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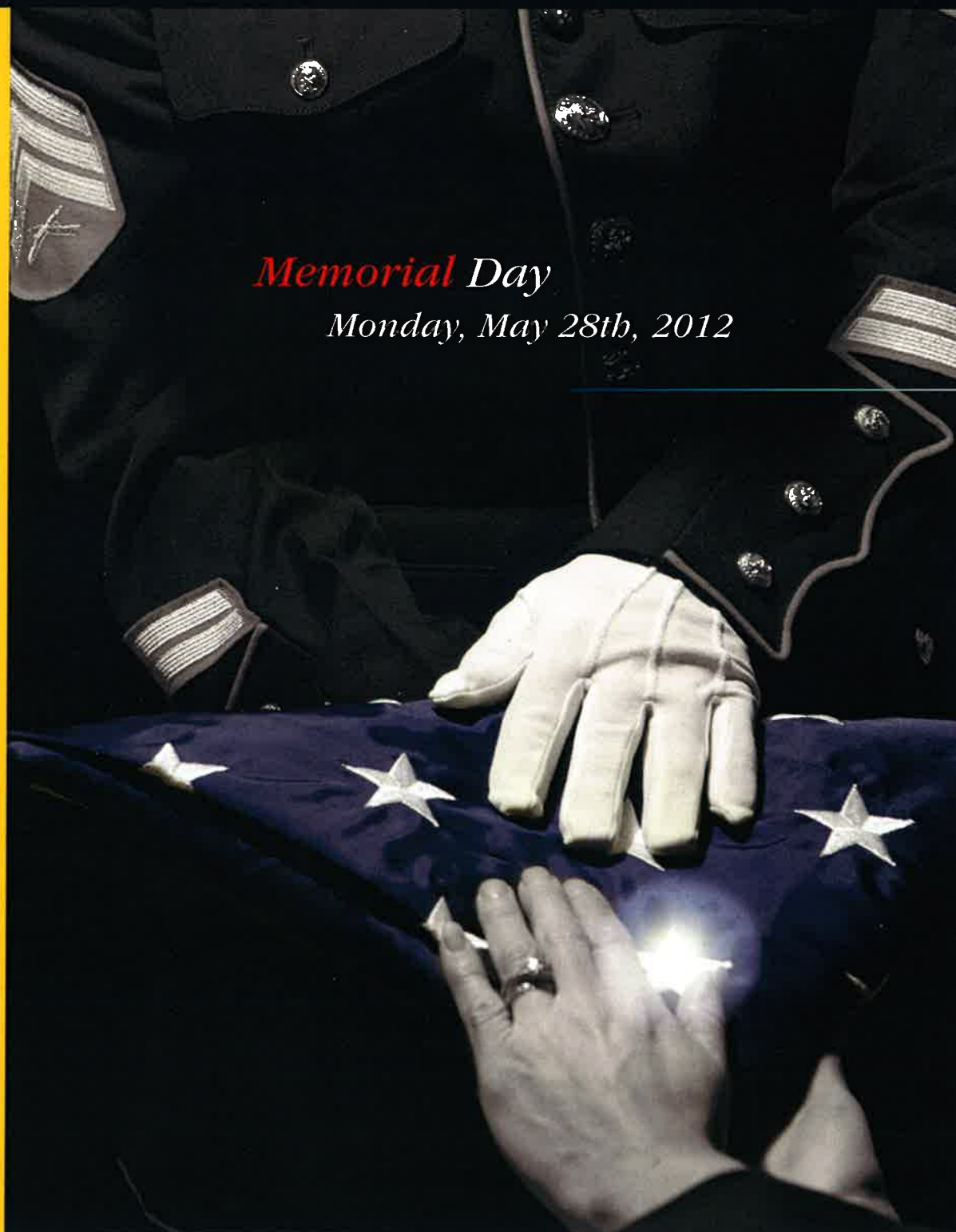
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A MESSAGE FROM

III. 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 Fraternally,



III. 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



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

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

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

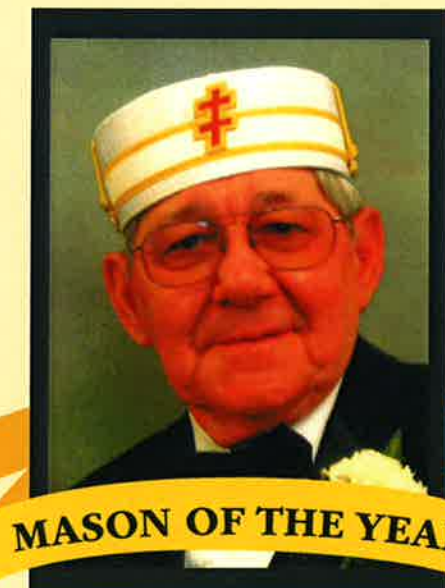
either the Spring or Fall Reunion. If you would like to participate in one of the Degrees as cast or crew (costume, lights, sound, or stage), contact Fred Spicer or myself.

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

Commander Tom-Tom

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Congratulations
Ill. Bro. Paul M. Lloyd, 33°
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for 2011



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

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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!

Nekam Adonai or "Vengeance is Thine, O Lord"

By: Charles Matulewicz, 32°



THIS IS A STRANGE MOTTO to consider for our 30th degree. What is its meaning? When we consider that the Hebrew word *kadosh* translates to holy or consecrated, why would our Knight Kadosh or Holy Knight Degree have us contemplate vengeance, of all things?

I think we need to start at the beginning: a trio of skulls and the admonition, *"You now hold your fate in your own hands."* We start with the three skulls in the center representing De Molay, or the last Grand Master of the Templars (wreathed in laurel and amaranth). To De Molay's left is a crowned skull representing King Philip the Fair, and to the Grand Master's right is a skull representing Pope Clement. De Molay was a martyr of truth burned on a pyre by the king, representing the tyranny of the despot and the Pope representing the ambition of unholy religious leaders. This is not a political statement, but when combined

with the ladder of Kadosh, a lesson and a framework that can be applied to the unique responsibility and possibility of interacting rationally and compassionately with the world.

When I hear the candidate being admonished that he holds his fate in his own hands in the first apartment, I am led to believe that De Molay is a metaphor for the candidate living in civil society surrounded by the possibility of tyranny, be that in the form of the government, king, or religion. In the second apartment, we are reminded that the modern knight does not fight the same battles as De Molay, but rather fights against oppression, injustice, and usurpation, and internally fights his own ignorance, prejudice, and error. The third apartment highlights that this path of a knight is not easy. As we pass through the degree, our attention is brought to the ladder of Kadosh; it is in this fourth apartment that we are given a framework.

This mysterious ladder of Kadosh is a means to frame our interaction with a world full of intellectual and emotional adversity. It may, at first glance, appear very esoteric, but it is actually a methodology. Like the seven steps of the liberal arts and sciences in our Fellowshipcraft degree, one half of this

ladder has one rung for each of the liberal arts and sciences. On the other side, the staves of the ladder have written on them "Love of God" and "Love of Neighbor," with each rung written: Justice, perfect equity, amiability, good faith, great labor, endurance, and understanding.

What does this mean? To me, one side gives me a framework to understand the physical world, and the other gives me a guide for empathizing with the citizens of the world. If we start with the motto, let's close with a look at the prayer that asks God to help us *"to remove obstacles which tyranny and imposture interpose between man and happiness, between man and knowledge."* The ladder is the framework that helps the Knight Kadosh in the pursuit of happiness and knowledge. The motto is a reminder that vengeance is the Lord's to repay, admonishing the Knight not to lose sight of this and fall into the trap of persecuting the persecutors, meeting intolerance with intolerance. In our polarized world of today, our 30th degree has lessons for us yet.

Spring 2012

By: Ill. Tom Vevlin, 33° — Director of Work



SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER and degree activity at the temple is beginning anew. Because of the early date for the Spring Reunion, March 31, we are beginning the conferral of Degrees early as well. Class Orientation is set for February 29 and the conferral of the 4th and 5th Degrees will be on March 7. This spring, we will confer the 4th, 5th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 30th and

32nd Degrees. That pretty well fills the month of March. We had hoped to also include the 29th Degree on Reunion Day, however the degree team from Cumberland had a conflict on our reunion date and are unable to be in Baltimore that day. We'll include it in a future reunion schedule.

I am looking for anyone who has an interest in becoming a cast member of one of the degrees, working behind the scenes on one of the several crews who pull the curtain, set up props, prompt, or help to make sure everyone is where they need to be at the right time. If you have an interest and a little time to spare for our Valley, please contact me at tvelvin@baybroadband.net and I'll find a place for you according to your wishes. Over the nearly 10 years that I have been Director of Work and a member

of several casts, I have found the work to be interesting and rewarding. It is an opportunity for you to contribute to the education of new members of the Rite in the meaning of our 29 Degrees and the teachings of the Scottish Rite that make good Masons better. You will be well rewarded for your time and effort.

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The Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33°



CONGRATULATIONS TO BROTHER THOMAS A. BARNHART, 32°, our Venerable Master and Honorable Glenn K. Webb, 32°, KCCH, our Wise Master. We all wish them a very successful year. The degree teams of the Valley of Southern Maryland have worked very hard to prepare our four new members for their pilgrimage to the north to complete the first part of their Scottish Rite journey. I say first part because I feel that our Scottish Rite journey is never done. If you have had the opportunity to travel to Europe and visit the cathedrals and castles and see the messages that our brothers have left for us in the stained glass windows and art work, the message has not changed and there is still much to learn. The Master Craftsman Program and the Scottish Rite Research Society are good doorways to further light.

The Scottish Rite is a never-ending adventure. Stained glass windows may be replaced by e-books but the lessons to be learned are as relevant today as they were to our ancient brothers.

A brother and good friend passed on January 23, 2012. Ill. John D. LeRoy, Jr., 33° served as Worshipful Master of Thomas J. Shryock Lodge in 1972 and was Chaplain Emeritus, having served as Chaplain for over thirty years. Brother John also served the Grand Lodge as Worshipful Grand Pursuivant. John was a Charter Member of the Valley of Southern Maryland and served as Prelate for many years.

I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to ride with John to Lodge and Scottish Rite meetings. I enjoyed the many stories he told me about his experiences in the Pacific during World War II. He joined the United States Navy in 1937 and served the nation for 32 years. I have never heard John complain or say a bad word about anyone. He was a true example of what Masonry is about. We will miss him.

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The National Leadership Conference is coming to Baltimore, Maryland on April 20-21, 2012. Today, more than ever, Leadership in your Valley is key to helping your members. Meeting brothers from other Orients, exchanging ideas and fellowship is the main agenda. There will be something for everyone. Ladies are especially invited to join in this weekend program.

Baltimore, only minutes from Washington, DC and a short trip from New York City. Home of the Baltimore Orioles and Ravens. Tours daily at Camden Yards and Ravens Stadium. Special tours of the National Aquarium and Science Center for the Ladies.

This is opportunity knocking! Bring your lady and both of you will experience Scottish Rite hospitality second to none, while having a productive and enjoyable weekend. The conference this year will be very valuable and time well-spent.

Photos courtesy of the Baltimore Sun Media Group

WHEN WE, AS MASONS, think of Memorial Day, we usually think of our brothers and sisters who served and gave their lives protecting the liberties we enjoy. However, ask a young person and you may get many versions of what Memorial Day means: school's out for the day, the beginning of summer break, opening day for the swimming pools, etc.

Few remember that more than a million service men have died since our country was first defended in 1775. Even fewer of us remember that Memorial Day was originally known as "Decoration Day," a tradition of decorating the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers. It began as early as 1866 as the women (mothers, sisters, daughters and wives) remembered their loved ones as well as those on the other side. This tradition of remembrance continued until 1882 when the first official Memorial Day was observed.

Sadly, too many have lost the ideals and values that those soldiers stood for and died defending. Today, we all have encountered some of the ignorance and careless attitude plaguing our country.

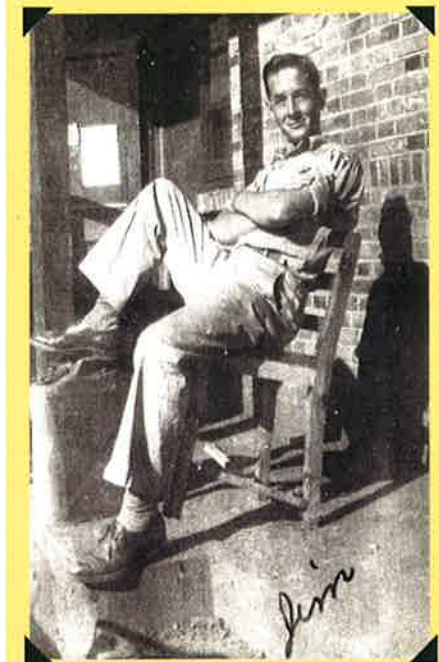
I just read an article about a Medal of Honor winner by the name of Van T. Barfoot who was told he could not fly the American flag in front of his home because it was in violation of the Home Owner's Association rules. The very flag he defended and fought for so that those members of that association could enjoy the freedom of owning a home in the greatest country in the world.

What will happen when everyone forgets? You can make a difference. Remind your children and your grandchildren of the reason we have a holiday known as Memorial Day. If you know a soldier, especially a veteran, talk to them and learn their story. Encourage them to write down their piece of history. The Veteran's Administration reports that our veterans of WWII are dying at the rate of more than 1,000 per day. Soon, who will remember, who will tell their story?

Even more important: What motivated them to meet the

challenge of going into the military, and why did so many give their lives in defense of our great nation? An article in the *Army Times* said it is VALUES: core values of loyalty, duty, respect, honor, integrity and personal courage. Isn't that what the Scottish Rite degrees teach? When I read this, I had to pause and think about our world today, our leaders and our future leaders. Do they have these values and do they teach the values of our forefathers?

As we remember and pause for Memorial Day on May 28, 2012, remember that we owe a huge debt to those who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. A debt of gratitude that their values were worth the ultimate sacrifice for their children and the children of tomorrow. This Memorial Day, think of the values you will pass on to your children and grandchildren. Will they remember the meaning of Memorial Day in the years to come?



Staff Sgt. James F. Reed 35755930
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MEMORIAL DAY 2012

SCOTTISH RITE WOMAN'S CLUB

By: Sharon Johnston, Treasurer

The Scottish Rite Woman's Club started off the year in a great way. At our meeting on January 6, we welcomed a new member and we installed our officers: President – Joyce Phelps; Vice President – Iris Barron; Secretary – Ruth Hobine; Treasurer – Sharon Johnston. We voted at this meeting to give \$5,000 to the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center, which will be presented to the girls in the clinic at our next lunch meeting on April 13 at Patrick's Restaurant. All contributions are made possible by the fundraisers that are held during the year and of course your participation. We look forward to this year as we plan our events and add new members from the spring and fall class at the Scottish Rite.

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A Word from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33°

March 12, 1807 – June 20, 1881

MEN WHO THUS MISCONCEIVE the true policy of our Institution, should be instructed by their older and more experienced brethren that it is wholly in opposition to all our laws and principles to ask anyone to become a Freemason, or to exercise any kind of influence upon the minds of others, except that of a truly Masonic life and a practical exemplification of the tenets by which they may be induced to ask admission into our Lodges. We must not seek—we are to be sought.

And if this were not an ancient law, imbedded in the very cement that upholds our system, policy alone would dictate an adherence to the voluntary usage. We need not now fear that our Institution will suffer from a deficiency of members. Our greater dread should be that, in its rapid extension, less care may be given to the selection of candidates than the interests and welfare of the Order demand. There can, therefore, be no excuse for the practice of persuading candidates, but every hope of safety in avoiding such a practice.

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The evil influences exerted by these societies on our Institution have frequently attracted attention. The Grand Inspectors for the city of Baltimore, in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, make on this subject the following remarks: "Many are crowding into our Institution from other secret societies, having their prejudices and peculiar ideas and notions, with a disposition to make Masonry conform to what they have been taught elsewhere; and finding places of power and honor easy of access, are hardly sensible of the burdens imposed upon Entered Apprentices, or conscious of what material is necessary for the building, before they are superintending, as Masters, its construction, and sometimes seem indignant that they should be told they are spoiling the temple."

Scottish Rite Ring Ceremony Photos

Sunday, November 6, 2011



SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY IN MARYLAND

Excerpt from: Gould's History of Freemasonry throughout the World



A LODGE OF PERFECTION was instituted at Baltimore on December 21, 1792, by Illustrious Bro. Henry Wilmans, Grand Inspector General of the Rite, who later became Grand Master of Masons of Maryland. As to the source of his powers, nothing can be ascertained. Since the signatures of 76 of the most prominent Brethren of our State appear on the Constitution and Laws 304 FREEMASONRY IN MARYLAND of the Baltimore Body, the inference is clear that in those days it must have been a very living creation. Unfortunately, no records or other documents remain. The only reference to this Body that has been discovered is in the Proceedings of Concordia Lodge, under date of 1804. There it is recorded that "the sum of \$150 was paid on account of the Sublime Lodge."

At about the time this Lodge of Perfection was formed, another Body of the High Degrees was established in Baltimore. That

was Rose Croix Chapter La Verite, which was brought to Baltimore between 1791 and 1793 by French Brethren who were refugees from San Domingo. The Rite worked by those Brethren consisted of seven degrees. The Rose Croix Degree was the highest, it being

the 18th Degree of the Rite of Perfection as well as the 18th Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. That was called the French or Modern Rite. In the expressive language of the French Brethren, this Body went to sleep about the year 1800. In 1919, however, it was aroused by Louis Leloup, Grand Inspector of the Grand Consistory of Chiefs of Exalted Masonry of New York, and revived under the distinctive title, Triple Unity Lodge. In the following year, that Lodge received a Charter from the Grand Consistory of New York. Portions of the Chapter Records, written in French, still exist. From them we learn that on October 19, 1819, John Laborde, Pere Lanney, and Louis Leloup, ancient members of Chapter La Verite established at Baltimore about 1791, conferred the Degrees upon nine Brethren who then formed a "Chapter Provisionary" and subsequently obtained the Charter referred to above.

The Chapter was duly constituted on September 21, 1820, and the Officers were Installed by Louis Leloup, Deputy Grand Inspector. Regulations for the government of the Chapter consisted of twenty Articles. Degrees from the 4th Degree to the 18th Degree were divided into six classes, fees for the whole being fifty dollars. Thirty-two signatures are subscribed to the document, among them those of many prominent members of the Craft.

The Grand Consistory at New York also issued a Charter, consisting of three closely printed pages and bearing the same date as that on the Chapter Charter, to a number of Brethren already mentioned in this article. That Charter empowered them to erect a Grand Council of Princes of the Royal Secret at Baltimore. Records and other documents still in existence are clear evidence that both the Chapter and the Council were active Working Bodies. With the close of the year 1826, however, no further records seem to have been kept, and consequently nothing is now known about the activities of either Chapter or Council after that date.

To be continued...

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THE FIFTEEN ARTICLES

1. The Master must be steadfast, trusty and true; provide victuals for his men, and pay their wages punctually.* *This reference to the wages of operative Masonry is still preserved in the formula of the Senior Warden's response in opening and closing a Lodge; but the wages of a speculative Mason consist in a knowledge of truth.

2. Every Master shall attend the Grand Lodge when duly summoned, unless he have a good and reasonable excuse.

3. No Master shall take an Apprentice for less than seven years.

4. The son of a bondman shall not be admitted as an Apprentice, lest, when he is introduced into the Lodge, any of the brethren should be offended.

5. A candidate must be without blemish, and have the full and proper use of his limbs; for a maimed man can do the craft no good.

6. The Master shall take special care, in the admission of an Apprentice, that he do his lord no prejudice.

Speculatively, no candidate shall pass to a higher degree, until he has served a "sufficient time" and made "due proficiency" in the preceding degree.

(This is repeated in all subsequent regulations, and is still in force notwithstanding some recent attempts to reduce its rigor.)

7. He shall harbor no thief or thief's retainer, lest the craft should come to shame.

8. If he unknowingly employ an imperfect man, he shall discharge him from the work when his inability is discovered.

9. No Master shall undertake a work that he is not able to finish to his lord's profit and the credit of his Lodge.

10. A brother shall not supplant his fellow in the work unless he be incapable of doing it himself; for then he may lawfully finish it, that pleasure and profit may be the mutual result.

11. A Mason shall not be obliged to work after the sun has set in the west.

12. Nor shall he decry the work of a brother or fellow, but shall deal honestly and truly by him, under a penalty of not less than ten pounds.

13. The Master shall instruct his Apprentice faithfully, and make him a perfect workman.

14. He shall teach him all the secrets of his trade.

15. And shall guard him against the commission of perjury, and all other offences by which the craft may be brought to shame.

THE FIFTEEN POINTS

1. Every Mason shall cultivate brotherly love and the love of God, and frequent holy church.

2. The workman shall labor diligently on work days, that he may deserve his holidays.

3. Every Apprentice shall keep his Master's counsel, and not betray the secrets of his Lodge.

4. No man shall be false to the craft, or entertain a prejudice against his Master or Fellows.

5. Every workman shall receive his wages meekly, and without scruple; and should the Master think proper to dismiss him from the work, he shall have due notice of the same.

6. If any dispute arise among the brethren, it shall be settled on a holiday, that the work be not neglected, and God's law fulfilled.

7. No Mason shall debauch, or have carnal knowledge of the wife, daughter, or concubine of his Master or Fellows.

8. He shall be true to his Master, and a just mediator in all disputes or quarrels.

9. The Steward shall provide good cheer against the hour of refreshment, and each Fellow shall punctually defray his share of the reckoning, the Steward rendering a true and correct account.

10. If a Mason live amiss, or slander his Brother, so as to bring the craft to shame, he shall have no further maintenance among the brethren, but shall be summoned to the next Grand Lodge; and if he refuse to appear, he shall be expelled.

11. If a Brother see his Fellow hewing a stone, and likely to spoil it by unskillful workmanship, he shall teach him to amend it, with fair words and brotherly speeches.

12. The General Assembly, or Grand Lodge, shall consist of Masters and Fellows, Lords, Knights and Squires, Mayor and Sheriff, to make new laws, and to confirm old ones when necessary.

13. Every Brother shall swear fealty, and if he violate his oath, he shall not be succored or assisted by any of the Fraternity.

14. He shall make oath to keep secrets, to be steadfast and true to all the ordinances of the Grand Lodge, to the King and Holy Church, and to all the several Points herein specified.

15. And if any Brother break his oath, he shall be committed to prison, and forfeit his goods and chattels to the King.

Cumberland Scottish Rite

January 15, 2012

New officers were installed for the Cumberland Consistory at the Masonic Temple on Sunday, January 15, 2012. Fred Widmyer, 33°, was Master of Ceremonies. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, was the Installing Marshall. The Knights of St. Andrews performed the Arch of Steel for the new line officers to enter the Lodge Room. The Knights of St. Andrew also presented the American flag for the opening ceremony.

New officers installed are:
Cumberland Lodge of Perfection:
Kenneth R. Wilson, 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master
Gary W. Freeman, 32°, Senior Warden
R. Francis Shives, III, 32°, KCCH, Junior Warden
Kevin H. Mallow, 32°, Orator
George R. Baker, 32°, KCCH, Master of Ceremonies



Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix:
Roger P. Douglas, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master
John M. Greer, 32°, Senior Warden
Mark C. Weatherholt, 32°, KCCH, Junior Warden
Charles J. Hout, 33°, Orator
Dennis M. Skidmore, 32°, Master of Ceremonies



Cumberland Council of Kadosh
John S. Spencer, 32°, KCCH, Commander
Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32°, KCCH, 1st Lt. Commander
Lonnie R. Jackson, 33°, 2nd Lt. Commander
Page T. Shanklin, Sr., 32°, KCCH, Chancellor
Justin S. Bittner, 32°, Orator (Education Officer)



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Cumberland Knights of Saint Andrew
G. Timothy Schupfer, 32°, Venerable Master
Kenneth M. Winters, 32°, Senior Warden
William R. (Chip) Zimmer, 32°, Junior Warden
Elbert W. (Bert) Green, 32°, Senior Deacon
Jeffrey M. Grogg, 32°, Junior Deacon



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Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Treasurer
Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-Registrar

After the Installation of Officers, Page T. Shanklin, Sr., 32°, KCCH was presented with a pin and certificate for completion of the Craftsman II program. The presentation was made by Bennie G. Owens, 33°, Personal Representative for the Orient of Maryland and Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative for the Valley of Cumberland. A check for \$18,000 was presented to The League – A Children's Place, administrator of the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Disorder Clinic representing funds from Buck-A-Cup Fundraiser and from Scottish Rite Foundation. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-Registrar presented the check to Kathy Growden, Executive Director for The League – A Children's Place. The afternoon concluded with a dinner served in the dining room for all attending.

Scottish Diplomat Program

BRETHREN,

We have an excellent membership program in the AASR Orient of Maryland; it is known as the "Diplomat" program. However, except for a very few individuals, it isn't being put to use. Suffice it to say, this is most unfortunate as it is the prime opportunity to showcase the Scottish Rite to our Blue Lodge brethren. Ill. Bro. Ed Kraft, 33° and Ill. Bro. Jack Biggs, 33° would like to get this program up and running smoothly once again. To do this they need your help.

If you are a member of the Valley of Baltimore, were involved in the Diplomat program in the past, and would like to continue, please contact me by phone (443-491-3302) or preferably by email at K3SP@comcast.net. If you have not been involved in the Diplomat program, would like to become involved, and you are a member of the Valley of Baltimore, please contact me by either of the above methods. If you are a member of any of the Valleys other than Baltimore, please contact Ill. Bro. Ed by phone (410-795-1951) or preferably by email at EBK259@comcast.net.

The program doesn't involve a lot of effort on your part. You will need to attend your Lodge for conferrals of the Master Mason Degree and represent the AASR by presenting the newly raised brother with two books that will be supplied by the AASR. Upon completion of the Master Mason catechism you will contact the brother again and discuss the advantages of petitioning the Scottish Rite. Ideally we would

like to have two Diplomats for each Lodge.

Those that are selected to head up a team of Diplomats will assist the Valley/Orient Diplomat Chairman in assuring that their assigned lodges have Diplomats, coordinate with them, assuring that someone will be available during conferrals of the Master Mason Degree to represent the AASR and to present the books, and the necessary follow up.

One additional requirement will be to fill out a short form and forward it to Ill. Bro. Jack Biggs, giving the date of conferral, Lodge name and the brother receiving the Degree. You will receive a booklet containing all of the necessary duties of a Diplomat, contact lists, and other pertinent info.

Ill. Bro. Ed and Ill. Bro. Jack, along with Ill. Bro. Marlin Mills, SGIG, much appreciate the work that is being done by the few Diplomats currently active, and extend our heartfelt thanks for the great job you have been doing — please keep up the good work. Your chairmen look forward to hearing from you soon, and working with you to showcase our Scottish Rite in our Blue Lodges.

Jack Biggs, 33°
Diplomat Chairman
Valley of Baltimore

Ed Kraft, 33°
Diplomat Chairman
Orient of Maryland

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER — Why We Meet This Day Thursday, April 5th, 2012

By: Ill. Albert D. Wiebley, 33°—Wise Master, 1963

The most logical reason is to rededicate ourselves, but to be more explicit, this meeting on Maundy Thursday for the Hebrew is in commemoration of Passover, a great religious feast celebrated by the Jews on the thirteenth day of their calendar month Nisan, for their release from slavery in Egypt. For the Christian, the meeting on Maundy Thursday is in remembrance of the last supper of our Lord, which was on Holy Thursday nearly 2,000 years ago.

From these meetings on Maundy Thursday, let the vivid impressions bring humility and good deeds to the exhibit of Masonry, rededicating ourselves to the labors of Masonry. This task is not easy, but it has meaning and influences young people, the leaders of tomorrow. This task can be pleasant and enjoyable, for his life is as broad as its love and service, as high as its ideals and as deep as its convictions.

The Symbols of the Mystic Banquet

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

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Good News from the Thursday Rite Cheer Club

By: Rev. Leslie G. Metcalf, Sr., 33°

The noon luncheons held each Thursday at the Scottish Rite Temple have been a big success and have been well attended. Under the leadership of Bros. Charles Winebrenner and Les Metcalf, the Rite Cheer Club has become a weekly outing for many of our Scottish Rite families. There are some Thursdays when as many as three generations of one or more families are present. The sound of children's voices is a new sound in the Temple.

During the past several months, the average attendance at the luncheon has been 70 to 80 people with the largest attendance being for the Thanksgiving luncheon, at which there were 135 people. What attracts so many people to this weekly event? It is a combination of good food and good fellowship. The price of \$5.00 per person is an added feature.

The volunteer kitchen staff begins arriving at 8:00 a.m. to set up the hall and begin preparing the food. The menu varies from week to week and all of the food is prepared on the premises under the watchful eyes of Les Metcalf. A feature of all of the luncheons are the homemade rolls, which are served hot out of the oven.

When you first arrive at the luncheon you will be greeted with a smile by Charlie Winebrenner who will gladly take your \$5.00 and encourage you to make a small donation to help with some of our expenses. We recently had to replace the hot water system in the kitchen which was paid for through contributions made by the Rite Cheer Club and some of those who attend each Thursday.

If you enjoy good food and good fellowship, join us on Thursdays at 12:00 noon. There are no membership fees and we are here to serve you. Bring a guest or several guests! This is an outreach program offered by your Scottish Rite, Valley

of Baltimore. It would help us in the preparation of food if you could make reservations prior to Tuesday of each week.

Apr. 5th
MAUNDY THURSDAY
NO LUNCH PROGRAM

Apr. 12th
SEAFOOD NEWBURG OVER RICE
PILAF
Glazed carrots

Apr. 19th
BAKED CHICKEN
Mashed potatoes
Peas and carrots

Apr. 26th
HOMEMADE MEATLOAF
Homemade macaroni
and cheese
Stewed tomatoes

May 3rd
ALL BEEF HOTDOGS
Baked beans
Cole slaw

May 10th
SPAGHETTI WITH CHOICE OF
SAUCE
Fresh salad

May 17th
TENDER ROAST BEEF
Mashed potatoes
Green beans

May 24th
SALAD PLATTER
Chicken salad and tuna salad
Macaroni salad with shrimp
Cole slaw

* All meals are served with
homemade rolls, dessert and
beverages.

Upcoming Events at Valley of Baltimore 2012

Thursday, April 5th	Maundy Thursday Dinner, 7pm Rose Croix**
Friday, April 20th – Saturday, April 21st	Scottish Rite Leadership Conference
Sunday, June 24th	Scottish Rite Family Day Picnic, 2pm Open to Family and Friends – no charge
Wednesday, September 5th	Lodge of Perfection Dinner – Open*
Wednesday, September 12th	Chapter Rose Croix Dinner – Open*
Wednesday, September 19th	Council of Kadosh Dinner – Open*
Wednesday, September 26th	Chesapeake Consistory Dinner – Open*
Wednesday, October 3rd	Fall Class Orientation – Refreshments After Candidates Assemble in Classroom, 6:30pm

* Open dinners begin at 6:30pm and are open to all at a cost of \$15.00. Please RSVP to the office one week before.

** Maundy Thursday is an open ceremony with dinner at a cost of \$20.00. Please RSVP to the office if you are attending.



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The Clinic Corner

By: Lisa McGrain, M.S., CCC-SLP — Speech-Language Pathologist
Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

HELLO AGAIN from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! It's so hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close for many of our clients. This May, Chrissy, Eleni and I will be busy wrapping up this year's contract with the Cathedral School of Mary Our Queen. Children with various speech and language needs were treated four days a week during the 2011-2012 school year. Towards the end of the year, we kept busy by evaluating and diagnosing students who will be resuming therapy at our center over the summer months. This will help to ensure they maintain important skills until school resumes in the fall.

Throughout the year, the speech pathologists from our center have been asked by various Scottish Rite groups to join them at quarterly meetings to share with everyone what we do and why we do it. We are excited to have been given these opportunities to inform the Masons of the various roles and responsibilities we take on here at our center. We are always eager to share our clients' success stories, especially when the iPad is used in therapy. The iPad continues to be one of the most unique and current treatment tools available to speech-language pathologists in the country!

The annual Scottish Rite Family Day Picnic is quickly approaching. As usual, all clients of the speech and language clinic and their families are invited to this fun event. It is a great opportunity to get to know the clinic staff, the young children who are served there, and have an enjoyable day with your families as well! More specific information is forthcoming, so keep an eye out and mark your calendars!

Finally, the clinic staff has been looking into the possibility of running a summer camp for preschool-



aged children this summer. Small groups would meet here at Scottish Rite and read stories, while targeting foundational pre-literacy skills. Although this project is still in the preliminary stages, we are hopeful that our summer program will be a welcomed change of pace for our young children. We will be sure to keep you posted on program details as they become available.

Please stop by any time to visit our center. We'd be happy to give you a tour of the facility and provide information on our services. If you know of anyone who may need a speech and language evaluation or who is seeking therapy services, we encourage you to pass along our information to family and friends. We always enjoy working with new clients and their families. As always, we thank you for your dedication to our profession and your continued generosity and support!



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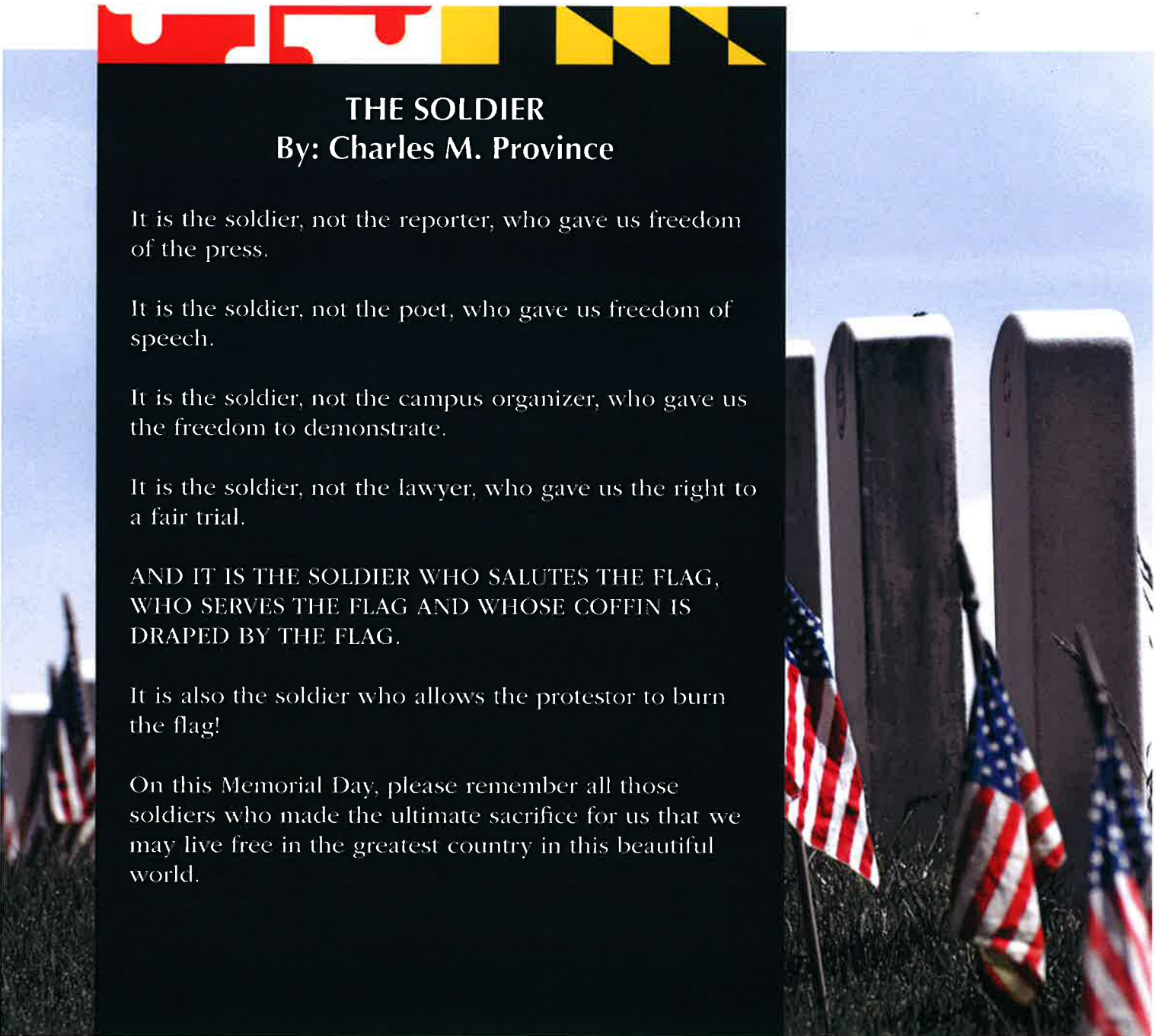
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