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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



WHEN WELL PRESENTED, THE DEGREES OF OUR FRATERNITY TEACH VALUABLE LESSONS.

GREETINGS TO ALL,

I hope this issue of our Rite News finds each of you safe, well, and looking forward to the rapidly approaching holidays. While I am writing this, it is still the “dog days” of summer and we are anxiously anticipating the Fall Reunion.

These reunions can only happen when tremendous Brothers work tirelessly behind the scenes to put everything into motion. The degree masters, property, robing, lights, sound and cast members all labor diligently to rehearse and deliver impeccable degree presentations. Please take a moment to thank them and let them know how much they are appreciated. It is these efforts that make for an enjoyable reunion where our new Scottish Rite Brothers can receive and appreciate the lessons that have been passed down through many generations.

The pandemic we are living with has had many different effects on scores of our members. So, if you talk to a Brother who does not feel comfortable attending a meeting or reunion, be kind and think about what he may be experiencing. Some men have elderly family members who may have pre-existing illnesses, or they may have children and grandchildren for whom they have deep concerns. Many of our members have health problems of their own. These concerns will only be amplified as we head into the

“regular” flu season.

When well presented, the degrees of our fraternity teach valuable lessons. Through dignified ceremonies the Scottish Rite expands on teachings first introduced in the Blue Lodge. Speaking of dignified, please remember that the dress for Scottish Rite is cap, coat and tie for members and cap and tuxedo for all Honor Men and officers. Remember, there are no second chances to make a great first impression. As we seek to develop ourselves and help our society, we need to encourage those Brothers in the circle of our acquaintance who might be interested in the degrees of the Rite to submit a petition. Membership is key to the survival of any organization.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you as we resume our Scottish Rite meetings and activities around the state. Please stay safe and healthy.



Sincerely and Fraternally,
Ill. Marlin L. MILLS, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland



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Grand Lodge of Maryland

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SITTING HERE, I have been contemplating past accomplishments and future endeavors. Through the many years of serving in various masonic organizations, my focus has always been on the betterment of the body. Through my years leading the York Rite Bodies, I did what I could to strengthen each. In Knights Templar, I focused on “Templary

2000.” The Grand Council had me formulating a York Rite Strategic Plan for future generations. We worked to better our Masonic ties by having a joint York Rite-Scottish Rite Class. Last, but not least, the Grand Chapter had the unification of the York Rite with Prince Hall Masonry. Each time, my attention was on the one organization.

Grand Lodge has seen a major shift in my attention as I laid aside my York Rite ties to focus on the craft in general. Making the Lodge a priority is paramount for any Grand Master. While all collateral and coordinate bodies are important and need attention from the Grand Master, it must be done equally and fairly.

I began my term with the focal points of “Integrity” and “Uprightness.” When you commit to doing something and follow through, that is a

demonstration of one’s integrity. Uprightness has similar characteristics; that of righteousness because of being honorable and honest. When we talk about making men better, I believe these two attributes are what we must constantly work to improve. So, when you think about improving yourself in Masonry, think about your integrity and uprightiness.

As this is my last article as Grand Master, I wish to thank all for their assistance these past years. Working together towards one goal will strengthen this great fraternity. I also want to congratulate the Fall Class for attaining the dignity afforded to a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. There is much to learn in Masonry and by reaching this level, you have made it one more step to receiving “light.”

...The evil influences exerted by these societies on our Institution have frequently attracted attention. The Grand Inspectors for the city of Baltimore, in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, make on this subject the following remarks: “Many are crowding into our Institution from other secret societies, having their prejudices and peculiar ideas and notions, with a disposition to make Masonry conform to what they have been taught elsewhere; and finding places of power and honor easy of access, are hardly sensible of the burdens imposed upon Entered Apprentices, or conscious of what material is necessary for the building, before they are superintending, as Masters, its construction, and sometimes seem indignant that they should be told they are spoiling the temple.

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Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



GREETINGS BRETHREN! I hope this message finds you, your family and your loved ones safe and well. The year 2020 has been challenging for everyone regardless of your station in life. The pandemic is still with us and our national elections are recently behind us. One is beyond our control and the other may not have turned out as you had hoped. The anxiety of either, or both, is taking a toll on many. If you have not read or heard of it before, you may find some solace in the simple yet powerful Serenity Prayer.

The Serenity Prayer

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.

Wisdom is the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment. It involves the ability to make sound judgments about a subject while knowledge is simply knowing. Any of us can become knowledgeable about a subject by reading, researching it and memorizing facts. Wisdom is knowing when to say it.

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We, as Scottish Rite Masons, are provided with an allegorical map of situations and circumstances to contemplate as we travel the road seeking more light in Masonry. During our Spring and Fall Reunions, the conferral of the degrees answers the call for those seeking to increase their masonic knowledge and making good men better. The knowledge gained may not be immediately useful; however, the day-to-day experiences encountered afterwards will provide the wisdom necessary for a sound and proper decision or judgement from the knowledge gained.

To be sure, we have all heard the following pearls of wisdom

sometime during our lives. We may have heard them at school, during a Sunday church service or at home from mom or dad. What is so surprising, when you stop to think about it, is how much wisdom is packed into the four words: **In God we trust; this too shall pass; live and let live; still waters run deep; bad news travels fast; nothing ventured, nothing gained; let sleeping dogs lie; charity begins a home.** And then there are these four familiar words spoken at every Blue Lodge meeting, **may brotherly love prevail.** And so it goes, if you’re going to give someone a piece of your mind, make sure you can spare it!

As this is my last article, I want to let you know that it has been an honor and privilege for me to serve as Venerable Master of the LOP. My year has passed in a manner I will not soon forget. Your Lodge of Perfection has a strong line of dedicated officers with demonstrated leadership and experience providing a strong foundation for the continued success of the Valley of Baltimore. I am grateful and appreciative of their support and know we will all benefit from it in the future.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous holiday season with family and friends.



The Degrees of the Council of Kadosh

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



THE COUNCIL OF KADOSH consists of 12 degrees, the 19th through the 30th. Of the four Scottish Rite bodies, it contains the most degrees. Albert Pike describes these degrees as philosophical and chivalric. This article will briefly examine the theme of each degree contained in the Council of Kadosh.

THE 19TH DEGREE “Grand Pontiff,” teaches three lessons. First, that good will triumphs over evil. Secondly, that human intellect cannot measure the designs of God. And finally, that if life is lived properly, it is a bridge to eternal life.

THE 20TH DEGREE, “Grand Master of the Symbolic Lodge,” teaches that truth, justice and toleration are indispensable qualities for a Master of the lodge and that example is the best teaching method known.

THE 21ST DEGREE, “Noahchite, or Prussian Knight,” teaches that the downfall of evil is certain. It speaks of an independent judiciary and fair journalism.

THE 22ND DEGREE, “Knight Royal Axe, Prince of Libanus,” teaches to respect labor for its own sake and to do work. In other words, have a good work ethic.

THE 23RD DEGREE, “Chief of the Tabernacle,” teaches that the man who forgets his duty to God, family, country and himself will be in danger of moral and spiritual destruction.

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THE 24TH DEGREE, “Prince of the Tabernacle,” teaches that we must fight continuously against superstitions, wrong knowledge, false prophets, tyrants and despots and to disseminate knowledge to everyone.

THE 25TH DEGREE, “Knight of the Brazen Serpent,” teaches

there is virtue in hospitality and to show hospitality to whoever knocks at the door regardless of race, nationality or religion.

THE 26TH DEGREE, “Prince of Mercy,” teaches the trinity of deity belongs to no single religion and that the truths of Masonry are contained in all the religions of the world.

THE 27TH DEGREE, “Knight Commander of the Temple,” is the first of the Chivalric degrees. It teaches love for truth, justice and nobility of the soul.

THE 28TH DEGREE, “Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept,” teaches that nature reveals a power and wisdom and continuously points to God. It also teaches one to be a lover of wisdom and to be faithful to your promises made within Masonry.

THE 29TH DEGREE, “Scottish Knight of St. Andrew,” teaches reverence and to obey God.

THE 30TH DEGREE, “Knight Kadosh,” teaches to labor unceasingly for the good of mankind.

This is just a brief overview of the lessons of the several degrees and, it should be pointed out that, in some of the research, there seems to be a discrepancy between the 27th and 28th degree. However, the order used in the article is consistent with Morals and Dogma.

Chesapeake Consistory

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



SINCERE AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO ALL. As I write to you now, on behalf of the Chesapeake Consistory, I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well in body and spirit. I would like to take this time to thank this year’s Consistory line officers for all their support through my term as Master of Kadosh. As terrible as this pandemic has been for everyone, worldwide, like many challenges, we’ve risen to the task and have taken every necessary precaution to ensure the safety of our brethren. Unfortunately, some of those precautions included shuttering the Temple for a period of time and canceling many events that we had planned throughout the year.

The July-August Scottish Rite Journal featured a story titled, “Masonry in the Time of Coronavirus,” in which

Bro. Maynard Edwards, KCCH gave examples of great innovation and contemplation that occurred during historical periods of isolation. He went on to discuss long-distance fellowship, online masonic education, and online mentoring and catechisms. This caused me to look upon the conditions of this societal isolation with new optics. Throughout it all,

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the Scottish Rite, and Masonry as a whole, when faced with adversity, has been able to adapt and continue our good works.

I hope many of you were able to take some advantage of being sequestered to reflect upon those things that are most important to us all; family, friends, and fellowship. To those of you who were forced to face this virus head-on, I salute you and I am encouraged by your strength to endure and persevere. And, to those brave souls who, however strong in

will, were called from labor against this indiscriminate and formidable foe, we commend their spirit to that celestial Lodge above.

Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers for 2021. We look forward to your January installation and working with you throughout the ensuing term; I know I will be leaving the Consistory in very capable hands.

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Valley of Charles County

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

GREETINGS BRETHREN, The Valley of Charles County hope you, your family, and friends, are all well and doing fine. Thus far, the year 2020 has been an eventful year to say the least. We have had numerous events that have challenged us in different ways; from social challenges, the COVID-19 pandemic, to the Category 1 hurricane Isaias (to name a few). Some of these challenges forced us to adapt and make hard decisions. On most occasions, these forced changes outside of our comfort zones. Through resilience and the support of others, we have been able to pick ourselves up and move forward; and in many cases, grow from the experience. Though Masonic gatherings were put to the test, we clearly found new creative ways to adapt and overcome. Who would have thought three years ago that meeting virtually or at a social distance (w/ mask) would be the new norm? Regardless of the unforeseen

hurdles, Masonic fellowship provides comfort and meaning. At the writing of this article, most Valleys are making plans to resume their stated meetings in September, though attendance will be controlled and likely small in numbers. As we recoup from the pandemic-fed downtime, we all should be forward thinking on what we can now do for our Valley. Several targets should be in our plans to continue efforts in maintaining a robust Valley:

- 1. Membership: drawing in new Brethren and retention of current members**
- 2. Maintaining enthusiasm in our various committees**
- 3. Support of a strong officer line**

**Several of the many elements of the Scottish Rite Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP)*

Maintaining the health of our Valley(s) needs continuous focus by all Brethren. We can't simply

assume another will take the load. If we [all] happily share in the load, we won't see it as a "load", but rather, a likeminded "purposed" interest. As stated in the 4th Degree, "you hear my Brother, Masonry is duty, and its honors the reward of work, which is the performance of duty"...

Please consider ways that you can contribute to the growth of your Valley. Your officer line, Degree Master, or VMAP coordinator would be very excited to hear from you. Your Valley greatly needs your ideas, talent, and energy! The year 2021 is not far away and we should all be thinking of ways that we can strengthen the long-range welfare of our Scottish Rite. *Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much* (Helen Keller).

Lastly, please reach out to a Brother who you may have not spoken to for a while as your friendly voice will no doubt be uplifting—Be safe Brethren.



A LOOK BACK
Restoration of the Front Steps, 2016



St. Columba Lodge #150—Low Vale

BY: BRO. WILLIAM B. COOPER, 32°—WORSHIPFUL MASTER & BRO. MICHAEL J. PORTER, 32°—SECRETARY

DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, Freemasonry continues to bring further light to those Brothers seeking it. Many lodges face great challenges from daily operations to progressing Brothers who are new to the craft. Our great fraternity will never be idle and the leadership in our great state of Maryland has promoted safe ways to continue making progress in new and unorthodox ways. Recently, St Columba Lodge #150 in La Plata had two Entered Apprentices stand proficiency via video conference with Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard P. Naegele. A year ago, no one would have ever imagined this could have happened but creative solutions were needed. Brother Dunn and Brother White were now waiting to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

Brother White's neighbor is none other than Illustrious Brother Geoffrey Morrell who introduced him to Masonry, signed his petition, and has been by his side since joining St. Columba. For this special occasion, the Morrell's offered the venue of their barn so that the two proficient Brothers could have an evening to remember.

While St. Columba had not performed a Low Vale in over eight years, many of the officers in the line were not

even Masons the last time, so this was uncharted territory. The date was set for 4 August 2020 and the preparations were made. Then, Hurricane Isaias decided to make everything more difficult for the Brothers by coming through the area that morning. With trees down all over the area and no power to the barn, the Brothers scrambled to make this happen. Brothers arrived with the usual items for a lodge and others brought lights, extra power cords and even two small generators. The show must go on!

When Grand Master Naegele arrived, there was no power and Brothers were pushing brooms to get the water out of the barn. Due to the power issues, dinner was served before the degree rather than afterwards, hoping the power was restored before opening the lodge (it wasn't). After an amazing meal and with two generators humming, the lodge was opened.

While many would think wearing masks would make it difficult to understand what someone was saying, the



generators made it even more difficult. The officers did their best to make it a memorable degree for not just the two Brothers being passed, but for all those in attendance. While the entire degree was performed by the officers of St Columba, the Most Worshipful Grand Master and other Grand Lodge members who attended were more than happy to have a sideline seat and just enjoy the night.

The power did return during the degree. Unfortunately, it would have been best if it came on right after the obligation but at least the fans came to life and soon cooled the room. The degree was performed without a major hitch and Worshipful Master Shawn Cooper presented the two new Fellow Crafts with a small gift for working so hard, while the lodge was closed, to complete their proficiencies and progress in their degree work.



Valley of Susquehanna

BY: HON. JASON Q. STANDISH, 32°, KCCH—HARMONY LODGE # 53—VALLEY SECRETARY

GREETINGS FROM THE VALLEY OF SUSQUEHANNA! I hope this issue of Rite News finds you healthy, happy and looking forward to a Blessed holiday season. As I am writing this, it is still summer and nearly 90 degrees at sunset; hard to imagine the autumn chill, snow and ice that is to come...

In the last issue, we announced that we would be moving our regular operations to Aberdeen Lodge #187. On August 20, 2020, we held our first official meeting in our new home. It was also our first “regular” meeting of 2020! I must admit, I was a little unsure as to what the evening might bring. We live with so much uncertainty these days.

Over the past few months, I have been a part of some

interesting discussions about “will Masonry come back?” or “what will Masonry look like when we do return?” Some conversations have been a bit more doubtful or even cynical. I just did not know what to expect. Would any one show up? Would too many show up and surpass our capacity? Would we know how to deport ourselves?

I am happy to report that my worries proved to be excessive. A total of 21 men attended (well within our restricted capacity), there was plenty of space to social distance and all other guidance and requirements were cheerfully conformed to. While there were some bumps along the way, most of the evening went along as if we hadn’t skipped a beat, much less half a year! It was cool enough outside

that we were able to socialize safely following the meeting. It also appears that we will be able to hold our Fall Classes as scheduled. Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has still survived!

Indeed, we live in uncertain times. What a privilege it is to be a part of this fraternity and to have the lessons and precepts it teaches to strengthen and support us. How fortunate we are to share this Brotherhood! Come visit us on the Third Thursday of each month at Aberdeen Lodge, 20 Howard St. Aberdeen, MD 21001.

On behalf of all the officers and members of the Valley of Susquehanna, we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Masonic Virtues

BY: W. BRO. TIMOTHY K. SHEILS—WORSHIPFUL MASTER—SILVER SPRING LODGE #215

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MEANING TO MASONS

The Cardinal virtues hold a lot of meaning to Masons. So much so, that a large portion of the first degree lecture is dedicated to the discussion of the cardinal virtues. These virtues are among the first lessons learned by Masons, and a large part of their importance is due to the purpose of each degree. The process of initiation has several steps, which are broken up among the three degrees. The first step of initiation is purification, it is removing the errant pieces and edges from a rough stone. By removing these extraneous pieces/ideas, Masons are then able to receive education about what should be in their place—the cardinal virtues. In addition, it allows new Masons to see their place as building blocks in an entire society. After this education, a Mason is prepared for the second and third degrees, signifying illumination and transformation, respectively. As Masonry is founded upon the ideas of improving a brother, the cardinal virtues are indeed the education that their transformation will hinge on.

Theological Virtues

Compared to the cardinal virtues, which are the building blocks of a virtuous life, the theological virtues act as a bridge to connect human life,



and the supreme Architect of the Universe.

FAITH—As in most world religions, faith is the belief in the existence of Deity. But there is a bit more depth to faith than simple belief. Besides the existence of a Supreme Being, faith also entails a belief in the reality of an afterlife, a transcendent domain where a person becomes one with the Deity, but it is also a domain that the Deity administers and rules, or plans. Faith also requires the belief that the Supreme Architect of the Universe is benevolent, both in their attitude to people, but also in their plan. Faith frequently involves believing the promises of Deity, even though they may not be provable, trusting in their own faithfulness, and relying on the benevolence of Deity.

What is important about faith, and what sets the theological virtues apart from the cardinal virtues is that faith cannot be acquired by human efforts. The theological virtues are said to

be “infused” in the human soul, and not reachable by human efforts. In contrast to prudence, which has an emphasis on reason, faith requires a person to not reason through something, but to trust in the plan of a Higher Power. The importance of faith as a theological virtue is illustrated in Hebrews 11:1: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

For Masons, faith is a necessity, because without the belief in a Higher Power, our obligation is meaningless. One of the end results of all this self improvement is to become better blocks for society, and to also improve our souls, to become integral building blocks for the Supreme Architect of the Universe’s use. Without faith, the main goal of Masonry, and perhaps even life itself, is lost.

HOPE—Hope is a combination of the desire for something and the expectation of receiving it. As a theological virtue, hope is the desire for a divine union with the Supreme Architect of the Universe, a transcendence of the human earthly to the divine realm, and the eternal happiness that comes with it. Faith is seen as an act of the intellect, a person’s mind has faith in something, but hope is a bit more primal, it is an act of the will,

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A LOOK BACK
**Restoration
of the Exterior of
the Scottish Rite
Temple, 2012**





Continued from previous page and may be something that doesn't fall in line with rational thought. However, hope is concerned with the future as compared to faith and charity, which tend to exist in the present. At the present time, one has hope, but the end result of hope is something in the future.

For Masons, hope is a reminder of the union with our Great Creator, and to always have this hope as a goal, and as a mental outlook, or inspiration for all our thoughts and actions.

CHARITY—The meaning of charity varies depending on its usage, and has its origin in the term agape which is Greek, and signifies love coming from our Creator. 1 Corinthians is a basis for this definition of agape, and its importance: "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." In other translations of the Bible, the word "charity" was used. The essential feeling behind charity however is love, which is a very important driving factor for something. As a virtue it entails love for the Divine Creator above all things, but also love for our neighbor, bringing to mind the golden rule - that if we have love for our creator, it necessarily follows that we should also have love for all things created by our Creator. Charity is held to be the ultimate perfection of the human spirit. It both glorifies and reflects the nature of our Divine Creator as a loving, benevolent being. Charity goes far beyond

charitable works, but the driving force behind these works is this love for all humankind. Charity is divinely infused into the soul, and comes from within. One can't become charitable through simple logic. It is possible to perform charitable actions, but the force behind charity, the love, comes from within.

For Masons, it is a reminder both that our charitable works are a display of our love for our Divine Creator, but also that they are inspired by a deep love for our fellow human beings.

ORIGINS—One of the main origins of the emphasis on theological virtues comes from the Summa Theologica, which was written by Thomas Aquinas from 1265-1274, but was unfinished due to his death. Like The Republic, Summa Theologica is written as a sort of dialogue, and was intended as an instructional guide for theology students, and other members of the church. In it, Aquinas presents the reasons for most points of Christian theology, and like Plato, examines them through a series of questions, points and counterpoints. In part 2 of the Summa, Aquinas talks about ethics, and the virtues that are needed. Aquinas mentions the 4 cardinal virtues as virtues that are subject to human reason and will, and acknowledged that they are the principle habits on which the rest of the virtues hinge. He adds that there is another happiness that cannot be achieved simply by the exercise of the human

powers without divine supernatural assistance.

These virtues are called theological virtues because they are directed to the Great Creator, and because they are infused into the soul by our great Creator alone. No amount of reason or virtue can increase the theological virtues, they simply come from the heart.

MEANING TO MASONS—The theological virtues have a smaller emphasis during the Entered Apprentice degree, but they are no less important. As a whole, they make a great distinction between virtues that can be exercised by the mind, and virtues that must be exercised by the heart. Masonic education traditionally tends to the mind, symbols and allegories are used, such as the arts and sciences and orders of architecture, to implant wisdom into the mind of a Mason. Ancient Greek thoughts and ideals made a resurgence in the Renaissance and Age of Enlightenment, and were adopted by Masons for the benefit of self improvement. However, improving the mind is not enough. The theological virtues, and emphasis of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, serve to remind Masons to focus on the virtues that come from the heart as well, and have a focus on something external to a person. In this way, Masons are reminded that their actions are as equally important as their thoughts and ideas.

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Valley of Frederick—Chapter Rose Croix

BY: RICHARD P. BROWN, 32°, WISE MASTER—PHILANTHROPIC LODGE #168

A **LWAYS REMEMBER THE PELICAN.** As part of our 18th degree, the Scottish Rite recalls the life of service and self-sacrifice exhibited by Jesus of Nazareth and the new law of love that he preached.

This is in part symbolized by the pelican in our Rose Croix jewel.

The symbol of the pelican feeding her young has a long history. According to author Alison Payne (<https://anglican-cg.org.au/origins-of-the-vulning-pelican/>), the self-sacrifice of the pelican for her brood became a Christian symbol that is frequently depicted in church architecture, and is mentioned in a passage attributed to John Skelton, an English poet who lived from 1460-1529:

*"Then sayd the Pellycane,
When my byrds be slayne,
With my bloude I them reuyue.
Scripture doth record
The same dyd our Lord,
And rose from deth to lyue."*



Interestingly, this concept is further alluded to in remarks made by the character Laertes in a scene in Shakespeare's Hamlet:

*"To his good friends thus wide
I'll ope my arms;
And like the kind
life-rendering pelican,
Repast them with my blood."*

In our world today, we see service to others and

self-sacrifice exhibited by the noble men and women of our armed forces, and by their loved ones at home; in the willing way that our nation's first responders and law enforcement professionals face personal dangers in protecting us every day; and in the brave and compassionate care our front line healthcare workers provide in our communities, even in the face of a pandemic like COVID-19.

As we attempt in our own way to model their kindness, selfless behavior, and love of neighbor, we must, at the same time, show our gratitude for their exemplary lives and noble deeds.

May we always remember and be true to them by living out our duty to God, country, and neighbor each day in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

May we always act out of love for others by considering their needs before our own.

And, as Knights Rose Croix, may we always remember the symbol of the pelican.

Masonic Virtues
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Masonic education is important, but lodges also focus on spiritual endeavors and charitable works. These activities are to improve

our souls, in preparation for our reunion with our Great Creator.

Image from this issue, Theological Virtues: Edward Burne-Jones, 1887, St Martin's Church, Brampton, Cumbria
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Ensuring the Future of the Cumberland Masonic Temple

FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, the Masonic Temple has served as an iconic image of the important role that Freemasonry has played in the history of Western Maryland and our nation. The Masonic Temple Association of Cumberland, MD, Inc. was originally incorporated on June 9, 1909 in order to construct the original three-story structure and has continued to serve as good stewards of this important resource for the citizens of Western Maryland.

A wide range of Masonic and non-Masonic entities use the facility on a regular basis for charitable and cultural activities, including historic tours and research, educational programs, art exhibits and programs, religious celebrations, and musical concerts. The Temple is currently home to nine Masonic organizations, including four Blue Lodges as well as the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, DeMolay for boys, and Rainbow for Girls.

As part of its commitment to serving as good stewards of this historic edifice, the Masonic Temple Association recently announced the formation of the Cumberland Masonic Temple, Inc., which has received official designation from the IRS as a 501(c)3 tax exempt public



Above: During the current pandemic, contracted professionals and dedicated volunteers have completed extensive improvements to the roof system and plumbing fixtures as well as long overdue maintenance to the property surrounding the Temple.

charity. This designation means contributions to support the ongoing restoration of this landmark institution atop historic Fort Cumberland are now fully tax deductible. In addition, this designation will open up new fundraising and grant-seeking opportunities to aid our efforts.

Since 2009, the Temple Association has made strategic investments to address decades of deferred maintenance on the facility. These investments in upgrades to the electrical/heating/cooling systems, flooring, painting, and other efforts have contributed much to the beauty,

energy efficiency, security, and overall value of our Temple.

Plans are currently underway to undertake a major fundraising campaign in order to grow the Temple endowment fund to a level that will generate sufficient annual revenue to maintain this beautiful home to Masonry in Mountain Maryland well into the future. Potential new forms of revenue to support the mission may include regular fundraisers, seeking grants for specific projects, and marketing the facility for event rentals and other advertising opportunities.

Tax-deductible giving will also play an increasingly important role in developing the

resources to carry out some of the most significant projects facing the Temple, including elevator replacement, bathroom upgrades, and restoration of valuable artwork.

The Temple fundraising campaign is likely to include a number of traditional giving options for donors, including outright and installment gifts, bequests, appreciated securities, charitable remainder trusts, life insurance, and others. If you are currently making a plan for your charitable giving or if you have been putting it off, we encourage you to consider including the Cumberland Masonic Temple Inc. as part of your Legacy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Events At
Cumberland Masonic
Temple Unless
Otherwise Indicated

Schedule is contingent upon state and local regulations. Check cumberlandscttishrite.org or contact Secretary Jerry Robinette at 301-729-6778 for updates

NOVEMBER 2:
Cumberland Lodge of
Perfection & Scottish
Rite Foundation
7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 8:
Feast of Tishri, Capping,
and Awards Ceremony
2:00 pm

NOVEMBER 10:
Washington County
Scottish Rite Club,
Morris Frock
American Legion
7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 14:
Masonic Ladies Night,
Ali Ghan Shrine Center
5:30 pm

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next page)*

SAVE THE DATE
13th Annual Burns Supper
Saturday, February 6th, 2021
5pm-9pm

Join the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew for our celebration of the life and poetry of Bro. Robert "Rabbie" Burns

More information and tickets available online:
www.cumberlandscttishrite.org

ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP



2020 Annual Knights of St. Andrew Corn Roast

HON. JAMES Z. BOSLEY, 32° KCCH and his Lady Dianne hosted the 2020 Annual Knights of St. Andrew Corn Roast at their home in August. While social distancing made it a bit more interesting than usual, the brethren and their families enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and a delicious meal featuring Higson Farm's famous corn on the cob! The Valley of Cumberland was pleased to recognize Lady Dianne for her dedicated service to the Rite and our charity, RiteCare, with the Valley's first Ladies Certificate entitling her to the respect, consideration,



and, in case of need, the protection, safeguard, and assistance of all Freemasons of the Rite in the world.

Top: Dianne Bosley Presented first Scottish Rite Ladies Certificate for the Valley of Cumberland

UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

NOVEMBER 16:
Chapter of Rose Croix
7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 30:
KSA Annual
Communication
7:30 pm

DECEMBER 7:
Cumberland Lodge of
Perfection—Election
of Officers

DECEMBER 7:
Cumberland Scottish
Rite Foundation, Inc.
Annual Meeting
8:30 pm

DECEMBER 8:
Washington County
Scottish Rite Club,
Morris Frock
American Legion
7:30 pm

DECEMBER 11 :
Joint Eggnog Party,
Ali Ghan Shrine Club
6:30 pm

FEBRUARY 6:
Robert Burns Night
5:00 pm

*Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland
Marlin L. Mills and Lady Brenda
Cordially Invite You to Attend Our*

ANNUAL SCOTTISH RITE CHRISTMAS SOIRÉE

“Twas the Night Before Mischief”

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 2020
2:00PM UNTIL 5:00PM

Scottish Rite Masonic Center
3800 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218



*Featuring Christmas Music, a Walk through Bethlehem, Nativity,
Train Garden, and Silky, Smooth, Delicious and Decadent Chocolates...*

*Plus: Hot Cocoa Bar, Chocolate Fountains, Cookies, and Other Tasty Treats
By Chef Tommy & Chef Patty Morris*

Families & Friends are invited | \$10 per Person, Children under 5 Free
Please call the office to RSVP (410) 243-3200

All donations for the Nativity and Train Garden go the Scottish Rite Charities.



Whosoever Shall Know Himself, Shall Find the Truth

BY: SIR TOMMY J. MORRIS, 32°, KCCH, PC, PWM, PVM, PGTC, PM—COLUMBIA NO.58.



I HOPE THIS MESSAGE finds you and your families safe and well during these trying times. Brethren, I want to personally thank you for your prayers, your well wishes, and your support to our brothers, our nation's leaders, doctors, nurses, law enforcement, and first responders who are America's Heroes during the COVID-19 crisis. Today, I write from a changed environment within America; a place that has grown desolate without our presence. I have come to recognize the great significance of Freemasonry and how this historic organization is seen as a symbol of strength to our Nation and to those around the world. As the flow of our fellowship has slowed to a trickle, I have come to realize that the Temples, in and of themselves, are not an absolute symbol of

strength and hope; instead, it represents the wisdom and sacrifice of those who serve within her halls, like those who came before us. Our country has been set apart with freemasons and our families whose sacrifices secure the Blessings of Liberty to allow us to flourish as individuals, as a society, and as a Nation. On Memorial Day, we paused to remember, to honor and express our gratitude to our brothers and all those Americans who lost their lives in uniform.

I THANK GOD FOR THE BRILLIANCE OF THOUGHT, AND THE CREATIVITY OF THE POLITICS OF OUR COUNTRY'S EARLY MASONIC LEADERS.

I thank God for the brilliance of thought, and the creativity of the politics of our country's early Masonic leaders. Among the most prominent was Brother George Washington, President and Freemason. He presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 which established the Constitution of the United States of America and a federal govern-

ment. Brother George commented that "If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." The goodness is that through his influence, the Constitution was written as an exposé to reveal the truth of human behavior and preserve freedom of speech and freedom of thought. Today it continues to reveal the truth through the limitations it places on the government. Freemasons that know themselves, like early Freemasons, have always sought truth. Truth is revealed through Holy writ, self-reflection and through programs like the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program. Throughout history Freemasons have been deliberate and have demonstrated incredible abilities to lead through adversity and quickly adjust to the 'new normal', dealing with multiple challenges in stride. My challenge to you, my brethren, is to be deliberate, seek to reveal the truth and inspire others to do what is right and good through the wisdom of God and our Masonic ideals.

For more information on the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program, please send an e-mail to: mc@scottishrite.org

WHAT IS THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles after thou hast gathered in thy corn and wine.

Deut. 16:13

The Feast of Tabernacles also commemorates the ceremonies of the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple, which was begun in the year 2992 *A.L., and finished in a little more than seven years. In the year 3001 *A.L., six months after its completion, in the month of Tishri, the seventh month of the Jewish sacred year, the Temple was dedicated with reverential ceremonies to the one Living and True God. That these ceremonies would reach the highest religious significance, King Solomon postponed the dedication until the Feast of Tabernacles, the 15th day of Tishri, a day he well knew would bring every zealous

Israelite to Jerusalem.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has proclaimed the Feast of Tabernacles as the Feast Day of the Lodge of Perfection, the 15th day of Tishri, (October).

As did the Israelites of old and the New England Pilgrims, Scottish Rite Freemasons gather to acknowledge the mercies which God has poured upon them with lavish hand. It is a time of rejoicing, yet a time to pay humble adoration to the Great Architect of the Universe, without whose aid there would be no harvest.

**Anno Lucius - Freemasonry adds 4,000 years to our current calendar year (example: 2011 becomes 6011 A.L.).*

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

Date: Thursday, November 19th, 7pm
Cost \$20.00 per person, children under 12 are free
Please RSVP to the Office by November 9th, 2020
410-243-3200



Excerpt from The History of Freemasonry: Volume IV, Part 2

BY: ALBERT G. MACKEY, 33°

THE RITUAL is an important part of the organization of Speculative Freemasonry. It is not a mere garment intended to cover the institution and conceal its body from unlawful inspection. It is the body itself and the very life of the institution. Eliminate from Freemasonry all vestiges of a ritual and you make it a mere lifeless mass. Its characteristic as a benevolent or as a social association might continue, but all its pretensions as a speculative system of science and philosophy would be lost.

As a definition of this important and indispensable element in the Masonic system, it may be said that the ritual is properly the prescribed method of administering the forms of initiation into the society, comprising not only the ceremonies but also the explanatory lectures, the catechismal tests, and the methods of recognition.

The Operative Freemasonry of the Middle Ages is acknowledged to have been a secret and exclusive society or guild of architects and builders, who concealed the secret processes of their art from all who were not workers with them.

As a secret association, the old Operative Freemasons must have possessed a ritual. And we



have, to support this hypothesis, not only logical inference but unquestionable historical evidence. German archaeologists have given us the examination or catechism which formed a part of the ritual of the German Steinmetzen or Stonecutters. The Sloane MS. No. 3329 contains the catechism used by the Operative Freemasons of England in the 17th century. A copy of this manuscript has already been given in preceding parts of the present work, and it is therefore unnecessary to reproduce it here.

As the Sloane MS. has been assigned to a period between 1640 and 1700, we may safely conclude that it contains the ritual, then in use, among the English Operative Freemasons. At a later period, it may have suffered considerable changes, but we infer that the ritual exposed in that manuscript was the foundation

of the one which was in use by the Operative lodges which united in the formation of the Grand Lodge in the year 1717.

If the new society did not hesitate to adopt, at first, the old laws of the Operative institution, it is not at all probable that it would have rejected the ritual then in use and frame a new one. Until the Grand Lodge was securely seated in power, and the Operative element eliminated, it would have been easier to use the old Operative ritual. In time, as the Operative laws were replaced by others more fitting to the character of the new Order, so the simple, Operative ritual must have given way to the more ornate one adapted to the designs of Speculative Freemasonry. But during the earlier years of the Grand Lodge, this old Operative ritual continued to be used by the lodges under its jurisdiction.

The precise ritual used at that time is perhaps irretrievably lost, so that we have no direct, authentic account of the forms of initiation, yet by a careful collation of the historical material now in possession of the Fraternity, we may unravel the web, to all appearance hopelessly entangled, and arrive at something like historic truth.

The Clinic Corner

BY: HAYLEY BOYLE, CCC-SLP



GREETINGS! My name is Hayley Boyle and I am the newest Speech Language Pathologist at the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center. I am pleased to share, since starting my career in the summer of 2019, I have completed my Clinical Fellowship experience, a mentored professional experience necessary for all new clinicians! I am grateful to the Scottish Rite Masons, my fellow SLP colleagues, and all of the clinic clients and their families who have welcomed me with open arms into this community.

This past year has been full of change and uncertainty, but also growth and learning for our clinicians, students, and families alike. Throughout 2020, the Scottish Rite clinicians have been dedicated to

servicing our clients virtually and in person (with proper sanitation measures) amid the COVID 19 pandemic. This fall, we have continued to work with our private school students, infants and toddlers, and other pediatric clients to complete screenings, evaluations, and therapy both virtually and in person. Virtual appointments taking place in the child's home have allowed for even deeper parent and clinician relationships resulting in more carryover of speech and language skills into daily activities.

Virtual learning, working, and socializing have become a regular occurrence in society, likely here to stay for the foreseeable future. Whether your school or work is returning in person or remaining strictly virtual, we've put together some tips, great for children and adults alike, to help

you work from home effectively.

1. Designated Space—Set up a specific space for each person to do their schooling, work, or therapy whether it be an entire room, a corner in the kitchen, or at the end of the dining room table, small spaces work too! Physical boundaries help set the expectations for when it is time to learn and work.

2. Visual Schedule and Expectations/Rules—We all perform better when we know what is expected of us! A visual aid to show each class or event for the day along with a poster or sign for "Learning Rules" will promote student participation and motivation. Have the child get involved in making the visuals so they have a say in creating expectations, plus it can turn into a fun craft!

3. Proper Seating—Positioning is so important for optimal focus and learning! When choosing a chair, make sure it is the right size to allow for the child to sit with a straight back and rest their feet flat on the floor (a box under the feet also works). Place the computer or tablet at eye level so that the neck stays in a neutral position and is not strained. Tired of the chair? Try lying on the tummy with body weight propped up on elbows and forearms, this is great for upper body strengthening!

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Excerpts from Toleration and Other Essays

BY: VOLTAIRE—INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY—LODGE OF THE NINE SISTERS—APRIL 7TH, 1778

We Must Take Sides Or Principle Of Action

INTRODUCTION

It is not a question of taking sides between Russia and Turkey; for these States will, sooner or later, come to an understanding without my intervention.

It is not a question of declaring oneself in favour of one English faction against another; for they will soon have disappeared, to make room for others.

I am not endeavoring to choose between Greek and Armenian Christians, Eutychians and Jacobites, Christians who are called Papists and Lutherans, Calvinists, Anglicans, the primitive folk called Quakers, Anabaptists, Jansenists, Molinists, Socinians, Pietists, and so many other 'ists. I wish to live in peace with all these gentlemen, whenever I may meet them, and never dispute with them; because there is not a single one of them who, when he has a crown to share with me, will not know his business perfectly, or who would spend a single penny for the salvation of my soul or his own.

I am not going to take sides between the old and the new French Parliaments, because in a few years, there will be no question of either of them nor



between the ancients and the moderns because the trial would be endless.

Nor between the Jansenists and the Molinists; because they exist no longer, and thank God, five or six thousand volumes have become as useless as the works of St. Ephraim.

Nor between the partisans of the French and the Italian opera, because it is a mere matter of fancy.

The subject I have in mind is but a trifle—namely, the question whether there is or is not a God; and I am going to examine it in all seriousness and good faith, because it interests me, and you also.

I: OF THE PRINCIPLE OF ACTION

Everything is in motion, everything acts and reacts, in nature.

Our sun turns on its axis with a rapidity that astonishes us; other suns turn with the same speed, while countless swarms of planets revolve round them in their

orbits, and the blood circulates more than twenty times an hour in the lowliest of our animals.

A straw that is borne on the wind tends naturally towards the centre of the earth, just as the earth gravitates towards the sun, and the sun towards the earth. The sea owes to the same laws its eternal ebb and flow. In virtue of the same laws, the vapours which form our atmosphere rise continually from the earth, and fall again in dew, rain, hail, snow, and thunder. Everything, even death, is active. Corpses are decomposed, transformed into plants, and nourish the living, which in their turn are the food of others. What is the principle of this universal activity?

This principle must be unique. The unvarying uniformity of the laws which control the march of the heavenly bodies, the movements of our globe, every species and genus of animal, plant, and mineral, indicates that there is one mover. If there were two, they would either differ, or be opposed to each other, or like each other. If they were different, there would be no harmony; if opposed, things would destroy each other; if like, it would be as if there were only one—a twofold employment.

I am encouraged in this belief that there can be but one

principle, one single mover, when I observe the constant and uniform laws of the whole of nature.

The same gravitation reaches every globe and causes them to tend towards each other in direct proportion, not to their surfaces, which might be the effect of an impelling fluid, but to their masses. The square of the revolution of every planet is as the cube of its distance from the sun (which proves, one may note, what Plato had somehow divined, that the world is the work of the eternal geometrician).

The rays of light are reflected and refracted from end to end of the universe. All the truths of mathematics must be the same on the star Sirius as in our little home. If I glance at the animal world, I find that all quadrupeds, and all wingless bipeds, reproduce their kind by the same process of copulation, and all the females are viviparous. All female birds lay eggs. In each species, there is the same manner of reproduction and feeding. Each species of plants has the same basic qualities.

Assuredly the oak and the nut have come to no agreement to be born and to grow in the same way, any more than Mars and Saturn have come to an understanding to observe the same laws. There is, therefore, a single, universal, and powerful intelligence, acting always by invariable laws.

No one doubts that an armillary sphere, landscapes, drawings

of animals, or models in coloured wax, are the work of clever artists. Is it possible for the copyists to be intelligent and the originals not? This seems to me the strongest demonstration; I do not see how it can be assailed.

XVI: OF EVIL IN THE ANIMAL CALLED MAN

So much for the beasts; let us come to man. If it be not an evil that the only being on earth that knows God by his thoughts should be unhappy in his thoughts; if it be not an evil that this worshipper of the Deity should be almost always unjust and suffering, should know virtue and commit crime, should so often deceive and be deceived, and be the victim or the executioner of his fellows, etc.; if all that be not a frightful evil, I know not where evil is to be found.

Beasts and men suffer almost without ceasing; men suffer the more because, not only is the gift of thought—often a source of torture, but this faculty of thinking always makes them fear death, which the beast cannot foresee. Man is a very miserable being, having but a few hours of rest, a few moments of satisfaction, and a long series of days of sorrow in his short life. Everybody admits and says this; and it is true.

They who have protested that all is well are charlatans. Shaftesbury, who set the fashion in this, was a most unhappy man. I have seen Bolingbroke torn

with grief and rage; and Pope, whom he induced to put this miserable joke into verse, was one of the most pitiable men I have ever known, misshapen in body, unbalanced in temperament, always ill and a burden to himself, harassed by a hundred enemies until his last moment. At least let us have happy beings saying that all is well.

If by all is well it is merely meant that a man's head is happily placed above his shoulders, so that his eyes are better situated beside the root of his nose than behind his ears, we may assent. All is well in that sense. The laws of physics and mathematics are very well observed in his structure. A man who saw the beautiful Anne Boleyn, or the still more beautiful Mary Stuart, in her youth, would have said that it was well; would he have said it on seeing them die by the hand of the executioner? Would he have said it on seeing the grandson of the beautiful Mary Stuart perish in the same way in the heart of his capital? Would he have said it on seeing the great-grandson even more miserable because he lived longer?

Glance over the human-race, if it be but from the prescriptions of Sylla to the Irish massacres.

Behold these battlefields, strewn by imbeciles with the corpses of other imbeciles, whom they have slain with a substance born of the experiments of a monk.

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4. Keep it Fun!—You can decorate your designated work station for the season with homemade pumpkins, leaves, snowflakes or snowmen; crafts are a great way to practice sequencing and following directions skills. Movement throughout the day can give our brain a break and is fun too! Physical activity can be hard when the weather is cold. If you're staying indoors you can go on a

scavenger hunt throughout the house to find objects using descriptive concepts such as "find something that is....soft, red, flat, round, heavy" etc. This is a great vocabulary building and following directions activity.

This continued period of social distance has changed the way we interact with our community on a day to day basis as we now opt for small gatherings, virtual events, and phone calls to stay connected. State guidelines changed the way we hosted our annual fundraisers and holiday

parties this season but we are still grateful for each person's participation and support! We hope to gather with all of you in person, the same way as in years past, to celebrate next year!

The Speech-Language Pathologists of the Hilgenberg Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center wish you a safe and healthy holiday season and New Year. We thank you for your continued support in our mission to bring communication skills to the families we serve!

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See these arms, these legs, these bloody brains, and all these scattered limbs; it is the fruit of a quarrel between two ignorant ministers, neither of whom would dare to open his mouth in the presence of Newton, Locke, or Halley; or of some ridiculous quarrel between two forward women. Enter the neighboring hospital, where are gathered those who are not yet dead. Their life is taken from them by fresh torments, and men make a fortune out of them, keeping a register of the victims who are dissected alive, at so much a day, under the pretext of healing them.

See these other men, dressed as comedians, earning a little money by singing, in a foreign language, a very obscure and insipid song, to thank the author

of nature for this horrible outrage done to nature; and then tell me calmly that all is well. Say the word, if you dare, in connection with Alexander VI. and Julius II.; say it over the ruins of a hundred towns that have been swallowed up by earthquakes, and amid the twelve millions of Americans who are being assassinated, in twelve million ways, to punish them for not being able to understand in Latin a papal bull that the monks have read to them. Say it to-day, the 24th of August 1772; a day on which [234] the pen trembles in my fingers, the two-hundredth anniversary of the massacre of St. Bartholomew. Pass from these innumerable theatres of carnage to the equally unnumbered retreats of sorrow that cover the earth, to that swarm of diseases which slowly devour so many poor wretches while they yet

live; think of that frightful ravage of nature which poisons the human race in its source, and associates the most abominable of plagues with the most necessary of pleasures. See that despised king Henry III., and that mediocre leader the Duke of Mayenne, struck down with the small-pox while they are waging civil war; and that insolent descendant of a Florentine merchant, Gondi, and Retz, the priest, archbishop of Paris, preaching with sword in hand and body diseased. To complete this true and horrible picture, fancy yourself amid the floods and volcanoes that have so often devastated so many parts of the world; amid the leprosy and the plague that have swept it. And do you who read this recall all that you have suffered, admit that evil exists, and do not add to so many miseries and horrors the wild absurdity of denying them.



Working with the Masonic Youth Groups

BY: BRO. MICHAEL "SPIKE" PORTER, 32°—ASSOCIATE GRAND GUARDIAN, DELMAR JOB'S DAUGHTERS



IF YOU ARE FORTUNATE enough to have one of the three Masonic youth groups in your Masonic building, you can see the next generation moving forward and you will see the greatness in these young men and women. Not only do these young adults become future Masons, Eastern Star and adult leaders in these youth groups, they are great promoters of Masonry. While my experience is mostly based on Job's Daughters, when I speak with leaders from Rainbow and DeMolay, we all have the same positive outlook for our Masonic Youth.

My daughters joined Bethel

#62 soon after I became a Fellow Craft at St. Columba Lodge #150 in La Plata, MD. It was all new to me, but I saw how the Bethel would help the Lodge and vice versa. The Bethel would offer to cook for the Lodge during meeting nights as a fundraiser - it gave the Stewards a night off and saved the Lodge time and money. All the Masons had to do was make a donation for the dinner (which we do anyway on normal nights) and the Bethel would have a profitable evening. During cleaning and maintenance events, the Bethel would help the Masons keep the property looking great. When

everyone is invested in the building, they take more pride in it. It bonds everyone together and it's easy to make your Masonic home even better.

Installations, public events, fundraisers, or even a car wash can become an open house for the Lodge and the Bethel. Many Master Masons have joined a Lodge because their daughter or son first joined a Masonic Youth Group. When the Valley of Charles County was formed last year, Job's Daughters were there to support it. When the Valley had their first fundraiser (Virtual Turkey Drive), the Bethel donated almost \$100.

Recently, the Valley started preparing for the 4th Degree, but we needed to create new items that the Blue Lodge did not have. My daughters and I like to hang out, even for a trip to the store. A few weeks ago, I had to meet Brother Tony at an Arts and Crafts store so we could figure out how to craft a few items for the 4th degree. My daughter listened to us talking about a black altar cloth with tears on it. To any other teenager, this would be foreign but for a Jobie, she fully understood. She told us what she needed and made it for the Valley. It's not every day you can say that Miss Congeniality of DelMar Job's Daughter made your altar cloth. I know that many other Lodges/Valleys have worked with their youth and the youth have supported them whenever asked or saw a need. I have seen the amazing support from the Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners, and other Masonic bodies for these three Masonic Youth organizations... and I'm very proud.

As the Associate Grand Guardian of DelMar Job's Daughter this term, a Master Mason and a Scottish Rite Mason, I love what this Fraternity has not just done for my family, but for all the amazing youth in our jurisdiction. By supporting the Masonic Youth Groups, you not only ensure the future of this country, you help ensure the future of Masonry.

A Bethel within a Lodge

BY: LENA PORTER, MISS CONGENIALITY, DELMAR JOB'S DAUGHTERS

IAM VERY LUCKY to be in a Bethel that is so close with their lodge. I know, if any of my Bethel sisters need anything, we can just contact the lodge and they are always close by to help. This is something I see all over our jurisdiction. There is always a Mason who has come to the aid of our Bethel to make sure we have everything we need. On a sleepover at the lodge last year, the power went out in the morning. Multiple Masons showed up after one phone call with hot drinks and breakfast to make sure we ate before we left for Church.

The members of St. Columba Lodge # 150 (our home), always show up for our Mason night and always help when we are raising money for our charity Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment (H.I.K.E.) and assisting with fundraisers even when we are supporting a local charity. Our Bethel always tries to show up to see what we can for the lodge. We enjoy helping with MD CHIP events because we feel we're helping the community.

It's just so nice to have so many role models and people who care for our girls no matter where the girls come from. In the lodge/bethel, we are all at home, no girl feels like a guest in our building and they know it is not just a lodge, it is a Bethel. We know that if we are more visible in the lodge, we become more visible in the community. Last year, we were able to meet the Mayor of La Plata. She spent time giving us career advice, education advice and then took some great pictures with us.

In my seven years as a Job's Daughter, I have traveled to multiple states, met other Jobie's from around the world and hung out with a few really cool Grand Masters. Ok, they've all been cool but, as a current Miss, I've been lucky enough to hang out with the Grand Masters from Maryland and Delaware. They become more like that cool uncle, than some important figure. The leaders from the Shriners, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and The Order of the Eastern Star have always been there to support us, make a few jokes and put smiles on our faces.

I am very lucky to be a Job's Daughter and be surrounded by so many loving and caring people in the Masonic Family. I hope that one day, I'll be one of those adults who can help out with the youth but, until then, I'll help the Lodge and the Valley because they're always there to help me.



A New Chapter in Maryland Freemasonry Birth of the First Spanish Speaking Lodge in Maryland

BY RAFAEL A. RODRIGUEZ, PM - VENERABLE MAESTRO (WORSHIPFUL MASTER), LOGIA SOL NACIENTE (U.D.)



SOMETIME BEFORE the end of 2019, MWGM Richard P. Naegele approached me and asked if I would be interested in helping stand up a Spanish language lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. I immediately jumped at the idea and MWGM Naegele explained that RW Bro. Ian McIntosh and PM Thomas Fulcher, from Howard 101, had approached him with the idea of starting this lodge. PM Thomas Fulcher has a deep connection with Latin America and Freemasonry in that region. PM Tom grew up in the Panama Canal Zone and, when he became of age, became a member of the Army lodge where his father, Bro. Aldon Fulcher, served as Worshipful Master of the Army Lodge in the Panama Canal Zone.

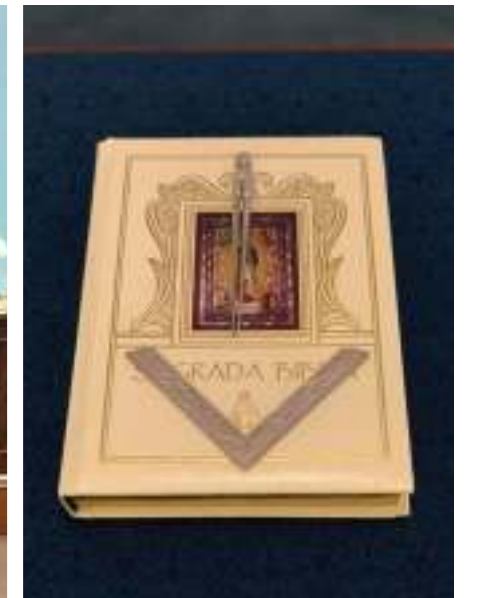
When Army Lodge merged with Darien Lodge, PM Tom Fulcher served as Worshipful Master of Balboa Lodge, also in Panama.

PM Tom first brought up the idea of forming a Spanish speaking lodge in Maryland to RW Brother Ken Taylor, Grand Secretary and Worshipful Master of Howard Lodge No. 101. RW Bro Taylor recommended PM Tom Fulcher contact RW Bro. Ian McIntosh. With the support of WM Ken Taylor and Howard Lodge 101, Brothers Tom Fulcher and Ian McIntosh brought up the concept of this Spanish language lodge to MWGM Naegele who provided very positive comments. PM Tom Fulcher then contacted Bro. Samuel Rodriguez, a member of Howard 101 and asked if he would like to get involved in this undertaking. This was the beginning of the original committee that began to work on what would eventually become Logia Sol Naciente (U.D.)

In late December 2019, we all met at PM Fulcher's home to discuss the idea and to develop a plan to bring this idea into fruition. The first task was perhaps the most time consuming; translating the Maryland Masonic ritual into Spanish. This proved to be a monumental task,

but with time, patience and perseverance, this was completed. PM Tom continued to talk to the brethren of Howard 101 who showed a genuine interest in sponsoring the "Spanish lodge". At the same time, we began promoting the idea to any brother who showed an interest in this project. By the end of February 2020, we had compiled a list of 12 potential charter members and established communications to provide updates on the progress we were making. Then Covid-19 happened. This brought all the progress we were making to a full stop.

Then, in July 2020, as masonic activities were slowly starting, MWGM Naegele gave us the "go ahead" to continue working on the "Spanish lodge". With less than three weeks before the Semi-Annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, we got back together in a video conference to re-group and to see what needed to be done to submit the Petition for Warrant to Work Under Dispensation shortly after the Semi-Annual. We began contacting all the potential charter members and, in less than two weeks, set up a video conference call to outline the details and the path forward



to submit the Petition for Warrant to the Grand Lodge. A set of draft bylaws was prepared and reviewed by all the members. Meeting days and times were selected. Officers were elected. And the name, Logia Sol Naciente, was agreed upon by all the members.

Shortly after the Semi-Annual, the Petition for Warrant was submitted to the Grand Lodge and the Inaugural Communication of Logia Sol Naciente was scheduled for Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Howard Lodge Masonic Temple. Then it hit us; we had less than three weeks to prepare to do something that has never been done in the State of Maryland; open a Master Mason lodge in Spanish.

Thanks to the technology available, we were able to hold two rehearsals via video-conferencing, and one "in-person" rehearsal in the lodge the day before the Inaugural

Communication. On Wednesday August 12, Logia Sol Naciente was opened for the very first time in the 3rd degree and the entire ceremony, with two exceptions, was done in Spanish. After the opening ceremony, MWGM Naegele greeted and congratulated the members of Logia Sol Naciente in Spanish and English and presented the Warrant authorizing Logia Sol Naciente to work under dispensation. Because of the Covid-19 limitations, attendance had to be kept to a minimum. However, there were 19 members of Logia Sol Naciente representing 9 different countries, and 10 visitors, including MWGM Naegele, several members of the Grand Line, and the heads of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland.

The evening was full of emotions, pride and happiness. Bro. Jose Cruz, Worshipful Master of Patuxent Lodge No. 218 donated

the Square and Compass to be used at the altar. Bro. Pablo "Paito" Delgado Medina 33rd from Logia Estella de Oriente No. 30, from Humacao, Puerto Rico, donated and dedicated a beautiful Holy Bible in Spanish to the lodge.

As of this writing, the members of Logia Sol Naciente continue to work diligently learning the ritual, bringing up new ideas and developing the plans for the lodge as we move forward. Logia Sol Naciente will be submitting the petition for the charter to be voted on by the Grand Lodge during the Annual Communication in November. The desire of the members of Sol Naciente is to grow the craft in the state of Maryland and to offer an environment of friendship, brotherly love and companionship, while embracing and celebrating the different cultural backgrounds of our membership.



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Upcoming Events

Subject to Applicable State Executive Orders, Local Statutes and Edicts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

- Sunday, November 8th.....Cumberland.....2pm
Feast of Tishri, Capping & Award
- Monday, November 9th.....Salisbury—30.....7pm
- Wednesday, November 4th.....Baltimore 15th & 18th.....6:30pm—Class
- Wednesday, November 11th.....Baltimore 20th & 21st.....7pm—Opening
- Saturday, November 14th.....Baltimore Reunion Day.....7am
27th, 30th, 31st, 32nd
- Saturday, November 14th.....Cumberland—Ladies' Night.....5:30pm
- Sunday, November 15th.....Baltimore Ring Ceremony.....2pm
- Monday, November 16th.....Cumberland Rose Croix.....7:30pm
- Thursday, November 19th.....Baltimore Feast of Tishri.....7pm—Ceremony
- Thursday, November 19th.....Frederick—Ring/Capping.....7:30pm
- Monday, December 7th.....Cumberland LOP Elections.....7:30pm
- Friday, December 11th.....Cumberland Christmas Party.....6:30pm
- Thursday, December 17th.....Susquehanna LOP/CRC.....7pm
- Thursday, December 17th.....Frederick LOP—Elections.....7:30pm
- Sunday, December 20th.....Baltimore Christmas Party.....2pm
- Sunday, January 3rd.....Cumberland Installation.....2pm
- Sunday, January 10th.....Baltimore Installation.....2pm
- Friday, January 15th.....Charles County Installation.....7:30pm
- Wednesday, January 20th.....Southern MD Installation.....7pm
- Thursday, January 21st.....Susquehanna Installation.....7pm
- Thursday, January 21st.....Frederick Installation.....7:30pm

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