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best wishes for a wonderful  
holiday and a very happy  
new year



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A HOLIDAY WISH FOR ALL!

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A MESSAGE FROM  
**III. MARLIN L. MILLS, 33°**

As always, I hope this issue of the *Scottish Rite News* finds you and your families in good health and ready for a joyous Holiday Season. I find it truly amazing and hard to believe this is the last issue for 2010. Where has the year gone and how did it go so fast?

I am not one who looks back too often and sincerely believe in moving forwards with a positive outlook. However, I cannot help but think back on this year. It seems like only a few weeks ago our Grand Commander gave me an appointment that usually only happens in dreams. Then, and only with your support, did time start flying. Have you given any thought to all the things we have accomplished in only 12 short months?

- Two very successful classes with some new degrees and casts.
- A new projector and screen for degree presentations
- Maundy Thursday
- Feast of Tishri
- Bull & Oyster Roast and Basket Bingo.
- The Dragon Boat Races, where we were first time winners.
- Our new Master Craftsman Group classes.
- New computers for the office and clinic, which resulted in computers and computer classes for our members.
- New WiFi throughout the building for all of our computer savvy members.
- New parking lot lights
- New cameras for security
- A new entrance and assembly area for everyone prior to dinner and meetings.

All of these things and many others have been accomplished at very minimal cost, only because of your help and support. I can't thank you enough. If you are one of those who have not been to the Scottish Rite in a while, you don't know what you're missing. Thursday lunches for only \$5.00 and Wednesday night dinners for \$10.00 – you can't beat the value. Bring your significant other and join us. If you have not been here in a while and feel uncomfortable, no need to worry, come on down and one of our Greeters will welcome you and assure that you are made to feel right at home.

Our Grand Commander has started a new Brother to Brother program just for those who maybe behind in their dues. His annuity program and call a Brother program have resulted in the reinstatement of many of those who may have been left behind.

Our life membership program has been the recipient of several of those reinstated Brothers. It is always great to get a new member, but it is always a good feeling to see a long time member and Brother return and get involve. We need both to keep our programs going. NPD's and demits take a toll on our membership each year.

The grim reaper is never kind to us. We recently conducted our first Memorial Service at the Scottish Rite and celebrated the lives of 101 men who laid down their working tools and left this mortal home to that immortal house, not made with hands, where we all hope to once again meet. I said I try not to look back, but I cannot help but remember many of the men who touched my life and many of yours as they labored around the Temple. Some I never had the opportunity and pleasure to meet. Yet, each one of these men left a memory and a legacy that I hope is not soon forgotten.

May we never forget the reason for this Holiday Season, or the men and women in uniform who help protect our right to worship and assemble as we see fit. Now, as we come to the close of another bountiful year, Brenda and I wish each and every one of you and your families all the best for the Holidays, a prosperous and healthy New Year, but most of all the blessings of our Supreme Architect.

Sincerely & fraternally,

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





### SCOTTISH RITE FALL CLASS **A NEW BEGINNING**

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

By the time that you read this our Fall Class will be well under way. We will be looking forward to the Holidays. Thanksgiving will almost be here and Christmas and New Years will not be far behind. Our Grand Lodge will be meeting and

*a little and to that little yet a little more, shortly then you will discover that your heap will become a mighty store." If each of us just adds a little, then our heap will become a mighty store. I would rather see several hundred Scottish Rite Masons adding one evening occasionally than twenty or thirty trying to do the job all by themselves.*

We are not asking for your money, only for a little bit of your time and participation. Our fraternity has so much to offer and it is up to each of us to promote that which we can. I am certain that each of us can find places where we can be of some assistance. If you have not participated in degree work for a long time, there is always a need for walk

we will have installed a new Grand Master. Our York Rite Brothers will have installed new officers and we will be thinking about a new beginning.

Each Scottish Rite Mason must take his place in the activities at hand in order to make this one of the greatest times of the year for Masonry. All of our organizations are planning to exceed that which has happened in the past. We need each individual to make these plans work.

The goals that our Grand Lodge is setting for *Twenty-Twenty-Five* are very ambitious. When the time comes

for action, we must be ready. Please, brethren, attend and participate. If you are able to attend only a few activities, please do so, we do need all of the support that we can get. If masonry is to grow in the manner that we are planning, we need to give our membership positive action, now!!!

Nothing will discourage our expected new membership like lack of participation. Many of us have been there and borne the burden in the heat of the day. Now is the time to reap the rewards of those burdens. Please keep those bodies present at our functions and that enthusiasm going.

A positive attitude will certainly go very far to make our fraternity all that we dream that it can be. I remember an old quotation that goes something like this, "*To a little, add*

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a successful endeavor.

I believe that I could be out every night promoting this great fraternity. But, Alas, I no longer have the energy level that I had few years ago. I now must depend on my younger brothers to fill in where we old goats can no longer tread. Please look at the calendar and see where you can give that little extra time and effort. I believe that Freemasonry is worth saving. I have been making an extra effort to do just that for a very long time. I do not believe that I have spent my time in vain.

Next year will be my sixty-fifth in masonry, PLEASE help me to make it one of the most memorable. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful fraternity.

### NEWS FROM **THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

By: Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33° , Valley of Baltimore

The Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix will be conducting a memorial service in memory of our departed brethren on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Family and friends are invited.

Our Ring Ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM. Awards will be presented for the Master Craftsman Program, 50 Year members, and pyramids for new members.

On Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, a special Christmas program will be presented by the *Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestra*, followed by light refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. This event is free and open to the public.



### HELP! **DONORS NEEDED**

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

I know this may seem like an unusual thing to put in our magazine, but it is a fact. **WE NEED DONORS, BIG ONES, LITTLE ONES OR ANYTHING IN BETWEEN.** I know the economic situation in our country has had an effect on everyone, rich or poor, and everyone in between.

You have no idea how it has affected donations to the Scottish Rite. We try very hard to live within our means and cut costs everywhere we can practically do so. We refurbish our old computers and use in house help anywhere possible. There are still those major projects and emergency projects that are difficult to fund. This is where we could use your help and money.

We were talking about donations a few weeks ago and one of the ladies asked if she gave a million dollars, would I put her name up in lights? I told her not only would her name go up in lights, but I would put her picture on my pillow every night. I guess that scared her off because so far, no million dollars.

Yet, in a way, I was not kidding. You can get your name up in lights, on a door, on a chair, or I'll name a room in your honor. In fact, if the donation is big enough, I'll even name the Building in your honor. The "*John Jones*" Scottish Rite Masonic Center – not too bad of a legacy. I hope everyone takes the humor with tongue-in-cheek.

However, if you have the means and need a place where your donation will be put to good use and not a cent wasted, why not consider the Scottish Rite.

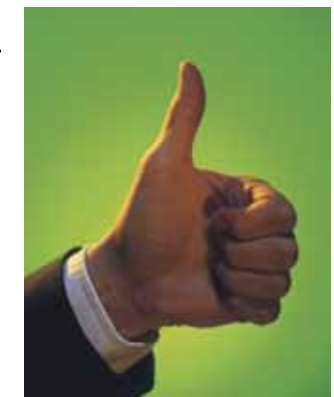
### CONSIDER A **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

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

As this year draws to a close, so will your opportunity to purchase a life membership at a bargain basement price.

Yes, just as everything else, a life membership will increase in value come 2011. But, no matter what the cost, consider all you get! Your Scottish Rite has more to offer than you can imagine. You can come for fellowship, come to watch or partake in new degrees, increase your personal and Masonic education through the Master Craftsman program, or you can come for our delicious meals on Thursday and before each lodge meeting and you don't have to dine "alone" because your significant other is always welcome.

I could go on and on, but I think you get the picture. The Scottish Rite is a good deal for all of our dues paying members, but a real deal for anyone who opts for a LIFE Membership.





**SCOTTISH RITE SECURITY**

*By: Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° - Deputy of the Supreme Council*

The Scottish Rite, Valley of Baltimore has several security positions open. If you would be interested in working weddings, graduations, proms or other special events that are usually held on evenings or weekends at the Scottish Rite Center, please contact Bro. Fred Spicer at 410-243-3200.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO START PLANNING TIMESHARES**

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

Now is the time to start planning for your spring break, summer vacation or even a fall get away. Your Scottish Rite can help! We own two beautiful timeshares because of the generous donations of PGM Bennie Owens and PGM Bill Clark.

surrounding area offers all any sun lover could want. Perhaps you don't like crowds, consider the off season for quiet beach time.

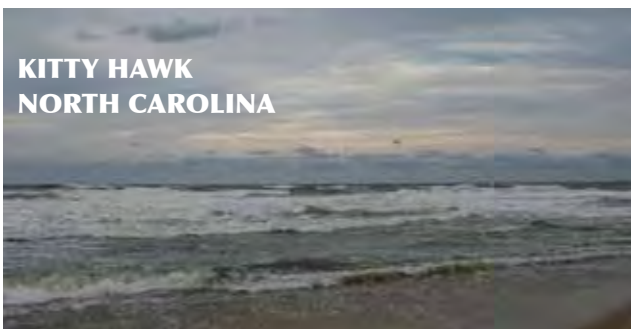
Both resorts have a golf course available for your daily

**SHENANDOAH VALLEY VIRGINIA**



One is located in the Shenandoah Valley at Massanutten. This resort has anything a family could want. It sleeps six with 2 private entrances. There is a water park, fishing, boating, crafts, hiking and just about anything you would want to do and a beautiful setting to top it off.

The second is located in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. If you are a beach family, look no further. The beach and



**KITTY HAWK NORTH CAROLINA**

play. Either or both of these could be yours for only \$500.00 each and we will make all the arrangements for you. Just give us the dates you would like to go and a little cash, check or credit card and we will do the rest.

Please call the Scottish Rite Office at 410-243-3200 for more details.

**SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS**

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

I am not sure how many of you are aware of the several Scottish Rite clubs that we have just around the Valley of Baltimore. At least from the attendance, I think they are very well kept SECRETS. Well, the cat's out of the bag.

The Carroll Club meets quarterly in Westminster at Door to Virtue Lodge. They offer a delicious meal usually prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star. The cost is only \$15.00 and you do not have to be a member to attend. However, for only \$5.00 you can be a member and get on their mailing list so you can be notified in advance of the menu and club events.

The Chesapeake Club meets quarterly and visits an assortment of restaurants in the area. The cost of meals are determined by the restaurant visited, but at cost only. This club also does trips to a variety of historical, educational or Masonic sites. You do not have to be a

member to attend, but for only \$10.00 dues you can obtain advance information about activities.

The Conowingo Club meets quarterly at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace, MD. The owner of this restaurant, Lou, goes out of his way to make sure the club has a choice of meats, vegetables, drinks and homemade desserts at a very low price. They usually have a brief guest speaker in a private room of the restaurant. You do not have to be a member to attend and guests are always welcome. Again, for only \$5.00 dues, you will receive notices sent by the club as to menus and speakers. The Bayou is always a good place to dine.

The Scottish Rite Woman's Club meets quarterly and usually at Patrick's Restaurant. You do not have to be a member to attend lunch, but for only \$5.00 you can become part of a very active group of ladies who help the Scottish Rite and our Clinic in many ways.

**THE CLINIC CORNER**

*By: Eleni Popomaronis, M.S, CCC-SLP*

Hello again from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! The clients and therapists are back in the school routine and the holidays are right around the corner! It's such a busy time for all of us here at the clinic.

First, we would like to send a warm welcome to the newest member of the Scottish Rite Clinic family – Jenna Berge. Jenna is a second year graduate student from Loyola University and has been interning with us this past semester. She has been a tremendous asset here at the clinic and the children have learned a lot from her! We look forward to a great rest of the semester with Jenna.

We are also pleased to announce that the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Scottish Rite Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010. This event is always a huge success and the clients and their families have an excellent time participating in holiday crafts and activities, as well as playing fun games with other students and their clinicians. Stay tuned for a recap of the party in our next issue.

As many of you may know, the clinic staff, fellow Masons, and family and friends competed in the 2010 Catholic Charities Dragon Boat Races in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. I am happy to report that our team came in 1<sup>st</sup> place during the non-profit challenge race! Each team member won a t-shirt and we received a plaque to be proudly displayed here at Scottish Rite. The Dragon Boat races were a great team building experience. We worked together to complete a team chant, hat, and tent which served as our "home base" on race day. We'd like to send a huge thank you to Marlin Mills, Fred Spicer, and all of those who dedicated so much of their time and energy to make the day a great success!



Although the race is over, we still need your help to raise the remaining \$2,000 for our charity, the Harford County Early Head Start Program. If you would like to make a donation, you may do so either by check or credit card. To make a donation by credit card, please visit our team website at <http://cservice.catholiccharities-md.org/db> and click donate to find a team or paddler; enter team name Scottish Rite. Checks can be made payable to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and sent to the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center at 3800 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. We are also selling Papa John's Pizza Cards for \$15.00 which can be purchased here at our center. With the one-time purchase of the card, Papa John's is offering buy 1 pizza, get 1 free through October 2011....what a deal! Please contact us for more information. Finally, we will continue to have various fundraising events and outings in the upcoming months to support our Dragon Boat team. Please check the Scottish Rite website or Facebook page for details.

In other exciting news...fellow speech pathologist Eleni Popomaronis was married to her long time boyfriend, Craig Bowden on November 13, 2010. The two were wed at The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation with a reception at the Camden Yards Banquet Room. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Bowden!

Finally, we are completing the last of the screenings performed on school-aged children in the surrounding private schools. Many of these children were identified as needing speech and language therapy and we are now treating them here at our center. If you know of a child who may need a referral, please contact us at 410.243.3800 and we would be happy to discuss possible evaluation and treatment options. Happy holidays from all of us here at the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center!



THE  
**ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION**

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

To the members and their families of our great fraternity. As the shadows grow longer on my Masonic career, too often we do not take the time to thank those who have helped and supported you during your term of all the offices you have been fortunate to serve. I want to thank each of you for your friendship and brotherly love extended to not only to me but also to my wife Eileen who has been my best advisor for over 53 years. Thank you for allowing me to serve and be part of this great fraternity.

I want to extend my special thanks to Howard Lodge No. 101 who allowed me to receive the three degrees of masonry and serve as Worshipful Master in 1971. I will be ever grateful and will never forget the dedicated members of the lodge, whose shoulders I stood, who gave their time and talents to teach me the complete ritual of our three degrees. Their dedication and hard work has inspired many of our members to serve the Grand of Maryland. I ask each of you to support your lodge and the Scottish Rite and help by serving in some capacity.

THE  
**MARYLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH**

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

It seems like yesterday when I was installed as Commander, but this is the last time I will be writing this column. I wish to thank all of you for this honor and know that I will remember with great warmth the times I have had. I wish to thank those participating in the degrees, without them the Rite could not go on.

We all remember the three principle rounds of Jacob's Ladder – Faith, Hope, and Charity. You can't separate them. They are tied together. If one has faith and if faith is true there can't be an absence of hope and true charity. If one is hopeless, how can there be any faith or charity? We all think this is about faith in our Creator, but it is true for other concepts. We need to have faith in our brothers, mankind, our institutions and our government as they should in us. This is the hard part in our society. In order for our brothers to have faith in our brother, we have to be 'faithworthy'. It is imperative that we truly live our obligations as masons. As for the government we have to vote for and support those that support our ideals and not just the parties or that he is a friend or a nice person. We have to look at the benefit for all in terms of our freedom and our nation or community not just our personal livelihoods. We live in a country that has a Congressional approval rating lower than 20% because WE have not done this.

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Brothers, we are failing in our obligations. We need to change this not as a fraternity but as individual citizens. There are duties in faith hope and charity that must be performed it is our responsibility as men and masons.

I would like to leave each of you with the following:

*"It is my fervent hope that each of you will live in accordance with the teachings of our Masonic fraternity while never 'speak evil of the good name of a brother or that of his family, believe in FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY and always practice brotherly love, relief and truth.' The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice."*

God bless each of you, this fraternity and above all "God Bless America".



THE  
**CHESAPEAKE CONSISTORY**

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

As I write my last article for the Rite News, I can only reflect on this past year. It was truly an exciting 10 months! The Spring Class brought in over 20 new 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Being a part of this was as rewarding to me as it was to the incoming Brothers.

Summer was a blur. So many Masonic events were going on, I could hardly find time to get away to the ocean. Picnics, Bull/Oyster Roasts, Crab Feasts – you name it, we attended when we could.

Now Fall/Winter are fast approaching, and our work resumes. More new candidates for the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry are in the process of reaching that wonderful rank of 32°. Being a part of this process will again be a great deal of enjoyment to my line and myself. Come out and join us, you will be impressed by the work our fellow Brethren perform in the conferral of the various degrees.



Thanks to my wonderful line of officers, your dedication to Masonry goes a long, long way. You have made the Chesapeake Consistory an elite group of Masons, and I know you all will continue next year to make Scottish Rite proud. Good luck to you all; your friendship will always be a cherished gift.

Finally, Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council in Maryland, your first year has been wonderful. The happy faces, good attendance, all the great social events and just plain good morale of the membership has made my year as Master of Kadosh all I could have wished for. Thanks for all your help and guidance. If I can do anything to help in the future – just ask!

THE  
**CONOWINGO SCOTTISH RITE CLUB**

By: Hon. Charles "Bud" Ramsay, Jr., 32°, KCCH - President

This message was submitted prior to our upcoming October 15th meeting at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace, MD, so I cannot comment on our meeting. We are looking forward to our get together as always for members, guests and friends. A written confirmation notice will be mailed out one month in advance and you are advised to RSVP as soon as possible to get a final count for our Buffet. Social hour is at 5:00 PM and dinner begins at 6:00 PM, with our program immediately following. The total cost for the evening is \$25.00, plus any mixed drinks one wishes.

We are one of three Clubs of the Scottish Rite and we are organized to further the Rite through socializing and enjoying each other as we as furthering the Scottish Rite mission.

If you are presently not a member but belong to a Blue Lodge, please come out and visit with us, and you might wish to join. Dues are only \$5.00 annually and we typically meet three or four times per year – usually February, May, October and December if possible. For further information, please contact me at 410-836-2603 or by email at ramsay1@qis.net.



THE  
**CARROLL SCOTTISH RITE CLUB**

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

After a long hot summer of rest and vacations, we are back to holding our quarterly meetings.

On Saturday, September 4, 2010, we served a fried chicken, ham and all the trimmings to 50 plus members and guests. We felt blessed to have such a turnout, considering the competition of the Labor Day weekend. Ms. Katie Bolgiano, a missionary working in Haiti, gave a talk with slide pictures on the devastation in Haiti caused by the earthquake. She was a great speaker and all in attendance were awestruck by the presentation.

On Staurday, November 6, 2010, we will hold our Fall meeting, starting with a pork roast dinner served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Our speaker will be Raoul L. Frevel, Sr., Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America. His subject will be about Shriners Hospitals for Children.

All Scottish Rite members and guests are welcome to join our ranks. The dinners are still only \$15.00 A phone call will reserve a spot for you.

THE  
**SCOTTISH RITE WOMAN'S CLUB**

By: Janet Kraft - President

Summer is over, and the book sale/bake sale, and basket bingo were all very successful. Thanks to each of you who donated cakes, and books for the Bull and Oyster Roast on September 18th, and baskets and fillers for the basket bingo on October 10th. We are now looking forward to our cookie exchange on Thursday, December 9th and the Scottish Rite Christmas Entertainment on December 12th at 2:00 P.M. If you can bake cookies for this event, please call Sharon at the office, 410-243-3200 and let her know. We would love to enjoy your Christmas treats.

The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Patrick's Restaurant, 11:30 A.M. This is the day for Installation of Officers, and I'm sure the new officers would love to see you.

My wish for you is a Happy Holiday Season, and a Healthy New Year. See you in 2011!!!

THE  
**MEREDITH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX**

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

As we look forward to Fall, the cooler weather and the yearly beauty of colorful leaves, it's time for us to get back to work. Let us also remember the four lodge meetings and in late October, we begin conferral of degrees for the Fall Class on various evenings. With the great number of new Master Masons and the revitalization of the Diplomat Program, we hope to have a large number of candidates in our Fall Class.

The officers of the Lodges and those who participate in the degree work spend a lot of time practicing and preparing. As always, we encourage you to attend and continue your Masonic education. Come join your Scottish Rite Brethren and support us.



THE VALLEY OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND  
**OUR SEMI-ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**

By: Ill. Kenneth H Sebra, 33°

The members of the Valley of Southern Maryland meet at Solomon's Island before sunrise to start our semi-annual pilgrimage to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Baltimore for Reunion Day. Our candidates are a little nervous but wide awake. Most have never been to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Baltimore and some have never been to Baltimore.

We form our caravan and start our pilgrimage north heading up route 2/4. As we arrive in Baltimore, coming in the Baltimore-Washington express way, we pass the home of the Baltimore Orioles. Then onto Martin Luther King Boulevard where we pass the University of Maryland Hospital and School of Medicine. Then up Howard Street past the Maryland Institute College of Art (1826). Then on to Charles Street past the Baltimore Museum of Art and Johns Hopkins University, we arrive at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, quite an impressive building.

As we enter the door we are always greeted with a hand shake and a welcome. Then on to the much needed coffee and donuts. After almost three hours on the road it is a wel-

come relief. Then we part our ways. Our candidates proceed to the preparation room and we proceed to our usual spot on the north-east side of the lower balcony where we have an excellent view.

After our days work is done and a tour of the building and some picture taking, we head south for our journey back to Southern Maryland. The trip home is very different from the trip up to Baltimore in the morning. Everyone is wide awake and there is much discussion. What comes next? How do we get involved?

The trip home gives us a chance to explain the 14th degree ring, the meaning of the caps and the structure of the Scottish Rite.

We also discuss the *Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program*. So far we have had 100% participation among our new members.

It is really wonderful how such a beautiful and impressive building from the outside can be so warm and friendly inside. It is always a great pleasure to visit with our friends up north.

THE  
**CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE**

By: Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33° - Personal Representative

**33° MEMBERS SOCIAL OUTING**

A group of Cumberland Scottish Rite 33° members met August 29, 2010, at the Cumberland Country Club for a social gathering. The 33° members have been meeting each year in the summer for fellowship and a good meal. Wives attend and entertainment is provided.

Pictured First Row (L to R): Irvin (Butch) Johnson, 33°; Thomas Bryant, 33°; Howard Brode, 33°; M Robert Wheatley, 33°; Charles Ridgeway, 33°; Wayne Shidmore, 33°. Second Row (L to R): George Smith, 33°; James Lough, 33°; Jerome Robinette, 33°; Paul Shircliff, 33°; David Hall, 33°; Fred Widmyer, 33°. Third Row (L to R): William Bundick, 33°; Ivan Hall, 33°; Robert Biggs, 33°; Donald Hansel, 33°; Leonard Schwab, 33°; Lonnie Jackson, 33°; Fred Reel, 33°; Charles Hout, 33°; and Robert Young, 33°.



**HAGERSTOWN SUNS BASEBALL GAME**

Maryland Masonry was well represented at the Hagerstown Suns Baseball game on August 27, 2010. The evening was made special by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland throwing out the first pitch. The Cumberland Scottish Rite Masons contributed to the evening also. Lance Nigh, Worshipful Master of Hagerstown Lodge #84, and a 32° Scottish Rite Mason sang the National Anthem. He was attired in his clan kilt and jacket. Members of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Knights of St Andrews provided an honor guard, banner presentation, and presentation of the American Flag and the Maryland state flag. More than 100 Masons and family members attended the game and enjoyed a picnic supper, a good game and fireworks after the game. The Suns won!

**KIDS WALK/ KIDS TALK FUNDRAISER**

On Saturday, September 18, 2010, the League for Crippled Children which administers the Cumberland Scottish Rite Language Disorder Clinic, holds its 8th annual Kids Walk/ Kids Talk Fund Raiser. The morning was bright and sunny as 25 clients and their parents and friends gathered at Allegany College of Maryland for the walk. Cumberland Knights of St Andrew were there with drum, bagpipes, and marchers to lead the walk. Over 150 people participated and had a great time. Prizes were presented to the three clients who raised the most money. Entertainment was provided by Mandy, the Clown, and by Lucky Dog from Aaron's Furniture Store. Cathy Growden, Executive Director, the Speech Clinicians, Physical Therapists, Administrative Assistants, and members of the Board of Directors were in attendance. A group picture taken after the walk shows those who attended and the Knights of St Andrew. Refreshments were provided from donations of local merchants. The last picture shows Jerry Robinette, 33°, holding his great grandson, Vincent Seib, age 2. He was a member of "Team Seib" with his mother and grandmother. Jerry is a member of the League Board of Directors and the Secretary/ Registrar for Cumberland Scottish Rite.





SCOTTISH RITE  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Featuring

The Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestra  
**GBYO**

*Ensembles-in-Residence at Loyola College*

*Sunday, December 12, 2010  
2:00 PM*

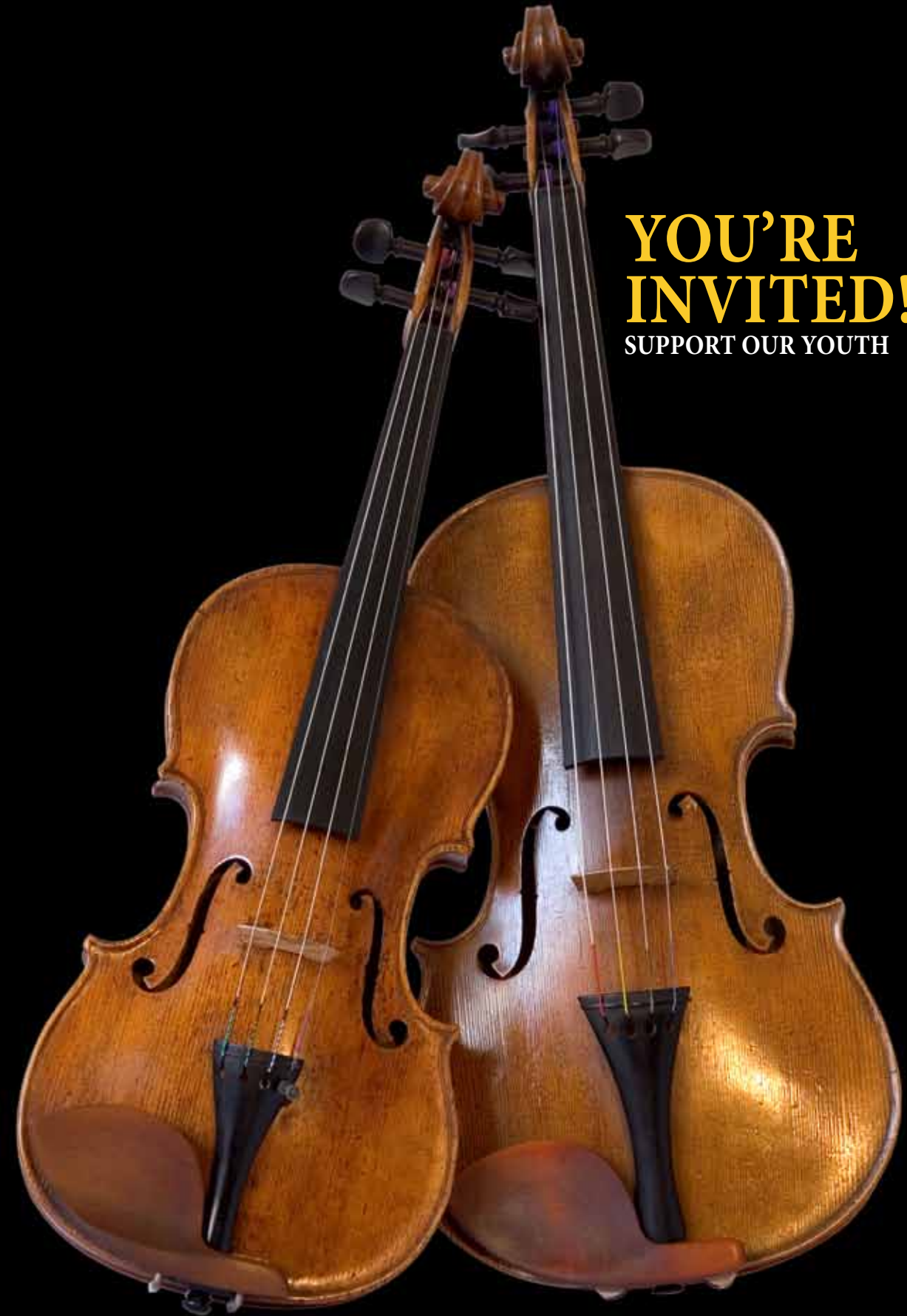
*(Doors open at 1:30 PM)*

*Light refreshments will follow program.*

*The Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
3800 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21218*

*For reservations, call the Scottish Rite Office  
at 410-243-3200*

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**THE RITE CHEER CLUB MENU**

November 4..... <i>Sour Beef</i>	December 2 ..... <i>Italian Delight</i>
November 11..... <i>Salad Platter</i>	December 9 ..... <i>Chicken</i>
November 18..... <i>Turkey Dinner</i>	December 16..... <i>Country Ham</i>
<b>November 25 ..... THANKSGIVING-NO LUNCH</b>	<b>December 23..... CHRISTMAS-NO LUNCH</b>

**BROTHERS CALLED FROM LABOR TO ETERNAL REST**

As of September 29, 2010

JKenneth D. Alger	Norman R. Magin
Thomas J. Axon	Melvin L. Noland
Theodore C. Boyer	Michael W. Paal
Daniel L. Drake	Ronald C. Reuter
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The Average cost to tutor a child for one year is approximately \$5,000. Typically, children require an average of two years of tutoring. Your tax-exempt contribution can make a real difference in these children's lives.

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 St  
 Baltimore, MD 21218

I wish to help a language-disabled child by this enclosed tax-deductible contribution to the Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation (MSRCF, Inc.)

- \$100- "Million Dollar Club" Membership - Certificate issued
- \$1,000- "Gold Club" - Name engraved on plaque at Temple
- Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ All gifts are tax deductible and can be made in installments



**GENERAL DONATIONS**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Commemorating: \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate special occasion)

The Maryland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc., will acknowledge all gifts to the bereaved family or the person honored. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed. A separate letter will be sent to you acknowledging your tax-deductible gift.

Enclosed is my/our amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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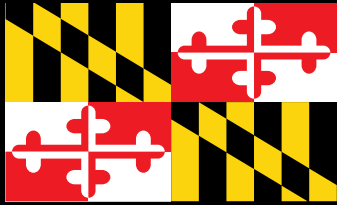
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The **RITENEWS**

of Maryland

Nov/Dec 2010



# We have a wonderful cruise planned for you on the beautiful **ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS**

*Join our Deputy Marlin Mills and Lady Brenda with the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation for our fund raising event to benefit the **Speech & Language Center**.  
The cruise will be twelve nights sailing from Baltimore on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.*



DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Monday 28	Baltimore, MD		4:00pm
Tuesday 1	at sea		
Wednesday 2	at sea		
Thursday 3	Labadee, Haiti	8:00am	5:00pm
Friday 4	Samana, Dominican Republic	9:00am	6:00pm
Saturday 5	San Juan, Puerto Rico	8:00am	5:00pm
Sunday 6	Chalotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8:00 am	6:00am
Monday 7	Phillipsburg, St. Maartin	8:00am	6:00pm
Tuesday 8	Tortola, Brittish Virgin Islands	8:00am	5:00pm
Wednesday 9	at sea		
Thrusday 10	at sea		
Friday 11	at sea		
Saturday 12	Baltimore, MD	7:00am	



CATEGORIES	GROUP RATES (per person)
Cat M (inside cabin, decks 2,3,&4)	\$860. <sup>00</sup>
Cat H (outside cabin, deck 3)	\$1,080. <sup>00</sup>
Cat D2 (balcony cabin, deck 7)	\$1,660. <sup>00</sup>
Cat D1 (balcony cabin, deck 7 midship)	\$1,740. <sup>00</sup>
Cat JS (junior suite with balcony, deck 8)	\$1,860. <sup>00</sup>
Cat GS (grad suite with balcony, deck 8)	\$2,360. <sup>00</sup>
Cat OS (owners suite with balcony, deck 8)	\$3,160. <sup>00</sup>
Additional taxes & fees to be added	\$340. <sup>00</sup>

