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## A MESSAGE FROM

### Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Dear Friends and Brothers,

I hope this note finds each of you in good health. As I write this article, we are in the middle of our Biennial Session in Washington. September is only days away and we resume our labors for the fall. That means by the time you receive this issue of the Rite News, the holidays will be just around the corner. Wow! Where did the summer go?

Our Supreme Council was very kind to Maryland during this session. We received 28 new KCCH, 12 new 33°, and one new Grand Cross. Our 33° degree team made Maryland proud with an excellent job before our Council and the world. There were 42 countries and 32 Orients present for the session. My sincerest congratulations are extended to each and every one. These honors are not only for the work that has been done in the past, but for greater expectations as you help lead our Scottish Rite. Maryland is growing in every area of the State and these newly elected men are our future.

There were seven new S.G.I.G.'s added to the Council and five new Deputies.

Our new Susquehanna Valley helped open the session with five of their officers and members present. Their image was engraved on the 2013 Biennial coin celebrating "Brotherhood" as the theme.

I also want to thank each one of you who have supported our activities this year. The best lobster feast ever, a great cruise, an outstanding bull roast and a successful wine tasting. There are now nine Scottish Rite Clubs and six Valleys that are successful and growing, only through your support. Donations that support our clinic, the library,



and the temple all come directly from your pockets and are very much appreciated.

There are many more great things to come---a new fall class, the ring ceremony, the Feast of Tishri, Thanksgiving lunch, a Christmas concert by the U.S. Army band and a brand new Christmas Program. Then it's Christmas!!!

I hope you and your families will enjoy every one of these events and may Brenda and I wish you the best of the Holiday Season with the blessings of good health and happiness.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
in Maryland



## Supreme Council Biennial - 33° Conferral

By: Dr. Joshua D. Neuheisel, 33°, Mary A. Neuheisel



**THE YEAR 2013 BROUGHT THE BIENNIAL SESSION** of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite to the Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia. Tuesday, August 27th was the final day of the session, which included the conferral of the 33rd degree. Members of the Baltimore 33rd degree team were honored to confer the degree as part of a joint degree team with brethren from the Orient of the District of Columbia. Scottish Rite Masons from Maryland, who took part in the conferral of the degree, included Ill. Joshua Neuheisel, Ill. Frederick Reel, Ill. Teddy Barkley, Ill. Jerome Robiette, Ill. Henry McDonald, Jr., Ill. Spyridon Treklas, Ill. William Dula, Ill. Vernon Denison, Ill. Kenneth Sebra, and Ill. Herbert Holcomb.

The joint degree team held several practices at the Scottish Rite Temple in Washington D.C. in the months prior to the conferral. Members from the Orient of Maryland enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship with Brethren from the Valley of Washington as they worked together to perfect their memorization and floor work. We were always received with warm hospitality.

Despite some nerves before the conferral, the team did a stellar job conferring the degree. The audience consisted of current Honorary Inspectors General, as well as the candidates receiving the degree, from all over the United States. Several dignitaries, including the Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, were in attendance to witness the work. It was a privilege and honor to be part of this event and something that will be fondly remembered by all involved.

Several ladies accompanied the team to Washington D.C. and

were able to spend a leisurely day in the city. In the evening, the Scottish Rite brethren were joined by their ladies and guests at the Gala Banquet in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton. Entertained by strolling string musicians, everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of their Brethren, as well as a delicious meal. Sovereign Grand Commander Seale spoke after dinner and lauded the career of Ill. Admiral Sizemore. He is retiring from his post as Grand Executive Director of the Supreme Council. After the SGC's remarks, the head of the American Football Coaches Association, Grant Teaff, entertained the crowd with inspirational stories from his football career as head coach of Baylor.



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## Where Do We Go in 2014

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



**THIS IS PROBABLY THE BUSIEST SEASON** of our Masonic Year. We will soon have new Grand Lodge Officers. The Scottish Rite has just finished the Fall Class and Our Honor Men have been recognized. The York Rite has just installed new Grand Officers and we should all be ready to move our fraternity forward. Our Grand Lodge has provided us with a program to build through 2025. If we take advantage of this program, we can continue to build. I strongly believe that each individual is important in our plans to move forward, but we must never lose sight of the fact that COOPERATION and sharing of ideas makes us stronger and more effective.

You often heard after World War One, that, "The War Was Won In The Trenches". I believe that this is still true. Our greatest achievements will come after individual gains at the local, club, or degree preparation levels. Some of the most important decisions will be made in the ante-room of the lodges, the robing

room of the Scottish Rite, the rehearsals of the York Rite, and in the automobiles as Grand Officers travel from place to place. One of our beloved Past Grand Masters once told me that he had learned more about Masonry in the back seat of a car, or in a hotel room after a conference, than he had ever learned in a lodge room.

Communication is still the KEY, and sometimes, it doesn't matter how formal this communication is, but how effective. All of the standard methods are great and should be used to their utmost. We will never be able to avoid conflicts in scheduling, but rather than complain, we should be pleased that we are all trying to plan and assist each other. I do not care who is given the credit for improvement so long as we continue to improve. There are times that I believe that Medals, Certificates of Recognition, and other means of congratulating some person

on a job well done does more to agitate those who are not recognized than it helps. Alas, we are only human, so we do the best that we can and this seems to be the best method of thanking someone for a job well done.

**"LET ME TAKE A MOMENT AWAY FROM THIS DISSERTATION AND THANK EACH OF THE READERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. YOU ALL DESERVE A MEDAL OR AT LEAST A CERTIFICATE FOR WHAT FREEMASONRY HAS PLACED IN YOUR HEART"**

Now, as each of us gets even busier, let us return to our individual trenches and continue the job of winning this war of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Talk with your brothers, plan with your friends and execute with your companions.



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## Valley of Baltimore

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



**AUGUST 27TH, 2013** – The Combined Valleys of Baltimore, Cumberland and Washington presented the 33° in the Valley of Washington, for the Supreme Council Biennial Sessions, to a filled auditorium. Candidates from all jurisdictions in the Southern Jurisdiction and dignitaries from all over the world were present. The Degree Team was headed up by Ill. Bro. Joshua D. Neuheisel, 33°

as Grand Commander and gave a superb and flawless presentation. The Orient Dinner for Maryland was hosted by Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, SGIG and his wife Brenda. The Grand Masters from Sweden, Iceland and Maryland were in attendance, along with their lovely ladies.

## Grand Cross of the Court of Honour

This is the highest individual honor that The Supreme Council bestows. It is voted very rarely to Thirty-third Degree Masons only for the most exceptional and extraordinary services. The Grand Cross cap is white with a blue band. On the front is a replica of the Grand Cross jewel, which is composed of a Teutonic Cross, with an embroidered crimson rose with green leaves at its center.





## Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: Hon. William D. Gunn 32°, KCCH – Venerable Master



### THE THEME OF THE FOURTH DEGREE: DUTY

The focus of the Fourth Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is duty. This degree appears to be a bridge from the Blue Lodge degrees to an introduction to the Scottish Rite. It sheds light on the importance of commitment to the duty a Brother has on becoming a member of the Rite. Progressing through and learning from key concepts presented in the various degrees is a duty of the Scottish Rite Mason. The men in costume acting out any of the degrees do have an important message to convey. The duty of the Scottish Rite Mason is to make that message applicable to his life.

What is duty? How can it be acquired? Duty is a very abstract concept and certainly not easily defined. Webster's dictionary states it is a moral or legal obligation. Further, that it is an act that is required. It is something that one is either expected or required to do. Acquiring duty is to obligate oneself to the task at hand, whatever that task may be.

The purpose of the Fourth Degree is to recognize that one must be faithful to the action or task required by a person's position and/or occupation. Fidelity to purpose, or staying the course, is a journey that brings a Brother to further Light. Is that not the ultimate goal of Freemasonry? As men and as Masons, let us examine several duties to which we owe an obligation.

We have a duty to family. We labor daily to provide safety and security. Adhering to budgetary constraints, we encourage fiscal restraints. We work with our spouse to create and maintain an ongoing loving and caring environment. We know the importance of being a role model to enhance the responsibility of each family member.

We have a duty to country. Masons strive to be good citizens. We actively support the political candidate of our choice. Many take an active role in political campaigns. Many Masons have served, are serving, or will serve in the military because they know the importance of our country is to remain strong and secure. Masons are patriotic. We make public appearances in parades to show our support for our country and to make a visual presence to those who may not know us. Waving the flag is an important duty, we as Masons have, in order to show support for the country that gives us freedom.

We have a duty to self. It is important that we be proud of all we do whether it be in the work force, pursuing further education goals or helping others, but not in a haughty manner. As the army motto states, "Be all you can be!" Take a positive approach to all opportunities that are presented to you.

We have a duty to God, our creator. Spiritual growth leads us to further Light. Our life should have purpose and meaning. Through our worship of the Great Architect of the Universe, we have a better understanding of who we are and why we are here. It also humbles us to realize there is a much greater power than ourselves.

In summary, the Fourth Degree introduces the Scottish Rite Mason to the importance of fidelity to duty. We must remember that fidelity to duty includes all aspects of our lives - our occupation, family, country, self, and, most of all, God. To garner key concepts of the Fourth Degree, as well as the additional degrees, we need to labor each day to inculcate truly Masonic ideals - making a good man a better man. One must strive to do his best while recognizing individual limitations. Attention to duty will accomplish this.

I certainly have enjoyed my year as Venerable Master of The Lodge of Perfection. I thank all of my officers for



their commitment to the LOP. Writing several articles for The Rite News of Maryland has been an enjoyable task. Finally, I want to thank very much Michael R. Andersen, Registered Investment

Advisor, for his most informative presentation on retirement income strategies, offering tax free income after our Lodge meeting on September 4, 2013. Michael is a member of Coates

Lodge #102 in Easton, Maryland. He is also a 32 Degree Scottish Rite Brother.

## Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Gregory M. Derwart 32° KCCH— Commander



In my day job, running office operations, I have the occasion to be responsible for projects and processes. Both activities have two very different purposes. A project is a temporary endeavor, undertaken to create a unique product, service or result. Projects have a definite beginning, middle and end point or completion date. On the other hand, a process is ongoing and/or repeatable, with no definitive conclusion.

These definitions can easily apply to the work in our Scottish Rite Temple. As our year comes to a close we can pause and reflect upon the successful projects tackled during the past 12 months – from successful reunion days, to our renewed festive boards. I give thanks

to the Council of Kadosh line officers for their dedication and dutiful work as our term together comes to an end. It will be an honor to see my friend and mentor the Ill. Thomas A. Keller 33° take the helm as next year's Commander.

But just as important as these temporary projects is the ongoing and continuous process of making Knight Masons better Masons, fathers, sons, husbands, neighbors and citizens. This endeavor cannot and will not cease, as we have an obligation for continuous improvement and the pursuit of excellence.

Earlier this year during our installation of officers, I remarked to those assembled that, as Masons, and more importantly, as men of God, we have an obligation to improve ourselves, to improve our communities, and to make the world a better place for our families. We all know that temptation is everywhere. And so, our ability to reject evil, and to control and to redirect our work to accomplish the

will of the Almighty, is what distinguishes a Knight Mason from common men. Our degree work reminds us that great examples are the noblest legacies from the past, and they can enrich a nation more than wealth or power.

And so the question remains – will we be positive examples for future generations? Will we move past our complaining and griping, and begin to act and accomplish? Who among us is the next pioneer, innovator, or defender of the Faith? Only time will tell. What I do know is that the lessons we learn within the walls of our Temple, and within the pages of the God-breathed Holy Scripture, are all that we need to do our duty. My only hope is that when our earthly days are done, our Supreme Architect and Master greets us with open arms and says, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Until that day, our work continues . . .

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## Chesapeake Consistory

By: Jason M. Taft, 32°, KCCH – Master of Kadosh



**"IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO BELIEVE** that the framers of the Constitution, serious thinkers of their time, designed it to reflect their understanding of Natural Law. Nor is it unreasonable to think that they might design a government which, like the cathedrals of an earlier age, provides instruction to the individual citizen about his own nature."

That quote is from W. Kirk MacNulty's *Freemasonry: A Journey Through Ritual and Symbol*, a book I picked up a few years before I became a Mason. The quote accompanies a wonderful diagram of "the three mutually checking and balancing branches of the government." This diagram, which depicts the three branches as Masonic/Kabbalistic pillars, fascinated me from the moment I first saw it. It made me want to learn about the "instruction" that was somehow provided through the "design [of our] government" as well as

through "the cathedrals of an earlier age."

I learned a lot about the design of our government by reading *TRADE for PEACE: How the DNA of America, Freemasonry, and Providence Created a New World Order with Nobody in Charge* by Dr. Patrick Mendis. Brother Mendis (yes, he has joined our fraternity since writing the book) shows how the shaping of our nation was profoundly impacted by two of Adam Smith's books, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (which greatly influenced Thomas Jefferson) and *The Wealth of Nations* (which greatly influenced Alexander Hamilton). Hamilton was a realist who focused on self-interest, survival, and economic opportunity; his rival, Jefferson, was an idealist who focused on moral sentiments, human rights, and the pursuit of spiritual happiness. George Washington recognized the value of the creative tension between Hamilton's perspective and Jefferson's. ["Equilibrium," wrote Albert Pike, "is the Harmony that results from the analogy of Contraries."] I highly recommend *TRADE for PEACE*.

I learned a lot about the the cathedrals by reading *WRITTEN IN STONE: Decoding The Secret Masonic Religion Hidden In Gothic Cathedrals And World Architecture* by

Richard Cassaro. The back of the book states:

*"Fearing their principles might one future day be forgotten, the Freemasons who built the towering churches, castles and cathedrals of Europe (and America) carefully encoded this secret wisdom into the architecture of these monuments. By matching cathedral architecture with ancient temple design, Richard R. Cassaro shows the universality of the World Religion, thereby demonstrating that the root wisdom of the Masonic Fraternity is the key to the perpetuation of a life-changing ancient science of mind expansion and enhanced self-awareness."*

Mr. Cassaro is not a Mason and his book includes some speculations that some may find ridiculous or even unsettling; however, the book is packed with thought-provoking ideas and loaded with great images from around the world. It definitely enhanced my appreciation of sacred architecture. I recommend it to anyone with an open yet skeptical mind.



## Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33°



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ILLUSTRIOUS MICHAEL SIRK, 33°**, Inspector General Honorary and Honorary Thomas Barnhart, 32°, Knight Commander Court of Honor. These two brothers have been diligent workers in the Valley of Southern Maryland and continue to give their support to the work of the Valley. Illustrious Brother Sirk is a master builder and Honorary Brother Barnhart is our Director of Work.

King Solomon's Temple has never been uncovered due to the restrictions placed on making archeological digs on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. However, two recent digs have uncovered structures of great interest that were built in a time period not long after King Solomon's Temple.

The description of King Solomon's Temple can be found in 1 Kings 6 and this description has been used to compare other temples

discovered in that region.

The first, Tell Tayinat, which is located in southeastern Turkey near the Syrian border, has striking architectural similarities to the description of King Solomon's Temple as described in the Bible. This temple was built in the eighth century B.C.E. This is two centuries after the building of King Solomon's Temple. The Tayinat Temple is a long room structure with three spaces like King Solomon's Temple. There is a column on each side of the forecourt, a striking parallel to the two columns (Jachin and Boaz) in the forecourt of King Solomon's Temple.

The second is the Ain Dara Temple in northern Syria. The Ain Dara Temple was built in the same time period as King Solomon's Temple and its design is very similar. The entrance to the temple is flanked by two free standing columns. In the courtyard of the Ain Dara Temple is a large stone basin like the brazen yam in front of King Solomon's Temple. The walls were engraved with artistic motifs including cherubs.

The proportion of length to width of these two temples is the same as in King Solomon's Temple. I wonder if some of the workers who worked on King Solomon's, also worked on the temple at Ain Dara. I am sure that their skills were much sought after.

I am always interested in learning what life was like and what was going on in the world in the times contemporaneous with the events in our degree work.

Thanks to Thomas Barnhart, 32° KCCH and Jack Hazuda, 32° KCCH for their work cleaning out and organizing our storage cabinets. It makes it much easier to set up for the degrees when you know where everything is and that everything is in good shape. Now that it is organized, we have to work to keep it that way.



## 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, the 15th day of Tishri, (October).

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.).

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## The 15th Degree

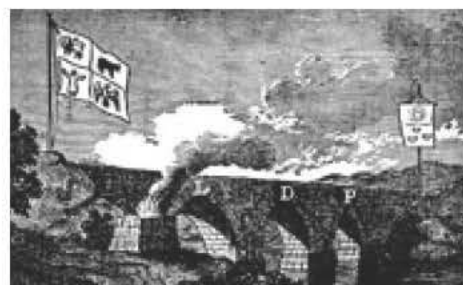
By: Charles Matulewicz, 32°

**I CONSIDER A HEALTHY VALLEY** one that is adding degrees to its repertoire, and was excited to hear that our Valley of Baltimore was adding the fifteenth degree to its degree cycle. New degrees impart new lessons, invigorate the Craft, and add to the vitality of the Rite getting new Brothers into the Temple and involved. The addition of the fifteenth degree also gives us a chance to delve into the history behind the degree.

Brethren, while our Rose Croix Chapter consists of but four degrees, these four are some of the most complicated degrees in the entire system of the Scottish Rite. Philosophy, religion, morality - these degrees are indeed dense and hard work to move through. Surprisingly, Brother Pike only dedicated four short pages to the Knight of the East degree in *Morals and Dogma* illustrating it with this strange plate of a bridge with flames, banners, and the mysterious initials LDP. Let us lay the esoteric to the side and delve into history behind Zerubbabel and his efforts to implore Cyrus to set his people free and rebuild the Temple. In the past, I have asked you to consider the moral lessons of the degree, but let us now take a different tack... let's look at the fifteenth degree instead focusing on the historical basis of King Cyrus

and Zerubbabel.

The ancient world was a tumultuous place, and sadly, even the cradle of civilization was a place ridden with war and strife. Our story begins with the Assyrians who were overthrown by the Babylonians. The Assyrians were an ancient people whose territory extended throughout the Fertile Crescent into northern Mesopotamia. Now Brothers, civilizations ebb and flow like the tides and, at this time, both the kingdoms of Babylon and Judah were client states of the Assyrians, and the Babylonians had chafed under Assyrian rule. Nabopolassar (Nebuchadnezzar's father) was able to wrestle the kingdom of Babylon out of Assyrian influence and this unexpected event gave the Egyptians quite a turn. The Egyptians were not looking forward to a new enemy on their eastern border and made a plan to put a large amount of land between the newly energized Babylon and themselves by supporting the remaining Assyrian army and putting down this upstart. Necho II of Egypt was seeking a means to take the war to Babylon and support the efforts of their Assyrian allies, but to do so, they needed to pass through the kingdom of Judea. Necho II asked permission to move his troops through the kingdom of Judea, and



King Josiah refused, as he did not want to antagonize the Babylonians. This want, to not be impacted by the tensions, was not effective however. Forbidding the free passage of the Egyptians lead to King Josiah's untimely death at the Battle of Megiddo when Egypt pushed its way through Judea by force. After the king's death, two factions formed in Judea, a pro-Egyptian and a pro-Babylonian faction, and the kingdom fell under Babylon's influence as a client state. In 559 BCE, the pro-Egyptian faction came to power and revolted against Babylon. This, my Brothers, led to the siege of Jerusalem in 597 BCE when Nebuchadnezzar took and sacked the city. The king of Babylon destroyed the temple and brought the Hebrews away in chains beginning the Babylonian captivity. This is really where the story begins for Zerubbabel and Cyrus. Let us lay the Bible to the side for a moment and consider the historical men. Zerubbabel was a governor of Judea under Cyrus, but why would a Persian king let people who



defied his predecessors free and plant them back in their homeland? The key lay in the fact that Cyrus was a Persian, who was a client kingdom to the Medians, and in overthrowing his overlords, he, in turn, took Babylon and created a kingdom from Lydia (modern Turkey) to Bactria (modern Afghanistan). The Persian king had a huge empire and was beset by enemies. He needed friends on his borders, and so whom could he trust? No nation, modern or ancient, wants enemies at their borders... but Great King Cyrus was a pragmatist and saw an answer to his problem in the people of a small kingdom hugging the Mediterranean coast.

It is my belief that King Cyrus, as a follower of Ahura Mazda and Zoroastrian, would have recognized that the core theological and philosophical beliefs of the Hebrews, were very close to his own. Zoroastrianism, with its dualist belief system of an absolute good and an absolute evil, would have seen a reflection of itself in the God of Israel. My Brothers, while I cannot claim to speak with authority on Judaism or Zoroastrianism, I can assert that the ancient world was a very pragmatic place where Zeus, Jupiter, and Odin could all be seen as the same deity. Cyrus, seeing these Jews as people with

a similar belief system who happened to be separated by a different language, would have considered the kingdom of Judea a very useful client kingdom. A kingdom which would increase his tax revenues and shore up his western border and so he set them free and supported building a new Temple... and that, my Brothers, is where history ends and Masonry begins.

Consider the stage setting for our fifteenth degree consists of two apartments; the first, or Hall of the West, represents the ruins of Jerusalem and the camp of the Hebrews. Those York Rite Brothers would recognize the crimson, blue, purple, and white hangings prominent in this Hall of the West. The second apartment is styled as the Hall of the East and represents the council chamber of Cyrus; between the two is a bridge with the letters L.D.P prominently displayed. Now remember Brothers, that many of our degrees have a French beginning and these initials represent Liberte' de Passer in French (Liberty of Passage), alluding to Cyrus freeing his captives and sending them home, but I think the degree may evoke more. So I ask you, as you sit in the audience and watch this fifteenth degree, consider that maybe, if the lessons of this degree are taught as rebuilding the Masonic



temple of liberty, equality, and fraternity in the souls of men and nations... well, my Brothers, considering the historical context, maybe the metaphor of rebuilding the temple begins when we emulate Cyrus and see not differences, but instead acknowledge the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God, no matter what the Deity is called in our native tongue. Attend the degrees and consider it yourself. I hope to see you there. Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite, and I hope to see you in the classroom.





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## A Word from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33°

March 12, 1807 – June 20, 1881



### THE SYSTEM OF SYMBOLIC INSTRUCTION

The lectures of the English lodges, which are far more philosophical than our own,—although I do not believe that the system itself is in general as philosophically studied by our English brethren as by ourselves,—have beautifully defined Freemasonry to be “a science of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” But allegory itself is nothing else but verbal symbolism; it is the symbol of an idea, or of a series of ideas, not presented to the mind in an objective and visible form, but clothed in language, and exhibited in the form of a narrative. And therefore the English definition amounts, in fact, to this: that Freemasonry is a science of morality, developed and inculcated by the ancient method of symbolism. It is this peculiar character as a symbolic

institution, this entire adoption of the method of instruction by symbolism, which gives its whole identity to Freemasonry, and has caused it to differ from every other association that the ingenuity of man has devised. It is this that has bestowed upon it that attractive form which has always secured the attachment of its disciples and its own perpetuity.

The Roman Catholic church is, perhaps, the only contemporaneous institution which continues to cultivate, in any degree, the beautiful system of symbolism. But that which, in the Catholic church, is, in a great measure, incidental, and the fruit of development, is, in Freemasonry, the very life-blood and soul of the institution, born with it at its birth, or, rather, the germ from which the tree has sprung, and still giving it support, nourishment, and even existence. Withdraw from Freemasonry its symbolism, and you take from the body its soul, leaving behind nothing but a lifeless mass of effete matter, fitted only for a rapid decay.

Since, then, the science of symbolism forms so important a part of the system of Freemasonry, it will be well to commence any discussion of that subject by an investigation of the nature of symbols in general.

There is no science so ancient as that of symbolism, and no mode of instruction has ever been so general as was the symbolic in former ages. “The first learning in the world,” says the great antiquary, Dr. Stukely, “consisted chiefly of symbols. The wisdom of the Chaldeans, Phoenicians, Egyptians, Jews, of Zoroaster, Sanchoniathon, Pherecydes, Syrus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, of all the ancients that is come to our hand, is symbolic.” And the learned Faber remarks, that “allegory and personification were peculiarly agreeable to the genius of antiquity, and the simplicity of truth was continually sacrificed at the shrine of poetical decoration.”

In fact, man’s earliest instruction was by symbols. The objective character of a symbol is best calculated to be grasped by the infant mind, whether the infancy of that mind be considered nationally or individually. And hence, in the first ages of the world, in its infancy, all propositions, theological, political, or scientific, were expressed in the form of symbols. Thus the first religions were eminently symbolical, because, as that great philosophical historian, Grote, has remarked, “At a time when language was yet in its infancy, visible symbols were the most vivid means of acting upon the minds of ignorant hearers.”



Again: children receive their elementary teaching in symbols. "A was an Archer;" what is this but symbolism? The archer becomes to the infant mind the symbol of the letter A, just as, in after life, the letter becomes, to the more advanced mind, the symbol of a certain sound of the human voice. The first lesson received by a child in acquiring his alphabet is thus conveyed by symbolism. Even in the very formation of language, the medium of communication between man and man, and which must hence have been an elementary step in the progress of human improvement, it was found necessary to have recourse to symbols, for words are only and truly certain arbitrary symbols by which and through which we give an utterance to our ideas. The construction of language was, therefore, one of the first products of the science of symbolism.

We must constantly bear in mind this fact, of the primary existence and predominance of symbolism in the earliest times. when we are investigating the nature of the ancient religions, with which the history of Freemasonry is so intimately connected. The older the religion, the more the symbolism abounds. Modern religions may convey their dogmas in abstract propositions; ancient religions always conveyed them in symbols. Thus there is more symbolism in the Egyptian religion than in

the Jewish, more in the Jewish than in the Christian, more in the Christian than in the Mohammedan, and, lastly, more in the Roman than in the Protestant.

But symbolism is not only the most ancient and general, but it is also the most practically useful of sciences. We have already seen how actively it operates in the early stages of life and of society. We have seen how the first ideas of men and of nations are impressed upon their minds by means of symbols. It was thus that the ancient peoples were almost wholly educated.

"In the simpler stages of society," says one writer on this subject, "mankind can be instructed in the abstract knowledge of truths only by symbols and parables. Hence we find most heathen religions becoming mythic, or explaining their mysteries by allegories, or instructive incidents. Nay, God himself, knowing the nature of the creatures formed by him, has condescended, in the earlier revelations that he made of himself, to teach by symbols; and the greatest of all teachers instructed the multitudes by parables. The great exemplar of the ancient philosophy and the grand archetype of modern philosophy were alike distinguished by their possessing this faculty in a high degree, and have told us that man was best instructed by similitudes."



Such is the system adopted in Freemasonry for the development and inculcation of the great religious and philosophical truths, of which it was, for so many years, the sole conservator. And it is for this reason that I have already remarked, that any inquiry into the symbolic character of Freemasonry, must be preceded by an investigation of the nature of symbolism in general, if we would properly appreciate its particular use in the organization of the masonic institution.



## Frederick Scottish Rite

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



**BRETHREN**, as you are aware, we have been honored with three new Honor Men: Brother Scott Cameron, 33°, Brother Barry Bosley, KCCH, and Brother Alan Smith, 33°. I would like to thank the Orient of Maryland and the Supreme Council for selecting and honoring our members. These brothers were well deserving

of the selections. I am sure that they will long remember October 12th in Baltimore.

As our year ends in Frederick, we are looking forward to a more active year in 2014, with new officers and degree teams. So Brethren, we need your help to participate in the degree teams, and to support our Lodges by your attendance. I also encourage you to be with us at our special events and activities. I hope everyone is receiving our "Rite Moment" bulletin, thanks to Brother Scott Cameron 33°.

Please make note and join us for our First Thursday Breakfast get together at the Barbara Fritchie Restaurant at 9:00 am. The

breakfast get togethers are doing great, and we have had some wonderful, informative speakers, as well as great fellowship.

Once again, I ask you to visit any sick or home bound brothers. That visit means so very much. Please inform the brethren if you know of anyone in need of a visit, as well as anyone sick or in distress.

I am looking forward to a great year, so please try to attend our meeting and enjoy our fellowship. Please check the "Rite Moment" for upcoming special events.

I once again offer my congratulations to all Scottish Rite members who are receiving their Honors.

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## Boumi Shriners

By: Jay Irwin Block, Illustrious Potentate, 2013

**GREETINGS BROTHER SCOTTISH RITE MASONS** from the Boumi Shriners. I wish to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gerald Piepiora, and the Sovereign Grand Inspector, Marlin Mills, for continuing the lines of communication among all of us. Although there may be problems in other jurisdictions, in Maryland, we remain united in our Masonic heritage and fraternal camaraderie.

I have been honored by our Grand Master, who sat with me at the Indianapolis Shrine Convention, where we were able to discuss the issues at hand

and truly appreciate the close bond we have, individually and fraternally. My Lady Gina and I are looking forward to seeing the Grand Master and his wife at the MASA Convention as well as other events scheduled through the rest of the year.

Following the success of both the Masonic and Boumi Open Houses, we are looking to repeat the Boumi event this Fall. We hope all, who are interested, come with others who are not yet Masons to see what opportunities lie ahead for all of us and our families. Also, as we have hosted our Veterans

with a breakfast on November 11th of the year, this year we have opened our doors to our ladies, acknowledging that our freedom today is because of their sacrifices in the past. Please check our website, [www.boumishriners.com](http://www.boumishriners.com) for details of these and other events.

My Lady Gina and I have truly enjoyed this year and look forward to the upcoming events remaining until this term has ended.

Please come join us as we continue to celebrate the year 2013, the year we are "lighting the way for our children."



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## From the Director of Work

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



AS I WRITE THIS, we are about to embark on one of the busiest Degree schedules we've had in years. We'll be conferring eleven degrees during October and ending on Reunion Day on November 2nd. By the time you read this column, we will be nearly finished with our Fall work for 2013.

It will soon be time to begin work on the Degree schedule for the Spring of 2014. I have already heard from several of our members that they are working on additional degrees which I am hoping will be ready for presentation for the Spring Reunion. This is exciting news to me because it means there is a renewed interest in the Scottish Rite and in the

29 Degrees we confer. I can remember when many of the Blue Lodges within the Valley of Baltimore had one or more degree teams who conferred many of the Scottish Rite Degrees. They held rehearsals at their Lodge and came to the Temple on Charles Street for the final rehearsal and to confer the degree. These Degrees were conferred on Wednesdays during the several weeks leading up to the Reunions in the Spring and Fall.

I am beginning to see a return to the time when Blue Lodge teams of Scottish Rite Masons take on the responsibility of learning and conferring one or more of the Degrees. At the present time, we have teams from Pythagoras, Mt. Ararat, Annapolis, Howard, and Mt. Moriah. I have probably missed a couple of Lodges but I can assure you their efforts are greatly appreciated. I encourage any of you who would like to assemble a cast and learn a degree, to let me know and the Secretary Registrar and I will assist you in getting the things

you will need to get started.

I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate those who recently received the Knight Commander Court of Honor and those who received the Inspector General Honorary. These honors speak to your dedication and contribution to Masonry and to your willingness to work to perpetuate the Fraternity and the good it does throughout the Free World. We will look forward to seeing those new red and white hats in the halls of the Temple on Reunion Day.

I hope to see you at the conferrals of the Degrees on Wednesday evenings in October and on Reunion Day on November 2nd. Please keep in mind that it is just as important to fill the seats in the auditorium as it is to fill the positions in the casts of the several degrees we'll be conferring. Come out and support those Brothers who have worked hard to make the Degree they have learned a lasting memory for the class members as well as for you who are old hands who have seen it all before.

## Rite Cheer Menu January

January 9th  
Mom's Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Vegetable & Fresh Baked Rolls  
Dessert

January 16th  
Fresh Roast Turkey Breast  
Bread Stuffing  
Vegetable & Fresh Baked Rolls  
Dessert

January 23rd  
Old Fashion Beef Stew  
Bread Stuffing  
Fresh Baked Rolls  
Dessert

January 30th  
Baked Smoked Ham  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Vegetable & Fresh Baked Rolls  
Dessert



## THE IDEAL MASTER

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



**WHEN I WAS ASKED TO PREPARE** a paper on the Ideal Master, the first thoughts that crossed my mind were of the many Masters that have presided over my Lodge, that which they have accomplished and their attitude toward their brethren. Almost simultaneously, I also considered those Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge and how they, without exception, could be considered as examples of the Ideal Master. With this in mind, I decided to first consult the dictionary and determine what part of the definitions found there would pertain to our fraternity. I found there that a Master is "one who is familiar with all the details of an art, profession science or trade. One who has charge of some special thing, place or business." For Ideal, the following seemed appropriate: "That which is taken as a standard of Excellence – existing only in imagination, of such perfection as being practically unattainable. The best conceivable thing that possibly be attained." Armed with this definition, I was convinced that any manner of treatment of this subject would

not or, could not, reflect any particular person, although many of the attributes could and do refer to many different Masters that I have been privileged to work with or for.

We will now proceed with the word IDEAL and use each letter as an inspiration for an attribute of the Ideal Master.

I – Individual Qualities

D – Dedication

E – Education

A – Application

L – (We will consider "L" in the last paragraph of this report.)

I – Individual Qualities – Those individual qualities that make up the Ideal Master are first those of personality. Although we do not like to think of our Masonic elections as popularity contests, our Masters should be well enough accepted by their brethren to be popular in their Lodges. Well received, able to communicate, a part of the main stream of Lodge activity. The next individual quality is that of a good Moral Character. How does he stand with his own family, is he a good father, husband, brother, son, and is he responsible to his family's needs? How does he stand in his community? Is he concerned about his neighbor, the city council and the State legislature? Does he contribute to the well-being of

his community? How does he stand with his professional or business associates? Is he an integral part of that team? All of these Individual Qualities are important in conceiving the Ideal Master.

D – Dedication – Is our candidate for Ideal Master dedicated to performing these duties that have been assigned to him in his daily life as well as in the fraternity? Is he dedicated to promoting the Ideals of Freemasonry? Is he willing to promote his Lodge as an organization? Is he willing to carry out the ideals and principles as well as the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge? Is he dedicated to the improvement of the lot of his fellow man? Is he willing to dedicate himself to improving the Lodge, Community, State, and Nation or are brotherly love, relief, and truth just empty words? Is he willing to dedicate much time, effort, and ability to the planning necessary to make his job a success?

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## Susquehanna Valley – Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection

By: Bro. Pete M. Hicks, II, 32° - Venerable Master

**BRETHREN,** It is my honor to bring you warm and fraternal greetings on behalf of your Brothers in the Susquehanna Valley. The Brothers in the Susquehanna Valley have been working hard this summer in an effort to certify in the 4th and 14th degrees before we resumed our labors in September, and with much delight, I'm proud to announce that we've reached that goal. Soon, we will be receiving our Charter to officially operate as the newest Valley in the Orient of Maryland and putting on the degrees in the Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection. I would like to thank the many Brothers that dedicated their time and talents, and assisted the Valley to achieve this momentous

milestone. I would also like to say a very special thank you to the Ill. Ed Faulkner 33°, Director of Work, for his patience and guidance along the way.

This summer was also special because Brothers Rich Thurfield 32°, Mark Smith 32°, Deryk Gannon 32°, William Gonzalez Cruz 32° and myself had the pleasure to accompany our S.G.I.G Ill. Marlin Mills 33° to the 106th Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33° Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. It was an amazing two days that went by too quickly, but it was great to have been able to meet so many Freemasons from all over the country and the world. In attendance were all 35 states from the Southern Jurisdiction

and the District of Columbia, as well as the Orients of Puerto Rico, Japan and Taiwan, 38 sister Supreme Councils, 3 foreign Grand Lodges from around the world, 18 Allied Masonic organizations and 32 Grand Masters.

Most of all, we were honored to take part in a new campaign called Brotherhood: A Secure Foundation. The concept my Brothers is this: the Valley and the local craft Lodge is where Brothers meet and greet each other, Masonic work is exemplified, its relevance to our lives is considered, and lasting friendships are made and strengthened. We should all build upon this foundation as we journey forward in life.



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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

### GREETINGS FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE CHILDHOOD SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CENTER!

We would first like to thank everyone who came out to Sliders Bar and Grill in September to support our great clinic and the children with communication difficulties that we serve. The event was a huge success and we hope everyone had a great time watching the Orioles game and spending time with friends.

We recently had the honor of being asked, once again, to guest lecture to students at Loyola University. We will be presenting a revised version of our iPad presentation that we presented at the RiteCare conference in Dallas, Texas last year. We are excited to share what we know with future speech therapists!

We are also extremely excited about an upcoming conference hosted by our national organization, the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA). This year's ASHA convention will be held in Chicago and Mr. Mills has generously agreed to help us attend. This is the premier annual event for speech-language pathologists, bringing together more than 12,000 attendees. The conference gives us the opportunity to learn about the latest evidence-based research, polish clinical skills, improve techniques and gain new tools and resources to advance professional development. Attending these seminars will enhance our professional knowledge and skills and allow us to provide better care for the children at the Scottish Rite clinic. We're looking forward to a great time in the Windy City!

It's so hard to believe that the holiday season is already upon us. And with all the hustle and bustle comes tons of excitement and many festivities. We have so much to look forward to in December - like the annual clinic holiday party, a trip to Friendly Farms, cookie exchanges, and Christmas programs - all of which we're very excited about this year.



With the new year comes new beginnings for our graduate students, Kelli Robinson (University of Maryland) and Stephanie Rulle (Towson University). Their time here with us at the Scottish Rite Clinic is over and they will be completing their last externship placement before graduating in May. We will truly miss them here at Scottish Rite and would like to wish them the best of luck in the future. We know they'll make excellent speech-language pathologists!

As always, please feel free to call anytime to visit our center. We'd be happy to give you a tour and provide you with information regarding the services we provide here. If you know of anyone who may benefit from a speech and language evaluation or who is seeking therapy services, we encourage you to pass along our information to family and friends.

We wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season! See you in 2014!





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## The Life Masonic Welcomes a New Valley to the A&ASR, Southern Jurisdiction

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**THIS MONTH, ON THE LIFE MASONIC**, we explore the creation of a new Scottish Rite Valley from two perspectives: one from the young men that made it happen and one from the established leaders who supported and nurtured it. We hear firsthand how a random idea blossomed into a full-blown Valley in about a year, and how they overcame challenges along the way. It's a great story of initiative, work-ethic, and effective leadership. To listen to the latest episode, download it on iTunes, subscribe to it on Stitcher Internet Radio, or just listen to it on our website.

For those unfamiliar, a podcast is like a radio show, but over the internet. Last year, the Supreme Council introduced The Life Masonic. And since then, we have released 14 episodes and been downloaded over 40,000 times!

Each month on The Life Masonic, we take a theme and then explore that theme through interviews or stories from Masons around the country. Some of these Masons you may

have heard of, some you'll meet for the first time. But on each episode, you will be exposed to some Masonic education, hopefully enlightening an area of the Craft.

Our first episode was "Research with S. Brent Morris," where Ill. Bro. Morris talked about what scholarly Masonic research was and how anyone can do it. Some episodes are stories from other Masons, Like in Episode 9, where we heard essays from the Master Craftsman Masonic Education Program read by their authors.

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## Respect

By: Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, SGIG in Maryland

**I RECENTLY HAD THE OCCASION** to attend the viewing of a friend who had passed away and, en route, I picked up a friend who also wanted to attend. As he exited his house, he was wearing slacks and a polo shirt, no suit, no jacket, no tie. When he got in the car, I asked, "Don't you want to grab a jacket?"; his reply, "Nah, he'll never know the difference". Maybe not, but here we go again. What has happened to respect – not just respect for a departed friend but, maybe, self-respect? Respect for others? Have you noticed in church, no suits, coats or ties, but jeans, shorts and tank tops, bringing cups of coffee, muffins and sending text messages during the service? I suppose as we dumb down America, we dumb down other things as well? I can remember growing up with the terms "Your Sunday Best" and "Your Church Clothes".

This was the way you dressed

to show respect, it was not meant to specify a style but to set boundaries on one's self for what is acceptable. Today, there seems to be no such boundaries on anything. Can you remember when you took your hat off at a ball game when the National Anthem was played? At least tipped your hat when introduced to a lady?

Respect plays a great role in our everyday life and it starts, or should start, at home at a very early age.

A child who is allowed to be disrespectful to his parents will grow up to be disrespectful to everyone.

It starts with their teachers, rules at school, laws, traditions, other people's feelings, our country and even the truth.

The value in teaching a child "Self-respect" pays a lifetime of dividends. Respect and self-respect go hand in hand. "Yes, ma'am", "no, ma'am" or "yes,

sir" and "no, sir", words that seem to be lost, only show respect. Holding a door open for someone is not demeaning but only a respectful courtesy. I wonder how many children today have ever heard of the "Golden Rule"? No, not "Those who have the Gold make the rules" although some in high places sure seem to like that one.

Oh well, keep your Sunday best ready and don't forget to polish the back of your shoes – last impressions are important also.

Taking Care of your Heritage? Our 85 year OLD Temple is a 501(C)(3) under the Temple Preservation. YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED.

## Rite Cheer Menu February

February 6th      Baked Chicken  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Vegetable & Fresh Baked Rolls  
Dessert

February 13th      Spaghetti with Choice of  
Marinara/Meat, or Meatballs  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Baked Rolls  
Dessert

February 20th      All Beef Hot Dogs  
Baked Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Dessert

February 27th      Roast Pork & Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes  
Vegetable & Fresh Baked Rolls  
Dessert





# Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ORIENT OF MARYLAND

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

To the Officers and Members of:

ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION  
MEREDITH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH  
CHESAPEAKE CONSISTORY

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME

I have never applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the degrees, from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. (Note: If applicant has previously applied for any of the degrees, explain fully as to date, place and to what bodies such application was made.)

I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_

Date Raised \_\_\_\_\_ If raised in a Maryland Lodge, have you passed exam in 3rd degree Catechism? \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

(Street Address) (City or Town) (State) (ZIP Code)

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street Address) (City or Town) (State) (ZIP Code)

And I have resided at my current residence preceding date of this petition for \_\_\_\_\_ months/years.

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

(City or Town) (State)

My Occupation, position, or trade is that of \_\_\_\_\_

(State fully nature of your duties. If retired, please indicate your former duties and employer.)

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Firm or Gov't Agency) (Address) (Telephone Number)

Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by two members in good standing in the Maryland Scottish Rite Bodies,

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of Recommender) (Phone Number) (Signature) (Scottish Rite ID Number)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of Recommender) (Phone Number) (Signature) (Scottish Rite ID Number)

1. The Supreme Council requires the acceptance of the following fundamental principles: The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, underlying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever been held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with and organization which has? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_: If your answer is in the affirmative, give particulars: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Applicant in Full)

**INITIATION FEE: \$250.00**

INITIATION FEE INCLUDES:

14° Trilite Ring (May be upgraded to 10K Gold for additional fee),  
32° Patent, Bridge to Light Book, Albert Pike Morals & Dogma Book

**AT LEAST \$100.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION.**

HAT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ RING SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Upcoming **Events** Winter 2013-2014

Saturday, November 2nd  
Reunion Day – Confer 25°, 30° & 32° - 8am  
Lunch \$10.00 – Candidates – No Charge

Sunday, November 3rd  
Fall Class Ring Ceremony – 2pm- Dinner  
\$15.00 per person – Candidates – No Charge

Wednesday, November 6th  
Feast of Tishri – 7pm – Dinner Following  
Ceremony \$20.00 per person

Sunday, December 8th  
Army Band – Free & open to the public –  
6pm

Sunday, December 15th  
Christmas Party – Christmas Around the  
World and Concert – 2pm – \$20.00 per  
person – Children under 12 free

Sunday, January 5th  
Installation of Officers – 2pm – Dinner after  
Installation – \$15.00 per person

Wednesday, February 19th  
Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection – 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 26th  
Meredith Chapter Rose Croix – 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 5th  
Maryland Council of Kadosh – 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 12th  
Chesapeake Consistory – 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 19th  
Orientation for Fall Class – 6:30pm – Dinner  
following Orientation

Wednesday, March 26th  
Confer 4th & 5th Degrees – Refreshments

Wednesday, April 2nd  
Confer 11th & 13th Degrees – Refreshments

Wednesday, April 9th  
Confer 14th Degree – Refreshments

Wednesday, April 16th  
Confer 15th & 18th Degrees – Refreshments

Thursday, April 17th  
Maundy Thursday Ceremony – 6:30pm  
\$20.00 per person

Wednesday, April 23rd  
Confer 20th & 21st Degrees - Refreshments

Saturday, April 26th  
Reunion Day – Confer 25°, 27°, 30° & 32°  
8am

Sunday, April 27th  
Spring Class Ring Ceremony – 2pm - \$15.00  
per person – Candidates – No Charge

\*Dates Subject to change, please check  
website or call office for updates