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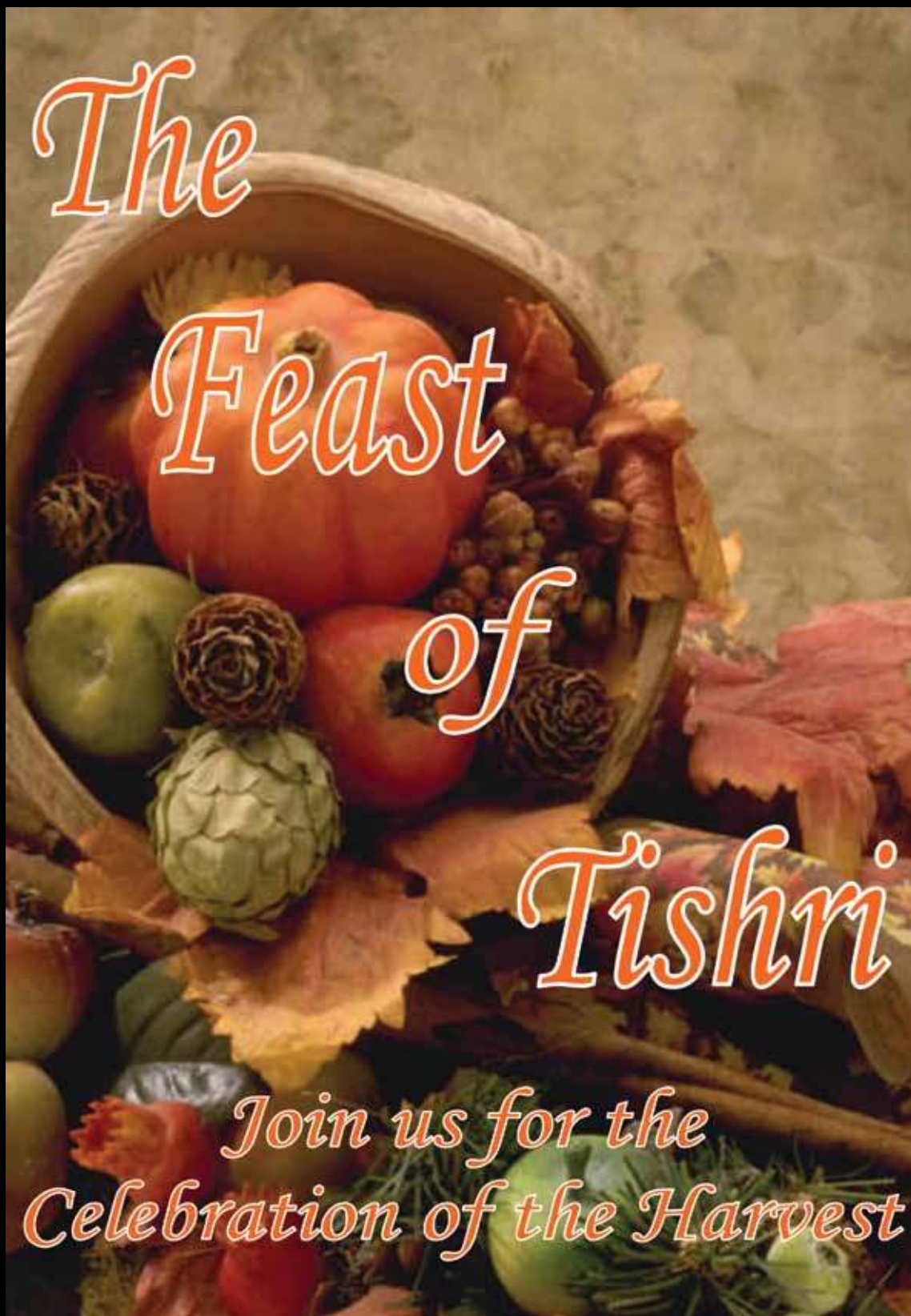
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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings to One and All,

I sincerely hope your summer has been a mem-
ory making one. Your Scottish Rite has had a
very busy summer in order to get ready for our
fall activities. Roof repairs, new lights, a new
light board, new stage wiring and a new sound
system are some of the temple improvements we
have been working on. Damage from our roof
leaks were repaired and repainted. All with the
continuing quest for funds that keep our beautiful
edifice from falling in on us. I sometimes won-
der if we try to accomplish too much, too fast?
Should we slow down and smell the roses and
not fresh paint?

I suppose this could also apply to our gentle
fraternity. Are we moving too fast for our candi-
dates to understand the meaning or the lessons
from the degrees? Do our candidates really
understand their obligation or the meaning of
the degree presented? A lot of time and work
go into presenting a degree no matter if it is a
lodge degree, a Scottish Rite degree, a Shrine
ceremonial or a York Rite or a Cedar presenta-
tion. There is much more that is needed than
just getting it done. One day classes may “fit” the
schedule for some, but what is the end result? If
only the mandatory degrees are presented and
if time allows only one or two degrees commu-
nicated, how long does the candidate remain a
member of something he does not understand?
Good ritual and degree work, when accompa-
nied by good sound, robes and props, always
makes everyone and, especially me, proud of
our Scottish Rite. Those who know me know I
am not one to congratulate mediocre work nor
am I slow to comment on poor work. Yet, as we



prepare for our fall reunions across the Orient of
Maryland, I know each is doing his best and not
just trying to get by.

I thank each of you for your time and efforts. I
am proud to be a Maryland Mason and must echo
the Venerable Master in Cumberland, Brother R.
Francis Shrives when he says “Ain’t it great to
be a Scottish Rite Mason!” A certain tiger would
reply GRRRREAT!

There are many upcoming events across this Ori-
ent that will appeal to a very wide range of inter-
est. I sincerely hope that I will see you at one or
more of these events. They are for YOU! YOU
are the Rite!

Sincerely and Fraternally,



Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



**Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Maryland**

**BROTHERS CALLED
FROM LABOR TO
ETERNAL REST**

As of June 5, 2014

- William F. Soper, Jr.
- David E. Dom
- Lawrence O. Schrawder
- Francis E. Stauffer
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- Willie R. Yeargan

CHARITY (LOVE) BEGINS AT HOME

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



**WHAT AM I TRYING TO SAY TO
MY BROTHERS?**

Freemasonry gives millions of dollars and spends millions of volunteer work hours in service to our communities each year. Of course, we should be very pleased to share with humanity that which we have and are able to contribute. We should always be happy to be a part of this great Fraternity.

My contention today is not what we can do for others, but why do we do the things that we do? If you believe, as I do, that our MASONRY is based on Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, then you will understand just what I am about to contend. “Our Most Important Duty As Masons Is To TEACH”. What do you suppose I mean by that? We use allegories and stories from the Holy Writings to present moral lessons. We magnify these teachings with our passwords and obligations. We charge our brothers in every degree and order in masonry to do good and be better. If we are doing our job correctly in our ritual activity and catechism classes, then we are truly making good men better. All

the mentoring programs in the world will not help if we do not teach the fundamental principle of masonry, that of improving yourself. Not every brother will retain all the lessons that we teach. Of course, repetition does help. We, in Scottish Rite, must remember that the twenty-nine degrees that we try to teach to our brethren, cannot be learned in one exposure. Each time that we witness or participate in one of these degrees, we find ourselves in a different circumstance and the degree or order may have a completely different meaning.

Each component of our Masonic Family has a very worthy charitable endeavor that they pursue and, usually, complete with pleasure to themselves and honor to the fraternity. However, the most important duty that each Mason has, is to teach the moral values that make us better men. If we then can become better men, then the desire to accomplish these charitable acts will be because we understand Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth a little better. We will not accomplish these things to impress others, but to convince ourselves that this is the path that FREEMASONS should desire to travel.

I do hope, MY BROTHERS, that when someone asks if you are a traveling man, you will be able to say YES, I have traveled that path of Love and Understanding and have done all that I could do to teach my Brother Masons “Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth”.

Margaret and E. Ray Leppo Library

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



I WISH TO THANK THE MANY PEOPLE who have donated books and to Brother Miles Cole, 32° KCCH, and his wife, Anna, professional librarians, for their many hours and dedication in cataloging the books in the Margaret and E. Ray Leppo Library. Many books are now available to the craft that were in storage for years. It is interesting going back years reading the history of Freemasonry for The Scottish Rite as well as

Baltimore and Maryland. There is quite a large collection of autobiographies, histories, as well as both fiction and non-fiction books by popular authors of today. They can be borrowed from the library just by signing them out. The library has hosted a ladies afternoon tea, a baby shower and a graduation party. This room can be used as a comfortable air conditioned environment for various meetings of 100 persons or less.




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Spring 2014 Ring Ceremony



Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

By: Hon. David W. Rabe, 32°, KCCH – Venerable Master



GREETINGS, MY BRETHREN, and I hope that this message finds you and your families enjoying some well deserved time off taking advantage of this beautiful summer season. This time of year, in particular, is one of our family's favorites, as it enables us to spend time together enjoying the great outdoors and the wonders made possible by the hand of our great Creator.

In my last message, I shared a few thoughts with you on the importance of truth as exemplified in our Blue Lodge Degrees as well as in the 20th Degree of the Scottish Rite. This time, I would like to continue this discussion with a few thoughts on Justice.

Justice is another important element of the lessons taught in the 20th Degree. Some might say there is no justice in our world today. People often ask why bad things happen to good people. Does good indeed triumph and is evil ultimately punished? As we look around at the things that happen in our world, both globally and in our own communities, it is

sometimes hard not to become discouraged.

Several years ago, I had the privilege of serving on a jury in what turned out to be the only murder trial in my jurisdiction that year. At the beginning of the trial, due to the nature of the case and the individuals involved, some of my fellow jurors seemed to have their minds made up before any of the evidence was presented. Some stated some very strong opinions about what they would and would not do with regard to the outcome. This caused me to question whether a fair and just trial was even possible given the barrage of information and opinions. As the case continued over several weeks and the evidence was presented, you could see people begin to put aside their own personal opinions and concentrate on the facts of the case. In the end, a fair and just verdict was reached and the guilty were punished for their crimes against the innocent. This entire experience, while very trying and stressful at times, filled me with a renewed sense of respect for the law and the fact that true justice was indeed alive and well in our world.

In the 20th Degree, we are reminded that justice and equality are like the light and air, in that God made them common to all. We are admonished to judge others by the same standard that we use to judge ourselves. In

other words, we should all start with the man in the mirror in order to make this world a better place. We must set high standards for ourselves and do our best to live up to them. Always remember that every day brings a new opportunity to be a positive influence and bring positive change to the world around us.

My Brethren, ensuring that justice is alive and well starts with each of us. If you ever feel discouraged or begin to doubt that justice still exists, remember that the Grand Artificer of the Universe is in control, ensuring that good will ultimately triumph and evil will most assuredly fail. Take care, My Brethren, and I hope to see you soon at the Scottish Rite!

Scottish Rite Lunch Menu

September 18 – Baked Ham, Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert

September 25 – Italian Special with Salad and Dessert

October 2 – Beef Toronado, Potatoes, Vegetable, Ice Cream

October 9 – German Sausage, Potatoes, Sauerkraut and Dessert

October 16 – Pork Loin, Parsley Potatoes, Seasoned Greens and Dessert

John W. Brockman Scholarship

By: Tom Vance, 33° - Chairman of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Inc.

ON MAY 15, 2014, The Scottish Rite Education Committee met to interview candidates for The John W. Brockman Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to identify and provide monetary awards to graduate students in Maryland universities who are preparing to become speech and language therapists. All award recipients are required to serve one semester of their supervised clinical practice in our own Hilgenberg Childhood Center for Speech and Language Disorders. This Fellowship has been awarded to over 85 students since it was established in 1982.

This year, the committee interviewed six candidates from

Loyola University and Towson University. Awards totaling \$6,000 were made to Jenna MacKenzie and Jessie Ufferfilge from Towson University and Rachael Wirtz from Loyola University. The committee is pleased to announce The Brockman Fellows for 2014.

This year's committee included Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. John T. Vance, III, 33°, Committee Chair, Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33°, Ill. Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, 33°, Ill. S. Brent Morris, 33°, G.C., Ill. Charles W. Ridgeway, 33°, Ill. Frederick A. Spicer, 33° and Hon. Charles F. Reid, III, 32°, KCCH. Ms. Christine Windishin, M.S., CCC-

SLP, Coordinator of Services and Ms. Lisa McGrain, M.S., CCC-SLP represented the Hilgenberg Childhood Center.

Congratulations to the Brockman Fellowship award winners for 2014.

Please remember that your financial contributions to this important Fellowship offering supports, not only the graduate students receiving the award, but also the many speech/language disabled children who will receive services throughout the therapist's career. How many investment opportunities yield such long term benefits?

Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Ill. Thomas A. Keller, 33° - Commander



BRETHREN, I HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A RESTFUL AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER. We now look to the return of fall which will certainly fill our schedules with many Masonic activities. Our council will be holding its

second meeting followed by a festive board. Be sure to mark your calendars. This event has been well received by our fellow Knights but even more so by their ladies who truly enjoy the event.

When we joined our Blue Lodge, we were told Masonry is non-religious and non-political and this may be why we have existed for so long. Yet, when we look at the degrees encompassed by the Council of Kadosh, we may come away with a different view. The 23rd through the 26th Degrees were termed the "Mystery Degrees" by Albert Pike. They explore the Hebraic faith, Islam and Christianity.

How can this be? Well, if we study each degree separately we gain an understanding of their individual lessons, but, only by studying all of these degrees as a group do we learn of their similarities. You may come away with the idea that although these religions differ in many aspects, they all have the same uniting theme. The same applies to Masonry as we all stand on different spokes of fortune's wheel. The teachings of our gentle craft unites us in this brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God for the betterment of mankind.

I look forward to seeing you at our Scottish Rite Temple.

The Brockman Fellows



Ill. Tom Vance, 33°, Committee Chair, Jenna MacKenzie, Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, SGIG



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Ill. Tom Vance, 33°, Committee Chair, Rachael Wirtz, Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, SGIG

Council of Kadosh Autumn Festive Board

Wednesday, October 1st, 2014

Council Meeting opens at 6:30pm with the Festive Board calling on at 7:15pm. Price is \$15.00 per person, which includes your "Firing Glass", and is open to all.



Ramsay's Oration - 1736

(Continued from last issue)

THEY CONCLUDED WITH BANQUETS AND LIBATIONS when neither that intemperance nor excess were known into which the heathen gradually fell. The source of these infamies was the admission to the nocturnal assemblies of persons of both sexes in contravention of the primitive usages. It is in order to prevent similar abuses that women are excluded from our Order. We are not so unjust as to regard the fair sex as incapable of keeping a secret. But their presence might insensibly corrupt the purity of our maxims and manners. The fourth quality required in our Order is the taste for useful sciences and the liberal arts. Thus, the Order exacts of each of you to contribute, by his protection, liberality or labour, to a vast work for which no academy can suffice, because all these societies being composed of a very small number of men, their work cannot embrace an object so extended. All the Grand Masters in Germany, England, Italy and elsewhere, exhort all the learned men and all the artisans of the Fraternity to unite to furnish the materials for a Universal Dictionary of the liberal arts and useful sciences, excepting only theology and politics. This proposed Dictionary is a curious crux - it is possible that the Royal Society may have formed some such idea? But at least Ramsay's express exclusion of theology and politics should have shielded him from the

accusation of wishing to employ Freemasonry for Jesuitical and Jacobite purposes. With the exception of the constant harping on the Crusades, there is so far nothing in the speech of which to complain.

The work has already been commenced in London and, by means of the union of our Brothers; it may be carried to a conclusion in a few years. Not only are technical words and their etymology explained, but the history of each art and science, its principles and operations, are described. By this means the lights of all nations will be united in one single work, which will be a universal library of all that is beautiful, great, luminous, solid and useful in all the sciences and in all noble arts. This work will augment in each century, according to the increase of knowledge, it will spread everywhere emulation and the taste for things of beauty and utility.

The word Freemason must therefore not be taken in a literal, gross and material sense, as if our founders had been simple workers in stone, or merely curious geniuses who wished to perfect the arts. They were not only skillful architects, desirous of consecrating their talents and goods to the construction of material temples; but also religious and warrior princes who designed to enlighten, edify and protect the living Temples of the Most High. This I will demonstrate by

developing the history or rather the renewal of the Order.

Every family, every Republic, every Empire, of which the origin is lost in obscure antiquity, has its fable and its truth, its legend and its history. Some ascribe our institution to Solomon, some to Moses, some to Abraham, some to Noah, some to Enoch, who built the first city, or even to Adam. Without any pretense of denying these origins, I pass on to matters less ancient. This, then, is apart of what I have gathered in the annals of Great Britain, in the Acts of Parliament, which speak often of our privileges and in the living traditions of the English people, which has been the center of our Society since the eleventh century.

Scottish Rite Lunch Menu

October 23 – Sour Beef and Dumplings, Vegetables and Dessert

October 30 – Homemade Meatloaf, Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert

November 6 – Chicken-ala-King, Rice, Vegetable and Dessert

November 13 – Chili Con Carne, Salad and Homemade Corn Bread, Dessert

Knights of St. Andrews

By: Bro. David Ente, 32° - Commander



HAS IT ONLY BEEN 6 MONTHS?

As I look back on this year, it amazes me how quickly

this year has gone by. The Knights of St. Andrew had a busy spring class season. Our dinners for the lodge meetings were well received, as well as the meals after every degree night. We also kept up with our usual duties, escorting dignitaries and guests, as well as presenting the flags at every meeting. We grew our numbers with some new squires, and we hope to continue attracting dedicated men to our group. Several of our Knights took time off this year for the East at

their home lodges, and we look forward to their return upon the completion of their term. I can't fully put into words how fulfilling it has been serving as Knight Commander this year, and I look forward to the challenges this fall will bring. Look for us at the Temple on meeting nights, and bring your appetite for the meals we will be serving.

Chesapeake Consistory

By: Hon. Arthur R. Dickerson, 32°, KCCH – Master of Kadosh

ON OCCASION, we find ourselves in a state of discovery in which we see something in a light that causes us to feel some sense of genius in ourselves. Recently, while engaged in a basic practice of my trade, I recalled such an incident which occurred when I was a young, aspiring apprentice machinist.

Using a combination square with a center finding attachment to lay out a piece of round stock for machining, I noticed that, looking at the end of the stock from various angles, it appeared oblong or elliptical in shape. Only when looking at the end, square to the axis, did the outside diameter appear as a true circle.

Eureka! What a profound discovery! What an ego boost

for one's self esteem. Then, reality set in. Was I so foolish as to think what I had just experienced was that rare of an occurrence? I then wondered how many before me had discovered this potential moral application of the concept of viewing on the square in order to see the true picture? Twenty five years later, being exposed to the allegory and precepts of our fraternity, I finally felt the full measure of this experience.

While it can be deflating to discover you are not the genius you may have initially perceived yourself to be, there is a strange sense of comfort in knowing that you are only one of many that can and will find good in everyday life and that we are a link in a chain which

does connect us to the past and to those who have had the same visions and aspirations for the moral applications of the builder's tools.

Enjoy the summer recess.

Grand Lodge Trip to Smith Island – Saturday, May 24th, 2014

(Photos Courtesy of Bro. Terry L. Royce, 32° - W. Grand Photographer)



The Mysteries of Isis and the Degrees of the Scottish Rite—Part 2

By: Hon. S. Dirk Wiker, 32°, KCCH



(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE)

Lucius is initiated two more times in order to finally complete his journey within the Mysteries of Isis and Osiris, although there is even less information about these latter initiations than the first.

He emerges from the three initiations “eternally blessed”¹⁵, is balanced in his personal life, and his previous fears are no longer present.

CONCLUSION

This article explores just some of the parallels between the rituals of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite and the Mysteries of Isis according to the events in *The Golden Ass*. Purification was essential for Lucius’ preparation before he was initiated and the Scottish Rite rituals stress the importance of purification numerous times. The initiation of Lucius was a ceremony

based on an allegorical legend. Finally, great Truths are discovered by the initiate to complete the journey.

The degrees of the Scottish Rite provide insight and further understanding of the symbolic degrees of Freemasonry by using philosophies, beliefs, and themes from many past traditions of human history and it is no surprise that ideas from the ancient mysteries were incorporated into the rituals. By participating in, studying and practicing the concepts of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, the initiate can start working toward piercing the veil of Isis.

SPRING CLASS 2014 OFFICERS



Left to Right: Barry M. Williams, Vice-President; William S. Schulte, Class Secretary; Calvin H. Price, President; Marlin L. Mills, 33°, SGIG; Gerald E. Piepiora, 33°, MWGM; Kenneth S. Wyvill, 32°, KCCH, RWDGM; Joseph H. Backhaus, Class Treasurer; Calvin H. Price, Class Orator.

Esoteric – An Adventure in Semantics

By: Bro. Charles Matulewicz, 32°

Brethren, as we do more reading about the Scottish Rite and its degrees, we often come upon the word Esoteric, a mysterious word that invokes magic and mythology... and maybe conjures images of wizards, but nothing could be further from the truth. Let's consider this word and what it means for Freemasonry and Scottish Rite Masonry in particular. As we have learned in our journey in the Blue Lodge, words have profound meanings and can be transformative, which is exactly why the fraternity uses symbols and allegories to impart wise and serious truths.

In our exploration of Esoteric and its meaning, we should start with what could appear to be an esoteric word - Semantics. Semantics, derived from the Greek work sēmantikós (or significant) is the study of meaning in language and how it is arrived at through signifiers or words, phrases, signs and symbols. Masonry does the same thing. When we confer our Blue Lodge degrees, they confer meaning using phrases, signs, and symbols using the tools of the builder's trade to convey meaning. This is a deeply personal experience, and is subjective in its nature. The experience is subjective as it is the individual Brother who applies their own meaning to the symbol and allegory; no two Brothers have the same experience or the same understanding. The fraternity

uses words to convey the lessons of Freemasonry, and we, as Masons, use the lessons of Freemasonry to transform ourselves. So, we use language to express lessons and make them significant to an individual Brother. What does this have to do with the Esoteric? Everything my Brothers.....

Esoteric is often defined as "intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest" but what does this really mean? The root (eso-) means inner and that is indeed what we do... look within, from a man's initial inquiry into the Lodge, we look at the internal and not the external qualifications to judge his worthiness to join us. We are an esoteric society by our very nature as we seek to enable a man to make his rough ashlar perfect by expanding his consciousness. Whether we call it contemplative, meditative, mystical, or moral doesn't matter. The impact is the same, Brothers. We, as Scottish Rite Masons, are changing ourselves, the inner man, by enabling the lessons imparted through our degrees. Our degrees are Esoteric because only the individual Mason knows what has been imparted on him, because each Brother interprets our degrees in their own way. We are not a secret society; we are a society that only really lives in the hearts and minds of

our members, and perhaps that is why a Lodge is a number of Brethren assembled instead of the external buildings the world sees.

The Rite uses the traditions from across the world to teach Scottish Rite Masons universal moral truths, but it is up to us to apply them, my Brothers. Next time you are at the Rite, consider the esoteric nature of the degrees, their lessons, and the change they have brought about in your life and your outlook. If we are really practicing Masonry, then there are no secrets in Masonry, because we live it in our daily lives. Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite, and I hope to see you in the classroom.

Scottish Rite Lunch Menu

November 20 – Turkey and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving, Dessert

December 4 – Spaghetti and Meatballs with Salad and Dessert

December 11 – Oven Baked Chicken Breast with Potatoes and Vegetable, Dessert

Lunch will resume January 2015

From the Director of Work

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



RECENTLY, WE FINISHED THE SPRING REUNION in which we conferred twelve of the 29 Degrees that make up the Scottish Rite. The quality of the work performed by the several casts was perhaps the best that I can remember seeing at the Rite in Baltimore. Every cast performed their work in an exemplary manner and should be proud of what was accomplished. I take my hat off to you all!!

As is our usual custom, the staff and Degree Masters met for a recap of the Spring reunion and to talk over lessons learned. For the most part, all comments were pretty benign and everyone was happy with the outcome of the reunion. We do need to work on incorporating new talent into the casts, especially those from recent classes who have expressed an interest in helping out. There is always a need for more hands to move scenery or to fill the incense pot, or any of the myriad of tasks that somehow need to get done on Reunion Day. If you are one of those who has raised his hand to let us know you would like to help, please keep it raised high so that we don't miss you. We will get to you soon.

The Fall Reunion this year will consist of the same 12 Degrees we conferred this Spring except

the conferrals are set for two Saturdays, one in October and the other in November. Please check your Rite News for the conferral dates. Rehearsals will begin early in September and proceed on Monday evenings with the exception of the 14th and 20th Degrees which will occur on a Tuesday.

The schedule is as follows:

9/8 – 4th and 5th Degrees

9/15- 11th and 13th Degrees

9/23 - 14th and 20th Degrees

9/29 - 18th Degree

10/6 – 21st and 25th Degrees

10/13 – 27th and 30th Degrees

10/20 – 15th Degree and Feast of Tishri

10/27 – 32nd Degree

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall 2014 conferrals

The Fall Class of 2014 Special Two Day Conferral

Saturday, October 18th & Saturday November 1st;
In Memory of: Illustrious Nicholas Tur, 33°, 1926 – 2013

By: Ralph S. Bathgate, 32°, Secretary of Howard Lodge #101



NICHOLAS TUR WAS BORN 11/18/1926 EA 5/17/1982 FC 10/4/1982 and MM 10/25/1982. He attended most meetings and always sat in the last chair, top row on the north side of the lodge. I could always look back there and he would be there. It is funny how some members always take the

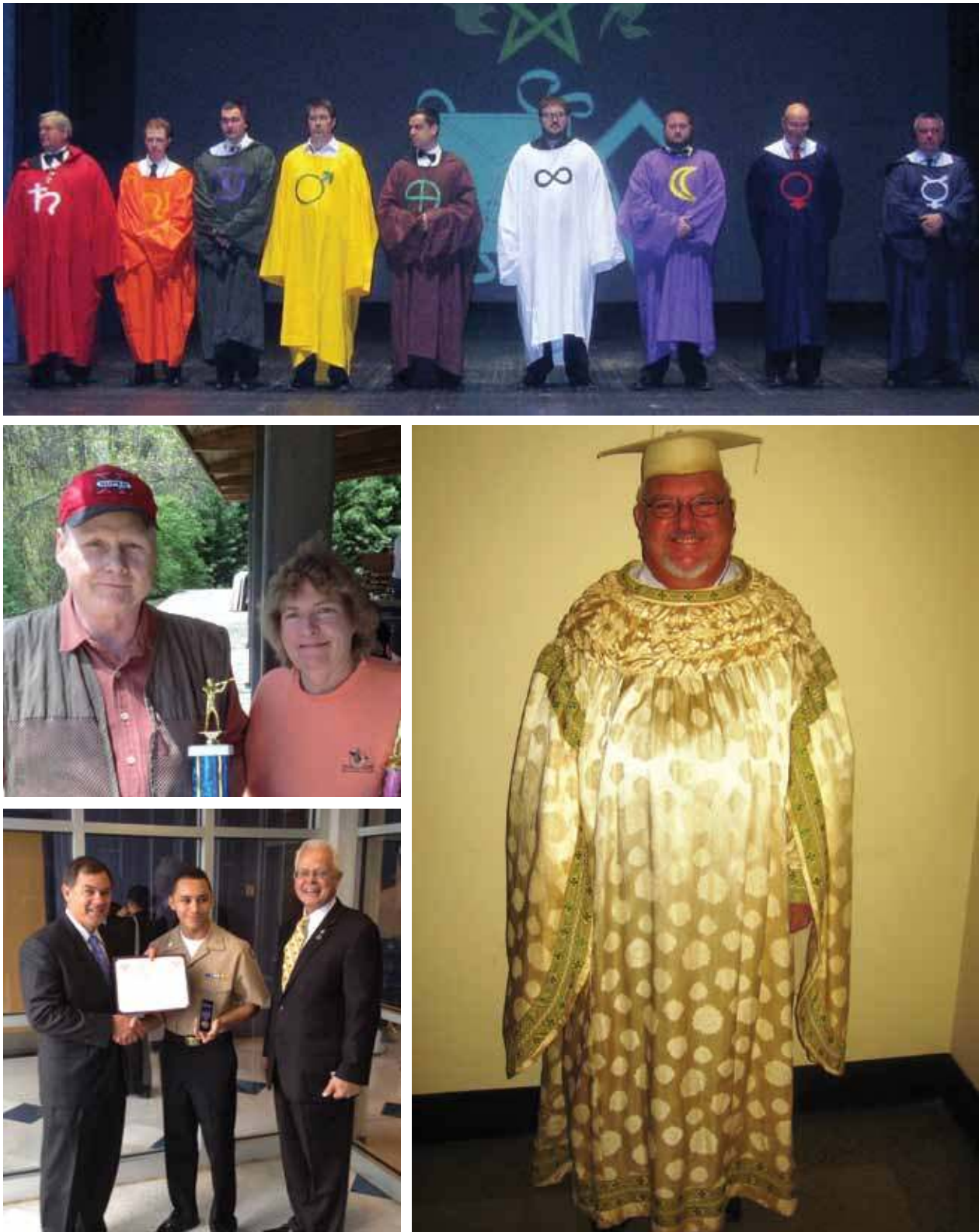
same chair. I remember many members who have passed and can tell which chair they sat in and can picture them sitting there. Brother Nick was a dedicated instructor for most of his years as a Howard Lodge member, and will be missed by all who knew him.



Scottish Rite Photos



Scottish Rite Photos



Valley of Frederick

By: Bro. John Austin, 32° - Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, Frederick Valley



WHEN MY SON ADAM WAS MADE A MASON (Shrewsbury 423, PA), he remarked on the eloquence of the three charges he had been delivered of. "If you live your life by the Charges, you can hardly go wrong."

I believe this to be very true and often have had the opportunity to mention them to new Masons. It is well to keep yourself acquainted with the charges and re-read them on occasion or listen closely when you hear them delivered at the end of a degree. The best Charge I ever heard was from Brother Stan Katzman. Brother Katzman died this week and I will attend his memorial service on Sunday. May he ever Rest In Peace. The reason his Charge was so great was his emphasis on the words contained therein. They became loud and clear and important the way he emphasized each individual element.

I will paraphrase them in order here for your edification.

The EA Charge tells of the Three Great Duties; To God, Your Neighbor and yourself.

Paying reverence to God, to your neighbor - living by the Golden Rule (Do unto others), avoid irregularity and intemperance. To the State, be a peaceful, law abiding citizen, True to your Government and Just to your Country. Do not countenance disloyalty but patiently submit to legal authority. Avoid Censure and Reproach; Do not neglect your work.

Simple words. Read them and pull them apart individually sometime and appreciate the frank and meaningful guidelines being offered by those sage gentlemen that put these requirements down so many millennia ago.

The charge of the Fellow craft requires that you be supportive of the laws and regulations of the Fraternity, to be fair and non-judgmental of your brothers, and to remain Friendly and Just among them and especially when a dispute may arise. We are reminded here to make a lifelong habit of learning, and are instructed to especially consider the art of Geometry and study the Liberal Arts as Continuing Self Education. We are admonished to exemplify the character of Freemasons by:

"Steadily persevering in the practice of every Commendable Virtue".

Now that quote right there is something to consider at length.

The Master Mason charge reminds us to be "Faithful to your Trust" to support the Dignity of your character on Every Occasion, enforce this by Precept and Example. Show obedience to the tenets of the Fraternity, "Universal Benevolence you are always to inculcate", and set a good example for others. "Your Virtue, Honor and Reputation are concerned in supporting, with Dignity, the Character you now bear".

(Read that one two or three times and ponder its daily application)

Care for and preserve the Institution, Do your Duty, Live by your vows, Be Trustworthy, Truthful and Faithful.

There you go, three short paragraphs containing the highlights of the Charges. We all represent the Fraternity of Freemasons around the world. Just like the ring on your finger or the decal on your car, you are an outward symbol of the meaning of Masonry. What you do everyday matters. If you and I can but try, to live by the simple precepts in the three charges, we can hardly go wrong.

So Mote It Be

Grandmom & the 4th Degree

By: Rich Thurfield, Venerable Master, Susquehanna Valley

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In her wisdom, my grandmother was a living embodiment of this principal. She did not ponder the reasons behind her sweeping, nor sit and reflect upon the apparent futility of it; Instead, she rose each morning and set herself to those duties faithfully and without fail.

Too often, we as men and Masons waste precious time contemplating the whys and wherefores of our various duties in life. We spend time worrying about what reward will await us at the end of the day, rather than simply and faithfully setting about our work. We get angry and resentful of those around us when our endeavors are not duly recognized by our friends and family.

But, as the saying goes, the fault, dear Brothers, is in ourselves, not in our stars.

Our Holy Scriptures and our Masonic teachings inform us that duty is as inflexible as

fate, and must be performed regardless of the reward. If we, at the end of a day's labors, are not satisfied with having done good work, the failure is our own. To live with this principal is a challenge, but to have learned something and not put it into proper use, is to have not learned it at all.

We, the enlightened, who have received the 4th degree, have few excuses to not adopt this ideal into our own hearts and minds.

It's not a difficult concept to understand.

Brother John Wayne said it best "A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do."

Amen Duke.

My grandmother lived a good full life, and I know that she is at home with my grandfather in the arms of the Lord. I know that somewhere, someone is playing a Buck Owens tune, and she's there in a red dress dancing away. I know, at night, she watches over me and my babies, and I know right now

she is smiling because she has a grandson who had sense enough to buy a house only surrounded by evergreens- there's not a single leaf in my driveway.

I know all of these things because Grandmom performed her duties without question or resentment or regard for reward. The leaves were swept, the candy jar was stocked, the floors scrubbed, the pictures dusted and straightened- her list was endless, but she never ceased working through it.

To her, it simply was her duty, and she accepted it as such.

When she passed, I swiped one of her brooms and it hangs above my threshold as a reminder not only of my Grandmom, but of the duties inflexible as fate which we must all undertake.

As I pass under it each and every day, I try to remind myself of her faithfulness and attention to duty and hope one day, I can find her wisdom in myself.



Bro. Howard M. Sager, 32° receiving his Sixty Year Pin and Certificate at the Spring Ring Ceremony 2014.

Echo's From the Mountaintop

News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer

Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Installation



On May 28, the installation of the first officers for the newly formed Scottish Rite Club of Washington County was held. Installed officers include: Bob Rieff, 32nd, President; Roger Douglas, KCCH, Vice President; Scott Paddock, 32nd, Secretary-Treasurer and Edgar Cline, Chaplain. Shown here (L-R) are Personal Representative Gary Shircliff and SGIG Marlin Mills presenting the charter to Bob Rieff and Scott Paddock. Nearly 40 people attended including 17 KSA knights who performed the

Arch of Steel for the dignitaries at Friendship Lodge #84 in Hagerstown.

S.R. Ladies Night in Cumberland

The Knights of St. Andrew form the Arch of Steel for Venerable Master Fran Shives, 33rd and his Lady Sue, at the Annual Ladies' Night celebration at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club on May 3. 108 people attended!



Thing A Ma Jig nets \$4500 for Charity



A sellout crowd attended the 11th Annual Thing A Ma Jig Variety Show at the Robert Zimmer Theatre at Allegany College of Maryland on April 11. Twenty one different acts provided the entertainment! \$4500 was donated to The Children's League.

GWMM Washington DC Bus Trip Planned

The Valley will be hosting a bus trip to the GW Masonic Memorial and Mount Vernon in the fall. Masons, ladies and friends are invited. Details to follow.

Upcoming Events

Fall, TBD
GW Masonic Memorial Bus Trip

Knights of St. Andrew Installation



The Cumberland Valley's KSA installed Mike Kamoff, 32nd, as their 8th Venerable Master. Joining Brother Kamauff as elected officers are (L-R) Sir Ken Winters, 32nd, Senior Warden; Sir Mike Wade, 32nd, Secretary-Treasurer; V.M. Kamauff; and Sir Jim Bosley, 32nd, Junior Warden.



SGIG Marlin Mills recognizes Ivan Hall for 60 years of service to the Scottish Rite!

2014 Spring Class



The 2014 Spring Class welcomed 8 new members on April 26 at the Masonic Lodge in Cumberland. First row (L-R): Paul D. Bannister, James B. Summerfield, Robert B. Young, Emeritus Personal Representative 33rd, Peter S. Zalizniak, Class President, Thomas L. Paxton, Class Orator and Aaron T. Hammersmith. Back row: Charles J. Hout, Assistant Personal Representative, 33rd, Howard V. Brode, Class Director, 33rd, Robert S. Eakin, Stephen C. Morgret, Edward J L. Staebler, Paul G. Shircliff, Personal Representative, 33rd, Jerome F. Robinette, 33rd.

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WHAT IS THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

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

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

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has proclaimed the Feast of Tabernacles as the Feast Day of the Lodge of Perfection, 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.).

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

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Maryland DeMolay

By: Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr.—Executive Secretary

MARYLAND DEMOLAY HAS SOME EXCITING NEWS! On Saturday May 31, 2014, the Bowie-Collington Chapter received the first new Charter to work in Maryland in 22 years! While many of you may recall past articles of reopened Chapters using existing Charters held under in-active status, this Chapter was begun in the traditional way.

Several Masons in the Bowie-Collington area approached us two years ago to see what it would take to bring DeMolay back to the area. This was the area Raymond Campbell Carleton Chapter had originally covered and was extremely successful for quite some time. Collington Lodge No. 230 agreed to be the sponsor of the newly forming Chapter. A meeting was held to train the new advisors at Collington Lodge No. 230. PGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, III (then Grand Master) and Grand Master Gerald E. Piepiora (then Deputy Grand Master) took time out of their day to stop by the training after a Regional Meeting being held in Centennial Lodge No. 174. The Application for Letters Temporary was signed and mailed. The excitement grew as the corps of new Advisors embarked on this endeavor and began bringing in members. They knew the goal for a new Chapter to receive their Charter was fifteen active members and at least 6 months maintaining this number of members.

I have highlighted many of

Bowie-Collington Chapter's successes and hard work in the community in past articles. Needless to say, this Chapter has been busy! As a lead up to the Chartering, they traveled to Boumi Temple on May 24th to sell sodas at the Carnival, on May 25th they took part in the Bowie Memorial Day Parade along with Collington Lodge No. 230 and on May 26th they took part in the Bowie Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. A short five days later, the members and advisors hosted an overflowing house of guests at Collington Lodge No. 230 for the Chartering Ceremony and first official Installation of the Chapter. The list of attendees included local politicians with Citations for the new Chapter, Grand Master Piepiora and many of his line, Maryland DeMolay State Line and Chapters, Maryland DeMolay State Staff, members of the lodge and other Masons and family members. The Installation was made especially memorable because many of the original members of Raymond Campbell Carleton Chapter stepped up to fill the roles of the Installing team! This team was headed up by Past State Master Councilor Phillip Shortt who also brushed up on the Flower Talk Ceremony, honoring our mothers, and delivered it to the newly installed members. Many of these Senior DeMolays have been supporting the young men as they have pushed forward to Chartering.

As with great stories, there are always those unsung people

working in the background to make the dream a reality. While it is always difficult to point out every person who played a role, there are two Masons who have been working very hard to see this happen. We would like to thank Dad Ed Harraway and Dad Rafael Rodriguez Otero. These men have worked countless hours and have expended much of their energy to see the idea of something special for the Collington Lodge Masonic Family become a reality. We wish to thank them for the efforts they have put forth and hope you will do the same the next time you see them.

In closing, I would like to fill you in on our next big announcement! Door To Virtue Lodge No. 46 has recently voted to sponsor a Chapter in Westminster. This will be handled the same way as Bowie-Collington Chapter and will bring back a Chapter to the Westminster area! The application for Letters Temporary has been filed and Dad Training has been held with seven signing up to be advisors. Maryland DeMolay is succeeding and growing because YOU believe in us! Thank you for all your support!

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Maryland DeMolay



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The Clinic Corner

By: Lisa McGrain, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist

HELLO AGAIN from the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We have some very exciting news we would like to share with all of you. One of our speech pathologists, Eleni Bowden, and her husband Craig, welcomed baby William into the world over the summer. William Sullivan Bowden was born on June 13th at 1:51 am weighing 8lbs, 3oz and 22" long. Both mom and baby are doing great! Eleni is on maternity leave this summer enjoying time with her first-born child. She will be back in September working part-time here at the clinic. Welcome back, Eleni and congratulations to the entire family!

While Eleni was gone for the summer, we had the privilege to work with Jenna MacKenzie, a second year graduate student at Towson University. Jenna is also a recipient of the Brockman Scholarship and just recently completed her placement here at the center. She has been a wonderful addition and we thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to the children here!

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again – back to school! The therapists and staff at the clinic are getting back into the school routine and just re-established our contracts with both The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and Garrison Forest School. This year, we will be providing services to the students of these private schools four days per week throughout the 2014-2015 school year. In addition, speech and language screenings are scheduled and will be completed in the upcoming months.

Once again, we are fortunate enough to be able to attend the biennial RiteCare conference this September. This year, the conference, hosted by



the Orient of Missouri, will be held in St. Louis from September 18th to 20th. The RiteCare Conference is a gathering of Scottish Rite affiliated clinics, hospitals and university speech-language pathologists, literacy and dyslexia specialists, audiologists and communication specialists along with dedicated Scottish Rite leaders from all over the country. Our thanks to Marlin Mills for agreeing to send us to this wonderful event. We are looking forward to a fun and educational trip!

Please feel free to contact us anytime at 410-243-3800 to find out more information about our center and the services provided here. From all of us here at the clinic, thank you for your continued dedication and support of our profession!

EXCERPT FROM: THE SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33°



CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE

Hence there is in Speculative Masonry always a progress, symbolized by its peculiar ceremonies of initiation. There is advancement from a lower to a higher state—from darkness to light—from death to life—from error to truth. The candidate is always ascending; he is never stationary; he never goes back, but each step he takes brings him to some new mental illumination—to the knowledge of some more elevated doctrine. The teaching of the Divine Master is, in respect to this

continual progress, the teaching of Masonry—"No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of heaven." And similar to this is the precept of Pythagoras: "When travelling, turn not back, for if you do the Furies will accompany you."

Now, this principle of masonic symbolism is apparent in many places in each of the degrees. In that of the Entered Apprentice we find it developed in the theological ladder, which, resting on earth, leans its top upon heaven, thus inculcating the idea of an ascent from a lower to a higher sphere, as the object of masonic labor. In the Master's degree we find it exhibited in its most religious form, in the restoration from death to life—in the change from the obscurity of the grave to the holy of holies of the Divine Presence. In all the degrees we find it presented in the ceremony of circumambulation, in which there is a gradual inquisition, and a passage from an inferior to a superior officer. And lastly, the same symbolic idea is conveyed in the Fellow Craft's

degree in the legend of the Winding Stairs.

In an investigation of the symbolism of the Winding Stairs we shall be directed to the true explanation by a reference to their origin, their number, the objects which they recall, and their termination, but above all by a consideration of the great design which an ascent upon them was intended to accomplish.

The steps of this Winding Staircase commenced, we are informed, at the porch of the temple; that is to say, at its very entrance. But nothing is more undoubted in the science of masonic symbolism than that the temple was the representative of the world purified by the Shekinah, or the Divine Presence. The world of the profane is without the temple; the world of the initiated is within its sacred walls. Hence to enter the temple, to pass within the porch, to be made a Mason, and to be born into the world of masonic light, are all synonymous and convertible terms. Here, then, the symbolism of the Winding Stairs begins.





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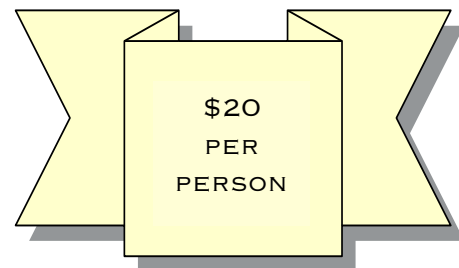
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Lodge of Perfection – 7:30pm
Dinner (Open to All) @ 6:30pm \$10.00

Saturday, September 20th
Grand Lodge – 2014 Festival for the Child
1pm-6pm – Bull and Oyster Roast – see Page
22 for details

Wednesday, September 24th
Chapter Rose Croix - 7:30pm
Dinner (Open to All) @ 6:30pm \$10.00

Wednesday, October, 1st
Council of Kadosh -6:30pm
Festive Board @ 6:30pm– Open to All \$15.00

Wednesday - October 8th
Chesapeake Consistory -7:30pm
Dinner (Open to All) at 6:30pm \$10.00

Wednesday, October 15th
Fall Class Orientation @ 6:30pm
Refreshments After

Saturday, October 18th
Fall Class Degrees – 8am
Confer the 4th, 5th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 18th
& 20th Degrees
Lunch served at 12:15pm - \$5.00 per person,
Candidates No Charge

Sunday, October 26th
Scottish Rite Memorial Service @ 2pm
Refreshments to Follow

Wednesday, October 29th
Feast of Tishri
*See Page 23 for details

Saturday, November 1st, Reunion Day
8am – Confer the 21st, 25th, 27th, 30th &
32nd Degrees
Lunch served at 12:15pm - \$5.00 per person,
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Sunday, November 2nd, Ring Ceremony
2pm – Dinner to Follow
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Saturday, November 8th, Scottish Rite
Wine Tasting – 2pm-5pm
\$20.00 Per person
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