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A MESSAGE FROM  
Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Dear Friends, Families and Brothers,

I hope this final issue of The Rite News of Maryland for 2014 finds you well and ready for the rapidly approaching holidays. It is hard to believe 2015 is just around the corner. As I reflect on 2014, I think of all the time and effort given by so many of you to make The Scottish Rite in Maryland so successful. New members coming in are finding men who care, men who are doing excellent work, men who are performing more degrees than ever before and men who are making a difference in today's Scottish Rite. To you I say, Thank You, for a successful 2014. This fall, our members, both new and old, will benefit from the all new lighting, sound and prompter's room which the Valley of Baltimore has completed after years of talk and planning. This room will house an all new state of the art lighting system, a new wireless sound system and a birds' eye view of the auditorium and stage. All of which should enhance the presentation of each degree as well as many other events the auditorium has. This is today's Scottish Rite!

Speaking of "new", I want to extend a huge warm welcome to all members of Highland Lodge No. 184 to their new home at 3800 North Charles Street. Their first official meeting was on September 10, 2014 with the MWGM Gerald E. Piepiora and his grand line present. The meeting was very well attended. If there is anything we can do to assist Highland Lodge, please ask us. Home is where the heart is and I hope you all feel at home.

At this time of year, you cannot think of home without thinking of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanksgiving with family, a time to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in this great Nation. A time to enjoy a home cooked meal



and, at the same time, pay humble adoration to The Supreme Architect, without whose blessing there would be no harvest. Christmas is that wonderful time of year that brings out the good in most all of us. Christmas means family, fellowship, huge dinners, leftovers and, of course, giving and receiving. It is a time of good will toward all, a time of good cheer, it is HOME..... where the heart is. It is my hope that you always feel at home in your Scottish Rite. Wherever your home is, this Holiday season, I hope it is one filled with warmth, love and much happiness. As you gather together for your Christmas Blessing, please remember our men and women in uniform who are not at home but protecting us as we celebrate this season and may God continue to Bless America.

In closing this issue, may I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving, the blessing of a very merry Christmas and a healthy prosperous New Year!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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





# Thank You

By: MW. Gerald E. Piepiora, 33° - Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland



**THIS WILL BE MY LAST MESSAGE AS GRAND MASTER** for the Rite News of Maryland. The most challenging part of writing this is attempting to describe all that the Scottish Rite has meant to me in the nearly 19 years since receiving my 32nd degree.

As we all know, there are many paths to gaining more “light” in our Fraternity, and each of us grows at our own pace and direction. It was my good fortune to be welcomed into the Valley of Baltimore and, particularly, the Lodge of Perfection. Initially, I was uncertain this was a good choice for me, as nearly all of the degrees were verbally communicated to me, for, at the time, the government had a several week overseas commitment for me. Of course, this was just at the time my class participated in the fall program. I returned from Cuba

just in time to make the class reunion and observe only the 28th, 30th, and 32nd degrees. (NOTE: does this sound much different than taking an abbreviated degrees/catechism program in the first three Blue Lodge degrees?)

In any case, it would have been very easy to move on to another Body, but there was a certain beauty and mystique to these 29 degrees and the lessons of morality that they represented made me want to get involved. Thanks to the assistance of several outstanding mentors, I was able to do some serious catch up and serve as Venerable Master.

Being coroneted as a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason in September 2011, was one of those “I’ll always remember when...” events that certainly qualifies as a life changing experience. The wearing of the white cap constantly reminds each of us that we will spend the rest of our days attempting to live our lives by the principles representative of this most high honor.

The point in summarizing the above events is only to express my appreciation for all that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has taught me in my personal search for further Light. This wonderful Body continues to provide those valuable lessons enabling all Freemasons to better understand the more esoteric

principles of our Fraternity and to make us all better men and Masons.

Lastly, just to add a special note of appreciation to our Sovereign Grand Inspector, Illustrious Br. Marlin L. Mills, and Director of Work, Ill. Br. MWPGM Thomas M. Velvin, Jr. Not only have they assembled an outstanding cast of degree ritualists, but the costumes, sound, and light systems have been dramatically improved. The Masonic experiences they provide are second to none in this jurisdiction. They continue to be a key asset to our Masonic family.

# Looking Toward the New Year

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



**OUR SCOTTISH RITE BODIES** are about to start another new year. I hope that all of us are so busy taking care of our health and our families, that we do not have very much time left. It does stand to reason, that we do have some time to devote to Masonry, especially to our Scottish Rite. It is that small amount of time that I am talking about. If we can just commit that little time to our various bodies, what a joy that will be, not only to the Scottish Rite, but to those who participate.

What a wonderful feeling it is to look back over your Masonic Life and remember all of the wonderful lessons we have learned and all of the great friends that we have made. Now is the time to start another chapter in that great history. I can’t begin to share with you all of those moments that have meant so much to me during my many years working in and with Masonry. Would that I still had the ability to participate

as much as I did during all those wonderful years. But you, MY BRETHREN, you still have the opportunity to participate in degree work, to assist on committees and to have fellowship in so many different ways. You have often heard that you get out of Masonry what you put into it. As you start this new season, I can assure you that you can expect to get out of Masonry much more than you ever put into it. Just think of the moral teachings that we learn as a starter, then how much we build on that as we participate and teach others. They not only learn, but we become more informed each time that we take part in a degree or any other exercise connected with our “Rite”. We can never forget how fellowship and friendships grow as we work together. Please do not let your Masonry become just a matter of memorizing some lines, but be sure to include the contact that you

have with those other BROTHERS who are working with you. I could almost write a book about the wonderful brothers that have been a part of my long Masonic Career. I am so glad that, as we start this New Year, I can plan on new brothers to take their place in that long line of good friends. When there comes a time in your life where lonesomeness seems to be a disease, you always have the friendship of your lodge brothers to rely upon. As you attend meetings and other activities, don’t always come alone, but as often as possible, include one or more of your brothers. I can assure you that Masonry and fellowship grow on you and become an ever greater part of your life. So, My Brethren, let us make this one of the great years for our Scottish Rite, in particular, and Masonry in general. Let us all have a happy and busy new year.

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## Scottish Rite Woman's Club

By: Pam Kolscher,  
President 2014-2015

As the President of the Scottish Rite Woman's Club, Baltimore, MD, I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in the coming year.

My goal for this year is to introduce the Woman's Club to all the women of the new Scottish Rite Masons, during both the Spring and Fall Orientations. With affordable yearly dues, and only one meeting each quarter to attend, we have the financial and moral needs to grow this Woman's Club.

I see the fundraisers possible for this year, and know that the monies raised will help the Hilgenberg Speech and Language Clinic fulfill their goals and needs.

Join me for fellowship and the awesome feeling of helping those in need.

Please contact the Scottish Rite Office for more information.

## Valley of Baltimore

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



**FOR YEARS, IT WAS THOUGHT** that the rear wall of the auditorium on the third level was constructed so it could be removed and a projection room created. Upon inspection by

a brother contractor, this was found not to be the case. To find space to house the new lighting and sound consoles, prompter and technicians, it was decided to remove the last row of seats in the center section and build out. This has been completed and blends in perfectly with the existing structure. This is a dream come true whereas we have the ability to see, hear and communicate with everyone in the cast and all support personnel. We look forward to being able to give the class a better presentation of our Scottish Rite degrees as well as hosting other events in the auditorium.

## Our Office Staff



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## Lobsterfest 2014





## Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



**IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE** to greet you one last time as the Venerable Master of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection, Orient of Maryland, Valley of Baltimore. As we move from fall to winter and into the holiday season, it is my hope that you will be surrounded by friends and family reflecting on happy times in years gone by, as well as creating new memories for the future.

In my previous messages, I have shared with you some thoughts on truth and justice as is highlighted in the 20th Degree, Master of the Symbolic Lodge. I would now like to add a few thoughts on toleration, which is another of our nine great lights in Masonry.

Toleration is a word which I believe is greatly misunderstood in today's society. Many seem to feel that true toleration is an acceptance of anything that any person does or says regardless of whether it is right or wrong. There are also those

who believe that there is really no right or wrong and, as long as no one is getting hurt, we should all be able to do or say what we please. In the 20th Degree, toleration is approached from the perspective of how some people might try to impose their beliefs upon others.

The Venerable Master states that "no man has the right to dictate another in matters of belief or faith. No man can say that he has possession of the truth as he has of a chattel." This is not to say that we cannot engage in spirited discussion with one another. However, there is a fine line between sharing points of view and imposing our beliefs upon others. In a free society, we are all entitled to our own opinion and should not either dictate to others or allow ourselves to be dictated to. As passionate as any of us might be about any subject, we should always be sure that we are sharing our opinions and not beating our brothers over the head with them.

I'll never forget a discussion that I had with a co-worker several years ago that ended with him stating that, at the end of the day, both of our beliefs would remain unchanged. That may be the case, however, any discussion, no matter how spirited, if conducted in a respectful manner, should cause a person to at least think about what you have to say rather than dismissing your

opinion entirely. Whether we are having a discussion in lodge about a controversial topic, addressing different ways to approach an issue in our workplaces, or working through a difficult situation at home with our families, we need to ensure that we are always acting and conducting ourselves as gentlemen.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Venerable Master this past year. It has been a great experience and I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. Thank you so much for your support and I look forward to working with all of you in the future. Take care, God Bless and I hope to see all of you very soon at The Scottish Rite.

## Maryland Council of Kadosh

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



**MY BRETHREN**, where has the year gone? I sit here writing this article for our fall publication with the Orioles in first place and the Ravens gearing up for

the new season. Summer is slowly evolving to fall and, by the time you read this, we will be preparing for the holidays. I feel there might be a lesson here as you can see time passes quickly and waits for no one. Perhaps we should look at our plans and schedules with this in mind. Yes, I think now is the time we apply the lessons of the Scottish Rite to our lives and become better Masons, parents, friends and members of the community. Our gentle craft gives us all the tools we need to improve as individuals, as we improve as men, everyone around us benefits. Please remember, if you want to apply

the lessons of our Rite to your life then start today and you will be able to enjoy the happy reflection of a well spent life.

This is my final article as Commander of the Maryland Council of Kadosh. I truly feel privileged to have held this position and would like to thank all of the line officers for their support. I don't know, at this time, who our next commander might be, but we certainly have a group of outstanding individuals to choose from. Thank you again for the opportunity and I look forward to seeing you at the Scottish Rite.

## OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Open to All Members and Their Families

We pay tribute to the Officers of our clubs, to the founders and leaders, past and present, and to the members for their cooperation in promoting the Scottish Rite way and the Masonic understanding and fellowship that go with it. For year round activities and meetings of these clubs, call:

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- Washington County Scottish Rite Club** - Bro. Robert Reiff - 301-302-6550



## Grand Master's Ball for 2014

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## The 26th Degree

By: Bro. Charles Matulewicz, 32°



**AS WE CONSIDER OUR SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES**, there are so many questions that arise such as, why do we require men who knock on our doors to believe in a Deity? Often, there are more questions than there are answers but, there are indeed answers to be found if we just look closely enough at our degrees. Consider my Brothers, our 26th degree - The Prince of Mercy or Scottish Trinitarian, and its lessons on universal moral truths. The degree positions the candidate as a Catechumen seeking to become one of the faithful and, through its lessons, seeks to strengthen the faith of the Christian by explaining the ancient traditions that formed the Faith. To our non-Christian Brothers, it seeks to show the universality of these moral themes, and highlight their universality, being as applicable to Episcopalian as to Zoroastrian. Our 26th degree assists us in understanding the true universality of Masonry.

What are these moral truths, and why are they important? My Brothers, moral truths are ideas that we know are true,

regardless of culture or context. They are moral because they serve to influence behavior. Looking at the word morality, it is derived from the Latin word "moralitas," which is concerned with behavior or character... Morality speaks to our behavior or character in our society. When we look at the nine suppositions about Masonry put forth in the 26th degree, we see that these are themes that speak to something outside our day to day morality. These are sentences that we can believe are true. Why do we believe them? Because, they make sense without a great deal of consideration. We, as moral beings, understand that these truths are and will be because they ring universally true.

Let us look at the idea that morality is a duty... as moral truths are not like other truths but, rather, are the essence of our collective belief and moral compass. This is a serious thing my Brethren. There is no relativism with moral truths, as they are not rules but serious truths that form the basis of how we interact with the world and each other. We could consider that the philosophical concept of truth is something a-priori, or, before the fact. The idea that there is some knowledge or information known without knowing it, is inherent knowledge that is part of the world mind. This "before the fact" knowledge is what the degree is getting at. These moral truths are self-evident like the

rights that are described in the Declaration of Independence and the rights of man.

Moral truths have a certain pull, that there is a moral certainty, that they are right because they are right and we all understand them as correct and right, without consideration or contemplation. Why are they moral? They are moral because they evoke, because they draw out a sense of contemplation and cause us to face moral decisions, moral decisions that just make sense. I believe these moral truths. I believe they are moral because they influence behavior and they speak across religion and culture to something that seems rational. It is something that makes sense to all people. This is why Masonry and our Scottish Rite is concerned with universal truths, because they speak to something visceral. They serve as guideposts for our behavior and as a means for us to relate with the world. This, my Brothers, is how we use Masonry to improve ourselves, by building on the foundations we bring to the craft. Our degrees strengthen what we bring to the Fraternity and teach us to see common ground with our Brothers of other traditions. Our 26th degree goes so far as to ask us what a world this would be if we could all be Masons. What a world that would be, my Brothers, a true Brotherhood of man. Brethren, visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite, and see you on the classroom.



## Valley of Frederick

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



**MY LAST MESSAGE** in this space was about the charges of the three degrees. Words we can live by. Summer has come and gone, and how have you been spending your time? It is fall and we all are back to work in our lodges and, those of us that are members of multiple Masonic organizations, are fretting about the next degree we have to sort out and remembering where are we supposed to be next and what are we supposed to bring?

This first week of September, I have been already to a Blue lodge practice and a Scottish Rite Breakfast. A SR practice is scheduled for tomorrow. Over the summer, very little went on except for our usual MDCHIP program at the County Fair which was a great bit of philanthropy sponsored by the Grand Lodge and any Masonic organization that can put together a group of volunteers to man the machines.

This issue of the magazine is dedicated to Charity. What are we talking about here? How do we contribute? What can we all do to improve ourselves in the community? Freemasonry has many fine tenants to recommend it.

We have plenty of great charities that we contribute to, from the Shriners hospitals to the Knights Templars Eye Fund to the Scottish Rite Hearing Centers. Individual lodges support local scholarship funds, thanksgiving dinners for needy families, dozens, nay, hundreds of philanthropic enterprises of any kind you can imagine. Masons are always looking for a good cause to support. We give. We give of money, time and energy. I am so proud of all the things that Masons do and support, I could just cry.

Let's think about all that is written here and spend a moment to think about the charities that are right next to

us on the bench in the lodge. Are we doing all we can for the relationships we hold most dear? That of our brethren a spot or two down the bench?

A very funny joke goes like this. One out of three people in this country are ugly. Look to your left and look to your right, if those people look fine, YOU UGLY!

How well do you know your brethren? Can you be of help to your brother next to you on the bench? If Charity begins at home, how about we look close, rather than far, to get our philanthropic thrills. Could a brother use a hand up but is not inclined to speak up for himself? Do you know someone that is in need? One whose family could use a leg up? Most of our lodges have a fund to assist. The Scottish Rite has an Almoner's fund. Money contributed to a brother will come back ten fold.

I come back to the Charges. Friendship, Brotherly Love, Benevolence. A recurring theme of mine is to divest the lodges of funds that are sitting idle instead of doing good in the community. What can your Lodge/Valley do to help a local brother?

## From the Director of Work

By: Ill. Tom Velvin, 33°



**BY THE TIME THIS ARTICLE IS PUBLISHED** and in your hands, we will be well into the Fall rehearsal and conferral schedule which includes thirteen of the twenty-nine Degrees of the Scottish Rite. We are conferring the same set of Degrees as we offered during the Spring of 2014. Some of these degrees have not been seen in the Valley of Baltimore for a good many years and I encourage any of you who have not seen these degrees to make plans to join us on October 18th when we will confer the 4th, 5th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 18th Degrees and, on November 1st when we will confer the 20th, 21st, 25th, 27th, 30th and 32nd Degrees. If you remember the admonition you received when you were made a 32nd Degree Mason, you are obligated to be present for the conferral of any of the degrees you have not previously experienced. Now is your chance to add to your completed list. We will look forward to seeing you on the 18th and 1st.

Speaking of the Fall schedule, I am always impressed with the dedication of both the staff and members of the degree teams who give so willingly of their

time to be at the rehearsals and the conferrals of the degrees we select for presentation at each reunion. The staff members who are responsible for the lighting of the casts and stage, the sound guys who make sure we can hear the spoken words of the dialog, the robing room team who make sure all the pieces of the costumes are assembled on the actors' bodies, the property crew who check and recheck the numerous columns, chairs, altars, censures, and other parts that decorate the floor of the auditorium for each degree, and the prompter and coordinator in the well who make sure everything goes off on time and in the right sequence. The prompter also has the responsibility of whispering a word or phrase into his microphone to get the actor who has just experienced a brain freeze out of the hole and moving on in his part.

The casts of the several degrees spend untold amounts of time preparing and learning their spoken and unspoken parts for the degree or, in many cases, degrees they have signed on to participate in. Some of the parts are just a line or two but some are pages of lines which are spoken interactively with other cast members. Many of these larger parts take months to learn and perfect to the point that the actor feels comfortable with it. Having spent several years performing key parts in several of the degrees you see every year, I can personally testify to the hours of work necessary

to learn one of these parts and I take my hat off to the cast members who have volunteered to learn these parts.

As you are most certainly aware, the 29 degrees which the Scottish Rite confers are the heart and soul of the Rite. These degrees exemplify the lessons we all are taught in the Rite. Most are set in medieval times with costumes and scenery depicting that period. If we did not confer these degrees in the manner that we do, in costume with scenery, and spoken parts performed by Brothers who have taken the time to learn them, the Rite would be a pretty boring place to come to. One of the reasons I am always looking for members of the Rite, both new and old, who are willing to step up and learn a part in one or more of the degrees, or to help out with the many jobs that the staff performs, is so that we can keep our traditions alive and that we can continue to present the valuable lessons and stories these degrees depict. If you are looking for a place to devote some of your time, or enjoy the idea of learning a ritualistic part in your Blue Lodge, then the Scottish Rite has a lot to offer you. I encourage you to contact the office and talk to Ill. Fred Spicer. He will be happy to pass your name and area of interest on to me or the staff so we can get you started.

I look forward to seeing you on October 18th and again on November 1st.

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Knights of St. Andrews

By: Bro. David Ente, 32° - Commander



HERE'S TO AN AMAZING YEAR!

The summer seems to have  
flown by, and the fall class

is upon us. It has been an honor and a privilege to be the Commander of a unit composed of such great men. I set several goals for the year, which we met as a group quite successfully. We grew our numbers, had very well attended dinners, presented the flags at every meeting, and generally helped out wherever assistance was needed. We will finish off this year, showing our new fall class brothers what we are all about by our deeds.

I have to thank all of my brother knights, without whom none of this would have been possible. Every idea I had and every plan we made, you came together to make it happen. To my officers, thank you for all your support. You were the backbone, the glue that kept us together. Here's to many more great years for the Knights of St. Andrew!

Grants for the Scottish Rite Temple Building Restoration

By: Joan M. Rumenap, MBA - Grants Officer



IT IS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE that I began writing requests for grants for the Scottish Rite Temple Restoration Fund. This project started in late August and requests were sent to the Brad Paisley Foundation, Ensign C. Markland Kelly Jr. Memorial Foundation, France-Merrick Foundation and Rollins-Luetkemeyer

Foundation. Within a week, we received responses from the Brad Paisley Foundation and Ensign C. Markland Kelly Jr. Memorial Foundation requesting additional information, which has been forwarded to the Foundation Directors. It is interesting to note that Mr. Paisley, his father and Ensign Kelly's father, are all involved with the Masonic Order.

We are hopeful to receive funding to assist with repairing the fourth and last section of the roof and eventually the Indiana Limestone steps at the front of the building. All funding will be for the repair

and restoration of the Temple. Another way to assist with the restoration of the building is to continue to give to "The Temple Restoration and Preservation Fund;" all donations are tax deductible.

Research will continue for additional foundations that have an interest in Historical Preservation and Historical Societies. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or know of any Foundations that may be interested. I will continue to update you in future editions of The Rite News of Maryland.



Building Renovation Report

Thanks to the generosity of Maryland Scottish Rite Masons, we were able to undertake several ambitious projects over the summer months.

ROOF

Water intrusion into the interior of the building, from the roof and guttering (read-leaking), had progressed to a point where buckets and 200 gallon tubs were no longer effective. The necessary funds were budgeted and repairs were made at a cost of \$16,000 plus dollars. This was covered by the proceeds from the Basket Bingo.

The final phase of the roofing renovation will entail the large flat roof which is directly over the auditorium, the estimates for this project are in the \$65,000 range. While this roof is still holding, it is over 30 years old and is reaching the end of its useful life. Funds are already being collected, and grants

being applied for, to move forward sometime in 2015.

AUDITORIUM LIGHTING

Thanks to the herculean efforts of the Ill. Thomas A. Keller, 33° and his Lighting Crew, our lighting presentations for the degrees have been excellent, this despite the 50's vintage lighting controls and the 30's era remote switching. While still functioning, it became clear several years ago that repairs could no longer be made and a new lighting control system would have to be installed. This new lighting system is state of the art and required two months to install.

It was decided to place the new controls where the Lighting Crew could actually view the degrees, instead of having to rely on sound cues.

The next time you come to the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore, look to the back of

the auditorium and you will see our new Control Booth. This Control Booth will be a great vantage point for both the Lighting Operator and Prompter.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

Baltimore City is replacing storm and sewage pipelines in our area and detected a problem during one of their inspections. This problem was traced to our building and we were told it required immediate attention. Our plumber was called and after running a camera through the sewer and storm drains, recommended excavation. After excavation, it was found two of our 84 year old terracotta pipes had cracked (one in the storm & the other in the sewer line) and allowed cross contamination. The old pipes were replaced, new fill dirt brought in and the parking lot patched. The City has since retested and given us an all clear.





# Maryland DeMolay

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

## GREETINGS TO ALL OUR SCOTTISH RITE BROTHERS!

As we have been discussing over the last couple of editions, Maryland DeMolay is growing! Many of our Chapters are working hard on their efforts to reach out into the community and bring the message of DeMolay and what it has to offer. Nelson J. Briggs Chapter (Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44) and George Flemming Moore Chapter (Lodges in Hunt Valley) have both taken information to the public libraries in Harford and Baltimore Counties. Frederick Chapter continues its years of service to local soup kitchens, going to local fairs and functions to promote themselves, and “hiring” themselves out for odd jobs around the community for those in need of assistance.

Our most recent news comes from Bowie Collington Chapter (Collington Lodge No. 230) and Door To Virtue Chapter (Door To Virtue Lodge NO. 46) who have made some inroads into their local schools. Mom Debby Watson recently posted to the Maryland DeMolay Facebook Page “Bro. Hall, Master Councilor

from Bowie-Collington Chapter was invited to speak about DeMolay at James Madison Middle School’s “Back to School Night”. As one of their distinguished guests, Bro. Hall gave an informative speech about DeMolay that captured the interest of the audience. Bro. Hall with the assistance of Bro. Chris Berger gathered the names of more than 24 interested prospective members. This was a great effort to build membership and public awareness of our great organization. Kudos to both for a job well done!” This story was picked up by DeMolay International and received many positive comments and over 300 likes! Dad William Eppig, Executive Officer, also posted on the Maryland DeMolay Facebook Page “Maryland DeMolay had a DeMolay information table at the Manchester Valley High School - Maverick Stampede! Big Thanks to Dads Michel & Bean in helping SMC Schuch and me with this event. Great way to get the name DeMolay into the community.”

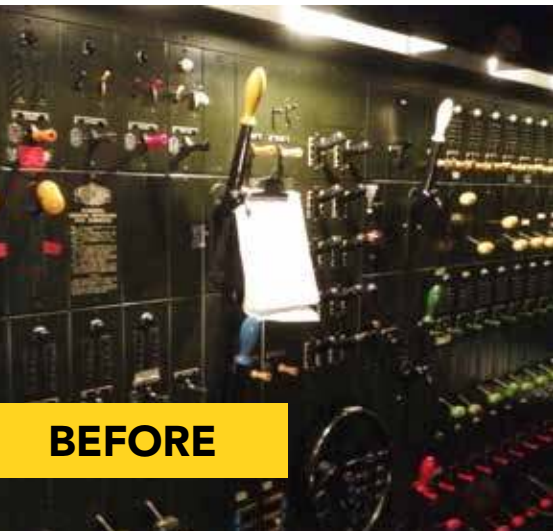
The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge has been popular across the

internet and on viral videos on YouTube and Facebook. This challenge was started to gain awareness for this disease and monetary contributions toward helping to find a cure. Our Chapter members and Advisors have jumped in with both feet and have taken the challenge. Along with the ice water being dumped on their heads, the guys have also made donations. I hear your very own Bro. Fred Spicer was challenged and posted a video on his Facebook page!

In closing, we would like to thank Maryland Freemasonry for your support and belief in us. We do realize how lucky we are to have your support and the open communications with the Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Grand Commander, Potentate, Grand Tall Cedars from around our Jurisdiction and all members of Maryland Freemasonry. We pledge our continued support of your activities and look forward to helping when called upon.



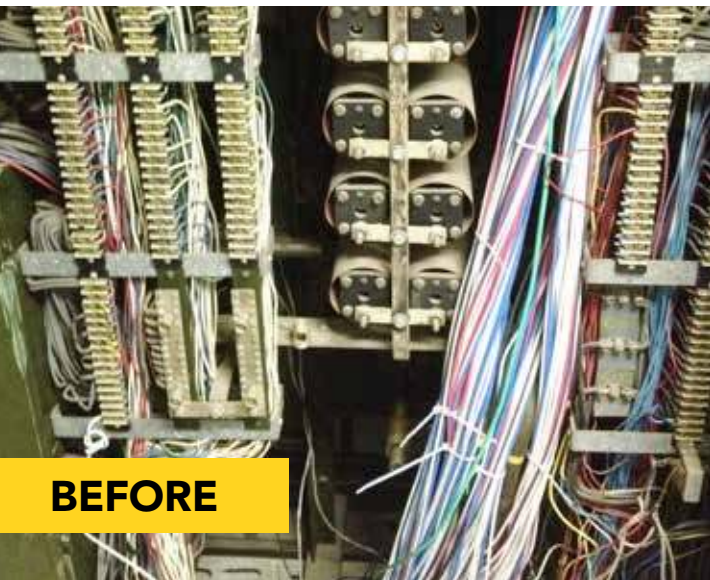
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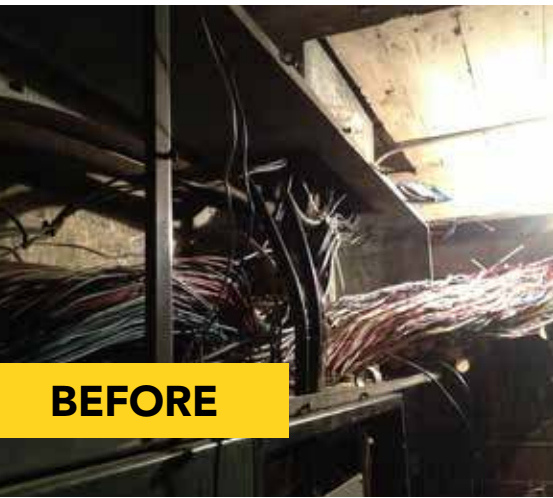
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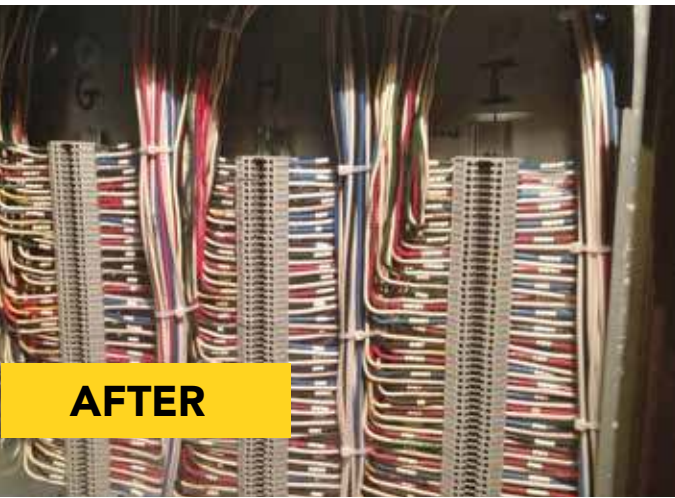
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# Echo's From the Mountaintop

## KSA helps to commemorate 50th Anniversary of B-52 Crash



The accident on Jan. 13th, 1964, is memorialized by stone markers in tiny Grantsville, Maryland about 140 miles west of Baltimore and at the spots where three of the five crew members died. Maj. Robert E.

Payne succumbed to exposure in the Savage River State Forest after ejecting from the crippled B-52. Bombardier Maj. Robert Townley's remains were found in the wreckage on adjacent private

land. The tail gunner, Tech Sgt. Melvin F. Wooten, bailed out and died from exposure and injuries near Salisbury, Pa., nearly 15 miles north of the crash site. The pilot, Maj. Thomas W. McCormick, and co-pilot Capt. Parker C. "Mack" Peedin ejected and survived. Neither is still living.

On Saturday, July 12th, hundreds of Western Marylanders gathered at the stone memorial on Route 40 near Grantsville to commemorate the occasion. Cumberland Valley KSA members, Junior Warden Jim Bosley; Venerable Master, Mike Kamauff; Wayne Lockard and Robin Summerfield, a member of Senator Ben Cardin's staff, attended the festivities along with a piper from the Potomac Highlanders, playing and marching to Amazing Grace.

## News from the Cumberland Valley

By: Dr. Chip Zimmer

## KSA Marches at McHenry Highland Festival



On June 9th, KSA participated in the Annual McHenry Highlands Festival near Deep Creek Lake. Pictured (L to R) are Personal Representative Gary Shircliff, Junior Warden Jim Bosley, Treasurer Mike Wade and Venerable Master Mike Kamauff. Hiding behind the American Flag is Mark Kenney and the photo was taken by Past VM Chip Zimmer.

## Upcoming Events

November 1: 2nd Annual Whiskey Tasting, Hagerstown

November 8: Hagerstown Ladies Night

November 16: Fall Capping Ceremony

February 7: 8th Annual Robert Burns Supper, Cumberland



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## Susquehanna Valley

By: Richard Thurfield, 32° - Venerable Master



### SERENITY NOW

Most people think of the Serenity Prayer as a prayer used by those struggling to free themselves of the terrible disease of addiction.

*God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot  
change,*

*The courage to change the  
things I can,*

*And the wisdom to know the  
difference.*

For me, however, it brings something else to mind. When I was in pre-school, I cut out a copy of that prayer, backed with a picture of Jesus Christ, and my teacher laminated it, and attached a paper clip to it. That little trinket was given to my grandpop, and it hung from the rear view mirror of his truck until he passed. It now hangs from the rear view mirror of my own truck.

Usually, it's the picture of Christ that I see as I am driving. Until one day last week.

I was driving along, thinking about our young Susquehanna Valley, and, like many masters of many lodges, I was lamenting all the things on my “wish list” that didn't get done. In January, I had a set of goals that I was going to achieve and really leave my mark on the AASR.

Many of those goals we did accomplish: We put on degree work that is some of the best anyone has ever seen, the Valley held its first ring ceremony and feast of Tishri, we grew our Valley by 20%, and we got started in working on the extraordinary new VMAP project.

But my list of “misses” was greater than my list of “hits”. We still have debt to pay down, we conceived but did not execute a fundraiser, we didn't get finished with opening the Chapter Rose Croix....I could go on. I don't mind telling you, I was beating myself up pretty good.

And then, at precisely the moment it needed to happen, a little burst of wind flipped that picture of Christ over, and my eyes caught the Serenity prayer. Divine providence? Coincidence? Doesn't really matter.

I was reminded quickly, upon seeing the words of the prayer, that we needed to remain focused on moving forward in our young Valley, and, remember, that building a strong Valley is indeed a journey, and not a destination. Though my own list did not get completed, we did get a LOT done in the year and there is much to celebrate. And in the coming years, new masters will assume the East, and it is up to all of us in the Susquehanna Valley to help him make his mark for the good of the Rite, which brings so many blessings to us all.

I am still struggling to find the serenity, strength and wisdom needed to be at peace with my year. But I am so proud of all my brothers and I hope as the calendar ticks over to 2015, I will forget all the misses, and remember the hits with pride.

It has been an honor to serve as the Venerable Master, and I wish blessings and peace for you and all your friends and family in the coming year.



## The Clinic Corner

By: Christine Wandishin, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist  
Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS** from the Scottish Rite Clinic! Lisa, Eleni, Jamie and I have been very busy in the clinic this fall. Speech and language screenings have been completed at the surrounding private schools including the School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Garrison Forest, and the Friends School. We are currently in full swing providing therapy at the Cathedral School four mornings a week and at Garrison Forest on Tuesday mornings. Of course, we also continue to provide therapy at the Scottish Rite Clinic Mondays - Thursdays until 6:00 or 6:30 every evening. Please feel free to schedule an appointment during our regular office hours if you wish to see the clinic and/or know of anyone that may need an evaluation or speech-language therapy.

In this issue of The Rite News, we decided to feature the perspectives of the clients and families that we serve here at the Scottish Rite in order to help give the Masons a better idea of what we do and how we help the children of the Baltimore area. In the pages that follow, you will find pictures of our clients in therapy, as well as testimonials from some of the children and their families. We hope you enjoy this special feature!

This year, our annual Scottish Rite Clinic Holiday Party will take place on Thursday, December 11, 2014. This party will be made possible by the efforts of Mr. Ray Lunn and the financial support of the Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club. The children love participating in various holiday crafts and games at the party each year. They also look forward to the clowns, balloon animals, and Santa. Some of the kids have been talking about this event for the past few months!

Brockman Fellow and graduate student Jessie Ufferfilge has been working at the clinic under our supervision since September. She was a speech-language pathologist assistant at Ashby Lee Elementary and Stone Spring Elementary before starting her externship at the Scottish Rite Clinic. Her previous experience has made her a tremendous asset to the center and she has done



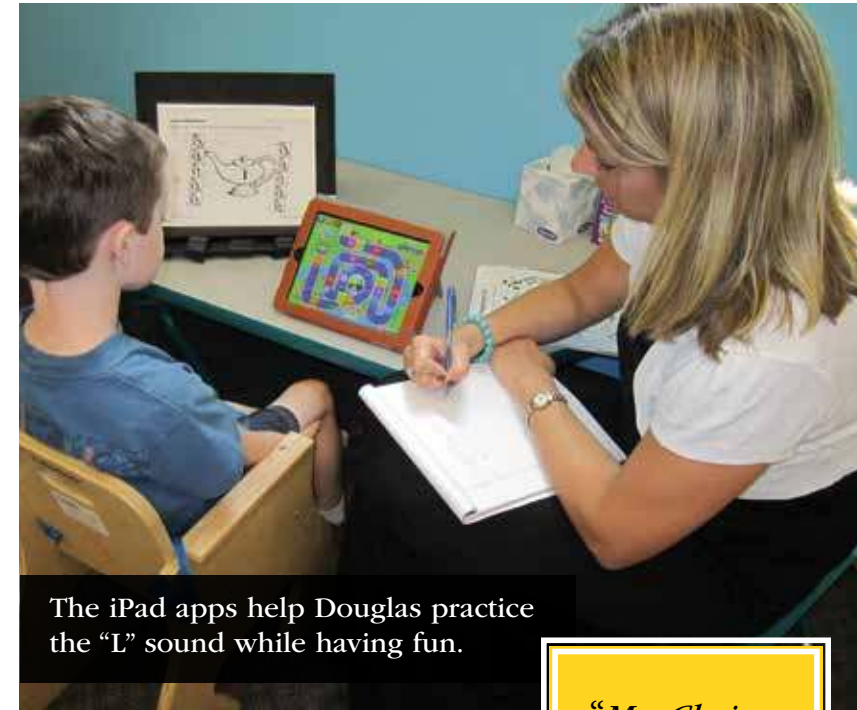
an excellent job working with the children and families of our clinic. She will be completing her placement in the beginning of December and we will greatly miss her. Good luck Jessie!

We are also pleased to announce that a former graduate student, Miriam Balsam, has been hired by the Hearing and Speech Agency as a full time clinical fellow. She started working at the agency in September 2014. We are hoping to have her help cover the Cathedral contract once a week and some evening times at the Scottish Rite Center. Miriam is thrilled about working for our organization again and recently stated in an email to the Scottish Rite Staff, "At this exciting time, I find myself thinking about you -- the fabulous supervisors who helped me become the SLP that I am. I was fortunate to witness your outstanding professionalism and talent which continue to inspire me today. I am grateful for all that you have taught me and for your confidence in me."

Finally, we are very happy to announce to the Scottish Rite community that another one of our speech-language pathologists will be welcoming a new addition to her family. Lisa McGrain is expecting her first child somewhere around January 25, 2015. We are very excited for Lisa and her husband Ken and can't wait to meet the new baby boy or girl just in time for the New Year!

In closing, we'd like to thank the Scottish Rite community for their continued dedication and support and best wishes for the New Year ahead.

## Hilgenberg Childhood Speech and Language Center



The iPad apps help Douglas practice the "L" sound while having fun.

"Chrissy has worked with both Asher and Douglas due to difficulties with their articulation. Both children presented with similar articulation difficulties but required completely different approaches! Ms. Chrissy was able to engage both children, who have significantly different personalities - one is very outgoing and talkative, while the other is quiet and shy, with a variety of activities and games. Asher enjoyed attending speech because he "liked learning how to say things." Both Asher and Douglas said they loved working with Ms. Chrissy because she makes "learning how to say things" fun and she's nice. Their favorite activity at speech is working on the iPad! (No surprise there) Regardless of the activity, both boys were always engaged, learning, and having fun!"

"Ms. Chrissy was able to engage both children."



Marquis shows off his latest speech creation.

*As a parent, working with the Scottish Rite Clinic was an enjoyable experience. Jamie and Chrissy were always professional. They were helpful with scheduling appointments and/or answering questions, especially in a way that was easily understood. We loved being able to watch our children during sessions. This was extremely helpful when working with our children at home (we could see how Ms. Chrissy taught them to say something correctly). Both Asher and Douglas made tremendous growth over a year's time! They were able to apply the skills learned in speech to everyday conversation. Thank you!"*

—Asher and Jennifer C.



## Hilgenberg Childhood Speech and Language Center



Janelle was happy to take a quick break to pose for the camera.

*"My name is Michael Rhodes and I have 'Auditory Processing Disorder.' It's a fancy way of saying that I have difficulty remembering things, especially in school. Going to school was hard for me because nothing made sense. I would do great one day and poorly the next. My grades were D's no matter how hard I tried. My aunt would come up with strategies to help me but it wasn't enough. My teacher Ms. Gallagher told my aunt about Scottish Rite and I've been here ever since. I have made honor role 3 times and graduated 5th grade with honors. My therapist, Ms. Lisa, is awesome. She teaches me different strategies to help me remember. She always encourages me to ask questions and not be afraid to ask a million times if you need to. Ms. Lisa has helped me to understand what I am reading and retain what I have learned. I still have some ways to go but I am confident that Ms. Lisa will continue to help me along the way. Thanks Ms. Lisa."*

—Michael R.

*"Braxton began therapy at Scottish Rite about three years ago. He had little to no means of communication. Now, at age 6, he has made very slow but steady progression in a positive direction. He is using the iPad and a couple of simple signs. We love Miss Chrissy and Miss Eleni. They are truly in tune with their patients and customize each program to fit each child. They always have Braxton's best interest at heart and we love how they get just as excited as we do when Braxton does something new and great. Thank you for all that you do!"*

—Allison R.



Scarlett loves playing on the iPad after working hard in speech.



Kalifa proudly displays her work.

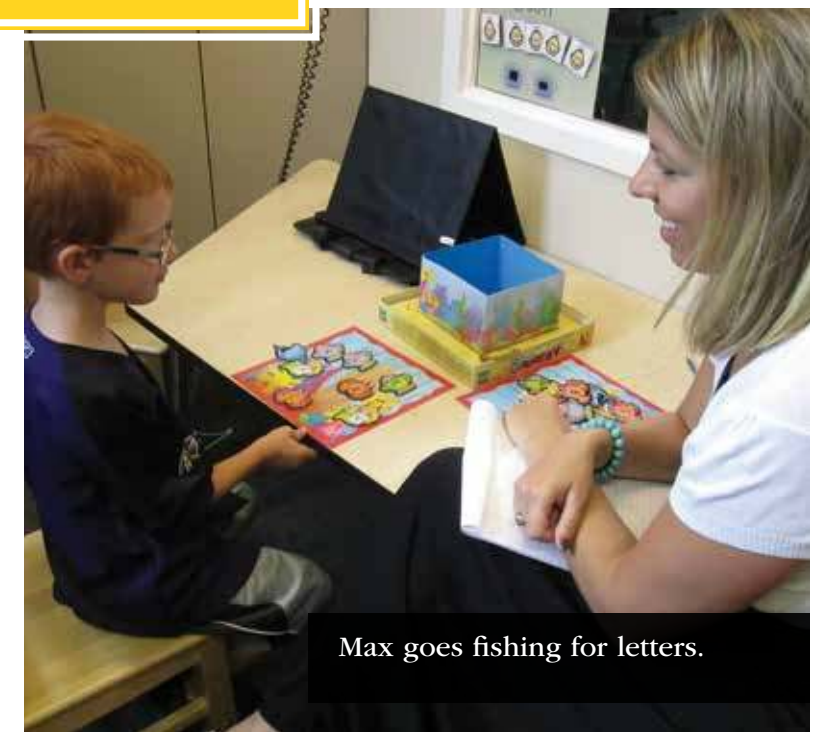


Miss Lisa helps Kalifa make sentences about picture scenes.

*"At the age of 2, our son, Devin, began to have learning differences. Neither of our families had ever experienced such events. We were lost. We had no idea what to do. We knew we had to do something to help our son. Our son's pediatrician told us of the Scottish Rite clinic of the Hearing and Speech Agency. Since then, our son has seen Mrs. Lisa and Ms. Chrissy for speech and language. For the past six years, they have worked with us tirelessly to help Devin. Lisa and Chrissy have also worked with his school's speech therapist and his ENT doctor to make sure all parties involved in helping Devin are working together. We couldn't be happier with all of the support and improvement Devin has made because of these awesome ladies. We look forward to our continued work with Lisa and Chrissy in helping Devin. We also thank the Masons for their charity in helping children with learning differences and would recommend this center to anyone. Thank you."*

—Heather and Darrick F.

*"We knew we had to do something to help our son."*



Max goes fishing for letters.





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**CLINICS**, supported by Valleys. The Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Inc., supported by members and friends of the Order, makes possible the operation of The Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders. The Center is located on the ground floor level of the Temple of the Valley of Baltimore which treats children age 8 months to 18 years with language or reading problems.

**SCHOLARSHIPS.** The John W. Brockman Educational Program, supported by the Valley of Baltimore, provides several Fellowships each year to local universities for Continuing Studies in Hearing and Speech Pathology.

**ALMONER’S FUND.** This is another of the charitable functions of the Valley of Baltimore. The Almoner, an elected officer of the four Bodies, is responsible for the distribution of funds to the relief for Scottish Rite members and their families.

**HOSPITALS**, supported by the Orients in the Supreme Council, S.J. One is in the State of Georgia; the other is in the State of Texas. These hospitals were originally established exclusively for the treatment of children. These hospitals are associated with leading educational institutions in the South, which have always been at the leading edge of medical research. The Texas Hospital’s mission has been expanded into the diagnosis and treatment of childhood learning disorders. No one has ever been turned away from these hospitals because of their inability to pay.

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**Day 1 Arrive in Scottsdale** Welcome to sunny Scottsdale! At 6 pm, meet your traveling companions for a welcome drink. Your Tour Director will prepare you for your upcoming adventure.

**Day 2 Scottsdale–Sedona–Grand Canyon National Park** This morning, depart from Scottsdale and travel north through cactus-studded scenery for a break in Sedona, "Arizona's Scenic Sensation." Take an exhilarating 4x4 JEEP TOUR to the top of Mogollon Rim, where you can admire the majestic rock formations and rugged lowland desert. Then, set out for one of America's most beautiful drives as you journey through Oak Creek Canyon, home to brilliantly hued cliffs and rugged spires of sandstone. Arrive this afternoon at the GRAND CANYON, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The spectacular beauty of this famous attraction draws more than 5 million visitors a year from around the globe. This evening, be sure to watch the spectacular sunset. (B,D)

**Day 3 Grand Canyon National Park** Today, set out to explore the Grand Canyon and learn about its geology and how the canyon was carved. Take scenic Hermit Road, with stops along the way revealing extraordinary views of the deep inner gorge and numerous red buttes and ravines. This afternoon you are free to explore at your own pace. Perhaps venture down part of Bright Angel Trail or take a nature walk with a ranger to learn about the region's native flora and fauna. (B)

**Day 4 Grand Canyon National Park–Monument Valley–Lake Powell** If you missed the sunset, sunrise is just as impressive! After breakfast, head to MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK, where the weathering action of wind and water has carved the famous sandstone spires and towers that rise hundreds of feet above the valley floor. Enjoy a [LF] 4-WHEEL-DRIVE TOUR of Monument Valley with a knowledgeable Navajo guide who shares their culture and how it is influenced by the area. Explore the area's oddly shaped red sandstone monoliths, buttes, and mesas—the setting for some of John Ford's most memorable films. On to Lake Powell for a 2-night stay, with free time to relax and take in the natural beauty of your surroundings. (B,D)

**Day 5 Lake Powell** This morning is free to enjoy time on Lake Powell, where sparkling blue water laps against towering red-rock canyon walls and sandy beaches. The majestic beauty of this vast manmade lake can be appreciated on the afternoon CRUISE. See gigantic Glen Canyon Dam and the "tapestry" walls of Antelope Canyon. Free time later for a leisurely stroll along Wahweap Marina on the shores of Lake Powell. (B)

**Day 6 Lake Powell–Bryce Canyon National Park–Zion National Park** Depart from the splendid views of Lake Powell and head for Utah's BRYCE CANYON. Drive through the park, with photo stops to capture the magnificent contrasts of bright red, yellow, and pink pillars called "hoodoos." Years of erosion have carved colorful sandstone into thousands of spires, arches, and mazes for an unforgettable sight. Next, see nearby ZION NATIONAL PARK, a spectacle of massive stone formations whose colors change with the light of the day and the season. To the Mormon pioneers, it was a haven of beauty resembling natural temples and cathedrals, and they called it "Little Zion." (B,D)

**Day 7 Zion National Park–Las Vegas** Tour Zion Canyon this morning before continuing to Las Vegas for an orientation tour of one of America's most popular vacation destinations. This evening, your Tour Director hosts a farewell dinner. (B,D)

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& 32nd Degrees  
Lunch served at 12:15pm  
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Sunday, November 2nd,  
Ring Ceremony  
2pm  
Dinner to Follow  
\$15.00 Per person  
Candidates No Charge

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Sunday, November 16th  
Valley of Cumberland Capping Ceremony  
2pm

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Thursday, November 20th  
Valley of Susquehanna Ring Ceremony  
7pm

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Sunday, December 14th  
Baltimore Christmas Party  
2pm  
\$5.00 per person

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Sunday, January 4th  
Valley of Cumberland Open  
Installation of Officers  
2pm

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Sunday, January 11th  
Baltimore Open Installation of Officers  
2pm  
Dinner after - \$15.00 per person

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Thursday, January 15th  
Valley of Susquehanna – Open Installation

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