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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

S.G.I.G.'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all and I hope this issue of *the Rite News* finds everyone well and ready for a wonderful summer. As I begin this article, I find myself reflecting on a tremendous Leadership Conference just completed in Baltimore – the first in almost 30 years! A special thank you must go to our Grand Commander, Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33° and the Grand Executive Director, Admiral William G. Sizemore, 33°, G.C. for giving Baltimore the opportunity. There were many excellent programs, breakout sessions and the 4th Degree Team performed nearly flawlessly.

Our thanks go out to everyone involved in the conference, regardless of their involvement. It would not have been a success without you. Our ladies were favored with good weather for their boating excursion through the Harbor and around historic Fort McHenry. Our MWGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, III gave the opening welcome and a little history about the site of the conference and the area around the Inner Harbor.

For a conference to be successful, it must be fun, comfortable and provide desirable information. I think we had it all. However, much valuable information is gained in the hallways, on breaks and during meals. I found it very interesting as I spoke to men from all across the country about the way things are done in other Lodges, Valleys and Orients.

In Maryland, I am very proud of our relationship among our collateral bodies. Have you ever given any thought about just how many we work with? We have our Grand Lodge, the Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Tall Cedars, Grotto, Eastern Star, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, not to mention all the other clubs that come from each of these! There are dozens! That means dozens of leaders and dozens of ideas, yet in Maryland there is a harmony and a unity that is hard to find in all parts of the country.

I believe our Grand Masters have set an example of support for the collateral bodies, youth groups and clubs that is transmitted to the leaders of each. Because of this support, there exists a cooperation and a unity that makes Maryland unique.



When I talked to some about our pending York Rite-Scottish Rite Joint Reunion, the comments ranged from “amazing” to “that would never happen in our state.” Even more surprising was about our “allowing” women and children into our Temple. Something we take for granted is unheard of in other parts of the country. Maybe that is part of the reason our membership in Maryland is on the increase? Could be, however, I really think it is the great people we have leading our clubs and collateral bodies. They say it all starts at the top, but it involves everyone in every position all the way down to the sidelines.

I want to thank the leaders of the York Rite and Scottish Rite for the idea, the support and the teamwork that has gone into the joint reunion. I know it will be a success because of the leaders involved: Ken Wyvill, Grand Commander; Bob Lumbert, Grand High Priest; Richard Naegele, Past MIGM; Vernon Huebschman, Grand Secretary; Ray Leppo, Personal Representative; Tom Velvin, PGM, Director of Work and Fred Spicer, Orient Secretary/Registrar. The Class will be named in honor of MWPGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., 33°, PGHP, PMIGM, PGC. He worked very hard to help both bodies and it is fitting that this class be named in his honor. If you would like to be part of this history making reunion, call the Scottish Rite Office at 410-243-3200 for a petition or more information.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for making Maryland a Masonic Family in the true sense and may I wish you all the blessings of eternal good health and a lifetime of good friendship.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

Grand Master's Message

By: MWGM – Stephen J. Ponzillo, III



MY BROTHERS, As I compose this message, we are about to experience our second annual statewide “Open House.” We are greatly encouraged by the results of our 2011 efforts. In 2011, we raised 863 men. That is nearly double our average year’s figure. Additionally, many of our collateral bodies are experiencing similar increases. Two dormant DeMolay Chapters have

been revived and one additional new chapter has been formed. The Open House in 2011 generated this interest. One of our Eastern Star Chapters received ten new petitions which is unheard of regarding recent events. The female youth groups, the York and Scottish Rite are beginning to see new interest and new members. There is one sure way to insure that the Scottish Rite and every collateral body can benefit from increased membership in our Blue Lodges and that is to be a serving and working presence in each individual Scottish Rite Brothers’ symbolic lodge.

To pursue “further light” in masonry by joining “The Rite” must be seen by the lodges not as a drain on their resources, but rather the fact that active Scottish Rite Masons are active Blue Lodge Masons who are always conscious of their duty to their mother lodge.

We look forward to reporting to all brothers regarding our 2012 membership efforts. Often we

hear brothers expressing concerns that we need not pursue new members with vigor, that we need to guard the “West Gate,” and that we want quality and not quantity. My response is that we do, and will continue to guard the “West Gate.” I remind our brothers that in 1961, our membership in the Grand Lodge of Maryland was 49,000 and today it is 16,200. Thus, of eligible Maryland men in 1961, one in 15 were Freemasons; in 2011, one man in 105 is a Freemason. Assuming that there was quality in our 1961 membership, and that in 2011 there are many men of quality available to us from the men of Maryland, there is much quality available to us as our quantity increases. It is not a “fire sale” on membership going on, but an exercise in survival. Our Grand Lodge of Maryland is growing. Together, we will insure that Freemasonry is a force for good forever.



Joint Scottish Rite – York Rite Fall Class of 2012

Honoring – MWPGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., 33°, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Maryland.

Memorial Day

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



WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, MEMORIAL DAY was always celebrated on May 30th. On that day as a Boy Scout, we decorated the graves of veterans in the several cemeteries of the small town where I lived with American Flags. There was always a parade in the afternoon and everyone was present. It was an important community event. However, the Memorial Day that I remember most was in 1944. I was serving on the USS Block Island, CVE 21 in the Atlantic. The “Block” was an Escort Aircraft Carrier and we were proud to have aboard for that cruise, Squadron VC 55, a composite squadron for anti-submarine patrol. Early on the 29th it was announced that we would suspend Air Operations for a few hours on the 30th to celebrate Memorial Day. About sunset on the 29th, four fighters were launched for anti-submarine patrol. The plan was that after they were brought back aboard, operations would suspend until after the Memorial Day celebration. Alas, the best laid plans of mice and men and sailors aboard a carrier have often gone

astray. At a little after 8 PM, three torpedoes from the submarine that we had been hunting found us and within about an hour and a half the “Block Island” was on its way to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. Our Destroyer Escorts, however, were able to locate and sink the submarine. A fourth torpedo did hit one of the Destroyer Escorts and did considerable damage, but it did not sink and another Destroyer was able to tow it to Casablanca. We were very fortunate. Of the almost one thousand men on board, only six were killed by the torpedoes. Six planes were in the air and later we found that all but two were able to water land and the pilots were saved. So, you can see, the miracle of that Memorial Day was that most of us were still alive and only a very few had major injuries. We were aboard the Destroyers and headed for Casablanca. And although we were not able to celebrate in the manor that had been planned we were able to send telegrams to our families that we were safe and well.

A few days later, we found ourselves in Army fatigue clothes at Fillipie Stadium, North Africa celebrating “D” day. Back home, the sinking of the Carrier was released with the other D-day news, but the “Safe and Well” telegrams arrived a couple of days later. Now on Memorial Day, I have eight special people that I must remember. Of course, I need to say a prayer for all of those who have served OUR country. I just wanted to share this personal memory and hope that our remembrance of all of our veterans is a special time.

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- Hugh F. Williamson
- Stephen H. Winer
- Frank A. Zimmerman

Our Scottish Rite Temple

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



THE TIME HAS COME TO RESTORE, renovate and endow our beautiful

Scottish Rite building for our Brothers who will follow us. Shortly, the building will be surrounded by scaffolding and repairs will begin on pointing up, resurfacing and repairing damaged portions of the exterior, due to age, climate and water damage. Rentals of the building have dropped off due to the inability to rent the entire building during the summer months due to the lack of air conditioning.

Many things are happening around the building. A new library has been established and cataloging has begun on many Masonic books that were in storage. Security cameras have been installed to monitor the safety of our building and its many artifacts. The parking lot is also being repaired and redesigned.

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: Bro. Rob Maxson, 32°



GREETINGS AGAIN GENTLEMEN. It's hard to believe the year is half over. We have welcomed many new Masons into our ranks as Perfect Elus and I would like to take a moment to reflect on my own experience as a new Perfect Elu when I was introduced to the philosophy of

the Rite. Think back to when you received the Scottish Rite degrees. For some, it was not too many years ago and for others, it was an age long past. Whatever our tenure in the Rite, we were all introduced to the mysticism of the degrees and Pike's esoteric philosophy by a brother already acquainted with it. After our first reunion, each of us embraced the Rite in our own ways. We studied Morals and Dogma, we read and reread A Bridge to Light, we volunteered in a degree or we embraced apposition in a line. For any of us who have actively engaged in the Rite, we have a well informed brother, or brethren, to thank. When I began my journey, I had the encouragement and friendship of many brothers, men who took time out of their lives to share their knowledge and

experiences with me. Brothers, as our Lodge of Perfection has grown, let us each strive to be that brother who inspires another to further service in the Scottish Rite, who positively affects a brother when becoming involved in the Rite. Just as someone took time to mentor each of us, let's each take a moment to mentor another. In this way, the philosophy of our Scottish Rite will last through the eons to time immemorial.

Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

By: Hon. Dennis R. Hamlet, 32°, KCCH




AS WE RELAX AND ENJOY the lazy, hazy days of summer, let us pause for a moment to reflect on Rex R. Hutchins commentary in , "A Bridge to Light", as he poses the following question:

"Do evil and calamity exist to provide an opportunity for the practice of virtue?"

This is exemplified through a narrative by David Ovason in his book, "Lost Symbols? The Secrets of Washington, D.C." Mr. Ovason relates the story of Pierre (Peter) Charles L'Enfant, the son of a painter to the King of France. L'Enfant managed to obtain permission in 1777 to join the American forces fighting the British for their independence. Left for dead after the terrible British assault on Savannah, he managed to survive, only to be later captured by the British during the siege of Charleston in 1780. He was then held prisoner for two years. After his release, General Washington recommended him to a position of major with the Continental Army's engineers.

After the struggle for independence was over, Wasington became leader

of the new nation. As president in 1791, he commissioned L'Enfant to plan the streets and public buildings for a new federal city. Moving to location to begin, he met John Trumbull, artist of note for the period. While visiting Suter's Tavern in Georgetown, Mr. Trumbull found L'Enfant, Master Mason, hard at work on his famous plans for the city. This was not surprising, since Brother Suter's hotel, the Fountain Inn, was regularly used by the Masons of Georgetown as the meeting place for their Lodge. Thus, the cornerstones for the development of this new nation's capital, to be named after her first president, were laid. A man instrumental in this endeavor, Pierre (Peter) Charles L'Enfant, survived evil and calamity to help create this city of light reflecting northward from the banks of the Potomac.



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Maryland Council of Kadosh

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



WOW THIS YEAR IS MOVING FAST.
We have completed our Spring Class
and have a lot of new Brother's

looking for "Further Light." I would like to extend my hardy welcome and invite all of the members who would like to participate in one of the Degree's or help out the Stage Crew.

There are many opportunities to join in and help. This next class will be an extra challenge as we partner with the York Rite to put on the Degree's as many of us belong to both.

Again, I want to thank my Line Officers for their help with the class and, of course, my Camp Guards who made me look good once again. Also, a special thanks for

those of you that were pulled in at the last minute. I am again proud to be the Captain of the Guard.

If any new men want to join in and help with Camp Guard, that would be great. Some could alternate with either the Spring or Fall Reunion.

Contact Fred Spicer or myself.

Let's make this Fall Joint Reunion a big success.

Thank again to all for your help.

Officers from the Fall Class 2012



From left to right: Class Orator – Bro. David Smith, 32°; Class Secretary – Bro. Kirk Blakeman, 32°; Class Director – Hon. Joe Manning, 32°, KCCH; MWGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, 33°; SGIG – Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°; Bro. Brion Weintzweig, 32°; Bro. William R. Dardick, 32°; Bro. Paul Short, 32°



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Arundel Scottish Rite Club

By: Hon. Malcolm E. Carrick, 32°—KCCH



"OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!" This should be the theme song for the Arundel Scottish Rite Club. The newly formed club met on April 15th at the Masonic Lodge building in Odenton, MD. The weather was perfect and the attendance for this first meeting was outstanding. An

oven-fried chicken dinner with vegetables and all the trimmings was served by the Eastern Star Chapter, all for under \$20.00

A short meeting was held to nominate and install officers for the ensuing term. We are still trying to build up our membership, so future meetings are planned as above with entertainment to follow.

The officers installed are as follows:

Malcolm Carrick, President
410-833-8811

Kenneth Taylor, 1st Vice-President

Dirk Wiker, 2nd Vice-President

Tom Keller, Secretary
410-859-8228

Ozzie Kinat, Treasurer
410-761-8567

Our main method of communication is through this newsletter, so we invite you to join us at any of our future dinner meetings. Current members will be notified by mail. All interested members can request an application and one will be sent to you.

We meet four times per year, with our next meeting on August 19, 2012 at 5:00 PM at the Odenton Masonic Lodge.

Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club

By: Andrew Vineberg, 32°—President



GREETINGS BRETHREN, I hope this summer finds all of you well and on behalf of myself and all the officers within the Chesapeake Club, I wish you a safe and enjoyable season. In case you missed it, we had a wonderful and enjoyable dinner at Pappas Restaurant in June. Our next event is our annual Aberdeen Iron Bird Game at Ripken Stadium on August 12th. While this event does sell out every year, we do have a

small amount of tickets left as of the writing of this article. Our final event of the year will be the Holiday dinner in December. Last year's dinner was certainly amazing, as will this year's be. We would love to have you and your ladies come to our events and become members of the Chesapeake Club which again, is a social club within the Scottish Rite. Please call me at 410-375-8671 for more information.

Carroll Scottish Rite Club

By: Richard S. Smith, 32°- President

AS 2012 UNFOLDS, we can only hope it's kinder than 2011. In 2011 our club experienced 9 deaths (7 brothers, 1 widow and 1 wife). Our condolences go out to the families of the departed brothers and sisters. At our February 4, 2012 meeting, we were treated to a delicious Swiss Steak dinner prepared and served by the ladies of The Westminster Assembly #245 Social Order of the Beauceant. Following the dinner, we were entertained by Tim Hall, a professional Magician and

Mind Reader who was extremely entertaining and enjoyed by all. A Memorial service was then held for our departed Brothers and Sisters. At our May 5th meeting, we were served a delicious Roast Chicken dinner with all the trimmings by the Door To Virtue Lodge #46 Ladies of The Eastern Star. After the Dinner, our speaker of the evening was Sgt. Dimura of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department who gave a very informative talk on IDENTITY THEFT. Our next meeting will be

September 1st, 2012 at 5:00 PM and our dinner will be prepared and served by the ladies of The Westminster Assembly #245 Social Order of the Beauceant. Our meetings always include our wives/ significant others and we always welcome any Scottish Rite Mason, even if you aren't a member of our club. We always look forward to seeing everyone and we always enjoy everyone's fellowship.

Conowingo Scottish Rite Club

By: Hon. Bud Ramsey, 32°, KCCH



ON AUGUST 23, 2011, the day of the earthquake, my wife and I were hit head on in Pennsylvania by a distracted driver. We were air lifted to Lancaster General Hospital. My wife was in intensive care for three months with severe head and abdominal injuries. She lost her sight, some hearing and most of her colon was removed. She had three more months in a rehabilitation hospi-

tal where she fought blood clots, pneumonia, many infections and finally succumbed at the University of Md. Hospital on Feb. 21, 2012. She put up a brave fight and never complained. I had two broken feet, broken right arm, broken ribs, and cracked vertebrae.

We were separated for three months in two different nursing homes. I finally was able to move to a motel in Lancaster and spent every day with her in a wheelchair for the last three months of her life. This has been the most traumatic time of my life and I am emotionally and physically drained but trying to put my life back together as best I can under the circumstances.

I dearly love the Masons, and our Scottish Rite, but it will be awhile before I can get my stamina back to resume anything close to normal. I

wish to thank everyone who visited, sent cards, made phone calls, and checked in with us on the "caring bridge" website which had over 21,000 hits. I am driving, walking with a cane for limited distances and attending my blue lodge for now.

KADOSH MESSAGE

By: Ken Taylor



GREETINGS BRETHREN!

Congratulations to our newest Masters of the Royal Secret, who received their degrees in the spring class. Welcome to the Scottish Rite! Please come back and join us in the fall. We are very

fortunate to have such a successful and active temple.

With the upcoming political season and election approaching, I can't help but ponder on something. Wouldn't it be a much better world if our political leaders were 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons? If they could learn the lessons and ideas concerning government and religion contained in the 30th and 32nd degrees and apply them to their actions in governing, I doubt that we would have the seemingly insurmountable problems we have today. If it's been a while since you have seen the degrees, why don't you take the time this fall and see them again. It will give you an opportunity to re-acquaint yourself with the ideas of tolerance, independence,

sovereignty over one's self and the evils of despotism and, possibly, give you some inspiration as to what direction you feel is right for our country.

The entertainment at our spring Consistory meeting was provided by four lovely young ladies from Towson University. Their singing delighted all who were present. Since the crowd was small that night it has been requested that we bring them back for the joint Council of Kadosh and Consistory meeting on September 12th so that more of the brethren and their ladies may have an opportunity to enjoy this special night of wonderful entertainment. I hope to see all of you at that meeting and throughout our fall activities.

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The Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33°



WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW SCOTTISH RITE MASONS. Brother Kevin Adams, 32° and Brother Stephen Dudley, 32°. This is just the beginning of a long and exciting adventure. We plan to put Kevin and Stephen to work with our Fall class. We already have a few candidates who are ready to get started in our Fall class. Taking part in the degree work is a path to better understanding of the messages of Freemasonry.

Many years ago, as a young man, when I became a Master Mason, I had heard about Scottish Rite Masonry but did not know much about it and did not feel I was qualified to

become a Scottish Rite Mason. The president, and most of the vice presidents of the company I worked for, were Scottish Rite Masons. A older gentleman and mentor that I worked with started telling me about Scottish Rite Masonry and told me that I would be indeed eligible to petition for the Scottish Rite degrees six months after I completed my Third Degree proficiency. He followed up by taking me on a tour of the Scottish Rite Temple on Charles Street and handed me a petition for membership to the Scottish Rite when I became eligible to apply for membership. This gentleman's name was Herbert Hickman and even though he passed on many years ago, I will never forget him.

I believe there are many Master Masons who do not know much about Scottish Rite Masonry and who would be interested if they had some idea what Scottish Rite Masonry had to offer them. There are many

Scottish Rite events that are open to friends and family. Bring them along. Also, tell them about the RiteCare facility located at the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore.

The place you will meet these potential Scottish Rite Masons is at your Blue Lodge meeting, so your attendance at your Blue Lodge is critical to the future of Scottish Rite Masonry.

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By: Ill. Leslie G. Metcalf, Sr. – Building Fund Raising Campaign Chairman

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This imposing structure is the center for many Scottish Rite and Masonic activities and also is the home office of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Maryland Scottish Rite Masons. In the past it has been used for many Masonic and Eastern Star activities as well as being the center for community and charitable programs.

Over the eight decades of its existence, Mother Nature has not been very kind to this beautiful and unique structure. Wind and rain, ice and cold, and summer heat have taken its toll upon the exterior of this beautiful and proud structure. A series of recent inspections have revealed that the exterior of the Temple Building is in need of serious repairs to prevent further damage to the interior of the building.

In order to obtain the funds needed for the repairs to the Scottish Rite Temple, the Scottish Rite Holding Company has approved a special fund raising campaign to obtain the funds needed for the emergency repairs to the exterior of the building and the other repairs needed to preserve the Temple Building. If we are to be successful in this endeavor, we will need a 100% participation of all Scottish Rite Masons.

You will be receiving additional information about the fund raising campaign which will come to you, initially, through the mail. Special meetings and fund raising events will be held throughout the state to keep everyone informed as to the needs and progress of the campaign.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SCOTTISH RITE MASONS AND NO OUTSIDE FIRM WILL BE USED TO RAISE THE NEEDED FUNDS. EVERY PENNY YOU DONATE WILL BE USED FOR TEMPLE REPAIRS.

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Scottish Rite Temple Restoration Fund

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WHAT IS THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

Deut. 16:13—Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles after thou hast gathered in thy corn and wine.

The Feast of Tabernacles also commemorates the ceremonies of the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple, which began in the year 2992 A.L.*, and finished in a little more than seven years. Six months after its completion, in the month of Tishri—the seventh month of the Jewish calendar—the Temple was dedicated with reverential ceremonies to the one Living and True God. That these ceremonies would reach the highest religious significance, King Solomon postponed the dedication until the Feast of Tabernacles, the 15th day of Tishri, a day he well knew would bring every zealous Israelite to Jerusalem.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has proclaimed the Feast

of Tabernacles as the Feast Day of the Lodge of Perfection.

As did the Israelites of old and the New England Pilgrims, Scottish Rite Freemasons gather to acknowledge the mercies which God has poured upon them with lavish hand. It is a time of rejoicing, yet a time to pay humble adoration to the Great Architect of the Universe, without whom there would be no harvest.

**Anno Lucius—Freemasonry adds 4,000 years to our current calendar year (example: 2011 becomes 6011 A.L.).*

After the Ceremony, refreshments will be served in the Banquet Hall and each attendee will receive a bag of fresh fruit.

Date: October 10th, 7pm
Cost: \$20.00 per person, free for children under 12
Please RSVP to the Office by
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Scottish Rite **Spring Ring Ceremony**



Scottish Rite **Leadership Conference 2012**



A Word from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33°

March 12, 1807 – June 20, 1881



OF THE NECESSARY PROBATION AND DUE PROFICIENCY OF CANDIDATES BEFORE ADVANCEMENT.

There is, perhaps, no part of the jurisprudence of Masonry which is more necessary strictly to observe than that which relates to the advancement of candidates through the several degrees. The method which is adopted in passing Apprentices and raising Fellow Crafts—the probation which they are required to serve in each degree before advancing to a higher—and the instructions which they receive in their progress, often materially affect the estimation which is entertained of the institution by its initiates. The candidate who long remains at the porch of the temple, and lingers in the middle chamber, noting everything worthy of observation in his passage to the holy of holies, while he better understands the nature of the profession upon which he has entered, will have a more exalted opinion of its

beauties and excellencies than he who has advanced, with all the rapidity that dispensations can furnish, from the lowest to the highest grades of the Order. In the former case, the design, the symbolism, the history, and the moral and philosophical bearing of each degree will be indelibly impressed upon the mind, and the appositeness of what has gone before to what is to succeed will be readily appreciated; but, in the latter, the lessons of one hour will be obliterated by those of the succeeding one; that which has been learned in one degree, will be forgotten in the next; and when all is completed, and the last instructions have been imparted, the dissatisfied neophyte will find his mind, in all that relates to Masonry, in a state of chaotic confusion. Like Cassio, he will remember “a mass of things, but nothing distinctly.”

A hundred years ago, it was said that “Masonry was a progressive science, and not to be attained in any degree of perfection, but by time, patience, and a considerable degree of application and industry.” And it is because that due proportion of time, patience and application has not been observed, that we so often see Masons indifferent to the claims of the institution, and totally unable to discern its true character. The arcana of the craft, as Dr. Harris remarks, should be gradually imparted to its members, according to their improvement.

There is no regulation of our Order more frequently repeated in our constitutions, nor one which should be more rigidly observed, than that which requires of every candidate a “suitable proficiency” in one degree, before he is permitted to pass to another. But as this regulation is too often neglected, to the manifest injury of the whole Order, as well as of the particular lodge which violates it, by the introduction of ignorant and unskillful workmen into the temple, it may be worth the labor we shall spend upon the subject, to investigate some of the authorities which support us in the declaration, that no candidate should be promoted, until, by a due probation, he has made “suitable proficiency in the preceding degree.”

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The children of our Scottish Rite Clinic made a thank you card for the **Women’s Club** for all that they do.



THE SCOTTISH RITE WOMEN’S CLUB PRESENTED OUR CLINIC WITH A DONATION OF \$5000.00.

Left to right: Treasurer, Sharon Johnston; Clinician, Lisa McGrain, Clinician Eleni Bowden and Clinic Manager, Christine Wandishin

SCOTTISH RITE WOMAN’S CLUB

By: Sharon Johnston, Treasurer

At our Friday, April 13th meeting at Patrick’s Restaurant, the members presented a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center, I would say Friday 13th was lucky for the Clinic. The club was lucky enough to have as our guest from the clinic; Chrissy Wandishin, Lisa McGrain and Eleni Bowden for this presentation. We also discussed putting together a recipe book with all the delicious recipes from the ladies. These recipes will be mailed to Fran Kapral and put together by Lynne Rollins-Kinnier. We are looking to have this book ready to sell at our Scottish Rite Bull and Oyster Roast on October 14th. Also, at the Bull and Oyster Roast, the ladies are planning on a Cake walk, you don’t want to miss this. As you can see, our ladies have been and are very busy, if you are not a member and want to be a member of this wonderful club, you may contact Mary Lou Hooper, Membership Chairperson at 410-879-1888.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY IN MARYLAND - PART II

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



IN THE SUMMER OF 1860, the Rev. William D. Haley Thirty third Degree of Washington, District of Columbia, a member of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States and Deputy Inspector General for the State of Maryland, visited Baltimore and Communicated the Degrees of this Rite to nine Brethren. Those men then applied for and received letters of Constitution empowering them to form a Grand Consistory for the State of Maryland. Under this Charter, the Grand Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret Thirty second Degree for the State of Maryland was organized. During the same month a Chapter of Rose Croix was also organized. Sovereign Grand Commander Pike, assisted by Bro. Albert G. Mackey, Bro. B. B. French, Bro. William D. Haley, Bro. A. T. Pearson, and others of the Southern jurisdiction, together with several Brethren of

the Northern Jurisdiction, Constituted and Installed the Officers of both the Grand Consistory and the Chapter of Rose Croix. Shortly after that, the War Between the States broke out, and in consequence no Labor of any kind was performed by either Body.

In June 1867, Bro. Thomas A. Cunningham was invested with the Thirty-third Degree, and Constituted as Active Inspector General for the State of Maryland. At about the same date, Bro. William S. Rockwell, of Georgia, Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, took up his residence in Baltimore. With the assistance of Bro. Cunningham, Bro. Rockwell Communicated the Degrees up to the Thirty second Degree upon fifteen members between the years 1867 and 1870. Together with the survivors of the old Consistory, these members then reorganized the Grand Consistory on January 6,

1870. Later that year, from May 2 to May 7, the Supreme Council held its Session in the Masonic Temple at Baltimore. Sovereign Grand Commander Pike and members of the Supreme Council from various parts of the jurisdiction were present at that meeting. During the Session, the Grand Consistory of Maryland was publicly constituted and the Officers were installed by the Grand Officers of the Supreme Council. Though Dispensations had been issued for the formation of three Lodges of Perfection, a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, a Chapter of Rose Croix, and a Council of Kadosh, only the two first named Bodies were organized.

On December 27, 1873, a Charter was granted for the formation of Mizpah Lodge of Perfection, No. 3. This Body was Constituted on January 28, 1874, by Grand Commander Richard H. Snowden. At once it started on a vigorous and prosperous existence. It is doubtful whether or not in the entire Southern jurisdiction there ever was a Body of the High Degrees that performed the Work more effectively than this Lodge. Bro. Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas was the T.P. Master from the time of the organization of the Lodge in 1874, to September 24, 1881. On that date the Charter was surrendered to the Grand Consistory.

AMERICANISM

The Scottish Rite and the Masonic Service Association for the State of Maryland

By: Ill. David L. Schneider 33°, Masonic Service Association State Coordinator



THE SCOTTISH RITE has established a Americanism awards program for students participating in high schools and colleges who provide Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps programs.

Our Grand Master Stephen J. Ponzillo, III has continued the Masonic Service Association (MSA) program that provides charitable contributions of monetary, time and gifts for our Maryland Veterans. I think it is important for our future military men and women to become familiar with what the Scottish Rite

and the Maryland Masons have to offer to our Military personnel and veterans.

The volunteers of the MSA have had the honor and pleasure of serving the Grand Lodge by representing the Grand Lodge at four Veteran Hospitals and five Veteran Clinics surrounding the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland. When this committee was formed, we did not realize the full impact that, we as Masons, can have on assisting our Veterans who are in need. We have had the pleasure of representing you and the Grand Lodge of Maryland at “Luncheons for Blind Veterans” held at the Baltimore VAMC. It was one of the most moving experiences we have had during our years of service. We were proud to present checks for the “Blind Veterans”. These donations will assist our Blind Veterans with guide dog training, new canes, trips to and from Veterans hospitals for treatment and personal items. Just the opportunity to shake the hands of veterans from each of our wars, from the Second World War to our latest, was unbelievable. Many

Lodges provide monetary support. As an example, Warren Lodge No. 51 selected the MSA “Blind Veterans Program” to receive their donation of \$1,000.00 from their “Worthy Charities Program” for the past two years.

Our volunteers provide regular visitations, in-patient care, transportation to and from veteran clinics and hospitals, and pusher service while in the hospital and regular hospital visitation for each military patient. Also, we have provided each patient with comfort items, gifts, books and magazines for their personal use. Many of our representatives have gone through a certification program, which is required once each year. This program requires 3 hours of training and exams and is educational and valuable to us as it keeps us informed for patient care while volunteering.

To every Scottish Rite Mason that takes the time to read this article, please consider providing some support for us and please consider us when you decide to make a monetary contribution to your charities.

ROTC/JROTC AWARDEES

ROTC

Cadet Alyssa M. Cummin
McDaniel College Army ROTC

Cadet Cody W. Fields
McDaniel College Army ROTC

Cadet Ujaval K. Patel
University of Maryland Air Force ROTC

Cadet Thomas J. Sillaman
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Loyola University Maryland Army ROTC

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Cadet Michael R. St. Germain
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JROTC

Cadet Darshit Patel
Atholton High School JROTC

Cadet Rebecca Hinson
Howard High School JROTC

Cadet Darren Schneider
Kenwood High School JROTC

Cadet Phylcia Shobayo
Laurel High School JROTC

Cadet Kyle M. Thomas
Oakland Mills High School JROTC

Maryland Demolay

By: Bro. Carl Michel, Jr.: Executive Secretary – Maryland Demolay

GREETINGS FROM MARYLAND DEMOLAY! Since our last article, the members of Maryland DeMolay and advisors have been extremely busy around the state. With the inception of the Grand Lodge of Maryland Awareness Campaign last year, and continuing into this year, we have seen significant interest in starting or restarting DeMolay Chapters around the state. Currently, we have two new Chapters who have begun meeting and one Chapter who just completed a successful Open House.

Charles H. Cover Chapter, originally Dundalk Chapter, has restarted at Patapsco Lodge. They are preparing for their first Installation in many years. We are looking forward to working with the new line officers. Glen Burnie Chapter has again started in Savage at Solomon's Lodge and is having a great time as they learn about DeMolay. The

latest addition is Bowie Chapter, located at Collington Lodge, and was the original home of RCC Chapter. They just had a very successful Open House and we are looking for great things to come from this new group. Dad William C. Eppig, Executive Officer in Maryland, would like to thank all of the dedicated Masons who have stepped up to take the leading advisory roles in these Chapters. We have some new faces and experienced faces who he is sure will work well together as we advance toward a stronger DeMolay in Maryland. If you would like more information on helping out with a Chapter in your area or starting a new Chapter at your Lodge, please contact us at www.mddemolay.org or mdsmc89@gmail.com.

Maryland DeMolay held a DeMolay Degree Class in honor of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dad Stephen J. Ponzillo,

III on Sunday April 15 at the Grand Lodge in Cockeysville. Grand Master Ponzillo, along with a room full of other attendees, witnessed a wonderful afternoon of degree work conferred by our young men. The lessons of DeMolay were communicated to our newest members as well as two new members of the Warren Seipp Honorary DeMolay Chapter for Masons who were never DeMolays. For more information on this Chapter, please contact us at www.mddemolay.org or mdsmc89@gmail.com.

In closing, thank you to the entire Masonic Family for your efforts in supporting our youth. You never know how much it means to our members, when you give of your time, no matter how small!

Take a few moments to talk to our members and ask about DeMolay. You'll be glad you did!



Intendent of the Building

By: Charles Matulewicz, 32°



OUR SCOTTISH RITE is often referred to as the University of Freemasonry and I couldn't agree more. The degrees provide a professional school and instill lessons that can be applied by the class far after they leave the conferral and go back to their daily lives. Each of the degrees offer a set of tools or lessons that can be applied outside of the walls of the Temple. Our eighth degree, for example, is one that I often consider in my professional life.

The eighth degree, or Intendant of the Building, is centered in the management of the work after the murder of Hiram. King Solomon had a problem. He had a partially completed Temple but without a master to oversee the work, how could it be done? It is pointed out

in the discussions concerning the path forward that Master Hiram took great pleasure in teaching the builders secrets that he had learned in his travels to a small cohort of eager students. These students are the very means to complete the Temple. The degree shows the importance of education but also provides a framework for the candidate to consider as he serves as the exemplar of the degree. The word intendant is actually a title and refers to a publicly appointed office and not surprisingly it, like many of our degrees, has its origins in France where an intendant is a royally appointed civil servant. The very title of the degree connotes that the five eager students are appointed for a civil purpose and not elevated as an empty honor.

Benevolence and charity is the admonishment that the candidate is offered. While these five students were imparted with knowledge and have been appointed as chiefs and overseers, they are not to forget that while they are no longer performing operative work, they have to inspire the work of others. Work has its own dignity, and the work itself and its completion is what is important. The candidate is taught to offer good counsel and be as

eager to correct his own faults, to be not concerned with what others have and we do not. These are valuable lessons indeed.

The section of the degree I most enjoy is the love that Master Hiram had for imparting his knowledge on students who are interested in learning. From the instructors and Past Masters who teach the work in our Blue Lodge, to the degree teams of our Rite, we see this in action throughout the Fraternity. The degree teaches that human progress is achieved by one generation passing on the knowledge to each subsequent generation. This is the key to progress in society and the Fraternity. Just as Hiram passed his knowledge onto eager students, or those best suited to receive them we have an opportunity to mentor and pass along our knowledge to provide the next step in a career or to provide the encouragement for a Brother to expand his horizons. At its essence, the degree is a reminder of the unique opportunity we have as men, and Masons to pass on what we have learned while always remembering the dignity of work... and that noble emulation of who can best work and best agree. See you in the Classroom.

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Upcoming Events at Valley of Baltimore 2012

Wednesday, September 5th	Lodge of Perfection & Chapter of Rose Croix Dinner – 6:30pm - \$15.00 – Open to All
Wednesday, September 12th	Council of Kadosh & Chesapeake Consistory Dinner – 6:30pm - \$15.00 – Open to All
Wednesday, September 19th	Class Orientation – 6:30pm – Candidates & Family
Wednesday, September 26th	6:30pm – Confer 4th Degree & Mark Master
Wednesday, October 3rd	6:30pm – Confer 11th Degree & Past Master
Wednesday, October 10th	6:30pm - Feast of Tishri - Lodge of Perfection* Ceremony @7pm – Dinner - \$20.00
Saturday, October 13th	8:00am -Confer 14th Degree, Most Excellent Master Degree & Royal Arch
Sunday, October 14th	2pm - Bull Roast at Scottish Rite
Wednesday, October 17th	6:30pm - Confer 18th Degree & Royal Master
Wednesday, October 24th	6:30pm - Confer Select Master & Order of the Red Cross
Sunday, October 28th	2pm Memorial Service – Open to All
Wednesday, October 31st	6:30pm - Confer 20th Degree & 21st Degree
Saturday, November 3rd	8am - Reunion Day - 30th & 32nd Degree, Malta & Order of the Temple
Sunday, November 4th	2pm - Ring Ceremony / Knighting - Refreshments
Sunday, December 16th	2pm - Christmas Party – Wine & Chocolate

* The Feast of Tishri is an open Ceremony with dinner before at a cost of \$20.00. Please RSVP to the Office if attending.



Mark your Calendar... August 25th!

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3800 North Charles Street

Live Maine Lobsters!stay tuned for more info! Or call the Scottish Rite office at 410-243-3200.

The Clinic Corner

By: Eleni Bowden, M.S., CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist – Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

GREETINGS from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer thus far! Chrissy, Lisa, and I have been busy here in the clinic, as a new school year is rapidly approaching. Did you know that we proudly work with 11 Mason families each week? Hopefully you had a chance to read “Four Little Words,” an article written by Mr. Joshua Saxon in the May/June edition of the Scottish Rite Journal, detailing his son’s journey to spoken communication at our center. Speech services for children of Mason families are covered by the Scottish Rite at no charge to the family. If you know anyone who may benefit from services offered at our center, please contact us at 410-243-3800.

This summer, we welcomed graduate student clinician and Brockman fellow, Stephanie Sadaphal from Loyola University. Stephanie has done an excellent job working with the children and families of our clinic under our supervision. We will miss her and our clients will too! We wish her the best of luck in the future and know she will make a wonderful addition to the field of speech-language pathology.

A few exciting events have taken place this summer. The Scottish Rite clinic staff, clients, their families, and the Masons came together for yet another amazing event. It was a fun-filled day at the 11th Annual Scottish Rite Family Picnic in June! Thank you to all those who were in attendance.

The speech-language pathologists and clinic staff are anticipating a speech and language peer group program to take place during the summer months! This program will focus on providing early intervention services, literacy enrichment, and social interactions for infants and toddlers 2 to 5 years of age. Theme-based lessons will be implemented and targeted.



We are also looking forward to the RiteCare conference for speech-language pathologists and administrators in Dallas, Texas. We are eager to learn the most current therapy practices and techniques and are especially thrilled to be heading our own group discussion on the use of the iPad. We continue to use our iPads in therapy on a daily basis and cannot wait to share the most beneficial programs and applications with our colleagues from around the nation!

Finally, we’d like to thank both the Scottish Rite Women’s Club and Rotary Club of Towson for their financial support in allowing us to purchase new materials for our clinic. We have even thought of using some of the funds to paint each of our individual therapy rooms. Come visit to see our new look! We always enjoy having visitors and welcome you to stop down any time. Thank you all for your continued support and best wishes for a happy and healthy fall season ahead!



Support your Scottish Rite Speech & Language Center

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 Center.

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.

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The York/American Rite

Taken from the York Rite Freemasonry – Official Information Page

THE YORK RITE, or more correctly, the American Rite, is based on the early remnants of Craft Masonry that were practiced in the early 1700’s. The formation of the first Grand Lodge of England in 1717 specified that the lodges were to confer only the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, all other degrees being considered spurious. However, many lodges had been conferring other degrees that they considered an integral part of Masonry, in particular that of the Royal Arch, and formed their own Grand Lodge in 1751, terming themselves the “Antients” and the other Grand Lodge members the “Moderns.” With the merger of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 into the United Grand Lodge of England, the lodges agreed that only the three accepted degrees of Masonry would be used by the lodges, but the degree of the Royal Arch would be attached to Chapters allied directly to these lodges and bearing the same number as the lodge, though as a separate body. Thus, unlike the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which claims to hold the power of conferring the first three degrees of Masonry in addition to those under its jurisdiction, those found in the York Rite have rightfully acknowledged the fact that they are considered appendant to those of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is

still the practice in English Masonry that a Masonic member is not considered to be in possession of all the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry until he has been exalted to the Royal Arch.

Early American Lodges operated in a similar manner until the establishment of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. For a period in US history, the Cryptic degrees were controlled by various state Grand Chapter jurisdictions, until the establishment of the General Grand Council. The Chivalric Orders have been controlled by the Grand Encampment since the early 19th century in the United States. All three bodies are technically autonomous Masonic entities, only the requirement of membership in the Royal Arch connecting the Cryptic degrees and Chivalric Orders together.

Appendant to the York Rite Bodies are several additional Masonic bodies, most of which are invitational in nature. Membership in many of them is predicated on membership in the Royal Arch, though some have memberships predicated on other bodies of the York Rite, or membership in all of the York Rite bodies. Many are found in other jurisdictions outside of the United States, but several are uniquely American in their origin.

Fall Rehearsal Dates 2012

- 4th Degree – Monday, September 24th
- 11th Degree – Monday, October 1st
- Feast of Tishri – Monday, October 8th
- 14th Degree – Tuesday, October 9th
- 18th Degree – To Be Arranged
- 20th Degree – Tuesday, October 23rd
- 21st Degree – Thursday, October 25th
- 30th Degree – Monday, October 29th
- 32nd + Camp Guard – Tuesday, October 30th

Cast - All Rehearsals begin promptly at 7pm, please report to the Director of Work’s office and sign in prior to this time.

Support Staff – Please report by 6:30pm.



Joint Scottish Rite - York Rite Class
Fall 2012

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