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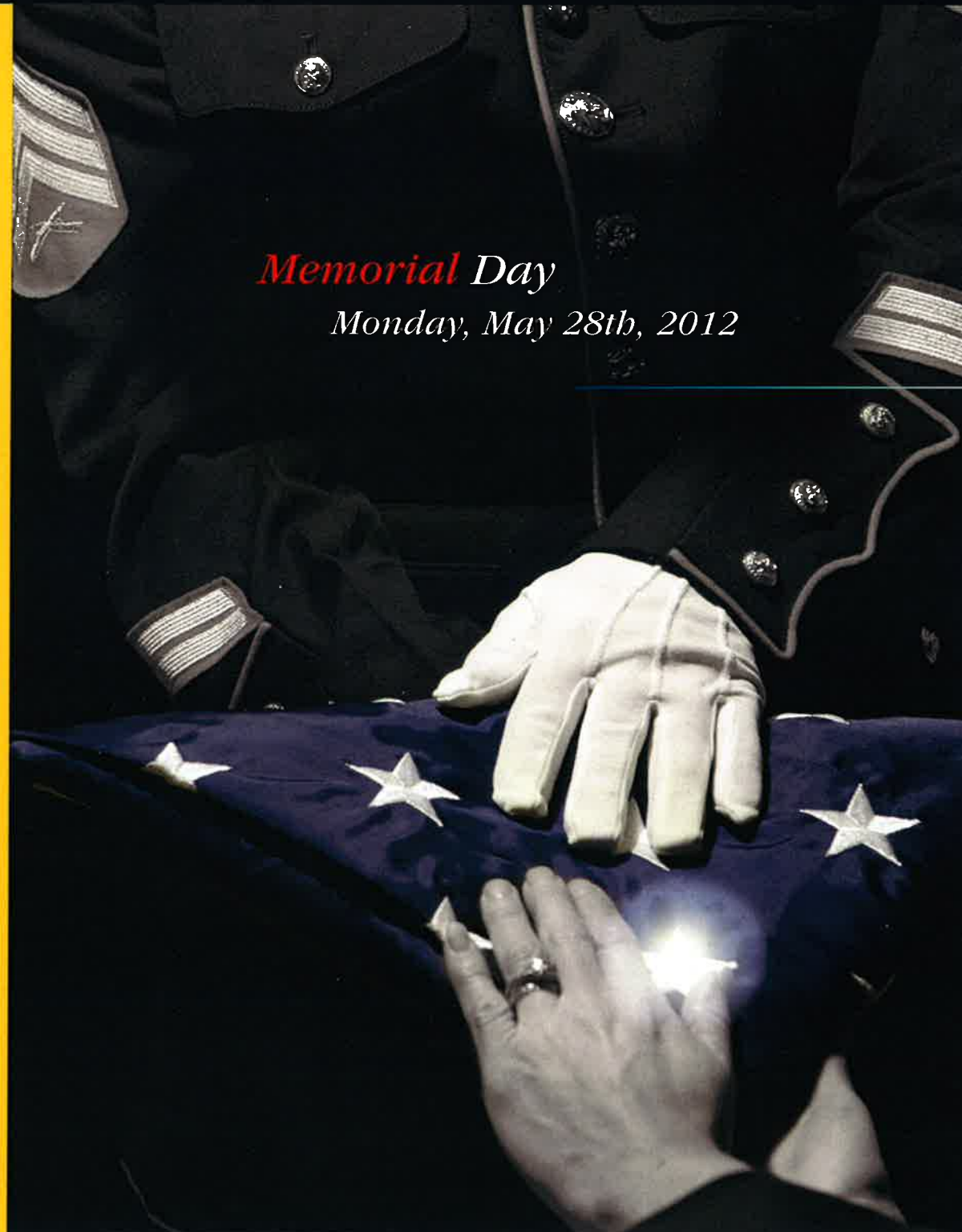
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A MESSAGE FROM Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

S.G.I.G.'S MESSAGE

As always, I hope this issue of the *Rite News* finds you and your families well. I hope all are weathering the winter without any major problems. Think spring! It's right around the corner. Warm days, beautiful spring flowers and a fresh start from the darkness of winter.

A new beginning, much like our gentle fraternity is experiencing. We are all seeing new growth in membership, new clubs being formed and even new Blue Lodges being chartered. New members all across the state looking for a place to grow and expand on the information they received in their mother lodge. It is up to us to make it happen. We are the welcoming committee.

Open the doors, invite them to your clubs, meetings and banquets. Just bring 'em in and show them what they are missing by not belonging to the Scottish Rite in your valley. Treat them, their family and their friends to a dinner or a club meeting. Give them a tour or talk to them about the Rite, our clinics and our values. Get their ladies involved and let them know we are a family and we welcome them. Talk to them about the good times we have as a family at Ladies Night banquets and other similar events. Talk about our values of loyalty, duty, respect, honor and integrity. And just like the spring brings new growth, before you know it,



new growth will happen in our lodges, clubs and even on the sidelines. This new growth may mean new degrees and new degree teams.

Soon our banquet halls will be filled with new families. Now is the perfect time and the mission is possible. We are on the "Rite track" for continued growth and everything must grow to survive. Each of you have helped to make the Scottish Rite what it is today and I thank you for making it the Rite it will be tomorrow.

In closing, may I wish each of you and your families all the blessings of health and happiness, and on this Memorial Day we offer a special prayer for our veterans who defended the rights we enjoy today in the greatest country in the world.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

✠ Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° ✠
 Sovereign Grand Inspector General
 in Maryland

Masonic Cooperation in Maryland

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



I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE TO TRAVEL AND REPRESENT MARYLAND over the past 40 years. As of today, I have found no jurisdiction (state, orient, or district) that has the extreme cooperation that exists in Maryland. Of course there are many instances of great cooperation, but by and large, our Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and all other Masonic groups cooperate to the fullest. Many of our leaders are very active in several different organizations.

I would respectfully suggest that our present Grand Master is one of the best examples of this cooperation and his extreme knowledge of the history of our Grand Lodge makes him stand out as one of the outstanding leaders of cooperation within the jurisdiction of Maryland.

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III is the sixth Grand Master who has presided over the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, the Grand Council of Royal

and Select Masters of Maryland and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland. All six of these brethren have been 33° Scottish Rite Masons and very active in the Scottish Rite: General Shryock also served as Sovereign Grand Inspector General and President of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Edward R. Saunders served as Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. and I have served as Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. The two awards for meritorious service from this Grand Lodge are in honor of Warren S. Seipp and Thomas J. Shryock. Past Grand Master Seipp was also the driving force for our Masonic Homes.

We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to thank our Grand Master for the example of cooperation that he has shared with our brethren. I would urge our brethren to ask this informed historian to share with them some of the historical facts that make this cooperation so exceptional in Maryland. We have been very fortunate to enjoy great leadership in our Grand Lodge and in all Masonry in the state of Maryland. Please continue to look well to your ballots in all Masonic bodies and continue to elect our leaders that will cooperate. If we work together in the same fashion as our leaders of yesterday, we

will continue to grow. If we can continue this cooperation at all levels and not worry about who gets credit for what and just do the best we can for Masonry, we will continue to have the Greatest Fraternity on Earth.

Thank you for allowing me to share this little bit of history with you, and to assure you that we will continue to make good men better. Here are the six men whom you have chosen to lead your Grand Lodge in the past and may we be thankful that each of our Past Grand Masters have been so inclined to cooperation and leadership.

Thomas J. Shryock
Past Grand Master

Warren S. Seipp
Past Grand Master

Edward R. Saunders
Past Grand Master

Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr.
Past Grand Master

Bennie G. Owens
Past Grand Master

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III
Grand Master

Respectfully submitted,

Bennie G. Owens
Orient Representative

Contributions

By: Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33°—Personal Representative



THOSE BROTHERS AND FRIENDS wishing to make a tax deductible contribution to the Scottish Rite should make their

contribution to the Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. You may specify the area you want the contribution to go toward:

1. RiteCare Childhood Language Program (includes scholarships)*
2. Temple Preservation & Restoration Fund
3. Library Fund

In addition, any Masonic memorabilia, items of historical

value, books of general interest to the public, as well as Masonic biographies, reference, etc. would be appreciated.

* This includes the Hilgenberg RiteCare Center for Childhood Language Disorders and the John W. Brockman Educational Program. The Brockman Program provides fellowships each year to local universities for continued studies in hearing and speech pathology.

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: Bro. Rob Maxson, 32°



GENTLEMEN, as we put that bewildering Ravens game in Foxboro behind us and move on towards the sunny days of spring, I ask myself what I have done to promote the spirit of Freemasonry among my friends and brothers. Have I risen to the ideals inculcated in the degrees of our Lodge of Perfection? Have I been a good man who has been made better? Or have I fallen short of being the type of man we are all striving to be? No matter our station, from time

to time, we are each faced with our own trials in our own way. In my travels, I have learned of a Brother who was in need but did not want to reach out because he was embarrassed, ashamed, uncomfortable with the idea of being the object of charity. I can think of nothing more tragic than a distressed brother having to suffer alone. I thank the Almighty that our brother was able to put his trouble behind him and he is doing well now. But I often reflect on this event, and I have had to ask myself, what had I done to promote the spirit of Freemasonry among this friend, this brother? We all know we meet on the level, act by the plumb and part on the square, but have the tools of architecture and symbolic emblems become just words

to us? Having heard the words so many times repeated, have we forgotten to hear lessons of the Degrees? Maybe we have without even realizing it. I need to spend some time reflecting on the degrees myself to be reminded to take care of my own words and actions as a Freemason. I'm sure I have fallen short of that ideal man I want to be, but that's okay. Although we each strive to reach that ideal, we may never make it there in this life. But as long as we each continue to strive for a little more perfection, day by day, to the ideals and lessons of our Craft, we will eventually reach that ultimate Perfection. And although we may travel through our own veil of tears, we never travel alone. We are Perfect Elus, bound by virtue. God Bless and Godspeed.



Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

By: Hon. Dennis Hamlet, 32°— KCCH



Ill. Rex R. Hutchins.

“We shall have faith: in God, in man and then in ourselves.

We shall have hope: for victory over evil, the progress of mankind and life beyond the temporal one we all experience while part of this world.

We shall practice charity and toleration.”

Do we dare? What will be the outcome?

The answer flows from the pen of a mason of yesteryear, Scotland’s national poet, Robert Burns. Aside from composing a poem many will remember, “Auld Lang Syne,”

he created this Ode for General Washington’s birthday.

“But come, ye sons of Liberty

Columbia’s offspring, brave as free,

In danger’s hour still flaming in the van,

Ye know, and dare maintain, the Royalty of Man.”

Fraternally,

Dennis R. Hamlet, 32°
Wise Master, Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

AS SPRING BLOSSOMS FORTH WITH LIFE ANEW, and we prepare for our Maundy Thursday Ceremony on April 5, we might dwell on the lessons of “The 18th Degree Knight of Rose Croix,” as penned by the

Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Hon. Thomas A. Marraffa, Jr., 32°— KCCH



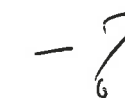

I HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR FIRST MEETING. I want to thank Bro. John Austin, 32° and Bro. Randy Watson, 32° for joining our Line this year and, for the first time, being in the 32°. They, along with all the members of the Camp Guard, did such a great job. You made me proud to be the Captain of the Guard.

Now I am looking for more men to join in and help the Camp Guard so we can alternate men who would only be able to make

either the Spring or Fall Reunion. If you would like to participate in one of the Degrees as cast or crew (costume, lights, sound, or stage), contact Fred Spicer or myself.

Let’s make the Reunions better than ever. Thanks again to all for your help.

Commander Tom-Tom

**Congratulations
Ill. Bro. Paul M. Lloyd, 33°
Scottish Rite
“Mason of the Year”
for 2011**

MASON OF THE YEAR

Officers from the Fall Class 2011



From left to right: MWGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, 33°; Class Secretary – Herbert S. Glasby III, 32°; Treasurer – Brian K. Hoffman, 32°; SGIG – Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°; Class President – Vincent A. Di Leonardi, 32°; Class Orator – Paul E. Terrill, 32°; Class Vice President – Richard A. Bolton, 32°



Valley of Frederick

By: Ill. William Eisentrout, 33°— Personal Representative of the Valley of Frederick



GREETINGS, ALL MY BRETHREN.

Our first quarter of the year is complete with our installation of officers and we are preparing for our degree conferrals starting in February. A thank-you to all of our past officers and a special thank-

you to all the newly elected and appointed officers of the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix. With our officers, we appointed a new Director of Work, Bro. Barry Braun, 32°.

With our Maundy Thursday and Reunion Day in the past, we are looking forward to our June meeting to honor our long-term members and those who have rendered special service over the years.

We will be sending representatives to the Supreme Council Leadership Conference on April 20 & 21. This is a great event for our future leaders of Scottish Rite Masonry.

I invite all Scottish Rite Masons of the different valleys to come and visit with us at our regular meetings or at our breakfast meeting, held at the Barbara Fritchie Restaurant on the first Thursday of each month. This is really a very good fellowship time with great speakers. We meet every month.

Remember, we will be "dark" during July and August for our Lodge and Chapter meetings, but during this time we will still be visiting the sick and homebound to give them our support.

So let us all join together and make 2012 a great year for the Scottish Rite and enjoy the *Rite News of Maryland*.

Scottish Rite Valley Installation Photos



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Arundel Scottish Rite Club

By: Hon. Malcolm E. Carrick, 32°—KCCH



WE ARE FORMING A SCOTTISH RITE CLUB to cover the area mainly in Anne Arundel County.

The Carroll, Chesapeake and Conowingo Clubs have been successful in meeting and entertaining the members in their designated areas, so we felt it was time to organize one here.

A small committee was formed to search out the best meeting place, dinners, entertainment, time, etc. This is slightly premature due to the printing timeline, but this is our offering to date.

Our first meeting/dinner/get-together will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at the Odenton

Masonic Lodge Building. A buffet style dinner will be served by the Eastern Star at 5:00 PM for a cost of \$17.00 per person. A short meeting will follow to elect officers for the ensuing term.

To make a reservation or to ask any questions, please call Malcolm Carrick at 410-833-8811 or Ozzie Kinat at 410-761-8567. We expect a good turnout and hope to meet you there.

Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club

By: Andrew Vineberg, 32°—President



GREETINGS BRETHREN, from the Chesapeake Club of Baltimore and congratulations to all the new Scottish Rite Masons from our wonderful Spring Class. The Chesapeake Club is

a “club within the club.” The Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club is a group open to all Scottish Rite Freemasons, their spouses and friends. The purpose of our club is to provide a means to socialize and have fun with others in the Scottish Rite Family. New Scottish Rite Freemasons in particular are invited to join and participate in our activities, and for the new members in the Spring Class, we are offering free membership for your first year. Call me if you are interested.

We had a wonderful dinner at Friendly Farms in March and are planning another dinner

in June. Lastly, we are having our Annual Aberdeen Ironbirds game on August 12. This sells out every year and tickets are \$29.00 a person, which includes a ticket to the game, all-you-can-eat MVP dinner on the outfield deck, and an Ironbirds hat. For more information on our Club, and to sign up for these events, please contact Andy Vineberg at 410-375-8671.

Our Scottish Rite Clubs

(Open to all members and their families)

We pay tribute to the Officers of our clubs, to the founders and leaders, past and present, and to the members for their cooperation in promoting the Scottish Rite way and the Masonic understanding and fellowship that go with it. For year-round activities and meetings of these clubs, call:

ARUNDEL SCOTTISH RITE CLUB – HON. MALCOLM E. CARRICK, 32° – 410-833-8111

CHESAPEAKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB – BRO. ANDREW L. VINEBERG, 32° – 410-375-8671

CONOWINGO SCOTTISH RITE CLUB – HON. CHARLES (BUD) RAMSAY, 32°, KCCH – 410-836-2603

CARROLL SCOTTISH RITE CLUB – ILL. PAUL M. LLOYD, 33° – 410-374-2569

MID SHORE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB – BRO. ROBERT SPARKS, 32° – 410-634-2235

SCOTTISH RITE WOMAN’S CLUB – JOYCE PHELPS – 717-227-2218

SCOTTISH RITE CHEER CLUB – ILL. CHARLES E. WINEBRENNER, JR., 33° – 410-243-3200

Fundamentally, the mission of a Scottish Rite Club is to promote the visibility, the activities of Scottish Rite Masonry. Scottish Rite Masonry in Maryland has another vital, important mission—to reinforce Blue Lodge Masonry. Every plan the Club makes, every action it takes, should be aimed at helping the Blue Lodges in its regional area. It is most important to remind the members on a regular basis that your Scottish Rite Club, and the Scottish Rite Bodies in Maryland, are primarily committed and totally dedicated to the advancement of Blue Lodge Masonry.

We support the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of the lodges. We support the Grand Master and all Grand Lodge programs. If Brethren want to be the best possible members of the Scottish Rite, they should give first priority to active support to the Blue Lodge. Club members should assure that Club activities do not get in the way of their support to the Blue Lodge.

Remember one thing: without the Blue Lodge, there will be no other Masonic organizations!