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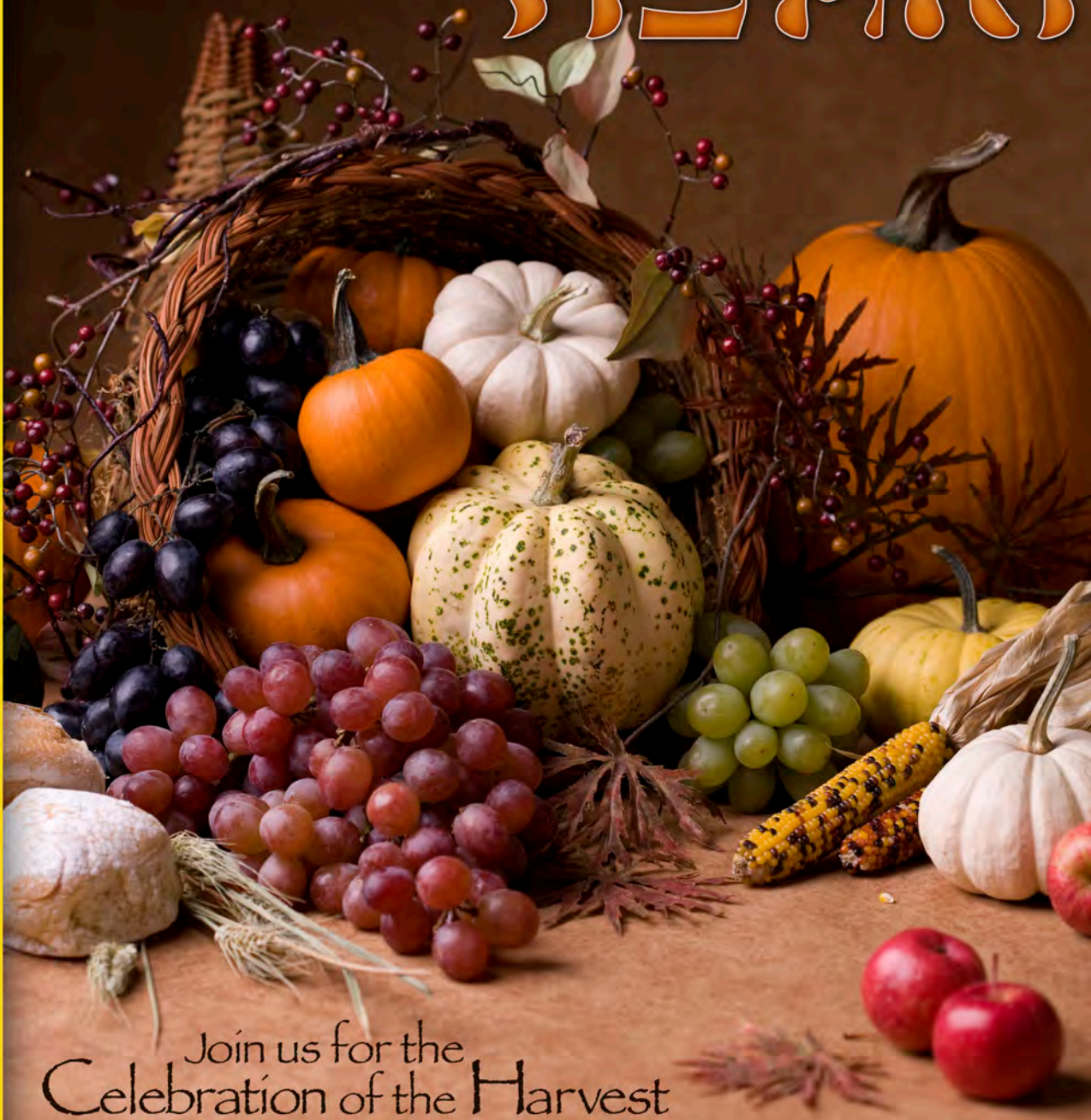
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## THE FEAST OF TISHARI



Join us for the  
Celebration of the Harvest





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### A MESSAGE FROM

## ILL. MARLIN L. MILLS, 33°

I sincerely hope this issue of the **Rite News** finds you all well and enjoying all the many beautiful changes in seasons our Supreme Architect is giving us. First, we had more snow than most of us have ever seen at one time; this was followed by a gorgeous spring with some of the most exquisite flowers ever. Summer landed like a blast furnace. Those of us who love the hot, lazy, hazy, dog days of summer were in our glory. Everyone else gave thanks for fans and air conditioners. Each of these changes in seasons contribute to the wonderful harvest we are now enjoying. The fresh fruits and vegetables make it all worthwhile. We should all give thanks!

Isn't that what the **Feast of Tishri** is all about? Giving thanks for the bounty of our many blessings. I hope you will join us as we celebrate the harvest and give thanks for the bounty at our annual **Feast of Tishri** ceremony to be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. You will also receive a sample of that fresh harvest just for attending. Please call the office and make your reservation so that we may plan for sufficient gifts.

So far this year it has been unbelievably busy and yet unimaginably rewarding. Because of all of you, I have enjoyed every minute and hope to continue my goal of making the Scottish Rite your home away from home, an organization you are proud to belong to and one you feel good about recommending to your friends.

Over the summer we have made a few changes for your convenience: A new entry from the parking lot and a new seating area before meals and lodges (see related article), added new security cameras at the entrance and in the hallways. These cameras are recording 24/7 for your safety. Cameras are planned for the parking lot as well. Brother Rhinehart and our greeters will still be there to meet you with a smile and a "Good to see you".

There are so many of you who are working so hard I would be negligent if I did not extend my heartfelt appreciation and thanks. All of the men involved in the degree work have gone above and beyond the call to make each degree one that is not only meaningful but enjoyable. This is accomplished by great degree teams and a dedicated group in property, robing, lighting and sound. We cannot forget the Director and his staff who most times are not seen or recognized. All of our Lodges are meeting more often and their work is much improved. I send a special "Thanks" to all of the dedicated men who serve in the line of a lodge.

The reputation of the Rite Cheer Club continues to grow. Their Thursday luncheons are known far and wide. These home cooked meals with fresh made yeast rolls have grown from only a few to 50 or 60 guests per week. If you have not dined with the Rite Cheer Club on Thursdays, you do not know how much friendship, hospitality and delicious food \$5.00 will buy.


Due to the economic times, your almoner and treasurer have been busier than usual but continue to be there for all our members.

We are trying some new and fun "fund" raisers this fall. All of our Clinicians and other members of the Scottish Rite entered the "Dragon Boat" Races at the Inner Harbor. Check out the web site and sponsor your favorite "rower". Our Bull and Oyster Roast will be held on Saturday this year and will have many new surprises for all attending. The Scottish Rite Woman's Club is hard at work to bring you the best Bingo ever. Don't forget our Cruise to the Caribbean in February, 2011 (see the ad on back cover). Brenda and I would love to have you join us. It is always a wonderful experience. The Grand Suite with a butler may be available as a fund raiser. If you have an idea for a fun "fund" raiser that you feel may work, please let me or one of our office staff know.

As always, I look forward to being with each of you as I travel throughout our Orient; Brenda and I enjoy the many functions you have been so kind to invite us to attend.

Now, as we pause to give thanks for our multitude of blessings, may our Supreme Architect continue to bless each of us, our gentle Fraternity and the United States of America.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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







## CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF TISHRI

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

During the year it is the custom of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction to celebrate two special feasts. Since the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general tend not to promote any one religion over any other, we must consider the history of these special feasts as related to the building of King Solomon's Temple. We, of course never want to prevent any of our members from practicing the religion of their choice. That being said, the two celebrations are "*Maundy Thursday*" and "*The Feast of Tishri*". Maundy Thursday was a celebration of the "*Passover*", when the Children of Israel were delivered from Egypt. In the Christian calendar it corresponds to the "*Last Supper*". This feast is especially marked by using unleavened bread, indicating, that in their haste, the Hebrew people baked the bread before it was leavened. This they do as a remembrance.

On October 13th, we will celebrate "*The Feast of Tishri*". Tishri being the last month in the Hebrew calendar, it is the time for the final harvest. This feast celebrates the culmination of all the labor that has expounded to develop the crops and admonishes us to store the grain or the fruit for use during the coming winter. So it is on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, or on the Wednesday nearest to that we as Scottish Rite Mason's celebrate the final harvest and prepare for the long winter.

This is sometimes called the Feast of Tabernacles, because during the seven days of the Hebrew celebration, the people stayed in booths or tabernacles at the site of the harvest. I would guess that it is much like the great combines that moved through our Midwest region and threshed and bound the wheat in years gone by. I can remember, even in my lifetime, going to the farms and working all day for several days as the great combines moved from farm to farm. All of the people worked together as a matter of necessity and because they could not afford to hire all professionals to do the job. They helped one another. Maybe this is the lesson that we should be learning from this particular feast.

Another connotation is about the four species of plants which were use by God as symbols. As we listen to the lecture of the High Priest, we will get a thorough education on what this meant to the Hebrew people. The four plants usually described are "*The Goodly Tree*" or the citrus, the palm branch, the boughs of a thick tree or the myrtle and the willow of the brook.

We learn in the book of Deuteronomy that every seventh year on this feast, the LAW should be read publicly before the mass of the entire people, men, women, and children.

We note also that the dedication of "*Solomon's Temple*" took place during this feast. At one place we are taught that seven days were devoted to the dedication exclusively and seven to "*The Feast of the Tabernacle*".

Can you imagine seven days of feasting? Of course in those days prepared food had to be eaten within a shorter period of time. Modern refrigeration and storage methods have allowed us to have single meals, not seven days of feasting. Can you imagine our waistline if we tried to consume that amount of food at one sitting. WOW!!!!

So you see my brothers, on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM we will gather and participate in this wonderful feast. Please come and listen to the address of our "High Priest" and learn the historical background of the feast. Look at the "Booth" that we will erect and enjoy the fruits of the harvest that are provided for you. Most of all please remember the fellowship that comes from working together. Remember that we are encouraged to help each other in our daily tasks and to make certain that we do not waste the fruits of our labor. These fruits may not be the food of yesteryear, but may be the kind word or support that we can afford to our Scottish Rite Brothers. Be thankful for this fruit and join us on that occasion to promote "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."



## NEWS FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Efforts are being made to update and revitalize the Diplomat Program, of which Ill. Edward Kraft, 33° is Chairman.

Presentations were made to six ROTC and seven JROTC units this Spring. This worthy program under the Americanism Committee has expanded over the years with Hon. John W. Kinnier, 32°, KCCH as Chairman.

A new 18th Degree team has been hard at work rehearsing this Summer for their conferral on November 17<sup>th</sup>. This will give us two degree teams alternating each Spring and Fall, performing the beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> Degree. The degree Master for the new 18° is Bro. Andrew L. Vineberg, 32° and Ill. Henry C. McDonald, 33° will head up the old 18°.

The Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Ill. John T. Vance, III, 33°, awarded four scholarships to students from Loyola and Towson Universities totaling \$18,000 from the Brockman Fellowship program. Ms. Alexis C. Howell from Clinton, MD received the Shepherd Grant from the Supreme Council.

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program has good participation and a number of Brethren have completed it through the Study Group chaired by Hon. William D. Gunn, 32°, KCCH.



## WHAT IS THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

By: Ill. Edgar W. Faulkner, Jr., 33°

It has been said to be one of the most festive of Masonic occasions, and it is! The ceremony of the *Feast of Tishri* dates back to the time of Solomon's Temple. You will recall that Jesus and all males over the age of 13 made three pilgrimages a year to the Holy Land. The pilgrimage in the Fall was for the feast of the harvest, or *Feast of Tishri*.

When you come to see this program, you will see it done in period costumes. You will learn about sukkahs, as well as how and why they were made. The concept of tithing will be explained and how and why it was started. See how our pilgrim fathers pushed so hard for our present day feast of Thanksgiving and how one lady worked so hard for several years to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.

These and many more topics will be explained for you. This program is open to anyone who wants to come, so ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to learn something new.

Everyone who attends will receive a fresh bag of fruit. We will also have a feast of our own this night at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Reservations are a must so that we can adequately prepare. The *Feast of Tishri* will be on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the Scottish Rite Temple, 3800 N. Charles Street. The curtain opens at 7:00 PM. Please call 410-243-3200 to make your reservations.





## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

**“NOW IS THE TIME”**

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

It's about that time of year again and I don't mean Thanksgiving. Dues notices from every Lodge, club and collateral body will soon be arriving in your mailbox. Do you worry about forgetting to pay one or not getting the notice? Have you ever received a late notice, or even worse that you were about to be suspended for non-payment of dues?

NPD's – every year brothers are dropped from the rolls for this reason. Don't let it happen to you or your father or son.

A life membership can end all of these worries. We just had a very small increase in our assessment which resulted in a very small increase in dues. With a life



membership, there are no more dues and no more dues increases.

Have you heard that on January 1, 2011 life membership will increase to \$800.00 and \$400.00 for those over 75 years old? Why not take advantage of our current low price and save big. Only a few short months remain to purchase a life membership for \$600.00 or \$300.00 for those over 75. You can pay by cash, check or credit card.

Life memberships benefit both you and your Valley. What a great gift! Why not give one today and we will wrap it for you.

THE THINGS WE THINK,  
**BUT DO NOT SAY**

By: Hon. J.C. Davis, II, 32°, KCCH

How many times have we thought of a wonderful idea to help our Scottish Rite, but haven't had the courage to stand up and let it be heard? Or maybe, we have thought, "If they really need my help, they would ask for it." Well, the Scottish Rite does need your help.

Now some of you may say, "I've been a member for 40 some years and I live alone and I can't come out to help." Or it may be – "I've got work and kids and I don't have the time." Or even – "I pay my dues, I do my part." These are all valid points and at the time of hearing these, we would normally say ok, and move on. But these are trying times. Our membership is steadily declining and our attendance is as well. Not to mention, the costs of maintaining our beautiful Scottish Rite Temple are increasing.

What I ask of you now is something simple. It won't take but a few moments of your time and very little effort. However the impact from this act could change the course of our Fraternity. Now you ask, "What could this be?"

Tell someone about the Scottish Rite. Talk to your neighbor, your friend, your son, grandson, co-worker, postal carrier, TV repairman – anyone who is willing to take a few moments out of their day to hear about the Scottish Rite. Tell them about

the wonderful things that we are doing for children in our Clinic. Let them know what Masons do for the community.

Talk to your Lodge Brother, who is not a member of the Scottish Rite,

and let him know about the opportunities for knowledge that are available in our **Master Craftsman Program** or the **Scottish Rite Research Society**. Tell him about the beautiful degree work and the family oriented activities that the Scottish Rite provides.

You never know what might become of this brief conversation. You may inspire a friend to become a Mason. You may encourage that Blue Lodge member to seek further light. Or, you might even encourage

a perfect stranger to provide a donation, which in turn may help a child to talk.

Please don't pass up this wonderful opportunity to advance the cause of our Fraternity. Take a moment out of your day and change the course of the Scottish Rite.



*“Talk to your neighbor, your friend, your son, grandson, co-worker, postal carrier, TV repairman—anyone who is willing to take a few moments out of their day to hear about the Scottish Rite.”*

## FOR

**YOUR CONVENIENCE**

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

Are you one of those who, more often than not, have to park in the rear of the Temple and walk around the building to get in? Well, for your convenience, that is about to change. A new entrance is being opened near the back parking lot. It will have a new canopy, new lighting and you will be greeted by one of our Scottish Rite greeters. The regular door will remain open for our handicapped guests. The kitchen entrance is not to be used by anyone other than the caterer.

I have heard many comments about “standing in the hallway” prior to dinner being served. Many of you have told me how hot it gets, how crowded it gets and that there are not enough seats for those who cannot stand. Well, for your convenience, this is about to change also. We are going to try something new.

Our Office Manager Sharon and Chief/Head Greeter Vernon have agreed to open half of the “air conditioned” Banquet Hall as a place for everyone to sit or mingle with friends prior to dinner.

I hope these changes will make your visit to the Scottish Rite more convenient and more enjoyable. As always, your comfort is my goal.

## COMING THIS FALL

**SENIOR COMPUTER CLASSES**

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

Have you heard about the computer classes beginning this fall?

These classes are free and will be offered each Thursday beginning September, either before or after lunch depending on your schedule. Any level of experience is welcome. Even if you don't own a computer, you can use one of ours to learn how to send and open e-mail, search the internet and basic word processing programs. The basic class will cover such topics as: how to use the keyboard and mouse, how to get free online e-mail, how to search the internet and basic Microsoft Windows. More advanced users may consider: how to burn CD's and DVD's, how and why to back up files and more advanced word programs.

The Scottish Rite clinic recently received four new computers thru a donation from the Scottish Rite Woman's Club in order to meet new HEPA standards for 2011. The four older computers were refurbished, a new WIFI system was installed and they are ready for your use, beginner or expert.

Brittany Kaszak, an intern from our clinic, has volunteered to give the classes. To sign up or for more information, call the Scottish Rite Office at 410-243-3200.



## CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING THE



**SCOTTISH RITE  
MASTER CRAFTSMAN**

FALL MASTER CRAFTSMAN I CLASS START SOON  
CALL 410-243-3200 TO REGISTER

For more information on the Master Craftsman Program,  
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## THE CLINIC CORNER

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

Greetings from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language clinic! The summer seems to have flown by and another school year is right around the corner! Chrissy, Lisa, and I are looking forward to continuing our speech and language services to the children and families of Maryland in the year ahead!

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center—that's 25 years of dedicated service to children with speech and language disorders in the Baltimore community! To commemorate this special occasion, your therapists, the Scottish Rite Masons, and fellow friends and family will be undertaking a huge fundraising project. We have organized a team of 25 members to compete in the 2010 Catholic Charities Dragon Boat Races.

On Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Charities Dragon Boat Races are returning to Baltimore's Inner Harbor, bringing together over 30 area organizations for a day of exciting races, teambuilding and support for the work of Catholic Charities' 80 human service programs. Our team is supporting the Harford County Early Head Start Program, working with children 0 to 3 years of age with various disabilities. Since this is very similar to what we do here at the clinic, we could think of no better way to honor our profession on our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This will also be a great way to represent our own wonderful clinic in the community. We will display our team name proudly on race day, have the opportunity to distribute over 800 flyers and brochures, and have representatives available to talk about our facility.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for our charity, while raising awareness for the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center. 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 website at <http://www.mdscottishrite.org> 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. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have at 410-243-3800. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity and support!

In addition, we invite you all to come out on race day and cheer on your therapists as they row their way to victory! It will be a fun-filled day for all with spirited team chants, festive hats, food, music, and more! This 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraiser is a great way to show support and appreciation for the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center and the services that are provided here!

Aside from race day, I am happy to report that we will be continuing our contract with the Cathedral School for the 2010–2011 school year! Our clinicians will be going to The Cathedral School again three times a week to provide children with their needed speech and language services. At the schools we have a chance to work with reading specialists and other academic tutors to ensure that the children are getting the most appropriate and effective services.

We would like to say goodbye to Shannon Spendley, our Brockman Fellow who has just recently completed her summer internship placement. It has been a pleasure to have her here with us at the clinic and we wish her the best of luck in the future as she completes her next rotation at the Johns Hopkins Hospital!

We hope to see you at the Inner Harbor on race day, but if not, we welcome you to stop down to the clinic any time! Thank you for all your continued support and best wishes for a successful school year!

## THE ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION

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

Greetings Brethren, welcome to the fall session of our Scottish Rite. We have survived the 70 plus inches of snow of this past winter and the 100° temperatures of the summer and now are ready for our pleasant fall weather and our many Scottish Rite activities.

We begin with the Lodge of Perfection meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be the MWGM-ELECT Stephen J. Ponzillo, III. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. They are Wednesday Octo-

ber 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>. These meetings will start at 6 P.M. and 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.

The 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 United States of America.



## THE MARYLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH

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

*"I have had the opportunity to ponder on our hectic life and our reactions. It is so easy to get out of equilibrium and miss the important things in life. We get so wrapped up with the small stuff that we ignore our families, our brothers, our country, and above all our Creator."*

I hope your summer has been pleasant, beneficial, eventful, and relaxing. Now is the time to get back to work. The meetings of the lodges are commencing, both in the Scottish Rite and your Blue Lodges. I am really looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces at those meetings. Your participation is needed in all the facets of Masonry, particularly the Rite. Again I urge you to get involved and learn.

I have had the opportunity to ponder on our hectic life and our reactions. It is so easy to get out of equilibrium and miss the important things in life. We get so wrapped up in the emotions of reacting to the small stuff that we ignore our families, our brothers, our country, and above all our Creator. It seems that the small, petty things get in our way and we don't take a time with patience to examine that our duty is to them. I urge you to take that time to level yourself. I wish all of you peace, love, and understanding.





## THE CHESAPEAKE CONSISTORY

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

Time really flies! Summer is almost over, and a hot one it was. I hope everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable break from the various Masonic activities in our Blue Lodges as well as the Scottish Rite. It's now time to go back to work.

September begins with our first of four Lodge meetings in the class honoring Ill. Wilbur M. Penley, 33°. These meetings begin on September 15th, 2010 with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by the Lodge of Perfection at 7:30. The next 3 Wednesday evenings will consist of the balance of the weekly meetings of the four Lodges. Please try to attend these meetings and support the officers and members who put in so much time to make new Scottish Rite Masons.



The conferrals begin in late October on various evenings noted elsewhere in this journal. The work done to confer the several degrees is beautiful and the new candidates would enjoy sitting among you to observe this fine work. Come out and support us!

Some of us have booked the cruise leaving Baltimore on February 28, 2011, heading to the Caribbean for a couple of weeks in paradise. Sign up and join us, it is a great way to miss snow shoveling! (Last February – over 50 inches)

My officers and I look forward to seeing you soon, and being involved is the best way to enjoy the Scottish Rite family. It is a wonderful group of men and their ladies. Come and check us out! ❧

## THE KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW INVITATION TO ALL 32° SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

By: Hon. John W. Kinnier, 32°, KCCH

The Knights of St. Andrew is a special group of 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons dedicated to serve the fraternity, and to provide opportunities for the brethren to work together and get better acquainted. They can be recognized at meetings and reunions by the distinctive St Andrew's Tartan sash they wear, and their visible presence in assisting members and visitors, escorting dignitaries, providing honor guards, and presenting the colors.

All 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons are eligible for membership, and are heartily encouraged to join. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know, and to be known, and build to friendships with the brethren. And you will be providing service to the fraternity.

The Knights will meet at the Temple on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, immediately following the meeting of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection.

For more information, please contact the Scottish Rite Office, John Kinnier (410-321-7235 or email [captkinnier@verizon.net](mailto:captkinnier@verizon.net)) or Knight Commander Brian Lewis (email [KSABaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:KSABaltimore@gmail.com)). ❧



## 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.

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. The details are being worked out. If you are interested in joining us for this "conceptual" day-trip, please let us know so we can provide more information as it becomes available.

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](mailto:captkinnier@verizon.net)) or the Scottish Rite Office. ❧

## THE CONOWINGO SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

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

The summer is flying by and before we know it, we will be fully involved in our fall lodge activities. Our next Conowingo Scottish Rite Club meeting is scheduled for October 15th, at the Bayou Restaurant on Route 40 in Havre de Grace, MD. A notice will be mailed one month before.

The purpose of our organization is to provide an atmosphere of social activity and promote the Rite through friendship and brotherly love. We have enjoyed the time together---a chance to renew old friendships and make new friends. As stated before, we encourage you to bring a friend and sometimes, only a phone call is needed to remind someone or encourage them. I will personally offer a dinner for two at the Bayou to whoever brings in a new member. Again, look for the notice in the mail and return it ASAP. I look forward to seeing all of you there. ❧

## THE SCOTTISH RITE WOMAN'S CLUB

By: Janet Kraft - President

The B-I-N-G-O! B-I-N-G-O! How many times did we sing that song when we were young? Let's continue to sing that song as we prepare for our Basket B-i-n-g-o on Sunday, October 10th. Our baskets are being sponsored and filled, and now we just need each of you to bring a friend or two, or three, or four to help with this event, and continue to provide funds for the Scottish Rite Clinic. The tickets are \$15.00, so please call Sharon at the Scottish Rite Office, 410-243-3200, and she will see that you receive them. Don't forget to keep singing, B-I-N-G-O!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup> (please note change of date) at the Scottish Rite, with dinner beginning at 6:45 P.M. (cost of \$10.00) and our meeting following in the Whitehurst Lounge. We are looking forward to seeing our working members, who cannot attend the luncheon meetings. Also, we will have nomination and election of officers for 2011-2012 on this evening. If you are interested in an office, please call Gail Barkley, 410-357-0302, and let her know of your willingness to serve this great organization of friendly and helpful women.

Don't forget your baked goods and books for the Oyster & Bull Roast on September 18<sup>th</sup>. If you can help with the bake wheel

## THE MEREDITH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

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

As I write this, we are preparing for our September lodge meetings and our Fall class in November. I would again like to encourage all Scottish Rite Brethren to make plans to attend both.

The participants spend a lot of time practicing the degree work and a large turnout makes it all worthwhile. Come and renew your understanding of the degrees and how they can make us as Masons to be better people. Your support will strengthen our Scottish Rite Temple.

As my time as Wise Master comes to a close, I want to thank my line officers. Their enthusiasm and hard work in our regular meetings and especially in the degree work is impressive and appreciated. ❧



or book sale, please call me, 410-795-1951. Fran Kapral has done a great job calling members for donations, and we thank her once again for taking care of this.

Hope to see each of you on the above dates. You know, thinking about the 90++ days this summer, was the snow really that bad???? ❧



**Vera Bradley and Longaberger Basket**



**BINGO**

**Sponsored by the Scottish Rite Woman's Club**

Sunday, October 10, 2010

Scottish Rite Temple  
3800 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21218

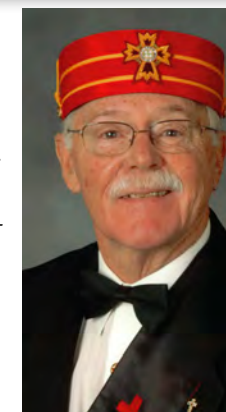
Tickets are:  
\$15.00 in advance  
\$20.00 at the door

Doors open at 12:45 PM  
Early Bird Game at 1:45 PM

Food, raffles, 50-50!

Contact the Scottish Rite Office  
for more information.  
410-243-3200  
[aasr@verizon.net](mailto:aasr@verizon.net)

BINGO					
7	25	44	57	62	
15	22	40	50	70	
11	30	46	74		
2	28	37	55	68	
10	27	39	59	75	





THE  
VALLEY OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

By: Ill. Kenneth H Sebra, 33°

LOSS OF A BROTHER AND FRIEND—ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALVIN EUGENE JONES, 33°

Alvin Eugene Jones, of California, MD died unexpectedly May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. He was 83 years old. Mr. Jones is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan Jones, daughter Alissa Jones, granddaughter Jessica Jasper, son Christopher Jones, and his younger sister Garnette Applegate. He was born on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1926 in Jeffersontown, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Louisville in 1952 with a BS in Civil Engineering and spent most of his life practicing his profession in St. Mary's County Maryland



Petty Officer Alvin Jones was a proud Naval Veteran. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1945 he witnessed the Japanese surrender ceremonies from his ship in Tokyo Bay.

Brother Alvin Jones was an active Freemason for 62 years. He served as Master of Thomas J Shryock Lodge #223, Hollywood Maryland in 1982 and served as Worshipful Junior Grand Steward to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Illustrious Alvin Jones, 33° was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He was Charter member of the Valley of Southern Maryland and was its first secretary. Al John served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1991 and as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 1993. He has played many parts in the degree work, both in the Orient of Maryland and in the Valley of Southern Maryland. He held numerous positions including the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Maryland.



Noble Alvin Jones was a member of the Boumi Shrine. He was a charter member and the first secretary of the Pa-Po-Peake Shrine Club. He enjoyed helping with the Hospital Paper Drive and talking to people about the work of the Shriners

Hospital for Children. He was also an Ambassador to the Potentate of Boumi Shrine.

Alvin Eugene Jones was buried with full Navy Honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Many Brothers, friends and family members honored Brother Alvin Jones' life as a Mason and as a man at a Masonic Memorial Service held at Thomas J Shryock Lodge on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES IN A BLUE LODGE—THE  
OUTPOSTS OF SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY

The Valley of Southern Maryland is a small Scottish Rite Valley compared to most of the Valleys in the United States. It consists of a Lodge of Perfection and a Chapter of Rose Croix. We meet in Thomas J Shryock Lodge Building at Hollywood, MD and confer the degrees in a Blue Lodge setting as they were originally. The 19<sup>th</sup> through the 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees are conferred in Baltimore at the Scottish Rite Temple.

The classes are small. Every candidate gets to participate in the degree work. It is a very personal experience for each candidate and each degree team member.

A large percentage of our valley membership gets to participate in the degree work, sometimes in the very next class after they receive the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree.

Four Masonic organizations share our lodge building; Thomas J. Shryock Blue Lodge #223, Valley of Southern Maryland Scottish Rite, Julia Halla Chapter #107 of the Eastern Star and Bethel #42 of the Job's Daughters. These four organizations are fully integrated and work together supporting each other's activities. It is not unusual for a person to hold an office in more than one of these organizations.

Many who are active members of the Valley of Southern Maryland would not be able to participate as much as they do if it were

not for this outpost of Scottish Rite Masonry. Thank you, Orient of Maryland, for your support and allowing us to be a part of your activities.

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTED BY  
SALISBURY SCOTTISH RITE

By: Hon. Samuel M. Walker, 32°, KCCH

Each year a number of youth on the Lower Eastern Shore are highlighted by the Salisbury Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. These include two high school graduates each receiving a \$500 scholarship for each semester they are attending a community college, vocational training school or a four-year college or university. The recipients are chosen on the basis of need, school and community involvement and their choice of a career which directly affects children and their development.

Applications are sent to 18 area high schools. Any graduate in other schools may also apply. The Foundation's Scholarship is listed in the financial handbooks for seniors and is registered with the Educational Foundation of the Eastern Shore. A Scottish Rite representative also appears on the local television station to explain and discuss the Scholarship.

This year, 31 applications were received from 16 different schools. The Application Committee numbers each application as they are received. The Committee reviews and evaluates the applications by the numbers and not the student's name or school. Of the 31 applicants, 28 were females and 3 were males. The recipients for the 2009-2010 school year were from Salisbury and Seaford, Delaware.

Emily Metzger, a graduate of Parkside High School in Salisbury, was involved in the Future Educators of America,



Pictured from Left to Right: Ill. Charles R. Dashiell, 33° -Personal Representative, Emily E. Metzger, Haley E. Quillen and Hon. Samuel M. Walker, 32°, KCCH

the National Honor Society, Student Government, Spanish National Honor Society, was a math and reading tutor for elementary students and was on the lacrosse and field hockey teams. She will be attending High Pont (NC) University to study elementary and special education.

Haley Quillen, a graduate of Seaford High School, was involved in the National Honor Society, Student Government, Fellowship for Christian Athletes, was on the field hockey, softball and swimming teams and was the WBOC-TV/Mountaire Farms Scholar Athlete of the month for February 2010. She will be attending Salisbury University to study secondary school mathematics.

Salisbury Scottish Rite also recognizes an outstanding cadet in five local JROTC programs. A cadet is chosen by the commanding officer of each program for outstanding achievement in Academics, Leadership and Americanism. The recipient receives a certificate and a medal and ribbon to be worn on their uniform. The local programs participating are

Crisfield High School (Army), Pocomoke High School (Marines), Snow Hill High School (Marines), Stephen Decatur High School (Navy) and Wicomico High School (Army). A Scottish Rite representative makes the presentation at a JROTC awards ceremony at each school.

The Salisbury Valley of the Scottish Rite is proud of its involvement in the education, development and careers of the youth of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. We will continue to encourage and support them in any way we can.

UPCOMING EVENTS FALL MASTER CRAFTSMAN I CLASS START SOON CALL 410-243-3200 TO REGISTER

SEPTEMBER		
Thursday, Sept 9	Master Craftsman I Class	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept 15	Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection	
	Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
	Meeting	7:30 PM
	Speaker	8:15 PM
Thursday, Sept 16	Master Craftsman I Class	7:00 PM
Saturday, Sept 18	Annual Scottish Rite Bull and Oyster Roast	
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	
Wednesday, Sept 22	Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix	
	Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
	Meeting	7:30 PM
	Speaker	8:00 PM
Thursday, Sept 23	Master Craftsman I Class	7:00 PM

Wednesday, Sept 29	Maryland Council of Kadosh	
	Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
	Meeting	7:30 PM
	Speaker	8:00 PM
OCTOBER		
Wednesday, Oct 6	Chesapeake Consistory	
	Dinner-Buffer Style	6:45 PM
	Meeting	7:30 PM
	Speaker	8:00 PM
Thursday, Oct 7	Master Craftsman I Class	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct 13	Feast of Tishri	7:00 PM
Thursday, Oct 14	Master Craftsman I Class	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct 20	Class Orientation	6:15 PM
Wednesday, Oct 27	4° & 5° Conferral	7:00 PM
Thursday, Oct 28	Master Craftsman I Class	7:00 PM



THE  
CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE

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



Pictured L to R are: Hon. Truman Householder, 32° KCCH, Cumberland Advisor; Ill. Charles Hout, 33°, Cumberland Advisor; Bro. Rick Gornall, 32°, Cumberland Advisor; Ill. Paul Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative; Ill. Lonnie Jackson, 33°, and Bro. Billy Joe Wrights, 32°.

CUMBERLAND DEMOLAY CHAPTER

On July 17, 2010, members of the Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay joined other DeMolay Boys and members of Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters from throughout the state at Rocky Gap State Park, Flintstone, MD, to attend the Grand Master's Youth Picnic. The youth participated in games of volleyball, basketball, Frisbee, and swimming. A delicious picnic meal was provided and Ill. Harold Garren, 33°, was the chairman of the picnic and chef. The members of Cumberland Scottish Rite sponsor the Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay.

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY NIGHT AND PICNIC

On July 7, 2010, the members of Cumberland Scottish Rite held their annual Strawberry Night and Picnic for members and their families. After the delicious fried chicken and covered dishes meal, strawberries and ice cream were served for dessert. Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33°, Secretary, and Ill. Paul Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative, presented a check for \$10,000 to the Crippled League for Children, which manages the Cumberland Scottish Rite Language Disorder Clinic. Mary Ann Reinhard, President of the Board of Directors for the League for Cripples Children, accepted the check. Money for the continuation of the Language Disorder Clinic comes from the member supported Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation. One of the activities that raises money is "The Thing-A-Ma-Jig" A Showcase of Talent program held each April.



Shown in the picture L to R are: Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33°, Secretary, Mary Ann Reinhard, League for Crippled Children Board of Directors, and Ill. Paul Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative.

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS  
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

As of July 23, 2010

Jesse & Hertha Adams Charitable Trust      Jeff Reckseit  
Grand Chapter of Maryland, Order of the Eastern Star      Rite Cheer Club

IN HONOR OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Edgar W. Faulkner, Jr., in honor of Ill. Marlin Mills, 33°, Deputy of The Supreme Council in Maryland  
Charles D. & Lillie Miller in honor of Marlin & Brenda Mills  
Charles D. & Lillie Miller in honor of Dr. Hans & Leah Wilhelmsen  
Evelyn L. Comer in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of her husband, Ill. Marvin A. Comer, 33°

IN MEMORY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

William D. Gunn in memory of Bro. Louis J. Busby, 32°	Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of Ill. William W. Mangels, 33°
Jane & Wayne Mason in memory of Ill. Joseph C. Brown, 33°	Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of Hon. John W. Pickett, Jr., 32°, KCCH
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of Bro. Louis J. Busby, 32°	Gene & Joan Morgan in memory of Ill. Alvin E. Jones, 33°
Marlin & Brenda Mills in memory of Ill. Alvin E. Jones, 33°	Marvin & Evelyn Comer in memory of Mrs. Edith Hopple

Donations may be made by check or Credit Card (MasterCard, VISA, and Discover)

THE  
RITE CHEER CLUB MENU

September 23 ..... Crab Soup & Sandwiches  
September 30 ..... Italian Delight  
October 7 ..... Roast Beef  
October 14 ..... Seafood Newburg  
October 21 ..... Chicken  
October 28 ..... Pork Loin  
November 4 ..... Sour Beef

November 11 ..... Salad Platter  
November 18 ..... Turkey Dinner  
**November 25 ..... THANKSGIVING-NO LUNCH**  
December 2 ..... Italian Delight  
December 9 ..... Chicken  
December 16 ..... Country Ham  
**December 23 ..... CHRISTMAS-NO LUNCH**

BROTHERS CALLED FROM  
LABOR TO ETERNAL REST

As of July 23, 2010

Joseph C. Brown  
Jacob A. Bryan  
Hubert O. Burbage  
Louis J. Busby  
Bienvenido C. Escalona  
Jackson W. Hollis, Jr.  
Alvin E. Jones  
Albert Kellner, Jr.

William W. Mangels  
Warren C. Parker  
John W. Pickett, Jr.  
Alvin Simon  
David R. Taylor  
William A. Touchard, Jr.  
Sampson G. Vincent

The Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is a tax exempt 501 (c)(3) charitable organization whose sole function is to support the Hilgenberg RiteCare Childhood Speech & Language Clinic.

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 (MSRCE, 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 seprate letter will be sent to you acknowledging your tax-deductible gift.

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

Please acknowledge to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Your name)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_







The  
**RITENEWS**

of Maryland

Sept/Oct 2010

CRUISES  PLUS

# 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	Charlotte 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>

