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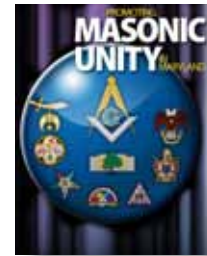
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A MESSAGE FROM
ILL. MARLIN L. MILLS, 33°

Dear Brethren,

I hope this issue of *The Rite News* finds everyone well and ready for the dog days of summer. The change from spring to summer seems to slow the pace just a little. Schools close, lodges go dark and vacations begin. A good time for most. Gardens are planted and awaiting the change of time for the harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables. Aristotle said "Change in all things is sweet."

Well if that is to be believed, I hope you like our newest change in *The Rite News*. We listened to your suggestions and comments and the result is two magazines in one nice new water proof package. *The Scottish Rite Journal* and *The Rite News*: the same two great magazines for your reading pleasure.

This issue is dedicated to **Masonic Unity**—that fraternal bond between collateral bodies in Maryland. The glue that binds begins with our Grand Lodge, namely our Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas M. Velvin and our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Stephen J. Ponzillo, III. These men have worked tirelessly to help strengthen the Blue Lodges throughout Maryland. Now we all stand to reap the rewards of their efforts. Did you know that EVERY Lodge in Maryland has a candidate at some stage of becoming a Master Mason? There are now over 600 men in that process.

Every collateral body depends on the Symbolic or Blue Lodge for their membership. **Masonic Unity** at its best.

The Symbolic Lodge is the basic foundation for our gentle craft. We must never forget that it is the foundation upon which every other body in Freemasonry depends. We should always remind each other that we are Masons first of our Blue Lodge and any additional degree or honor only expands one's horizons and opportunities. They do not change the obligations we took in our very first three degrees.

Nor does the impact of Masonry stop here. The opportunity for one to participate in other Masonic appendant bodies is almost unending. Each of these is truly outstanding in its own way. In Maryland, you may consider the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the Shriners, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the Grotto, the National Sojourners and many other equally important Masonic organizations or clubs. They all contribute to the betterment of mankind and this great nation. These Masonic bodies work in their own unique way to help meet the needs of those who might otherwise go unaided.

In Maryland, I am proud of the fact that we all work together in a diversity of ways to achieve a common goal. Divided we would weaken the whole of Freemasonry.

May we always look to our Blue Lodge and build upon the ideals established therein. Each of our works are great and accomplish great things, but we must all work together to achieve true success. United for the common good of Masonry, our brother and our country. Remember that our strength is in unity and danger is in discord.

Masonic Unity is alive and well in Maryland and this issue of *The Rite News* is dedicated to all those collateral bodies.

May our Supreme Architect continue to Bless each of us, our gentle craft, and the United States of America.

Sincerely and fraternally,

 **Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°** 
 Deputy of the Supreme Council
 in Maryland



A FEW WORDS FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
ILL. E. RAY LEPPA, Jr. 33°

by: Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative, Valley of Baltimore

Are you interested in learning about more light in Masonry? The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is one of several groups that are part of the worldwide fraternity known as Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite is the largest and most widely practiced Masonic Rite in the world and employs a lodge system. It is our mission to improve our members by teaching the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity and Truth while embracing high social, moral and spiritual values.

MUST BE GOOD
EVERY DAY

By: Ill. Kenneth H. Sebra, 33°, Valley of Southern Maryland


I was reading a talk given by a Past Grand Master of the state of California a while back. He was addressing a group of newly raised Master Masons. He started off "You are now Master Masons. You must be good, every day, for the rest of your life."

This statement has stuck in my mind as I have thought about its full meaning. I know what it means to me when I meet a brother Freemason. I know he is honest, truthful and will help me if I need assistance. I have found this to be true throughout my life.

But what does it mean to someone who is not a Freemason? If they meet someone who identifies himself as a Freemason by the ring on his finger or the pin on his lapel, what can that person expect from this stranger?


When I was a youngster living in East Baltimore, I traveled all over the city on my bicycle. My father, who was not a Freemason at the time would tell me, "If you have a problem, find a police officer, a fireman or a man wearing a Masonic ring, you can trust them to help you."

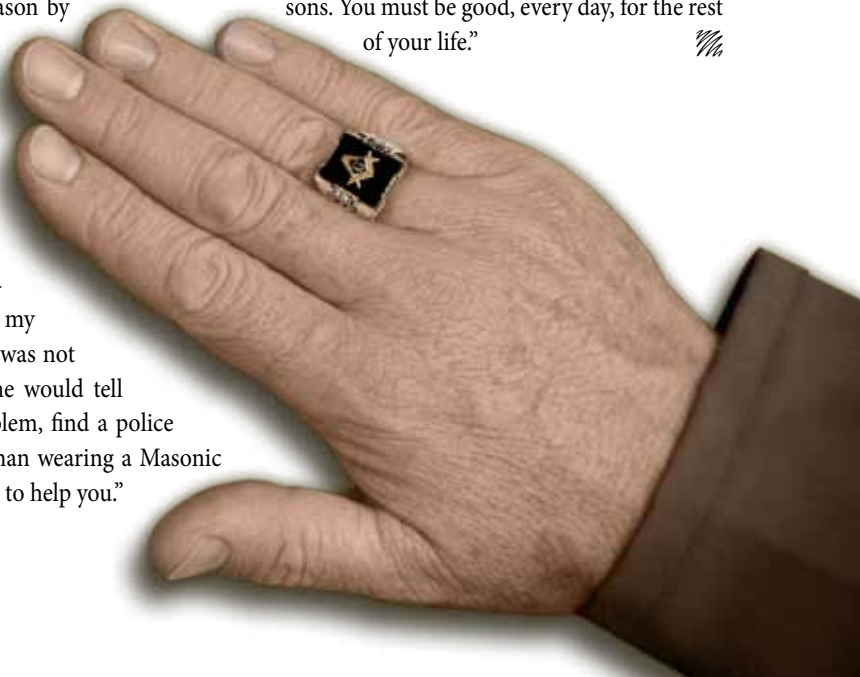
The Valley of Baltimore has a very interesting presentation, beginning on the continent of Europe and following the Scottish Rite's progress to the West Indies and to the mainland United States. If your Lodge or organization is interested in learning more about the Scottish Rite, ask your Worshipful Master to schedule an appointment with Brother Fred Spicer, Assistant Personal Representative, or myself at 410-243-3200 or aasr@verizon.net.

We look forward to hearing from you. 

When I reached the age of twenty one, my father and I became Freemasons together. We were raised on the same night. He preceded me and helped raise me. I miss him, not only as my father but as my brother in Freemasonry. We traveled many places together as father and son and as brothers.

When a man wears a ring or pin identifying himself as a Freemason, he represents every Freemason in the world and every Freemason in the world will be judged by the way he conducts himself.

So, to restate the words of the Past Grand Master of California: "You are now Master Masons. You must be good, every day, for the rest of your life." 



THE
CLINIC CORNER

By: Christine Wandishin, M.S, CCC-SLP

It's hard to believe that it's the middle of summer already! The official start of summer always seems to be the annual Scottish Rite Family Day Picnic hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Wilhelmsen at Sunnybrook Farm. This year's picnic was held to honor the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center's twenty-fifth anniversary!

Our clinic opened its doors in January 1985. Back then, the clinic had only 2 part time speech pathologists. Now 24 years later, our center has grown to 3 full time speech pathologists, a receptionist, and 1-2 graduate student interns each semester. Since 1985, our clinic has been serving children ages 18 months to 18 years in the Baltimore area. Our clinicians provide evaluation treatment of a wide variety of speech and language


disorders, such as apraxia, articulation disorders, receptive and expressive language disorders, and phonological awareness disorders, just to name a few. We see approximately 100 clients per week for half hour sessions. All therapy is provided in a 1-to-1 setting and is individualized for each client. We also have observations rooms that allow parents and family members to observe each session. We pride ourselves in our ability to educate the parents so that the skills learned at our center may be generalized in the home setting and the outside world.

In addition to the annual picnic, a banner was also made to honor our clinic. This banner was displayed at the picnic and is currently located in front of the Scottish Rite building of Baltimore. Twenty-fifth anniversary pins were also made to help celebrate and inform the public of our continued commitment to helping children in the Baltimore area. Upcoming plans to continue celebrating this momentous occasion this year are in the final planning stages now.

Since the establishment of our center, we have

been striving to make a difference in the lives of thousands of children by helping them overcome speech and language disorders in our nurturing environment. However, in addition to serving the children of the community, our clinicians also provide training to future speech pathologists by supervising graduate students from nearby schools such as Loyola College, Towson University, and the University of Maryland. We would like to express our thanks and good wishes to our most recent Brockman Fellowship intern Shannon Spendley for a job well done. Shannon worked in the clinic this past summer helping to diagnose and treat our children with speech and language disorders under the supervision of Christine Wandishin, Lisa Eliopoulos, and Eleni Popomaronis. Shannon will be completing her adult placement this fall. We wish her the best of luck and continued success in the field of communication sciences. We would also like to take this time to congratulate our newest Brockman fellows: Brenna McDonald, Zaneta Liu, Catherine Saporito, and Kathleen Holden. They will be completing their externships in the Scottish Rite Clinic over the next 2 years and are commended for this great accomplishment.

As always, The Rite Cheer Club and The Scottish Rite Woman's Club have been extremely generous and continue to give us the opportunity to provide our children and families with the most effective and efficient treatment. We thank them for their most recent charitable donations and for all of their continued support!

We wish you all a wonderful, happy, and healthy rest of the summer! We also invite you to come and visit us anytime. 



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SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY, PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION

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



Shelton D. Redden, 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master,
The Most Worshipful Prince
Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland
and Jurisdiction, Inc.

Saturday, the Seventeenth of April in the year Of Two Thousand and Ten was a historic occasion. On that day I was given the opportunity to represent our Scottish Rite in the Orient of Maryland and Our Grand Lodge at a very special event. I, along with Past Grand Master Ronald George Belanger, his lovely wife Karen, and my lady Rena Kay Wilson, were the distinguished guests of Scottish Rite Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation. The occasion was the Samuel T. Daniels, Sr. Council of Deliberation. It was held at the Clarion Hotel and Hager Hall Conference Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. We were received a little after noon with the most gracious ceremony along with Most Worshipful Grand Master Shelden Redden, PHA. The reception was most dignified and gracious. After Grand Master Redden had made his opening remarks, both Past Grand Master Belanger and I were asked to share our own remarks about this historic day. This is the third recorded visit in our Southern Jurisdiction. We were informed that both California and Virginia have enjoyed similar invitations during the past year.



I can truly say I have never felt such an outpouring of friendship and brotherly love as was exhibited by the kindness of those present.

Shortly after we were officially received, the Council of Deliberation was called from business to refreshment and their Ladies organization, The Loyal Ladies of The Golden Circle, were admitted and introduced, along with our ladies. We were of course asked to say a few more words to their lovely ladies.

My brethren, as this day progressed and as Freemasonry was practiced, I can truly say I have never felt such an outpouring of friendship and brotherly love as was exhibited by the kindness of those present. The Deputy for the Orient of Maryland, SGIG Leroy Lassiter and Grand Master Redden made us feel as if we were truly

distinguished guests.

Each brother and each lady present were so charming and delightful. I wish that I could properly share with you the dignity and decorum that they practiced on that occasion. As hard as we try, they exceeded our fondest dreams. With a start like this, our Scottish Rite relationship with our Prince Hall brethren can only grow and improve both organizations.

After the meeting, Past Grand Master Belanger and I were afforded the honor of attending the installation of The Loyal Ladies of The Golden Circle. You would have been very proud of our "Old Grand Marshal" as he escorted these lovely ladies to be installed. The installation was presided over by The Deputy from Virginia, SGIG George M. Ellis. It was a beautiful ceremony and done with the utmost taste and finesse.

The day concluded with a great banquet in the evening with not only their usual toasts, but also toasts to our Grand Master, Grand Commander, and Deputy Mills. Of course we were afforded the usual speeches and were required to speak again at the banquet. I must confess that the kind remarks by both Deputy Lassiter and Grand Master Redden were designed to make us very welcome and to honor the historic occasion that this truly was. I am looking forward to the time when we can entertain the Scottish Rite in The Orient of Maryland, PHA, in the same manner that they entertained us.

I feel a special privilege that Brother Belanger and I were an integral part in our recognition for Prince Hall Grand Lodge and again to be a part of this historic first. May our association be long and our actions continue to be favorable. Is it not wonderful that we teach the same lessons and have the same goals and can work together with the same brotherly love and affection that is necessary for our fraternity to grow and be prosperous.

Thank you my brothers of Maryland Scottish Rite for this inspiring opportunity. I wish that every brother in the Orient of Maryland could have felt the warm affection that I was afforded of April 17th.

MASONIC UNITY AND THE YORK RITE LIGHT

By: Ill. Louis F. Bandell, Jr. 33°, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland

I must ask, are you comfortable with your knowledge of Freemasonry? Have you ever wondered about what lies beyond the "Blue Lodge? I truly hope so. It was curiosity and intrigue that led you to the door of your Lodge, inquiring to know the "Secrets of Freemasonry". As a Master Mason, we are but infants regarding Masonic knowledge, but the third degree gives us the keys of permission to unlock endless doors to further light. We should never stop learning, and the more we apply ourselves in the pursuit of knowledge the more satisfied and equipped we will be to answer questions. We are each an example of what Freemasonry represents. When your friend or anyone approaches you, they will most likely have read one of Dan Brown's books or seen one of the many movies that feature Freemasonry.

They will have heard of the 32nd degree or Ancient Knights Templar. They will have knowledge of the Shriners and their benevolent Hospitals.

My brothers, we must have knowledge and be enthusiastic about our entire Fraternity and be ready to sell them on our teachings, concepts, beliefs and objectives. In order to be so prepared, we must have seen and understood, at the very least, the two major learning tools of our Fraternity: The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the York Rite of Freemasonry.

The York Rite in Maryland consists of 19 Royal Arch Chapters, 15 Councils of Royal and Select Masters and 14 Commanderies of Knights Templar. Our Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, like Blue Lodges are scattered across our state. Like Scottish Rite, there is a progressive ladder to join, none being able to become Royal Arch Masons than those who have received the degree of Master Mason and stood their profi-



ciency and so on up the ladder to the Order of Knight Templar. York Rite degrees are identified by their names and are thus structured:

In the Chapter as the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

The Council Degree names are Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master.

Finally the **degrees in Commandery** are called Orders and are thus named: The Order of Red Cross, The Order of Malta and The Order of the Temple

Under normal conditions, to receive the degrees, the York Rite will consume between 6-9 nights which could last as long as 6 months. Sometimes accelerated Classes or festivals are offered for those whose schedules won't permit them to go the normal route. These events are offered around the State.

If you are interested in further light in Masonry, please visit our websites: www.mdscot-tishrite.org or www.yorkrite.com/md.

We should never stop learning, and the more we apply ourselves in the pursuit of knowledge the more satisfied and equipped we will be to answer questions. We are each an example of what Freemasonry represents.

CONOWINGO SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

by: Hon. Charles F. Ramsay, Jr., 32°, KCCH

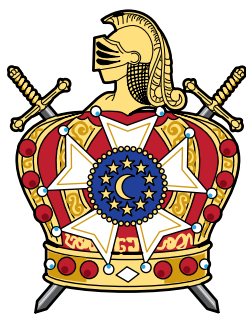


Our next meeting is scheduled for October 15, at the Bayou Restaurant and we look forward to seeing all of you there.

The Conowingo Scottish Rite Club held its last meeting on May 14th at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace, MD, with twenty seven in attendance. Our new Deputy of The Supreme Council, Ill. Mar-

lin L. Mills, 33°, brought us up to date on what is going on in Baltimore. The talk was informative and educational and we can do more to support them in the future. They have been a tremendous help with their attendance at our meetings, as well as sending out our meeting notices and a reminder phone call.

Our group is growing, but we still need new blood. I challenge all of us to bring another member or prospective member to our next meeting. We all know someone who has gotten idle over the years. I will personally offer a free dinner for two to the member who brings in that someone. Also, please come with your ideas for speakers and/or entertainment that we all would enjoy. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 15, at the Bayou Restaurant and we look forward to seeing all of you there. As always, you will receive a notice one month in advance. Please return it ASAP as we need to notify the restaurant with the count on reservations.



MARYLAND DEMOLAY NEWS

By: Carl Michel, Executive Secretary

Maryland DeMolay is alive and well. We are heading toward summer with renewed energy and looking toward our annual Conclave in August. SMC Tommy Plourde has been very active this year attending many Installations and events of our Masonic Family.

We would like to thank all of the Masons and Lodges that have come forward with interest and questions about starting up a DeMolay Chapter. Our Staff has been in contact with several interested Lodges and plans are being formulated for having them become sponsors with active Chapters within the walls of their buildings. If you are interested in working with DeMolay but want more information about our fraternity, please visit our web site at www.mddemolay.org or DeMolay International's web site at www.demolay.org for more information. Please send a message to the Executive Officer or Executive Secretary on the People page under State Staff on the Maryland site that you are interested in joining us and you will be connected with the Chapter that is closest to you. Any time you have is invaluable to the young men of DeMolay.

As this article is being written, we have just come off an Open House event that was held by several Chapters throughout the State. We are happy to report that we will be initiating 15-20 new members into our ranks by this one day

event. The Chapters opened their doors to prospective members and their families to explain and show them what DeMolay was all about. After this, the Chapters held a fun event for the attendees that helped solidify their interest. We are looking forward to bringing these new members the MSADC Degree Class on May 22nd in Frederick. This will also be the next class for the Warren Seipp Honorary DeMolay Chapter new initiates.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we report that Cpl. and Brother Kurt Shea was killed in Afghanistan, while deployed with the Marines. Brother Shea was only 3 months passed his 21st birthday when he was called to be with the Grand Architect of the Universe. Bro. Shea was, by all accounts, a true DeMolay and Mason. He had served in Frederick Chapter as Master Councilor and was awarded the Chevalier. There were approximately 60 Masons in attendance for his Masonic service as well as many DeMolays from around the State for his DeMolay service. He was laid to rest in Frederick with full military honors. Bro. Shea is the second Past Master Councilor from Frederick Chapter to fall while deployed with the Marines overseas. Bro. Charlie Cartwright was killed on his fifth tour of duty several months back. Our prayers are with the Shea's as they travel through this difficult time.

MARCH 27, 2010 SPRING CLASS

by: Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-Valley of Cumberland



Row One: (Left to Right) Richard Lynn Bittinger, Bloomington, MD; Gerld Vannienwenhove, 32° KCCH Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection; Ill. Paul Gary Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative in Cumberland; Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33°, Personal Representative in Baltimore Scottish Rite Bodies; and Carlo Michel Merhi, Frostburg, MD.

Row Two: (Left to Right) Larry John Smith, Cumberland, MD; Ryan Dale Thorn, Ridgeley, WV; Stephen Edward Kemmet, Martinsburg, WV; Daniel Ray Shealy, Hagerstown, MD; Jeremy Joe Buckley, Romney, WV; and John Rodney Meanyhan, Frostburg, MD.

Row Three: (Left to Right) Vincent Edward Densmore, Frostburg, MD; Nicholas Joseph Costello, Frostburg, MD; Samuel Aaron Blair Earl, Martinsburg, WV; Milton Elwood Miller, III, Hagerstown, MD; and Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretry-Registrar for the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite.

Row Four (Left to Right) Robert Lee Dawson, Jr., Burlington, WV; Terrence Matthew Thompson, Clear Spring, MD; Nathan David Rice, Ridgeley, WV; and William Raymond Zimmer, Hagerstown, MD.

CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY BUCK-A-CUP FUND RAISER

The Cumberland Consistory, Valley of Cumberland partnered with the League for Crippled Children to establish the Scottish Rite Language Disorder and Speech clinic in 1997. The clinic was established to be the principle philanthropy of Cumberland Scottish Rite. In addition the Cumberland Clinic has an orofacial clinic for children with cleft lip and/or cleft palate. The clinic is available to all young clients in need of these special services. All Scottish Rite members are active entity of the foundation, through which funds come to support the speech clinic.

We generate additional funds by two community fund raisers supported by the local commu-

nities in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties in Maryland and Mineral Country in West Virginia. The Buck-A-Cup fund raiser is managed by the retirement club of the Scottish Rite. These brethren contact various eating establishments to participate to sell a Scottish Rite button for \$1.⁰⁰, from November 1st to the first week in December. Two days in December is designated fro the button holder to receive free coffee and tea at a sponsoring establishment. The Rite honors the employes with a plaque and gifts for their devotion in producing funds to support the Speech Clinic.



Recently Little Sandy's establishment in Hancock, MD was honored by the Scottish Rite with a plaque.



Top botton sellers from Arby's restaurant in LaVale, MD. Left to right are Amanda-da Garland, Mary Bennett, Robin Beman and Jerome Robinette, 33°.

The second fund raiser is the THING-A-MA-JIG, "Showcase of Talent", to be held this year at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, on April 16th at 7:30pm in the auditorium. The cost is \$10.00 perperson. This will be our eighth year of producing outstanding musical programs for the citizens of our local and surrounding communities. Proceeds from the event support the organization's Childhood Language Disorder Clinic. The committee is shown above with front row: Ronnie Snyder, Vickie Skidmore, Mitizie Robinette, Nancy Shircliff; back row: Clint Snyder, 32° KCCH; Gerald Vannienwehove, 32° KCCH; Paul Shircliff, 33°; Wayne Skidmore, 33°; Jerome Robinette, 33°.



9 YEARS OF SERVICE



The cumberland Consistory's General Director of Works Br. Lonnie Royce Jackson, 33°, recently retired from the position after 9 years of service. Left to right: Venerable Master Gerald Vannienwehove, 32° KCCH, Br. Jackson, 33°, and Br. Paul Chircliff, 33°. Personal Representative.

THE
KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

By: Hon. John W. Kinnier, 32°, KCCH



Calling all 32° Masons! You are invited to join a special unit of the Scottish Rite in which only 32° Freemasons are eligible....the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA). This is a great way to serve our fraternity and get to know and associate with some of your Brothers.

The KSA serves the Scottish Rite in a number of capacities. Knights can be recognized by their distinctive Glengarry caps and tartan sash. They serve as greeters, escorts and guides to dignitaries, visitors and families. They also serve as honor guards, and are responsible for the presentation of the colors at Reunions, Ring Ceremonies, and other public gatherings.

The officers elected for 2010 are Brian Lewis, Knight Commander; Andrew Wilson, Vice Commander; Robert Reynolds, Secretary; and Robert Koons, Treasurer. Hon. John Kinnier, KCCH, serves as advisor.

If you would like to be a member of this elite group of the fraternity, please contact Bro. Brian Lewis (410-321-7235)/ksabaltimore@gmail.com, Hon. John Kinnier (410-321-7235)/captkinnier@verizon.net or the Scottish Rite Office.

THE
MEREDITH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

By: Hon. Howard S. Maxwell, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master

As I write this, we are getting close to the Summer season with the family activities of Memorial Day. After a very long, wet winter and a mixture of cold and hot days during the Spring, I believe that everyone is ready for traditional cookouts and enjoying time away from their labors to renew their energy levels.

Grand Master Ill. Thomas M. Velvin, Jr., 33°, recently informed us that there are 500 candidates working in the three Degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry. This is very good news for Maryland Masonry and means that after they have proven their proficiency in the work of Blue Lodge in all

3 Degrees, many will seek advancement to higher degrees. If our Diplomat program is active in the Lodges, we should acquire numerous new brethren in our Fall Class.

Brother Yingling's comments that the hard work and hours spent by our Scottish Rite Brethren in conferring the various degrees, in the Maundy Thursday ceremony and in the 4 Lodge meetings was sadly observed by so few is true. We all need to encourage our Scottish Rite Brethren to join us in attending our Fall Class and the Lodge meetings. Our support will strengthen our Scottish Rite Temple.

SEMPER FIDELIS
CALL A FEW GOOD MEN

By: Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Deputy of The Supreme Council in Maryland

Ask not what your Scottish Rite can do for you, ask what you can do for your Scottish Rite! Can you remember in 1961 when similar words were spoken by our late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy? The plea is the same. We need you, your help!

There are many areas where you can become an "active" part of your Rite. Mr. Rhinehart sure could use "a few good men," on the parking lot - even one would help. Ill. Bro. Charlie Winebrenner could use an extra hand preparing

meals for the Rite Cheer Club. It's your chance to show off your culinary skills. Ill. Vernon Denison need a few men to help greet our guests and members. This is especially true if we are able to open a second entrance.

Those who answer the calling will soon find how much they are needed and appreciated. Appreciation is earned and not just given, and what is earned is yours forever.

Please call the Office at 410-243-3200 if you can help.

THE
CHESAPEAKE CONSISTORY

By: Hon. Robert S. Yingling, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Master of Kadosh

The summer is finally here, and with it brings us to our mid-year break. Time for outside family events, vacations, yard work and just plain summer fun.

As September approaches, we are looking forward to picking up on our fall work. The Fall Class is dedicated to Ill. Wilbur M. Penley, 33° and promises to be as successful as our Spring Class.

We also look forward to our annual **Bull & Oyster Roast**, which is being held on Saturday, September 18, 2010. The food is always good, and the past turnout of family and friends indicates how much this first get together is welcomed by our Scottish Rite Family. We hope you can make it this year! Call before September 1st and save \$5.00 (410-243-3200).

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer and my officers and I look forward to seeing many of you in September for the first meeting, Wednesday the 15th of the month. Enjoy the warm days of summer!

THE
CHESAPEAKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

By: Hon. John W. Kinnier, 32°, KCCH, President

The Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club is a group open to all Scottish Rite Freemasons and their spouses or friends. We are a "fun group", meant to provide a means to socialize and have fun with others in the Scottish Rite Family. We typically meet four times each year, attending events such as dinner theatres, plays, etc.

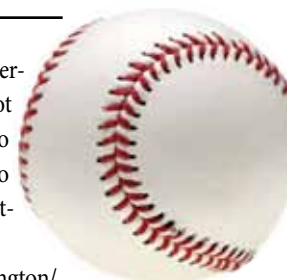
Our next planned event is an outing to Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen on Sunday, August 29 to see the Ironbirds play....and to enjoy an "all-you-can-eat" barbeque picnic at the MVP facilities of Ripken Stadium. The barbeque will kick-off at 4:30 PM, with the game scheduled to start at 5:35. We have reserved box-seats. The total cost for the barbeque picnic and game is only \$25.00 per person.

To obtain these rates for the barbeque and game, we have to have our payments to the Iron-

birds by June 29th. Please send your reservations and payments to have them in not later than June 23. Make checks payable to "Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club", and mail to Bill Grau, 3137 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, Maryland 21158-2536.

We are planning a bus-trip to the Washington/Alexandria area this fall to visit some Masonic oriented sites such as the Washington Memorial, The National Sojourners and the House of the Temple.

All Scottish Rite members are invited to join in our activities, and to become a member of the Chesapeake Club. If interested, or would like more information, please contact John Kinnier (410-321-7235/captkinnier@verizon.net) or the Scottish Rite Office.



2nd Annual Outing to Ripken Stadium August 29, 2010
"Take me out to the Ballgame"

THE
MARYLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH

By: Hon. Reed H. Cole, Sr., 32°, KCCH, Commander

Iattended many of the degrees for the Spring Class (was even in three). It was a great experience! It is now time to think about the Fall Class and prepare for it. Look around you, there are fellow masons who would benefit from the teachings of the Rite. Talk up the Rite and how much they can learn. It was great talking to the new Masters of the Royal Secret while experiencing their enthusiasm for the Rite. To them, I say, don't let that wither on the vine-get involved, participate it is well worth it.

For those who participated in the degrees I

thank you all for your efforts. I know how much you put into it, Keep it up men!

I look forward to our lodge meetings and the degrees in the fall. I want to see all of you turn out. Support your officers and your lodges

This fraternity has so much to offer society if it would spread brotherly love to all mankind, but it is through each brother that it can be done. In and outside of or lodges, appendant bodies, and even the Grand Lodges it is the individual brother that makes the difference-that means YOU! Live the obligations we have made.

THE
ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION

by: Ill. David L. Schneider, 33°, Venerable Master



Albert Pike

The degree work for our Spring Class in Honor of Ill, Bro. Donald A. Adams 33° was performed with excellence by each degree team. Thank all of you who supported our 14th Degree Ring Ceremony. It was a special occasion for a special past member of the Scottish Rite, "Ill. Bro. Donald A. Adams, 33°". The Degree Master and each member of their respective degree teams are to be congratulated for a job "Well Done". As we move into the summer and the vacation season, we hope you stay active by attending all of our Scottish Rite activities. To our new members, please remember we can always use help in every area of our Rite endeavors. Our fall schedule appears to be very full with the degrees and regular meetings.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO OUR NORMAL FALL SCHEDULE

Our September 15th meeting will start at the regular starting time of 6:45 P.M. for dinner and 7:30 P.M. for the start of the meeting.

THE CHANGE IS THAT THE SPEAKER WILL BEGIN AT 8:15 P.M. This will allow sufficient time for our regular business to be completed at our meeting.

PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

This year we have added three additional meetings to the Lodge of Perfection fall schedule. With the addition of these meetings, we will be in compliance with the regulations of the Supreme Council for number of meetings required to be conducted per year. Therefore, on Wednesday October 27th, Wednesday November 3rd, and Wednesday

2010 BROCKMAN FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

By: Ill. John T. Vance, III, 33°, Education Committee Chairman

On May 13, 2010, The Scottish Rite Education Committee met to interview candidates for The John W. Brockman Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to identify and provide monetary awards to graduate students in Maryland colleges and universities who are preparing to become speech and language therapists. All award recipients are required to serve one semester of their supervised clinical practice in our own Hilgenberg Childhood Center for Speech and Language Disorders. This Fellowship has been awarded to over 75 students since it was established in 1982.

This year, the committee interviewed eight candidates from Loyola University and Towson University. Awards totaling \$18,000 were made to Zaneta Liu, Brenna McDonald, and Catherine Saporito from Loyola University. Kathleen Holden from Towson University was also selected as a Brockman fellow for 2010. Congratulations to the Brockman Fellowship award winners for 2010!

November 10th we will conduct a Lodge of Perfection meeting starting at 6 P.M. These meetings will be "Business only" and will precede the degrees scheduled for these dates.

This will allow the officers of the Lodge of Perfection who participate in the degrees conducted on these dates sufficient time to not only attend the required meetings but also get to robing in time for their degree work for the evening.

Please place them on your schedule and bring a friend who may not be able to attend due to transportation.

Under the direction of Ill. Bro. Chuck Carmichael, 33°, your lodge and degree teams continue to work hard to be ready for the Fall Class. I hope you can find time in your busy schedule to attend the degrees and various lodge meetings. Please contact any of the lodge officers or members of the degree teams if you have a desire to participate. Specifically, the 20th Degree team needs several officer stations to be addressed. We do not have back-ups for key positions. If you are interested in playing a part in the 20th Degree please call Dave Schneider 410-247-4039 or the Scottish Rite office. We can use your support in making the Scottish Rite grow.

In your daily lives and travels please remember to reflect on what you have been taught during your degree work every day. Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Faith, Hope, Charity and our duties to God, our neighbor and yourself. Please remember our military personnel in your prayers. God Bless each of you and God Bless these Untied States of America.

THE
VALLEY OF FREDERICK

By: Danny Nuessle, 32°, Past Wise Master



Pictured below, L to R, are Hon. Charles Kennedy, 32°, KCCH, Cadet Sparks, Cadet O'Neil and Ill. Creed F. Parker, 33°.

Spring is here, the snow is gone, but soon we'll wish it, to come again. We have had a very good year so far. The Valley of Frederick conferred degrees on its first candidate in several years. Brother John Younkings, member of Antietam Lodge #197, was conferred on the 4th through the 18th Degrees on April 3, 2010. Members of the Valley of Frederick Degree Team performed the 4th, 14th and 18th Degrees. Lead by Director of Work Brother Bob Koons, the confirmation was flawless. The candidate was impressed with both the performance and the information and teachings of Scottish Rite Masonry. Members of the "Team" were Bob Koons, Creed Parker, Buzz Byer, Alan Smith, Bill Eisentrout, Greg Selby, Tom Johann, and Scott McCauley. We want to thank them for their selfless work we now have a base from which to build our degree team.

On April 22, 2010, the Valley of Frederick representatives presented the "Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Americanism Award". The recipients of this award were Cadets Ian Sparks and Jason O'Neil. The occasion was the 90th Annual Presidents Review of the Army Reserve Officers Training Corp. The event was held at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD.

Last but not least, I have to mention our Scottish Rite Breakfast Club. If you are having trouble getting in touch with our new Deputy in Maryland, Ill. Marlin Mills, 33°, you might try our breakfast club. It meets the first Thursday of every month at The Barbara Fritchie Restaurant on Route 40 in Frederick. It starts at 9:00 but get there early for a good seat. You never can tell who you might run into there, and the food is better than most.

CARROLL SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

By: Hon. Malcolm E. Carrick, 32°, KCCH

The regular meeting held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 was attended by 50 plus members and guests. The Eastern Star ladies from the Door to Virtue Chapter spoiled us with home cooking that can't be beat. We are still able to offer the meal for \$15.00. The entertainment was the Elderly Brothers Quartet from the Old Line Statesmen Barbershop Chorus.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 4, 2010 at 5:00 PM. Final preparations have not been made, but a sit down dinner, entertainment and a full house are expected on this Labor Day Weekend. For a bulletin, to make reservations or to be included on our mailing list, please call me at 410-833-8811.

THE
SCOTTISH RITE WOMEN'S CLUB

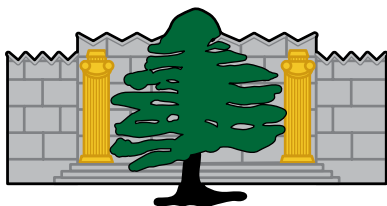
by: Janet Kraft, President

Can you believe that just a few months ago we were buried in more than 2 feet of snow? What a stressful experience, one that could have required therapy sessions. As we counted the days until the sun would banish all the snow, thoughts of summer, vacations, and the beach were certainly on our minds.

I hope you are marking your calendars for the upcoming activities of the Woman's Club. We will have the cake wheel and book sale at the Scottish Rite Bull & Oyster Roast on Saturday, September 18th. Please call Fran Kapral, 410-658-4373 or myself, 410-795-1951 to let us know what you can bring for the cake table. Also, remember to save your books for the book sale.

Our 3rd Basket Bingo will be held on Sunday, October 10th and we will have Longaberger Baskets and Vera Bradley Bags. If you would like to sponsor a basket or bag, or fill a basket or bag, please call Leah Wilhelmsen, 410-252-3379. Once again, donations are also greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, September 22nd, 6:45 P.M. at the Scottish Rite. Following dinner, we will retire to the Whitehurst Lounge for our meeting. We look forward to seeing our members who work and cannot attend a day luncheon, and others who we have not seen for some time. Come and enjoy the evening with us.



THE TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

By: Hon. Donald H. Knode, 32°, KCCH, Past Supreme Grand Tall Cedar

The Tall Cedars have existed for over one hundred years, having been chartered in 1902. If you are not directly associated with the Tall Cedars, you probably are not familiar with the basis of the organization, what its goals are, or what its achievements have been. You may also not know that its local chapters are called Forests and that the National Organization is called the Supreme Forest.

The Tall Cedars is a Masonic body that enjoys a less serious side of Freemasonry. It supports and receives support from the Masonic youth organizations (DeMolay for Boys, Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters), supports and receives dedicated support from our Ladies of Cedarism (Auxiliaries, Cedarettes and Rangerettes), is dedicated to supporting our National Charity, to find a cure for and prevention of Muscular Diseases, and lends aid in local community charitable projects.

The Supreme Forest Headquarters are located in Harrisburg, PA. The address of the Supreme Forest is: 2609 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110; E-mail: tclst@verizon.net; Website: www.tallcedars.org; Telephone: 717-232-5991. If you

are interested in membership in a Forest near you, contact the Supreme Forest at the above address.

There are eleven Forests in Maryland from Salisbury in the east to Cumberland in the west. Most of the Forests in Maryland have a ladies group known as Cedarettes. The Cedarettes assist the Cedars in many ways as they donate thousands of dollars annually in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

Since 1951 the national objective of the Tall Cedars has been Muscular Dystrophy. The Tall Cedars were not only the first fraternal organization to cooperate with M.D.A. in its efforts to find a cause and cure for this disease, but we were probably the very first organization of any kind to do so. The Tall Cedars have been true to our commitment for more than 59 years and we shall remain true until the cure is found.

Three former Presidents have held membership in the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. They were: Warren Harding in 1924, Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1929, Gerald Ford in 1983

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 15	Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection
Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
Meeting	7:30 PM Speaker 8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 22	Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix
Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
Meeting	7:30 PM Speaker 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 18	Annual Scottish Rite Bull and Oyster Roast
	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (see below)
Wednesday, September 29	Maryland Council of Kadosh
Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
Meeting	7:30 PM Speaker 8:00 PM

Mark your calendars for these special Scottish Rite events coming soon.

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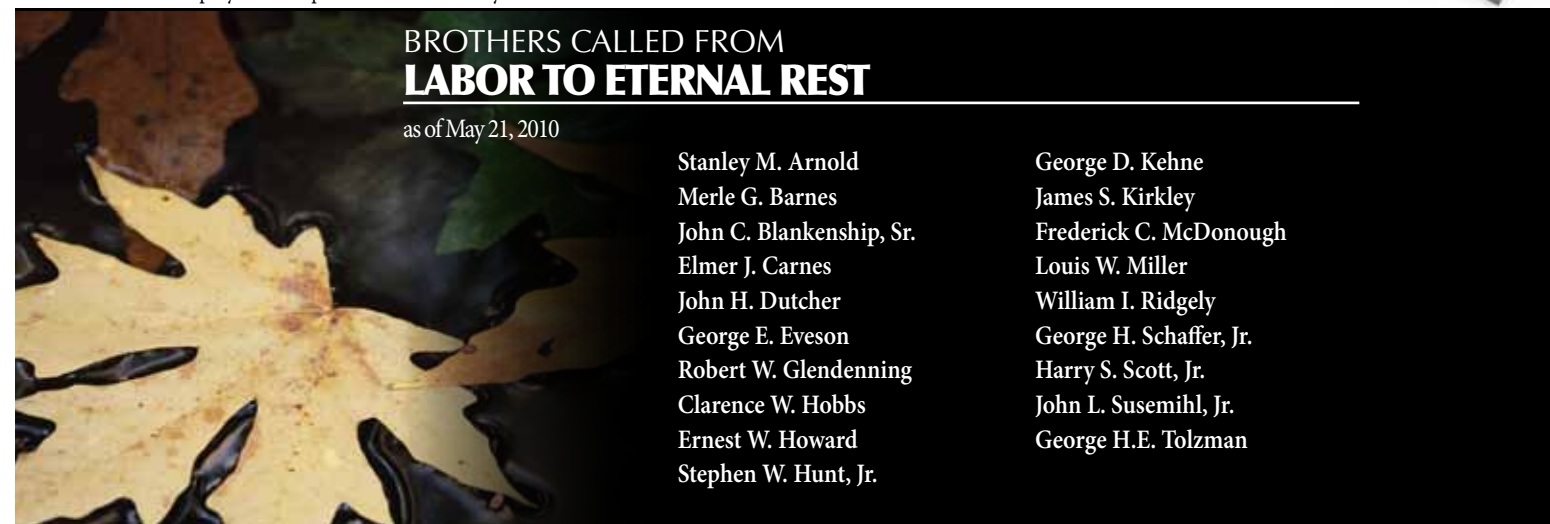



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For more information, please contact the Scottish Rite Office at 410-243-3200.

Or send a check directly, payable to:

Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation
3800 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

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Saturday, September 18th
from 1:00pm until 5:00pm

Scottish Rite Masonic Center-3800 N. Charles St., Baltimore
\$30 per ticket before September 1st, \$35 after
For tickets call 410-243-3200



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