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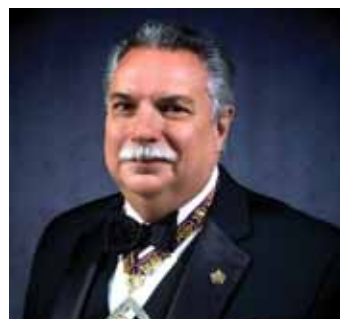


IN MEMORIAM

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Masonic Family Growth – New beginning or just a fad?

By: Ill. Gerald E. Piepiora, 33°—Most Worshipful Grand Master



CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO THE BRETHREN and officers of the new AASR Valley – Susquehanna Valley in Bel Air. Primarily through the efforts of Brothers Pete Hicks, WM and Kevin Emery PM, the new Lodge of Perfection is finally underway. The brethren of Harford and Cecil counties can now enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry many miles closer to home.

The SGIG, Illustrious brother Marlin Mills has also reported that, as with most of our other appendent bodies, the Scottish Rite in Maryland showed a real growth from 2011 to 2012. Well done my brothers!

With the many programs being sponsored by the Grand Lodge (media, open houses, seafood and music festivals, etc.), as well as the multitude of events conducted by nearly every Lodge in this jurisdiction, it is my opinion that our challenge is and will remain mentoring and retention. As beautiful as the Scottish Rite degrees are, if the time spent within each of our Valleys is not meaningful to the new members as well as our senior members, we are destined to experience another membership recession.

For us older members, we need to remind the new ones of the challenges of learning new ritual (and yes, many of our members really do enjoy that kind of challenge), but also of being able to develop leadership skills in one of the four bodies.

And we mentors, who are willing to spend time with

one or more of our new Scottish Rite members, will ensure that they find something to whet their appetites in pursuing “further light” and becoming nearer to that perfect Ashlar to which we all strive.

No, my brothers, Masonry will not die. Our morals and principles will always be strong enough to attract men of good character. It sure is more satisfying, however, to be with MANY brothers and their families in sharing the “secret” of our gentle Craft.

May God’s greatest blessings be with all of you now in this spring of 2013 and in your future endeavors.

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As We Continue To Grow

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



CONTINUING TO BUILD OUR MASONIC FRATERNITY is a never ending job. Just when everything looks as if it is going very well, we will have many personal and organizational problems that will make progress more difficult than we might have originally imagined. As this goes to press, we will have completed successful “One Day Classes” in both the Baltimore and Cumberland Valleys. We have opened a new Susquehanna Valley. All seems to be very well in the Orient of Maryland. My Good Brothers,

now is the time that we need the attention of all of our members to keep Masonry on a positive course. Enthusiasm can be contagious or it can be lost. As we progress, let us make certain that we continue to do the best that we can to keep our fraternity strong and vibrant. We need the support of every BROTHER in every program that we attempt in our Scottish Rite. If one degree is executed in a creditable fashion, then we need to make certain that next time we confer it, it is even better. If our lunches have a good attendance, then next time, let’s make it even better. If our meetings, dinners, and programs are interesting, I am certain that there are ways to continue to improve them. We have to act as though we need to improve at every level and never let down our efforts. Even when things seem to be wonderful, a little tweak here and there can keep them from being dull and un-interesting. If we continue to do everything

exactly the same way each time, without any improvement, how boring it can be. Yes, there are parts of our ritual that should not be changed, and there are other parts of our programs that are necessary, but we must have some “Personality” in the way we do business. Each of our leaders and each of our participants are a little different and we must use these differences for good and not for disfunction and argument. Cooperation, Individuality, Hard Work and Happiness will help us to continue to grow and improve our ability to spread the Masonic ideals in Maryland. I am reminded of a saying that I heard long ago and it goes something like this---

“As you travel through life brother,

Whatever be your goal,

Keep your eye upon the donut,

And never on the hole.”

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Scottish Rite Mason of the Year

Hon. Howard E. Roe,
32°, KCCH



HON. BRO. HOWARD E. ROE, 32°, KCCH was chosen as the Scottish Rite Mason of the Year for 2012. Brother Roe is very active in the Scottish Rite, working many hours in the Robing Room, preparing and robing the casts for the various Scottish Rite Degrees. His tireless efforts on behalf of the Scottish Rite are appreciated by the members and leave a lasting impression on the new candidates going through the degrees.

The Scottish Rite Mason of the Year is carefully selected from nominations made by the membership. His name is placed on a plaque hanging outside the Main Office on the first floor of the Scottish Rite Temple.

Personal Representative for the Valley of Baltimore

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



MANY OF THE SCOTTISH RITE BROTHERS have been following the progress of the Memorial Library being created at the Scottish Rite. Custom bookshelves have been installed with built-in display lighted

cases. Many books have been donated; masonic, reference, as well as fiction and non-fiction, etc. A section in the corner has been set aside for children's books, games, etc. Bro. Miles Cole, temple librarian and his wife, who has retired from her position at the Library of Congress have spent many hours cataloging and arranging the many volumes. An attractive entrance has been created, blending perfectly with the tile and marble in the main hall. Upscale lighting, security cameras, heating and air conditioning are eventually in the works. We hope to have a formal dedication in the near future.

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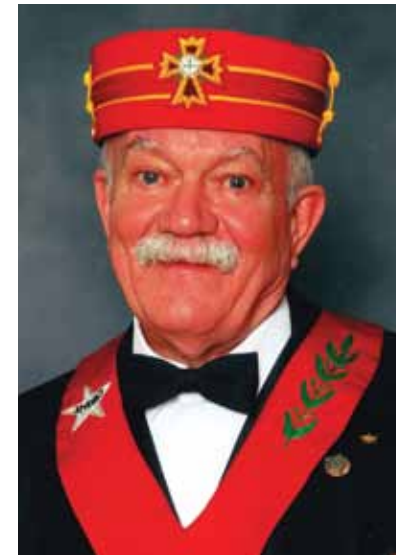
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Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



IT SURELY WAS A BUSY WINTER SEASON for the four lodges at the Temple. After our Lodge of Perfection meeting, we had a very informative program presented by "Fidos for Freedom." Fidos is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization located in Laurel, Maryland and was

founded in 1987. According to their mission statement, their purpose is to provide specially trained dogs for people to enhance their quality of life. The program was presented by Judy Cannon, a member of the Board of Directors, Tracy Bowman, president of the Board of Directors, several volunteers, and three clients.

Those attending the program learned the difference between assistance dogs and therapy dogs. Assistance dogs work with people with hearing, mobility, and other disabilities while therapy dogs visit schools, hospitals, and other community organizations. There were several demonstrations showing exactly what these highly trained dogs can do. At the conclusion of the program, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. Brother Marlin 33°

presented a donation to this most worthwhile organization.

Our one day class was a tremendous success and many Brothers took advantage of joining the Scottish Rite in this abbreviated program that does not occur very often. We welcome our newest members and trust they will be active Scottish Rite Brothers as they continue their Masonic journey seeking further Light.

History in the making...it has been more than thirty years since a new Scottish Rite Valley has been formed, but one has, so we congratulate the Susquehanna Valley and the Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection. This Valley will serve Harford and Cecil counties, and surrounding areas. The installation was truly a memorable event. A great time was had by all!





Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

By: Charles S. Hallock, 33° Degree, Wise Master



BRETHREN, WHILE STUDYING MY LINES for the Maundy Thursday service, I was reflecting on the service's crucifixion theme of Jesus. The reflection led me to think of the various statements Jesus made during his life on earth. One

statement stands out because of current events dealing with the amount of taxes an individual pays. Jesus said, "....Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's (Matthew 22:21)." Currently, in the media there is rhetoric stating the "rich" do not pay enough taxes.

I ponder; what is rich and what are enough taxes? While pondering, I recall what my stepfather, Herbert Whitlow, told me as a teen. Herbert said, "Charles, there will always be someone smarter than you and there will always be someone dumber than you, and, there will always be someone richer than you and there will always

be someone poorer than you." From my Bible training, I remember one of the Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's (Exodus 20:17)."

Masonry and The Scottish Rite provide many object lessons concerning faith, hope, and charity. Consequently, I cannot direct another on what is rich, and what are enough taxes. However, I thank God for the lessons of life and the words in the Bible that God has given me and pray for wisdom to apply the data I have been blessed with.

SR Council of Kadosh

Gregory M. Derwart 32° KCCH – April 2013 Message



THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES wrote in its 1924 publication *Masonry and Americanism* the following observation regarding the challenges of its day:

"There is nothing wrong with our form of government. The trouble lies with our citizenship. We do not know enough about our government, nor do we take a sufficient interest in it to see that it functions properly. The cure is obvious. Our citizenry must be aroused to a proper interest in our government and what it does and what it stands

for, a proper appreciation of the Constitution and how it safeguards liberty, equality and fraternity. The people need leadership in this, and that is the job of every Mason in the land, work bequeathed to us by the fathers of our country. We, who have sworn allegiance to the same ideals that actuated them, have a duty to see to it that the nation they founded upon these ideals are perpetuated. Are we doing our duty?"

Indeed, are we doing our duty? I continue to challenge our august Brotherhood to take the Masonic lessons we learn and Brotherly Love we share, and put them to good use in our neighborhoods and our nation where they are so desperately needed.

We give thanks for the Brothers who joined us for our February meeting and festive board – a good time was had by all! We also give thanks to all

the Brothers who staged a wonderful 30° on Reunion Day on March 16th. To our new Scottish Rite Brothers from the Spring Class of 2013 – welcome! Your class is dedicated to the memory of our Past Commander, the Ill. Allen B. Keller, 33° – a wonderful friend and example to us all.

Looking ahead, we are still in the process of creating a new ceremony for the fall to celebrate Godly marriage. If you are interested in helping us, please contact me at gregderwart@gmail.com.

Hope springs eternal, and I trust that as the earth celebrates its annual rebirth, you and your families are filled with the hope of renewal provided by our Heavenly Father. Let us use that reassurance found only in Him to make our communities a better place, as our founding fathers and Brothers would expect of us.



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Chesapeake Consistory

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



ALEXANDER POPE'S AN ESSAY ON MAN contains a beautifully expressed truth: "All nature is but art, unknown to thee; All chance, direction, which thou canst not see; All discord, harmony not understood; All partial evil, universal good; And spite of pride, in erring reason's spite, One truth is clear, Whatever is, is right."

It's a truth that's easy to forget – at least for me.

Let's say I'm running late for an important appointment and I get stuck in traffic. My mind may judge the situation as "bad" and I may react with frustration, forgetting the fact that "whatever is, is right."

Lacking omniscience, how can I know that getting stuck in traffic isn't the best thing that's ever happened to me? Maybe I was on my way straight into a head-on collision with a bus; the collision would have occurred 5 miles down the road and

killed me if not for the traffic jam holding me up. Or maybe, after being stuck in traffic that moves at a snail's pace for an hour and causes me to miss my appointment, I'll wind up stopping at the first restaurant I see, where I'll talk to a stranger who will wind up being my future wife.

Shakespeare's Hamlet asserted that "there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." And a quote from Milton's Paradise Lost says the same thing more powerfully: "The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven."

I'll share an old story that I think of often:

There once was a wise old Chinese farmer who owned a beautiful mare. One day, the mare suddenly got loose and ran away. Upon hearing that the farmer had lost his only horse, everyone in the village came to offer him their condolences. "Oh, what bad luck!" they all said.

"Maybe," the old farmer replied dispassionately.

A week later, the lost mare returned, accompanied by three superb wild stallions. Hearing that the farmer now owned four fine horses, everyone again visited him, this time to offer their congratulations. "Oh, what good luck!" they exclaimed.

The farmer again simply replied, "Maybe."

A few months later, the farmer's son tried to ride one of the wild stallions and was thrown to the ground. The fall broke the young man's legs. Everyone expressed sympathy for the farmer: "Such terrible misfortune!"

They received the usual reply: "Maybe."

A few days later, a local warlord rashly decided to launch an attack on a distant rival who was very powerful. All of the able-bodied young men in the village were sent off to fight and, upon reaching their destination, were quickly massacred in a one-sided battle. The farmer's son would have marched to his certain death if his temporary lameness had not prevented him from being conscripted. In time, his broken legs healed and he learned to farm his father's land so successfully that he was able to feed the entire village.

Knights of St. Andrew

By: Norman Henthorn, 32° - Knight Commander



We are well into the New Year and we, in the Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA), are prepared for the rigors and challenges that this year may bring. The KSA is building a strong Clan

of individuals who desires to serve the Valley. Our team has already become stronger than years past, with eleven active Knights and Squires. Like an old Marine Corps commercial once said, we are "always looking for a few good men." A few good men to serve the Baltimore Valley but, we cannot do it alone.

The Knights of St. Andrews is a Clan of "black hat" members whose purpose is to serve our Valley and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General. We are building teams to serve as honor and color guards, aide de camps, escorts and other important service roles. Our

ultimate goal is the presentation of the 29th degree! We cannot do this without the support of active participants. Unlike many other Masonic organizations, there is no cost to join the KSA. All interested parties please contact the Knight Commander, Norman Henthorn at ksabaltimore@gmail.com or call 443-866-8063 or fill out an application and I can give it to any member of the KSA on a meeting night.



SCOTTISH RITE PRESENTS A MAINE LOBSTER FEST

Sunday, August 17, 2013

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Scottish Rite Temple

3800 North Charles Street

*Details in next Rite News



25th Degree
Knight of the Brazen Serpent or Sufi Master

“God is the Light of the heavens and the earth.”

This degree will be added to the degree conferrals - Fall Class 2013- Baltimore

By: S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH – Degree Master

Mullah Nasruddin entered the King’s banquet hall and seated himself at a prominent chair. The chief guard approached him and said: “Excuse me sir, that seat is reserved for guests of honor.”

“Oh, I am more than a simple guest,” replied Nasruddin boldly.

“Oh, so you are a diplomat?”

“Much more than that!”

“Really? So you are a cleric, perhaps?”

“No, more important than that too.”

“So you must be the King himself!” said the guard sarcastically.

“Higher than that!”

“What?! Are you higher than the King?! Nobody is higher than the King in this village!”

“Now you have your answer. I am nobody!” said Nasruddin.

The short story above is an example of the thousands involving Nasruddin, showing that you should abandon your ego, respect those with humble means, and that even a fool can be wise. Mullah Nasruddin was a Sufi living in what is modern day Turkey in the thirteenth century. Many countries claim

him as their own and he has different mythologies and tales attributed to him in several nations. He eventually settled in Aksehir where his tomb is located. A festival in his honor is held in Aksehir annually in July.

The 25th Degree uses Sufi traditions and the allegories of Mullah Nasruddin to impart some valuable lessons to the candidate. Sufism is considered to be the mystical tradition within Islam. Sufis, as followers of this tradition are known, believe that they practice the true, original form of Islam. The word “Sufi” comes from the word for “wool”, referring to the clothing of the early Muslim mystics. Some consider Sufism to be the esoteric aspect of Islam and that it is so entwined with Islamic law that it cannot be separated from the religion. Others feel the Sufi philosophy is universal and is merely a manifestation of the same esoteric doctrine that is found in other religions.

Nasruddin stories are told among wide regions of the world, particularly in Muslim territories. They usually convey moral lessons dealing with religious and judicial subjects, although his tales are often adapted to impart Sufi spiritual

teachings, as they are in the 25th Degree. His tales almost always employ humor and the allegories presented in this degree are both funny and entertaining.

The 25° was originally based on the story from the Bible when Moses placed a fiery serpent on a cross for the Israelites to look upon. God sent serpents to afflict them for their wickedness and by looking at the Brazen Serpent they would be made whole again. Albert Pike heavily modified the degree so that the 25° was focused on the Druse, a quasi-Islamic sect, instead of the Hebrew characters from the original. Pike most likely did not know that it is the Sufi tradition and not the Druse that more accurately reflects the mystical side of Islam. The Knight of the Brazen Serpent was extensively rewritten in the Revised Standard Pike Ritual of 2004 to reflect this, although many of Pike’s original elements are retained.

The Knight of the Brazen Serpent will be conferred this fall by a degree team from Annapolis Lodge No. 89. It is a short degree but is well worth seeing.

“There are as many paths to God as there are souls on

Earth.” - old Sufi proverb

For further reading on these topics, these sources are recommended:

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HONORS DAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2013



EVERY TWO YEARS, THE SCOTTISH RITE OF MARYLAND BESTOWS THE FOLLOWING HONORS ACCORDING TO THE STATUTES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL:

Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, K.C.C.H.

The Scottish Rite confers a number of honors upon members who have contributed extraordinary service to the Rite, to Masonry in general,

and to the world at large. The first of these is the Rank and Decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH), which may be conferred after a minimum of 46 months of membership (usually much longer) and is strictly limited in numbers. A KCCH may, after 46 months at that rank (but usually longer), receive the 33rd degree, Inspector General Honorary. This award is even more limited in numbers than the KCCH.

Inspector General Honorary, 33°

All Scottish Rite jurisdictions nominate a select few members to receive the 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary, in recognition of outstanding service to the Rite, or in public life, to the principles taught in the degrees. In the Southern Jurisdiction, the Supreme Council chooses 33rd degree members from among those who have previously received

the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour. The KCCH is bestowed in a Ceremonial of Investiture in recognition of outstanding service to the Rite, or in public life, to the principles taught in the degrees.

While the Conferral of the 33° is a closed ceremony, only those Inspector Generals Honorary in good standing may attend, the KCCH Investiture is an open ceremony and anyone is invited to attend.

After the KCCH Investiture, there will be a Gala Banquet beginning at 6pm, this banquet is not just for honorees but is, again, open to all.

Mark Saturday, October 12th, 2013 on your calendar and a complete schedule for the day, as well as information about the banquet, will be in the next Rite News.



From the Director of Work

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



NOW THAT THE SPRING REUNION is behind us, it is time to turn our attention to the schedule for the remainder of the year.

As you read this, we are making plans to travel to Allentown, PA, with the cast of the 30th Degree to exemplify at the Spring Reunion of the Valley of Allentown. They are a part of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and have

not conferred the 30th in many years. It was a surprise when we received a request to participate in their reunion.

We will also be spending time over the next few months preparing to confer the Knight Commander Court of Honor and the 33° on those members who have been chosen to receive these high honors at our Honors Day in October. You will hear more about this special day as we move through the summer.

I want to thank the members of the casts of the five degrees we conferred during the spring reunion for their superb work in the conferral of the degrees. Brethren, it is because of your dedication and excellent work that the Valley of Baltimore and the Orient of Maryland are recognized by Grand Commander Seale as

an example of how the work of the Scottish Rite should be performed.

Along with the excellent work of the casts goes the work behind the scenes. In the Robing and Property Rooms, behind the curtains, in the well and elsewhere about the auditorium are a number of nearly invisible Brothers without whose work we would not be able to present the stories contained in each of the Degrees in the manner that we do.

If you would be interested in joining the cast of a degree, helping out backstage or starting up a new degree team, just let Fred Spicer or me know and we will do the rest to help you get started.

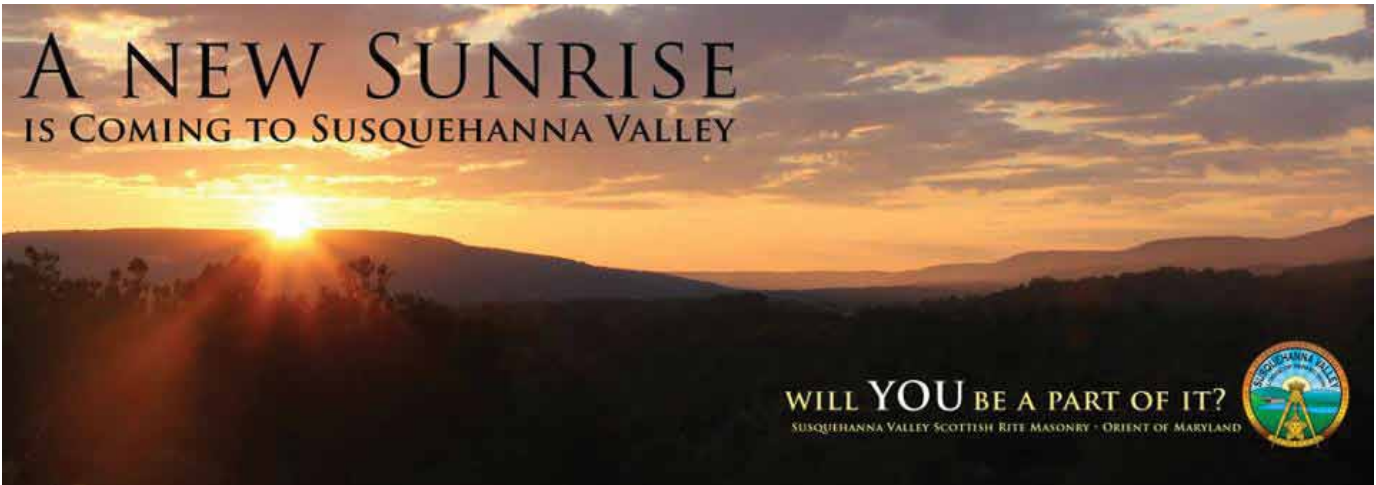
I look forward to seeing you at a future event or meeting of the bodies.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2013

Monday, September 30	Rehearse 4th Degree
Tuesday, October 1	Rehearse KCCH
Monday, October 7	Rehearse 5th Degree
Tuesday October 8	Rehearse 33rd Degree
Monday, October 14	Rehearse 11th Degree
Tuesday, October 15	Rehearse 13th Degree
Monday, October 21	Rehearse 18th Degree
Tuesday, October 22	Rehearse 14th Degree
Thursday, October 24	Rehearse 20th Degree
Monday, October 28	Rehearse 21st Degree
Tuesday, October 29	Rehearse 25th Degree
Thursday, October 31	Rehearse 30th Degree
Friday, November 1	Rehearse 32nd Degree
Tuesday, November 5	Rehearsal Feast of Tishri

Cast Members – Please sign in to the Director of Works Office by 6:45pm.

Support Staff – Please arrive by 6:30pm



Susquehanna Valley–Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection

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



WHERE WERE YOU ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013? A question such as this often precedes some important event that occurred in history, and this story is no different. On that evening, history was made for the first time in 35 years in the Orient of Maryland. The Susquehanna Valley of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite S. J was officially formed when the Letter Temporary was signed at Mt. Ararat Lodge #44

in Bel Air, Maryland. The New Valley was fortunate to have many dignitaries in attendance that evening which included our MWGM Ill. Gerald E. Piepiora 33°, RWDGM Ill. Kenneth Wyvill 32°, our Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Ronald Seale 33°, Executive Grand Director Ill., Admiral William Sizemore 33° Director of Operations Ill. Admiral William Sizemore II 33°, GC and of course, our very own Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°.

The Baltimore Knights of St. Andrew showed up in full regalia with a clan of twelve to perform the official escorting duties and to receive the new officers of the Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection under an arch of steel. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Kevin S. Emery 32°, and he kept the program on track and filled with humor while the new officers were installed: Personal Representative for the Susquehanna Valley Ill. Ralph

Perry 33°, Venerable Master Pete M. Hicks II 32°, Senior Warden Rich Thurfield 32°, Junior Warden Rick Ivey 32°, Orator Len Elliott 32°, Master of Ceremonies Tim Dykes 32°, Expert Edsel Spellman 32°, Assistant Expert Mark Smith 32°, Captain of the Host Joseph Bray 32°, Prelate Mike Caldwell KCCH, and Tyler Brad Burdette 32°.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the installation, and everyone who helped make this dream a reality.

The Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Mt. Ararat Lodge Building, 136 East Gordon St., Bel Air, Md. 21014 – 7:30pm.

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A Word from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33°

March 12, 1807–June 20, 1881



THE RITE OF DISCALCEATION.

The rite of discalceation, or uncovering the feet on approaching holy ground, is derived from the Latin word *discalceare*, to pluck off one's shoes. The usage has the prestige of antiquity and universality in its favor.

That it not only very generally prevailed, but that its symbolic signification was well understood in the days of Moses, we learn from that passage of Exodus where the angel of the Lord, at the burning bush, exclaims to the patriarch, "Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Clarke thinks it is from this command that the Eastern nations have derived the custom of performing all their acts of religious worship with bare feet. But it is much more probable that the ceremony was in use long

anterior to the circumstance of the burning bush, and that the Jewish lawgiver at once recognized it as a well-known sign of reverence.

Bishop Patrick entertains this opinion, and thinks that the custom was derived from the ancient patriarchs, and was transmitted by a general tradition to succeeding times.

Abundant evidence might be furnished from ancient authors of the existence of the custom among all nations, both Jewish and Gentile. A few of them, principally collected by Dr. Mede, must be curious and interesting.

The direction of Pythagoras to his disciples was in these words: "Ἀνυπόδητος θύεαι πρόσ υναι;" that is, Offer sacrifice and worship with thy shoes off.⁸⁷

Justin Martyr says that those who came to worship in the sanctuaries and temples of the Gentiles were commanded by their priests to put off their shoes.

Drusius, in his Notes on the Book of Joshua, says that among most of the Eastern nations, it was a pious duty to tread the pavement of the temple with unshod feet.

Maimonides, the great expounder of the Jewish law, asserts that "it was not lawful for a man to come into the

mountain of God's house with his shoes on his feet, or with his staff, or in his working garments, or with dust on his feet."

Rabbi Solomon, commenting on the command in Leviticus xix. 30, "Ye shall reverence my sanctuary," makes the same remark in relation to this custom. On this subject Dr. Oliver observes, "Now, the act of going with naked feet was always considered a token of humility and reverence; and the priests, in the temple worship, always officiated with feet uncovered, although it was frequently injurious to their health."

Mede quotes Zago Zaba, an Ethiopian bishop, who was ambassador from David, King of Abyssinia, to John III., of Portugal, as saying, "We are not permitted to enter the church, except barefooted."

The Mohammedans, when about to perform their devotions, always leave their slippers at the door of the mosque. The Druids practised the same custom whenever they celebrated their sacred rites; and the ancient Peruvians are said always to have left their shoes at the porch when they entered the magnificent temple consecrated to the worship of the sun.

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THE 20TH DEGREE

By: Charles Matulewicz, 32°



THE SCOTTISH RITE IS CALLED THE UNIVERSITY OF MASONRY for a reason. It expands upon the lessons of our Blue Lodges and provides further lessons aiding personal improvement. Our twentieth degree provides a special series of insights to those who are making their way to the Oriental Chair in our Blue Lodges.

The twentieth degree explains that the special duty of the Master of the Symbolic Lodge is to aid in restoring Masonry to its primitive purity so that it is not an object of ridicule or humiliating the candidate. But what does this mean? We can frame this degree in the experience of preparing to qualify to be a Worshipful Master. The very motto of the degree, let there be light, evokes the floor work of our Blue Lodge degrees. I frame it as the duty to spread knowledge, the basic knowledge that is passed through our blue lodges; a moral system expressed

through symbol and allegory. It is the duty of the Master of the Symbolic lodge to perpetuate this system, to perform the work, and to impart the degrees in such a way as to give the candidate the purity of the degree in a serious and reflective way.. tomfoolery has no part of our system. We teach by example, by meeting on the level and parting on the square, living that we are all equal inside of the tyled lodge.

As a Master of the Symbolic Lodge teach these truths by living them, this lesson is clear - these lessons are not truths that are taught but systems that are exposed with the candidate initiated into this system. There is a great deal of superfluousness that could be added to our degrees, brevity can be introduced.. the work could be changed... but its essential truths, they need to remain fixed.

Remembering the lesson of the third degree, we are always to speak good counsel to a brother and... aid him in a reformation. The Master of the Symbolic lodge needs to embody all of the lectures and remember, that the pomp and outward forms of the craft are only imperfect reflections as they are of the vestiges of a time and place. Or, in many ways, amendments or improvements added over time. It is the internal and not the external that really

is the essence of the craft and really what we need to protect. Handshakes, signs, and grips are a part of the craft. Its essence is something far more simple, brotherly love, relief and truth. This is my interpretation of the primitive truth of the degrees. We could go further and say that the role goes to perpetuate and preserve the landmarks of the institution. Remember that the XXII landmark is that Freemasonry is a Secret Society, in possession of secrets that cannot be divulged... and that the XXV landmark is that the Landmarks of Masonry can never be changed. The Master's role is to pass these secrets forward, such that their essence is not changed. Our Rite and its lessons help me be a better Mason, and if I remember the lessons of the 20th degree, a better Worshipful Master. Brethren, visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite, see you in the classroom.

Maryland DeMolay

Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., 32°

DEMOLAY IN MARYLAND has been very busy over the last couple of months. As the Association grows, the activities do as well. We are still receiving inquiries into starting Chapters and interest from our Masonic brethren who want to be advisors. Many brothers are finding that being an advocate for the youth is paying dividends and they are interested in finding out how they can be a stronger part of Maryland DeMolay.

Recent activities our members have been involved with are, the Valentine's Day Laser Tag, Chevalier Bowling / DeMolay International Postal Bowling, Catonsville Soup and Salad Dinner, Snow Tubing and the State Wide Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Several Chapters have installed new officers including Nelson J. Briggs Chapter (Mt. Ararat Lodge), Chesapeake Chapter (St. Columba Lodge) and Frederick Chapter (Enoch Royal Arch Chapter at the Frederick Masonic Facility).

All of our activities have been well attended and the newest Chapters (Savage Chapter at Solomon's Lodge, Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Chapter at Patapsco Lodge, Bowie – Collington Chapter at Collington Lodge) are having a great time in their new found homes. Maryland DeMolay would like to thank all those Lodges and their members for their support

of this worthwhile endeavor. Anyone knowing young men in these areas who would be interested in joining can contact the individual Chapter or Maryland DeMolay through execsec@mddemolay.org. You may also offer your assistance through these channels as well. As we discuss the new Chapters, we are excited to announce the forming of George F. Moore Chapter. This is a very unique Chapter with regard to the sponsoring body. The lodges who meet at the Grand Lodge in Cockeysville have come together to sponsor a single Chapter. They will be working together to support the young men who will join this Chapter. Dad William "Bill" Eppig has reinstituted the oldest Charter east of the Mississippi River in re-opening George F. Moore Chapter.

While starting new Chapters is extremely exciting, we don't want to forget our more established ones. Cumberland Chapter, sponsored by the Scottish Rite Valley of Cumberland, is continuing the proud tradition of all DeMolay Chapters in producing outstanding young men in the community. One of their senior members is currently Master of Kensington-Bethesda Lodge. If you are in this area and would like to meet these young men, please stop by, they would be happy to see you. We can promise you that, while it is a challenging position to be in,

being a DeMolay Advisor is extremely rewarding.

Our next major event will be Congress. This activity is our Educational Weekend. Our State Officers will be working hard to educate our members on DeMolay and with all our new members, it should be a fantastic time with many great questions. We will not be going to Camp Round Meadow near Thurmont this year. The camp was unable to fit us in. A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Dad David Dietz and Patapsco Lodge for stepping up to offer their facility for this event. We will be doing a Lock-in style overnight event this year instead of a full weekend event.

Until next issue.....Thank you to all of you for your support and interest in DeMolay.



Valley of Baltimore



Installation of 2013 Officers for the Valley of Cumberland



During the Installation of new officers for the Valley of Cumberland, a check for \$3000 was presented to Lee Fiedler, Board member of The League-A Children's Place! The check represented the proceeds from the Buck-A-Cup fundraiser, chaired by the Scottish Rite members of the Retirement Club. The money is used for the Scottish Rite Speech Clinic, administered by the League.



Officers of the Lodge of Perfection are: (L to R) R Francis Shives, III, 32° KCCH, Senior Warden; Gary W Freeman, 32°, Venerable Master; Kevin H Mallow, 32°, Junior Warden. Second row (L to R) George R Baker, 32° KCCH, Orator; Kenneth M Winters, 32°, Master of Ceremonies.



Officers of Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix are: (L to R) Mark C Weatherholt, 32° KCCH, Senior Warden; John M Greer, 32°, Wise Master; Charles J Hout, 33°, Junior Warden. Second row (L to R) Dennis M Skidmore, 32°, Orator; Alvin T O'Very, 32°, Master of Ceremonies.

Valley of Southern Maryland

By: Ill. Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, 33°



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER, BRO. JAMES SCOTT CLAY. We gave him a special treat. The Valley of Southern Maryland conferred the 4th, 14th and 18th degrees in a lodge setting and then he was able to witness the degrees in the One Day Class in Baltimore, presented on the stage. It is a very different experience in the lodge room versus seeing the stage presentation. Also, many thanks to our degree teams who worked so hard to make the degrees a memorable experience. We had to make some adjustments to our schedule due to weather but with everyone's cooperation, everything went smoothly. Bro. Tom Barnhart 32°, our Director of Work, keeps us hopping and makes sure everything runs well.

The day following our communication of the 15th and 16th degrees about the

building of the Second Temple, I received my March issue of the Smithsonian Magazine. There was a write up about the Cyrus Cylinder being on loan from the British Museum. This was the same King Cyrus of Persia (539 B.C.) we had been talking about in the 15th and 16th Degrees. The writing on the Cyprus Cylinder refers to the King Cyrus's returning enslaved people to their homeland, returning their sacred vessels which had been taken by Nebuchadnezzar and letting them rebuild their sacred temples. Although the Jews are not mentioned by name on the Cyrus Cylinder, King Cyrus's name appears in the Old Testament as the one who returned the Jews to Jerusalem and allowed them to build the second temple under the leadership of Zerubbabel.

It is said that King Cyrus was a guiding light to the founding fathers of the United States of America. Thomas Jefferson owned two copies of the biography of King Cyrus (Cyropaedia by Xenophon) which was written around 400 B.C. King Cyrus is consider the first to promote human rights and freedom of religion. The Cyrus Cylinder is known as the first Bill of Rights.

The Cyrus Cylinder will be at the Smithsonian Institution March 9 - April 28, then go to Houston, New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Each Scottish Rite Masonry degree is an introduction to material which can take you to a greater understanding of the lessons of the past.

The book of Scottish Rite Masonry never closes. Each new year brings new challenges. There are always new things to learn and a greater understanding to be achieved. The work goes on.

We are working on filling in the space left by the removal of windows from the lodge room with display cases for Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star and Job's Daughters regalia that has been donated over the years. The work goes on.



FESTIVE BOARD?

THE "TABLE" LODGE OF THE 18TH CENTURY was a common occurrence; these "Table" Lodges were restricted to Freemasons only. The tables were set up with one in the East, or at the head, and two parallel ones at right angles to the head table. The Master would be in the East and both Wardens in the West, at the foot of the columns. The Senior Entered Apprentice was in the South – to welcome visiting Brethren, after making sure they were duly qualified – and the Junior Entered Apprentice was in the North – to prevent the intrusion of cowans and eavesdroppers. Dinner and the meeting would then ensue.

The implements of Masonry, and those for refreshment, were on the tables. The Lodge would be called to labor for business and degree work, and then to refreshment for toasts [called the "charge"], and perhaps an appropriate song pertaining to the degree or the person to

whom the toast was dedicated. For samples of Masonic songs, see Anderson's Constitution of 1722 [adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723]. After which, the Lodge would be called back to labor for the next section of the degree, and so forth until the whole degree and/or work was completed.

At the Scottish Rite in Baltimore, we have chosen to have a "Festive Board" outside the course of a meeting, in order that we may invite guests and family, but preserve the forms, language and ceremonies, including the mandatory seven toasts. These, the French Masons call "santés d'obligation" and they are always in the same order and form – especially when held in a tyled Lodge – and are to the United States of America, the Supreme Council and the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, the Sovereign Grand Inspector

General, the Grand Bodies of Maryland, the memory of our departed brethren, and all Masons whithersoever dispersed around the globe. We vary these at the Festive Board – but you will have to come to Lodge to see how!

As the horseshoe shape of the tables can be likened to half of a circle, it has been suggested that as a whole circle could be likened to a whole year, and the half circle [or horseshoe] corresponds to one-half a year [or six months], and therefore relates to the two principal Table Lodges of the year – at the summer and winter solstice – being June 24th, St. John the Baptist's Day; and December 27th, St. John the Evangelist's Day. In the early days of the Craft, these were the dates of the semi-annual Installation of Officers.



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The Clinic Corner

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

Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

SUMMERTIME IS QUICKLY APPROACHING and we are busy here in the clinic as the 2012 - 2013 school year comes to a close. We have enjoyed working with the students of the School of the Cathedral of Mary our Queen and the Garrison Forest Preschool this year. For those of you who may not know, we established a contract with Garrison Forest School at the end of January and look forward to working with them in the future!

The month of May marked our graduate students' final month at our clinic. This past semester we had three students working with us to fulfill their clinical requirements before graduating with a master's degree in speech-language pathology. Elisa Pitchon and Jessica Aaron, from Towson University, and Randi Pomycala, from Loyola University of Maryland, have done a wonderful job working with the children and we wish them the best of luck in the future. All three ladies will be a wonderful addition to the field of speech-language pathology.

We are looking forward to the 12th annual family picnic to be held on June 15, 2013 in Hunt Valley, Maryland. This is a wonderful event with delicious food, fun activities, and great company. Hope to see you all there!



As always, we welcome you to come visit our clinic anytime. We would also like to remind you that if you know anyone who would benefit from speech and language services, please contact us for information at 410-243-3800. Thank you for your continued support of our clinic. Wishing you all a relaxing summer filled with lots of sunshine!

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What is Job’s Daughters?

THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB’S DAUGHTERS was founded in Omaha, Nebraska in 1920 by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick, or Mother Mick, as the members affectionately call her. Mother Mick, realizing the importance of the early training she received from her Christian mother, and especially the beautiful lessons in literature and drama as found in the book of Job, decided to give her time and talent to make it possible for all young women of Masonic relationship to share the rare privileges that were hers. After several years of careful study and consideration with the assistance of her husband Dr. William H. Mick and other capable workers, she founded the International Order of Job’s Daughters, in honor and memory of her mother, Elizabeth D. Wead.

The purpose of the Order was to band together young girls with Masonic relationship for character building through moral and spiritual development by teaching a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures: loyalty to the Flag and the Country for which it stands, and respect for parents and guardians. The organization was named “Job’s Daughters” after the three daughters of Job in the Bible. The organization was founded on the 15th verse of the 42nd chapter of the Book of Job: “In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.”

Job’s Daughters are the relatives of Master Masons and from them receive their heritage. To be a member of Job’s Daughters

you must be between the ages of 10 and 20 and be a direct descendent of a Master Mason, adopted daughter by law, step-daughter, step-granddaughter, sister, half-sister, step-sister, sister-in-law, niece, grandniece, first or second cousin of a Master Mason, or be so related to his wife or widow...or be the daughter, step-daughter, granddaughter or step-granddaughter of a Majority Member. The chance of being related to one of the listed above is actually quite good. The Guardian Council commonly hunts up family members with a relationship you weren’t even aware of. If you are interested in more information, please visit our website: www.mdjobsdaughter.org.



Rite Cheer Club

Thursday Lunch Menu - \$5.00 per person | Serving begins at 12 noon

May 2nd	All Beef Hotdog Baked Beans Cole Slaw
May 9th	Spaghetti with Italian Sauce Fresh Salad Garlic Bread
May 16th	Tender Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Green Beans
May 23rd	Chicken Salad / Tuna Salad Macaroni Salad with Shrimp Cole Slaw



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

Adam Clarke thinks that the custom of worshipping the Deity barefooted was so general among all nations of antiquity, that he assigns it as one of his thirteen proofs that the whole human race have been derived from one family.

A theory might be advanced as follows: The shoes, or sandals, were worn on ordinary occasions as a protection from the defilement of the ground. To continue to wear them, then, in a consecrated place, would be a tacit insinuation that the ground there was equally polluted and capable of producing defilement. But, as the very character of a holy and consecrated spot precludes the idea of any sort of defilement or impurity, the acknowledgment that such was the case was conveyed, symbolically, by divesting the feet of all that protection from pollution and uncleanness which would be necessary in unconsecrated places.

So, in modern times, we uncover the head to express the sentiment of esteem and

respect. Now, in former days, when there was more violence to be apprehended than now, the casque, or helmet, afforded an ample protection from any sudden blow of an unexpected adversary. But we can fear no violence from one whom we esteem and respect; and, therefore, to deprive the head of its accustomed protection, is to give an evidence of our unlimited confidence in the person to whom the gesture is made.

The rite of disalcation is, therefore, a symbol of reverence. It signifies, in the language of symbolism, that the spot which is about to be approached in this humble and reverential manner is consecrated to some holy purpose.

Now, as to all that has been said, the intelligent mason will at once see its application to the third degree. Of all the degrees of Masonry, this is by far the most important and sublime. The solemn lessons which it teaches, the sacred scene which it represents, and the impressive ceremonies with which it is

conducted, are all calculated to inspire the mind with feelings of awe and reverence. Into the holy of holies of the temple, when the ark of the covenant had been deposited in its appropriate place, and the Shekinah was hovering over it, the high priest alone, and on one day only in the whole year, was permitted, after the most careful purification, to enter with bare feet, and to pronounce, with fearful veneration, the tetragrammaton or omnific word.

And into the Master Mason's lodge—this holy of holies of the masonic temple, where the solemn truths of death and immortality are inculcated—the aspirant, on entering, should purify his heart from every contamination, and remember, with a due sense of their symbolic application, those words that once broke upon the astonished ears of the old patriarch, “Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.”

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Saturday, June 15th
Family Picnic 1pm – 3pm

Saturday, August 17th
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Saturday, August 24th – 28th
Supreme Council Biennial Sessions in DC

Wednesday, September 4th
Lodge of Perfection

Wednesday, September 11th
Chapter of Rose Croix

Wednesday, September 18th
Council of Kadosh

Sunday, September 22nd
Wine Tour

Wednesday, September 25th
Chesapeake Consistory

Wednesday, October 2nd
Fall Class Orientation 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 9th
Confer 4th & 5th Degrees

Saturday, October 12th
Honors Day - 33°, KCCH & Banquet

Wednesday, October 16th
Confer 11th & 13th Degrees

Saturday, October 19th
Annual Bull & Oyster Roast

Wednesday, October 23rd
Confer 14th & 18th Degrees

Sunday, October 27th
Memorial Ceremony 2pm

Wednesday, October 30th
Confer 20th & 21st Degrees

Saturday, November 2nd
Reunion Day – Confer 25°, 30° & 32° - 8AM

Sunday, November 3rd
Ring Ceremony – Lodge of Perfection 2pm

Wednesday, November 6th
Feast of Tishri – 7pm

Sunday, December 15th
Christmas Party 2pm