close, but lacks a particular property. Even if a person speaks a different language different from their mother tongue for many years, even, they often still have difficulty articulating various sounds from that language, and will thus use a sound from their own language that is close but lacks on or more features of that particular sound. We call this an accent. This is what outs them. As an example, when a native German speaker pronounces the English word "brother," they would pronounce it either as, "brudder," or, "bruzzah."

What happens is that since German lacks the feature called the "inter-dental fricative," causing the speaker to use a voiced full dental stop, "d," or another voice fricative, "z."

This is, in fact one of the methods that linguist use to determine whether two different speaking systems are dialects of one another, or if they are separate languages within a larger language group. Thus, it shows that there was likely a hard

distinction between the Gilead and the Ephraim languages.

USES IN HISTORY

The Dutch Navy used one to identify Germans spies. In 1940, Germany invaded the Netherlands and during the conflict, the Dutch Navy used a password, but not for the use of secrecy, but to identify Germans, who could not say the word.

Also, during WWII, the Czech resistance used a shibboleth during the German occupation.

IMPLICATIONS

What Jephthah understood: Jephthah was the son of a Gileadite and a consort (the narrative calls her a "prostitute," or "harlot," and the other men of Gilead call her "a strange woman"), which barred him from claiming of his father's property.

In this particular narrative, the narrator describes a conflict between two disparate groups, with different cultures, and different backgrounds, different languages. The two languages could be dialects of the same language, but it is also possible that these are distinct languages. If this is the latter, than these are two different people, entirely, with separate national identities.

The narrative in Judges 12

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indicates that Ephraim and Gilead were from two distinct language groups.

Different language groups indicate different identities, which mean two distinct cultural and national identities.

This is indicative that the Israelites were likely never as unified as the Biblical narrative tells us.

Jephthah was defending his own group, not the Israelites, as a whole, but rather that each

group the narrative identifies as "Israelite," actually were each distinct groups, each being mutually exclusive: including political and religious centers

Ephraim had its main political center in the city known as Shechem. Shechem's religious center was atop a mountain called Gerizim. This location comes into the Biblical narrative several times, when referencing that the Israelites worshipped in the "high places," meaning that

their religious center was other than at Jerusalem.

So, Ephraim and Gilead were distinct language speakers, and were distinct in their religious practices.

This was not an internal strife, Ephraim was an external threat to Gilead, and Gilead refused to submit.



Now is the Time

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

NOW IS THE TIME to put into practice those lessons that we have been taught in our various degrees. Now is our chance to show other MASONS what we have learned and how much our fraternity means to each of us. I know that it is not possible for each brother to be present at each meeting and to participate in each degree, but it is possible to exhibit those character traits of friendship and brotherly love to all of our brethren. We each have a small part that we can accomplish. If we do this with degree participation or just being present while some other brothers receive a degree can be rewarding to all of us.

We are each aware that brotherly love is the great reward of FREEMASONRY. We must find ways to each be a part of that fellowship that must endure before and after our Masonic gatherings. We must communicate one on one with our brothers as often as we can. We may get a thousand new members, but if we do not talk to each other and fellowship, then it is of very little value. We can have all of the study courses, all of the awards, all of the meetings, and all of the plans, but without fellowship, we can accomplish nothing. I have often commented that I have learned more real MASONRY in a refreshment room or in a hospitality suite than

I ever learned in an open lodge. It is time that we start putting more emphasis on who we are as individuals and how we can learn more about each other as individuals. We need to be happy when we meet each other, both in the lodge room and outside. I regret to say that some of the Masons that I most respect, I do not know very much about who they really are. I am happy to report that in my seventy-one years as a Mason There a large number of MY BROTHERN who are my close friends and helpers. Thank You Brethren for your kindness.



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Date _____ 20____

To the Officers and Members of:

ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION
MEREDITH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH
CHESAPEAKE CONSISTORY

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

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

Location _____ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____

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

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

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

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

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

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

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

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

Spouse's Name _____

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

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

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

- The Supreme Council requires the acceptance of the following fundamental principles: The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, underlying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? (Yes or No) _____
- Have you ever been held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with and organization which has? (Yes or No) _____: If your answer is in the affirmative, give particulars: _____

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

INITIATION FEE: \$250.00

INITIATION FEE INCLUDES:
14° Trilite Ring (May be upgraded to 10K Gold for additional fee),
32° Patent, Bridge to Light Book, Master Craftsman I Program

AT LEAST \$100.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION.

HAT SIZE _____ RING SIZE _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SCOTTISH RITE

This fee may be paid by Credit Card.

Select one: _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____ Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

3 Digit Security Number on back of card _____



Upcoming Events 2019

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| Saturday, February 2nd | Cumberland Robert Burns | 4:30pm |
| Wednesday, February 6th | Albert Pike LOP | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, February 13th | Meredith Rose Croix | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, February 20th | Maryland Council & Festive Board | 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, February 27th | Chesapeake Consistory | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, March 13th | Baltimore Orientation | 6:30pm |
| Saturday, March 16th | Baltimore Reunion Day | 7am |
| Sunday, March 24th | Cumberland Ceremony of Lights | 2pm |
| Sunday, March 31st | Baltimore Ring Ceremony | 2pm |
| Thursday, April 18th | Baltimore Maundy Thursday | 7pm |
| Saturday, August 10t | Lobsterfest | 2pm |
| August 17th - 21st | Biennial Sessions - DC | |

Schedule subject to change