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



I THANK EACH OF YOU FOR THE MANY THINGS YOU CONTINUE TO DO IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SCOTTISH RITE.

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL,

I hope this issue of our Rite News finds everyone well and reflecting upon the Blessings of a wonderful holiday and that your New Year is off to a great start.

Your Scottish Rite has had a very busy winter. The Christmas chocolate party was a huge success and was enjoyed by many Brothers and their families. I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to the men and ladies of the Frederick and Baltimore Valleys who spent hours and hours on the delicious foods, decorations, train garden and other untold finishing touches! All of these things mean that Spring must be just around the corner. The Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. The Baltimore Spring Class orientation will be on March 11, 2020. This season. 13 Degrees will be presented on stage in full costume. If you have not seen some of the work being presented, I invite you to bring along another Scottish Rite Brother and enjoy an excellent presentation followed by a fine dinner.

I want to say congratulations and thank you to the newly elected and installed officers of our seven Valleys. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I am only a phone call away. Our newest Valley, in Charles County, recently organized a trip to the beautiful House of the Temple for a tour and

presentation. What a surprise it was to have over 30 Brothers and family members come to visit on a Saturday morning. Bro. Dan Matsumoto, 32° did an outstanding job of explaining the many rooms and displays on exhibit to all. The morning concluded with a very nice brunch. Thank you to all for attending, and a special thank you to Dan! I encourage our Personal Representatives to consider a similar event for their members and prospective members. The House of the Temple makes a wonderful first impression of the beauty of the Scottish Rite and its works.

In closing, I again thank each of you for the many things you continue to do in support of your Scottish Rite. Now, may I wish you and your families the Blessing of good health and much happiness now, and always.



Sincerely and Fraternally,

III. Marlin L. MILLS, 33^o Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland





Involvement vs. Commitment

BY: ILL. RICHARD P. NAEGELE, 33°-MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN MARYLAND



NVOLVEMENT vs. Commitment is something every mason must consider. Are you involved with the activities and planning for your lodge? Are you involved in learning the ritual or attending practices? Do you become involved when there is a meeting? If these are true, you are a great participant and your lodge truly needs you. But lodges need something more.

When you make a commitment, you are pledging to do all that you can to strengthen your lodge. True dedication comes when you follow through and become a real leader. Having a title does not mean you are committed or even a leader. There are many who have positions of leadership who are not true leaders. Many wait to be told what to do and don't take the initiative to do things on their own. To become a great leader, you've got to show real dedication and commitment.

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I have pledged my commitment to the Grand Lodge these past three years and will continue to do so while in this position. The Masonic Fraternity must be treated like one big family. The lodges and membership are just one part. All of the collateral and coordinate bodies are a part of this family – The Scottish and York Rites, Shrine, Tall Cedars, Grotto, Eastern Star, Youth Groups and even the smaller organizations like the Allied Masonic Degrees and Red Cross of Constantine. As Grand Master. I have been dedicated to the growth and prosperity for all.

I want to congratulate all who took part in Reunion Day and the Feast of Tishri for the outstanding work displayed. If you were not there, you missed out on a lot of what the Scottish Rite has to offer. I look forward to the next degree cycle and hope you will be able to join me for at least part of it.

Many things are happening in Masonry and you need to be a part of them. The regional meetings are held to keep you informed on what is happening with the Grand Lodge. The Job's Daughters will be celebrating their Centennial, the Rainbow Girls will have their sessions and install a new Grand Worthy Advisor and DeMolay will hold its leadership weekend. A special event for Vietnam Veterans will be held with the Order of the Eastern Star at 10am on March 30th at the Grand Lodge. All of this culminates on Masonic Awareness Day on May 1st where I encourage everyone to wear some type of masonic apparel that day.

Our Maryland Masonic Family continues moving through the millennium while we maintain our integrity and uprightness as masons.



Valley of Baltimore

BY: ILL. E. RAY LEPPO, 33°, GC-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE VALLEY OF BALTIMORE



CLASS OFFICERS FALL 2019

From left to right: Ill. Kenneth R. Taylor, 33°—Grand Secretary; Ill. Richard P. Naegele, 33°— MWGM; Bro. Michael J. Adelong, 32°— Class Treasurer; Bro. David T. Fleming , 32°—Class Secretary; Bro. Frederick A. James, II, 32°—Class President; Bro. Elijah D. Smith, 32°—Class Orator; Bro. Erick M. Huskey, 32°—Class Vice-President; Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°—Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland **BBRETHREN,** I recently came across this from the Valley of Columbus, NMJ and would like to share it with you.

"Scottish Rite needs the active participation of every Master Mason who is sincerely trying to practice the honored, time-tested principles of the Fraternity in his daily life and, particularly, in his relations with his fellow men.

And the world, in turn, needs, more than ever before in history, the example of such men—men who are dedicated to these great moral precepts and to the preservation of human dignity.

Never has there been a greater or more urgent need for men who are striving to practice true Brotherhood—and nowhere will you find a greater opportunity to increase your capacity for enlightened service than in Scottish Rite Masonry."



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Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. D. DOUGLAS WALTERS, 32°, KCCH-HOWARD LODGE #101-VENERABLE MASTER



REETINGS BRETHREN! I hope this edition of the Rite News finds you in good spirits with fond memories from the holiday season and ringing in the New Year. On January 1st, not only did we start a new year, we began a new decade—an exciting time for sure!

It is a privilege and honor to serve as Venerable Master of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection for the ensuing 2020 term. A special thanks to the Honorable David L. Lebowitz, 32°, KCCH for his leadership and contributions to our fraternity throughout 2019. The officer line he helped assemble will continue the legacy of spreading the word among Blue Lodges about the opportunities for furthering one's Masonic knowledge or deepening their understanding of Masonry by joining the Scottish Rite.

With the start of a new year comes a time of reflection and renewed commitment. Masonry provides opportunities for self-improvement, fulfillment and gratification from thought provoking allegories presented through our degree conferrals to more formal studies, e.g. Master Craftsman.

"KNOWLEDGE IS THE MOST GENUINE AND REAL OF HUMAN TREASURES; FOR IT IS LIGHT, AS IGNORANCE IS DARKNESS." -ALBERT PIKE

It has been said that education is a lifelong process. Gaining further light in Masonry is part of that lifelong process. We use the tenants we learn to evaluate, strengthen or change our personal, moral and spiritual convictions.

As noted in a passage from Albert Pike's MORALS AND DOGMA of the INEFFABLE DEGREES, the 4th degree, Secret Master, "*Knowledge* is the most genuine and real of human treasures; for it is *Light*, as *Ignorance* is *Darkness*. To learn, to attain knowledge, to be wise, is a necessity for every truly noble soul; to teach, to communicate that knowledge, to share that wisdom with others, is equally an impulse of a noble nature, and the worthiest work of man."

The following degrees of the Lodge of Perfection will be conferred during our 2020 Spring Reunion: 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th. Whether you are a recent Master of the Royal Secret or a long -time member of the Scottish Rite, I hope you can find the time to attend one of the degrees.

Our first Lodge of Perfection meeting is Wednesday, February 5, 2020. In keeping with the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, more particularly, the 5th Degree, Perfect Master, Set Your House in Order, our guest speaker is a practicing attorney specializing in estate planning, estate administration and elder law. We will have a presentation on what steps to take to put your house in order followed by a Q & A session. Hope to see you there!

May you and your families be blessed with good health, happiness and prosperity throughout the new year.



Maryland Council of Kadosh

BY: HON. DARRYL J. SMITH, 32°, KCCH—HIGHLAND LODGE #184—COMMANDER



BRETHREN, it gives me pleasure to be the newly elected Commander of the Maryland Council of Kadosh. As we have just returned from our holiday and time spent with family, it is my hope that it was time well spent and that everyone is rested, refreshed and ready to get back to the work of the Maryland Scottish Rite.

There are two major duties we should be aware of as members of the council. Love of God and love of neighbor. These two pillars of morality and virtue should remain as core values for us as Knights of Kadosh. Ever bearing in mind the admonition "Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself."

As we go throughout our daily activities and face the chal-

lenges that come with it, we can keep on our minds the Love of God and Love of neighbor. You must ask yourself just what this means to you?

This attitude of mind will make for a more pleasant and positive day. As we become of more service to our fellow man daily, we will go farther in life. This service can be a simple act of kindness, an act of charity or a kind word. This lifestyle will cause you to be more productive.

Can you imagine what a better place the world would be if there was a group of men that had on their mind the intent to be of service to their fellow man daily, just from the standpoint of love thy neighbor as yourself.

In being of service to the outside world, we would become shining examples and become role models as Scottish Rite Masons. As you begin to display the two pillars of morality, people in society will begin to ask "who is that man?" Just maybe someone will say "He is a Scottish Rite Mason."

Likewise, kindness and love towards each other will make for a better Scottish Rite. Service to the organization would increase just based upon positivity and the will to be of service. We would all feel a better sense of pride in the organization.

As we go forward in this upcoming year, let's remember those pillars. As members of the Council, I would hope that this attitude will cause more participation and enthusiasm in our meetings and activities. Invite your family and friends to the Scottish Rite, let them see the reason why you are a member of this worthwhile endeavor that men have been affiliated with for centuries. Love of God and your neighbor is the key to our success in 2020.





Chesapeake Consistory

BY: BRO. WESTON A. DUNN, 32°-MT. MORIAH LODGE #116-MASTER OF KADOSH



BECAME a 32° Scottish Rite Mason many years ago and, at the time, could never have imagined that I would one day sit as Venerable Master of Kadosh. I have the honor of following in the footsteps of so many respectable brothers; a handful from my same lodge. I am humbled by all who saw fit to elevate me to this position and, during my term, I will strive to live up to the confidence you've placed in me.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our outgoing Master of Kadosh, Hon. Brother Roger Dunn, KCCH, for a great year. As you may have guessed, Brother Dunn is my father and I am very excited to fill his shoes. My wife recently gave birth to our daughter and I know he looks forward to having some more time on his hands for babysitting.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season spent with loved ones. I am looking forward to the ensuing term and hope to line up some interesting and informative guest speakers. I urge you all to attend and encourage you to invite some friends. I especially would like to welcome our new 32° brethren from our Fall 2019 Reunion. I sincerely hope that you earnestly attend our meetings and that you find permanence in the Consistory. Please pay close attention to the "Upcoming Events" listed on the back of this magazine. As you are aware, the Scottish Rite has much more to offer than Consistory meetings and I urge you all to attend the classes for the Spring Reunion to support our brethren as they receive their degrees.

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Valley of Charles County–Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. JOSEPH D. MYERS, 32°, KCCH-VENERABLE MASTER



HE VALLEY OF Charles County wishes you greetings and hopes that you and your families are doing well. This past November, our Valley had the distinct pleasure to visit the Scottish Rite House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. We greatly appreciated the Temple staff's hospitality, tour, and detailed explanations on Scottish Rite history and little known facts. Amongst the many memorable treasures around each corner was one of Albert Pike's inscriptions, which resonated with the kindness that our hosts bestowed on us that day; "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us, what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal".

These words allow us to reflect on our actions. How each of us chooses to impact others is a personal decision. In our Scottish Rite degrees, we are reminded that *virtue* is an armor that we cannot lose, unless we are false to ourselves. Virtue emphasizes the role of one's character and ethical behavior.

THE GENEROUS MAN WILL BE PROSPEROUS, AND HE WHO WATERS WILL HIMSELF BE WATERED (PROVERBS 11:25)

As Freemasons, we understand what it means to display sound moral character. It comes naturally to us and is what we are about. How we emulate what we perceive as good character is left to the individual: our actions can have lasting impact on others. From time to time, we should ask ourselves. "Have I impacted someone lately?" Only the individual truly knows the answer to this (was the act genuine?). This gesture may have been displayed by a simple handshake, holding a door open for a person you don't know, or contributing to a charity.

Our moral character is a product of our environment. We positively impact others, not because we have to, but because we **want** to. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered (Proverbs 11:25). Remember, every human being has a claim on your kind offices...

Please come visit the Valley of Charles County when you have the opportunity!

Our meeting time/location is as follows:

The third (3rd) Friday of each month (Sept to May) at 7:30 PM.

Location: 710 Lodge Street, La Plata, MD 20646.

Visit us online at: stcolumba150.org



Valley of Frederick

BY: HON. TOMMY J. MORRIS, 32°, KCCH, COLUMBIA LODGE NO 58- PAST MASTER



Celebrating Our Future By Investing In Our Past

Y FATHER TOLD ME "When you enjoy what you do, you don't work a day in your life". I enjoy the work I do and was deeply moved when I was recently selected to serve as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and to build the foundation of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum for the Orient of Maryland. Through this work, it is my honor and my pleasure to tell the story of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the context of American history. The work we are doing with the Museum serves to improve myself and reexplore things on a deeper level by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the history of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Maryland and the Southern Jurisdiction. The museum will be a unique and comprehensive collection of Masonic and other fraternal regalia dating back to the 18th century.

Our story belongs to all Scottish Rite Family members who have fulfilled, and continue fulfilling, that vision through their individual desire to serve. Organizers are hoping to increase the museum's inventory by generating support from Valleys throughout the state. Volunteers/Donors will always be needed and welcomed.

If you are interested in helping to preserve and celebrate our Scottish Rite Freemasonry history, you may volunteer or make a donation to the Temple Restoration Fund c/o SR Museum. Contact: Hon. Sir Tommy Morris at: Phone: 240-344-2691, E-mail: tommy. morris@icloud.com or through the Scottish Rite Temple.

Museum Teaser: A Hint Of What To Expect

A special exhibit will focus on the history of the first Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, "The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirtythird Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America."

The Scottish Rite Temple Restoration Fund is a 501(c)(3)organization and all charitable gifts are tax deductible.





The Frederick Council of Kadosh Presents

The Feast of Kadosh Festive Board

Come and celebrate the "Fork and Knife" Degree with us on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:30pm Frederick Masonic Temple 6816 Blentlinger Rd. Frederick, MD 21702

Cost:

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Sincerely & Fraternally, Sir Adam Rivera, 32°, Commander of Kadosh

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Valley of Susquehanna

BY: HON. WILLIAM T. "RICK" IVEY, 32°, KCCH, ABERDEEN LODGE 187-ASST. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



REETINGS TO ALL from the Valley of Susquehanna, As I sit here and think about all the labor the Scottish Rite Masons in our Valley and the Orient of Maryland have accomplished in 2019, it makes

me realize the dedication and enthusiasm our Scottish Rite Brothers have for the Craft. As with all Valleys, our members are not only busy with Valley affairs, but they also support other Valleys in the Orient with their Degrees. This year, we had a few large role vacancies ourselves. We had great support from Brethren of the other Valleys in Maryland filling those roles. Last year, we "traveled" to new Lodge locations to confer our Degrees. Many thanks to Stephenson Lodge #135 and Aberdeen Lodge #187 for hosting us! We are proud that many of our members also participated in the Baltimore Reunion and Honors Day. I would like to thank

all cast members and support teams for the time and effort that you put into the Degrees for our Valley and the Orient of Maryland. I believe that the well performed Degrees are what keep Scottish Rite Masons enthused and exploring a broader knowledge of Masonry. As our Valley continues to grow, we are looking to build stronger relationships with the Blue Lodges of Harford and Cecil County by holding our monthly meetings at different Blue Lodges in an effort to make it more convenient for Masons to be a part of the Scottish Rite. If you would like to be a part of our traveling degree team, please don't hesitate to contact our Valley Secretary.

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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The Matthew Cooke Manuscript c1450

(ONE OF THE OLD CHARGES)

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And these four brethren knew that God would take vengeance for sin, either by fire or water. And they were much concerned how to save the sciences they had discovered, and they took counsel together and exercised all their wits. And they said there were two kinds of stone of such virtue that the one would not burn, called marble, and the other named "Lacerus" would not sink in water. And so they devised to write all the sciences they had found on these two stones, so that if God took vengeance by fire the marble would not burn, and if by water the other would not drown, and they besought their elder brother Jabal to make two pillars of these two stones, that is of marble and of "Lacerus," and to write on the two pillars all the sciences and crafts which they had found and he did so. And therefore we may say that he was the wisest in science, for he first began and carried out their purpose before Noah's flood, Fortunately knowing of the vengeance that God would send, the brethren knew not whether it would be by fire or water. They knew by a sort of prophecy that God would send one or the other, and therefore

they wrote their sciences on the two pillars of stone. And some men say that they wrote on the stones all the seven sciences. but [this I affirm not]. As they had it in mind that a vengeance would come, so it befell that God did send vengeance, and there came such a flood that all the world was drowned and all men died save only eight persons. These were Noah and his wife and his three sons and their wives, of which sons all the world is descended, and they were named in this wise, Shem, Ham and Japhet. And this flood is called Noah's Flood, for he and his children were saved therein. And many years after the flood, according to the chronicle, these two pillars were found, and

the chronicle says that a great clerk, Pythagoras, found the one, and Hermes the philosopher found the other, and they taught the sciences that they found written thereon.

Every chronicle and history and many other writers and the Bible especially relate the building or the tower of Babel; and it is written in the Bible, Genesis, Chap. x how that Ham, Noah's son, begat Nimrod, who grew a mighty man upon the earth and waxed strong, like unto a giant. He was a great king and the

beginning of his kingdom was the kingdom of Babilon proper, and Erech and Arend and Calnch and the land of Shinar. And this same Ham began the tower of Babel and taught his workmen the Craft of Masonry and he had with him many masons, more than 40,000, and he loved and cherished them well. And it is written in Polycronicon, and in the Master of History, and in other histories, and beyond this the Bible witnesses in the same 10th chapter, as it is written, that Ashur who was of near kindred to Nimrod went forth from the land of Shinar and built the City of Nineveh and Plateas (sic) and many more. For it is written "Do terra illa" [&c.]

It is but reasonable that we should plainly say how and in what manner the Charges of the Mason's Craft were first founded, and who first gave it the name of Masonry And you most know that it is stated and written in the Polycronicon and in Methothus Episcopus and Martiris that Ashur who was a worthy lord of Shinar, sent to Nimrod the king to send him Masons and workmen of the Craft that they might help him make his city which he was minded to make. And Nimrod sent him 3000 masons.

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And as they were about to depart and go forth, he called them before him and said to them, "Ye must go to my cousin Ashur to help him build a city, but see to it, that ye be well governed, and I will give you a Charge that shall be to your and my profit.

"When you come to that lord, look that you be true to him, even as you would be to me, labour at your Craft honestly, and take a reasonable payment for it such as you may deserve. Love each other as though you were brothers and hold together staunchly. Let him that hath most skill teach his fellow, and be careful that your conduct amongst yourselves and towards your lord may be to my credit, that I may have thanks for sending you and teaching you the Craft." And they received the charge from him, being their lord and master, and went forth to Ashur and built the city of Nineveh in the country of Plateas (sic) and other cities also that are called Calah and Rosen, which is a great city between Calah and Nineveh. And in this manner the Craft of Masonry was first instituted and charged as a science.

Elders of Masons before our times had these charges in writing as we have them now in our Charges of the story of Euclid, and as we have seen them written both in Latin and in French.

But it is only reasonable that we should tell you how Euclid came to the knowledge of

Geometry, as stated in the Bible and in other histories. In the Xllth chapter of Genesis it is told how Abraham came to the land of Canaan and our Lord appeared unto him and said, "I will give this land to thy seed." But a great famine reigned in that land and Abraham took Sarah, his wife, with him and made a journey into Egypt to abide there whilst the famine lasted. And Abraham, so says the chronicle, was as a wise man and a learned. And he knew all the seven sciences and taught the Egyptians the science of Geometry. And this worthy clerk Euclid was his pupil and learned of him. And he first gave it the name of Geometry; although it was practised before his time, it had not acquired the name of Geometry. But it is said by Isodoras in the 5th Book and first Chapter of Ethomolegiarum that Euclid was one of the first founders of Geometry and gave it that name.

For in his time, the river of Egypt which is called the Nile so overflowed the land that no man could dwell therein. Then the worthy clerk Euclid taught them to make great walls and ditches to keep back the water, and by Geometry he measured the land and parcelled it out into sections and caused every man to enclose his own portion with walls and ditches and thus it became a country abounding in all kinds of produce, and of young people and of men and women : so that the youthful population

increased so much as to render earning a livelihood difficult. And the lords of the country drew together and took counsel how they might help their children who had no competent livelihood in order to provide for themselves and their children. for they had so many. And at the council amongst them was this worthy Clerk Euclid and when he saw that all of them could devise no remedy in the matter be said to them "Lay your orders upon your sons and I will teach them a science by which they may live as gentlemen, under the condition that they shall be sworn to me to uphold the regulations that I shall lay upon them." And both they and the king of the country and all the lords agreed thereto with one consent.

It is but reasonable that every man should agree to that which tended to profit himself; and so they took their sons to Euclid to be ruled by him and he taught them the Craft of Masonry and gave it the name of Geometry on account of the parcelling out of the ground which he had taught the people at the time of making the walls and ditches, as aforesaid, to keep out the water. And Isodoris says in Ethomologies that Euclid called the craft Geometry.

And there this worthy clerk Euclid gave it a name and taught it to the lord's sons of that land whom he had as pupils. And he gave them a charge.

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ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

Frostburg Halloween Parade



VENERABLE MASTER Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH, and the officers of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew continued to grow the Valley's public outreach campaign through participation in parades and other public events during 2019. The Knights constructed a parade float (pictured above as part of the Frostburg Hallow-een Parade) to promote the good work and positive image of Freemasons in Western Maryland and across the region. Over the past year, the KSA have partnered with members of local Blue Lodges and other Masonic organizations in several parades from Oakland to Hagerstown. We look forward to expanding this effort across the Valley in 2020!



17th Annual Kids Walk/Kids Talk supports the Children's League

THE CUMBERLAND KNIGHTS OF ST. AN-DREW served as the Honor Guard for the opening ceremonies of the 17th Annual Kids Walk/ Kids Talk to support the Children's League. The Children's League is an 85-year-old, 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides free orthopedic, cerebral palsy and orofacial clinics as well as free speech and physical therapy to children birth to 21 from Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The Children's League operates and manages the Cumberland Scottish Rite "Rite Care" Childhood Speech and Language Disorders Clinic as well as the Cumberland Cleft Clinic. In addition to the Children's Leagues primary location at the Allegany County Health Department in Cumberland, RiteCare speech therapy services are also provided at the Paul B. Naylor Masonic Hall in Oakland and the Mineral County Health Department in Keyser, West Virginia.



News from the Cumberland Valley

2019 Ritual Champion Award



THE VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND Fall 2019 Ritual Champion Award was presented to Ill. Aaron V. Lea, 33° during the Fall Capping and Awards Ceremony. The Ritual Champion Award recognizes excellence in degree ritual performance and scholarship. Bro. Lea reprised his longtime role as Sub-Preceptor in the 30° and delivered an excellent performance.

Annual Designer Bag Bingo



THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE Foundation Ladies Auxiliary will hold its Fourth Annual Designer Bag Bingo at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 pm. This annual event hosted by the Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies Auxiliary raises funds to support the Children's League Cumberland Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Disorders Clinic (RiteCare). The Ladies Auxiliary was established in 2017 as a vehicle for the ladies of the Scottish Rite to add their talents and energy to the fundraising effort.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events at Cumberland Masonic Temple unless noted

Join us for a monthly Pancake Breakfast to Support Restoration and Preservation of the Cumberland Masonic Temple on the 2nd Saturday of Each Month from 7:30 am – 10:30 am.

FEBRUARY 1:

KSA Robert Burns Supper Get tickets at cumberlandscottishrite.org 4:30 pm

FEBRUARY 3:

Cumberland Consistory 7:30 pm

FEBRUARY 17:

Lodge of Perfection 7:30 pm

FEBRUARY 26:

Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Western Sizzlin' Steak House, Hagerstown 7:00 pm



Maryland DeMolay

BY: BRO. ALEX D. BLENMAN-STATE MASTER COUNCILOR

HE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

and the State of Maryland share a wonderfully rich history in Masonry. They both share the Capitol Building's cornerstone, which was laid by President George Washington, Brother Joseph T. Clark of Annapolis, MD; Right Worshipful Grand Master, pro tem of MD; Worshipful Master James M. Hoban and members of Federal Lodge #15, and officers and members of Lodge #9 of Georgetown. All Master Masons in the party received President Washington and retired to a temporary lodge room prepared by Worshipful Master Hoban, where Right Worshipful Brother Clark, Grand Master pro tem, opened the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and from thence, proceeded in parade formation to the site of the Capitol Building and laid the original cornerstone. In 1811, The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was formed with the following lodges from Maryland: Federal, Columbia, Naval Lodge of Washington, Potomac Lodge of Georgetown, Brooke-Lodge

Fast forward to 1921, Kansas City Chapter, Order of DeMolay (now Mother Chapter) began an East Coast Tour to institute new DeMolay Chapters east of the Mississippi River. On this tour, the first Chapter in Maryland, George Fleming Moore Chapter



was instituted on October 13, 1921 and the following day, Robert le Bruce Chapter was instituted in the District of Columbia. These two Chapters were the nucleus of the Maryland State Association of DeMolay Chapters which most of you know now as Maryland DeMolay.

From 1921 to 1980, the Maryland State Association of De-Molay Chapters had opened 51 chapters around the Jurisdiction. While many areas thrived, not all Chapters were able to remain open. During the 1980's D.C. became its own Jurisdiction. fittingly naming itself Nation's Capital DeMolay. The new Jurisdiction thrived. Nation's Capital DeMolay produced an International Master Councilor, Bro. Matt McKay. In 2018, DeMolay International made the decision to merge Nation's Capital DeMolay back into Maryland DeMolay based on declining membership in the District of Columbia. On

November 24th, I was proud to be a part of the first Degree Class of Robert le Bruce Chapter since the rejoining of our Jurisdiction. The reopening of Robert Le Bruce was a large event, having an initiation team comprised of De-Molays from Maryland, Virginia and New York. This event was a proud moment too, not only for Maryland DeMolay but that of Region II, consisting of Maryland, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, New Jersey, and Virginia

I thank those Brothers who helped me as we formally welcomed back Robert Le Bruce Chapter into our Masonic family. Four brothers were initiated, two for Robert le Bruce Chapter, one to breathe new life into Fredrick Chapter and another Chesapeake Chapter in La Plata. My only wish is to help my jurisdiction to grow and become stronger as the years go by.

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Masonic and Public Service

BY: BRO. GARY C. NORMAN-MT. MORIAH LODGE #116



ONE ASSUMES THE EAST, one naturally reflects on his early experiences. When I reflect on my early months or years as a Master Mason, I recall my first presentation on an issue in which I am deeply interested and in which I have a footprint: leadership and leadership development and opportunity. Recently, at the second installment of the leadership seminar for W. Master hopefuls, a good discussion on Masons as public servants occurred.

For a person, some may perceive as a weird blind guy with a dog, I have, in this life, been blessed with many leadership opportunities. I hold most dear among these experiences: the craft. It has shaped me as a man and as a leader. Then, as now, I find unquantifiable benefits that generate from serving as a Mason officer, including the opportunity to grow as a public servant.

A presentation, Four Great Men, I provided at lodge as a young Master Mason, discussed leadership and the power of human connections in fostering Masonic and public service. I discussed specifically how Masonic leaders, such as our notable Grand Master Shryrock, stood dually at the highest pinnacle of Masonic leadership, while also advancing community and public service. I tried to stress that, in the history of our craft, this has traditionally operated in parallel streams. If we look to his biography as one example, the business leader served as Grand Master. If that was not enough, he also served as State Treasurer and as Chairman of the Republican Party of Maryland. I urge all

of us to find how we can leverage tools learned through the craft to increase our impact in our human systems.

Recently, a member of government-possibly, a Prince Hall Mason or a A.F.A.M. Masonstressed that I should apply for Leadership Baltimore, a program of the G.B.C. While these programs are of value; we can stress qualitatively and quantitatively the benefits of serving as Mason officers, including at the Scottish Rite. The craft has reinforced some of the God given gifts I already possessed with an even better ability to lead in new ways, while also dealing with my unique journey as a blind leader.

Corner Stone: When I reflect on my leadership journey, I have this continued question . If public servants need to be Masons, or in a Masonic appropriate way, can Masons be shaped to be better public servants?

Considering our fractured community and our political divides, I must respond affirmatively.

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I want to thank State Master Councilor, Noah Pendelton of Virginia and his DeMolay's for helping in the Initiation and New York State Master Councilor, Austin Altman. Also Deputy State Master Councilor, Michal Jordan of New York acting as the Marshal for the initiation This region is growing closer togeth– er as a fraternal family should. I cannot wait to see what this year will hold as we welcome Robert Le Bruce Chapter and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia back into our Maryland DeMolay family.



Regarding Ill. William E. Harris, 33°

October 20th, 1918-August 23rd, 2018

BY: MR. LEROY S. MAXWELL, JR.—PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE

GENTLEMEN,

Mr. Harris bequeathed his estate to charity, so we wanted to give some background in hopes of encouraging others.

William E. Harris was born October 20, 1918, in Maryland. William's father was a wounded Spanish American War veteran and an alcoholic. The family was very poor and supported themselves with his father's \$75 monthly disability payment (for the eye his father lost in the war). As a child, William had a speech impediment so severe he was not understood. A wealthy uncle took William to the Johns Hopkins Hospital and paid for William to receive speech therapy. So helped, William intended to help other children with speech problems.

As a young child, William survived a fractured skull when a heavy cellar door fell on him. William was unconscious for three days and had been sent home to die. His parents had him baptized "so he could go to heaven". William, against all odds, woke up and recovered. William had worked as an oysterman on the Chesapeake Bay as a young man growing up near Annapolis, Maryland. Oysters were sold for 50 cents a bushel. While underage, William's father took him out of school, lied

about William's age and signed William up for the CCC. William was paid \$25/month to work in a stone quarry in western Maryland. Of the \$25, William got to keep \$5 and \$20 was sent to his family. After the 2-year limit, William had to leave the CCC. William joined the Navy in 1937.

In the Navy, before WW2, William was stationed in Panama. William was pressured into joining a submarine cruise as he knew Semaphore (flag signaling). After William's first cruise, he served on submarines through a very long enlistment. William had served a 4-year enlistment and had been discharged. William was home for a week when Pearl Harbor was bombed, Sunday morning December 7, 1941. The next day, Monday the 8th, William was at the recruiter's office reenlisting. By the end of the week, William was in Connecticut and assigned to another submarine. Within a month of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, William was in Japanese waters sinking Japanese ships. William never expected he would survive the war. Onethird of American subs were lost, 49 of 152, including the "Golett" on its next cruise after William had rotated off. (70%)of German subs were sunk, 784 of 1156 built.) The big killer on

subs was tuberculosis. The sub crews lived in stale air, stinking of diesel fuel. On one mission, William's sub was heavily damaged from depth charges along the coast of Japan. Expecting to be sunk when they surfaced after three days, they surfaced in a heavy snowstorm, hiding them from the enemy. William's damaged sub limped along the surface (unable to submerge) from Japan to the coast of Russia, then along the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, before returning to Hawaii a month overdue. William's family had been informed that their son's boat was missing and presumed lost. Many other adventures in the Navy included William becoming a Senior Gunnery Mate and many battles, including service in Alaska on sub duty sinking Japanese boats. After the war, William continued to serve in the Navy Reserve until 1976 (39 vears of service).

After the war, William worked at the torpedo factory in Virginia, as a policeman in Montgomery County, Maryland for 10 years, as a Washington bus driver, and for the U. S. Government printing office. After retirement, William also worked as a guard at Fort Dietrich in Maryland.

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The Clinic Corner

BY: SARA SEMESKY, M.S. ED, CCC-SLP



REETINGS and Happy New Year from the Speech-Language Pathologists at the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center! We are looking forward to another productive year of supporting the communication needs of the Baltimore community. We wrapped up 2019 with a wonderful holiday celebration for our clients and their families! For many of our families, Scottish Rite's Annual Holiday Party has become an honored tradition and we would like to thank all who helped make the celebration so cheerful and festive.

The excitement continues! As we begin 2020, we would like to take the opportunity to provide in-depth explanations of various communication disorders within our *Clinic Corner* article. Each quarter, you will hear from one of our clinical SLPs about one of the many areas addressed in our field. We aim to educate about communication disorders and advocate for those who are impacted, in order to expand our reach even further. Topics will include: speech sound disorders, expressive communication, receptive communication, fluency disorders, augmentative and assistive communication, language acquisition, vocal health and hygiene, and pragmatic language. If you're interested in reading about a specific communication topic in our next article, please do not hesitate to reach out to scottishrite@ hasa.org.

In this edition, we'll focus on how language typically develops and how to support these skills. Below are language milestones, organized by age of acquisition.

Though babies aren't expected to use true words during their first year, they are certainly communicating! Babies are able to use their cry, facial expressions, and body language to express their emotions and preferences.

• **0-3 MONTHS:** Babies will use differentiated cries to let their

caregivers know when they are tired, hungry, and wet. They will startle to loud noises and begin to recognize familiar voices.

• **3-6 MONTHS:** Babies use their voices for attention and to make various playful sounds such as cooing, laughing, and gurgling. They turn to sounds and begin to respond to tones of a speaker's voice.

• **6-9 MONTHS:** Babies use their tongues and lips to produce syllables such as "ba", "ma," "da". They show interest in music and they begin to try to imitate vocalizations.

• 9-12 MONTHS: Babies may begin to say "mama" and "dada" and babble as if they are speaking; They may start to recognize the names of familiar people, items, and activities related to their routines.

• 12-15 MONTHS: In addition to "mama" and "dad", babies will start to say 2 to 3 consistent words or approximations (e.g. "baba" for bottle). They also begin to associate objects with sounds (e.g. cow says "moo").

Receptive and expressive language skills can be supported by caregivers by using a variety of activities and strategies.

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One interesting story William told was, as a policeman, he was in a gun battle with a man shooting at him from inside a house with an 8-year-old boy inside. William hid behind a small tree trying to make himself as skinny as possible. William never returned fire for fear of hitting the boy. The gunman was eventually captured and jailed.

William was married twice and divorced twice. He had no children. William was well read and had an interest in scientific subjects such as astrophysics and cosmology. William was a student of the Bible.

William was modest, intelligent, and private. William was a 33rd Degree Mason and entrusted his legacy to the Masonic order to carry out his wish to help children. It is an honor to be his friend.

Editor's Note: Ill. Brother Harris bequest \$800,000.00 to Baltimore Scottish Rite's—Hilgenberg Childhood Speech & Language Center—for the treatment of disadvantaged children Calvin G. Helmick Rene D. Olivier Robert D'Antonio Paul M. Lloyd Ambler M. Blick Leslie R. Heselton, Jr. Stanley A. Smith John P. Dougherty Ronald P. Welker. Sr. John M. Raines, Jr. William M. Lynch Joseph J. Kiester James L. Cook James T. Hill Logan E. H. Starr Marlin L. Mills Einar Skretting Hubert F. Brohawn III Robert Lumbert Douglas H. Waire Charles R. Dashiell, Jr. Robert C. Harrod. Jr.

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We suggest incorporating daily book reading from an early age, as the repetition and familiarity of stories can help to boost a child's vocabulary. Parents are also encouraged to incorporate simple directions into daily routines and narrate activities using simple sentences and emphasizing key words.

If you have concerns about your child's language development, schedule an evaluation with a Speech-Language Pathologist at the *Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center* by calling 410–243–3800 or emailing scottishrite@hasa.org. To the Scottish Rite Masons and all of the loyal supporters of our mission, we thank you for your contributions and dedication to serve the communication needs of Baltimore!



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What do we get out of Scottish Rite Masonry?

BY: HON. CHARLES J. MATULEWICZ, 32°, KCCH-PALESTINE LODGE #189



WE TALK talk to our Blue Lodge Brethren, we often hear the refrain, "What do I get out of being a Scottish Rite Mason?" That question goes back to how this wonderful legacy of Freemasonry we have been entrusted as the stewards of functions, its purpose as it were.

In prior writings, we talked about how we can describe our Masonic experience and what it means to us, but we have not addressed the point of what it does for us. There may be a unique 'why' for every man who petitions a Blue Lodge. The motivations and emotions for petitions are as varied as the men who knock on the West Gate, but the 'how' is something altogether different. Travel across the country and you will see degree works that are variations on a theme which doesn't make any of the work any more or less valid as any other.

There is an idea from ancient Greece: anamnesis. The dictionary defines it as: the remembering of things from a supposed previous existence (often used with reference to Platonic philosophy). I am not making a judgement on reincarnation but will give another example of the idea. Our Christian Brethren may celebrate the Eucharist, which echoes back to the last supper, where the apostles are told to, "do this in memory of me." The Degrees of the Scottish Rite, as are the degrees of our Lodges and Rites as a unique memory, a memory from the future.

The lessons that those degrees impart through symbol and allegory impart the moral lessons that a man would learn as he passes through youth, manhood, and age. The Brother who petitions our Rite and our Lodges is invested with a lifetime of moral growth arming him with the tools necessary to apply to his circumstance in order to foster a positive moral outcome. So, what does a man get out of the Scottish Rite? The Scottish Rite Mason is blessed with the greatest of gifts imparted with the moral lessons from cultures from across the globe the Rite invests in the petitioner in the hope that he will never have to say, "I wish I had known then what I know now." Millions of Brothers across an ocean of time have put on degrees designed to impart moral lessons that many men take a lifetime to learn and often too late. The gift of the Scottish Rite is a lifetime of memory and education distilled and preserved for you, a memory from the future and a selfless gift from the past for men who will never meet.

Come out to the Rite, take a part to pass some of what you learned on to others. Go to your Blue Lodge and take an interest in the men who are looking for something bigger than themselves because maybe what we get out of the Scottish Rite is the opportunity to pass it along to others, preserving the timeless wisdom of this gentle craft for men we have not yet met. I hope to see you in the classroom. The **RITE**NEWS of Maryland 3800 North Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21218

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Wednesday, February 19th	Baltimore — Council Festive Board	7pm
Wednesday, March 4th	Baltimore—Consistory, Dinner	6:30
Wednesday, March 11th	Baltimore—Orientation, Dinner	6:30pm
Wednesday, March 18th	Baltimore —4th & 5th	6:30pm
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Thursday, April 9th	Baltimore—Maundy Thursday	7pm
Wednesday, April 15th	Baltimore—18th & 20th	6:30pm
Saturday, April 18th	Baltimore—Reunion Day 21st, 27th, 30th, 31st, 32nd	7am
Sunday, April 19th	Baltimore Ring Ceremony	2pm

Schedule subject to change