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A MESSAGE FROM Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33^o



I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH ONE OF YOU WHO HAS WORKED THROUGH THESE VERY TRYING TIMES.

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL, “Salve Frater!”

Welcome Brother; welcome back to your Scottish Rite! It is so good to see you in our Valleys—in person, with no masks, and able to see your faces. It has been great to turn off the TV/monitor and get outside and enjoy the beauty of the spring and summer months.

Our Valleys are hard at work preparing for the Fall Reunions. I would like to personally thank each one of you who has worked through these very trying times. As I write this, I am reminded by our Lt. Grand Commander that, on May 31, 1801 in Charleston, South Carolina—the First Supreme Council was born. A total of 220 years of excellence which continues today because of you, the working member. This includes those who attend the meetings and serve as officers of the Lodges as well as the men who put on the Degrees and all those who labor “behind the scenes” in the numerous indispensable roles that pull it all together. Even those who are unable to attend meetings or take an active part, yet continue to pay their dues to support our Scottish Rite and Supreme Council are an integral part of our fraternity. You are the men who make it work and I welcome you all back. I look forward to seeing you in person and being able to share a handshake and a fraternal conversation. No two of our members

are alike, and I have personally missed each of you! Building lifelong friendships is what makes our fraternal experience so special! So as soon as you are able and feel comfortable, get up, get out, and get back to your Scottish Rite. There is a lot planned for you and your family. Take a look at the events listed in this issue—Fall Reunions, Honors Day & Banquet, the Feast of Tishri, Thursday Rite Cheer Lunches and our annual Christmas Party, just to name a few. The schedule of events for Honors Day is also published in this edition.

As you travel to your Lodge or Valley, be sure to take time to enjoy the beauty of summer and the autumn splendor provided by our Supreme Architect of the Universe. “Salve Frater!”

I am most pleased to welcome each of you back to your Scottish Rite.



Sincerely and Fraternally,
Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33^o
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland



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Valley of Baltimore

BY: ILL. E. RAY LEPPA, 33°, GC—PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



L. Schneider, 33°. Illustrious Brother Schneider joined Howard Lodge #101 in 1963, receiving his EA on March 18th and his Fellowcraft on April 15th. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 13th. He served as Master of Howard Lodge in 1971 and served the Grand Lodge of Maryland as Junior Grand Deacon in 2000, Senior Grand Warden in 2004, Grand Lecturer in 2005 and 2006, and Assistant Grand Chaplain from 2012 to 2017. Bro. Schneider joined the Scottish Rite in the Fall of 1991, was invested with the Knight Commander Court of Honour

on December 18th, 2005 and was coroneted as a 33° Inspector General, Honorary on October 6th, 2009. Serving in the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection, he was Venerable Master in 2010.

Petitions are being taken and you will find the class schedule on Page 29. There are also opportunities to assist in the Degree work. There are parts to perform on stage that range from non-speaking to primary lead. Our support crews in Lighting, Sound, Wardrobe, and Property can also use your help. Whatever your interest, there is a place for you to be involved here at the Scottish Rite.

I HOPE THIS ISSUE of the Rite News of Maryland finds everyone well and enjoying the last days of summer. Our Fall 2021 Class is named after the late Illustrious David

CLASS OFFICERS SPRING 2021

From left to right:

Bro. Allen L. Washington, 32°
Class Director

Bro. Calvin M. Harris, 32°
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Bro. William R. Jenkins, 32°
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Class Secretary

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Class Orator



Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. L. EVANS VOTTA, 32°, KCCH—HOWARD LODGE #101—VENERABLE MASTER



temperature checks and distance seating were enforced. The venues were large enough to facilitate that. Early start times were also employed including 2:30pm and 10:30am. Unheard of!!!

It seems as if we are finally seeing some light at the end of the tunnel.

At this point I would like touch on the friendship between George Washington and Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier aka Marquis de Lafayette. Lafayette was made a Mason in the United States in the Winter of 1777-78, even though there are no known records. It is believed the ceremony occurred in Valley Forge and General Washington presided as Master. They became great friends. Lafayette desired to become Washington's second in command. The Continental Congress rejected his request and he returned to France. Washington was such a good friend, that Lafayette named his son after him. He later returned to America with his fleet and offered his men's services in defeating the British. This became a turning point in the war. Lafayette was quoted

as saying, " After I was made a Mason, General Washington seemed to have received a new light - I never had, from that moment, any cause to doubt his entire confidence. It was not long before I had a Command of great importance".

Lafayette's men aided in the defeat of the British at the Battle of Yorktown. He and his fleet sailed up the Chesapeake to pin the British between his men and the American forces leading Cornwallis to surrender, which signaled the end of the war. If not for the courage of the fearless French crews, the battle would have been lost. He returned to America in 1824-25 for a hero's tour of major cities. He was made an honorary member of the Grand Lodges of Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Louisiana, South Carolina, Maine and Tennessee. Upon his return to France, he took with him 2400 pounds of soil from battlefields on which he fought and even a shovel of earth from Washington's grave at Mount Vernon. All of which was used to fill his own grave upon his death in 1834. Both French and American flags fly over his final place of rest!

HELLO EVERYONE! I hope you all are doing well and gearing up for some summer festivities. It seems as if we are finally seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. Kudos to all the workers at the vaccination sites as well as those at the firms that came up with the serums in record time. In the past three weeks, I have attended three concerts, all put on by the Virginia Arts Festival. All three were international acts including Wynton Marsalis, the famous New Orleans trumpeter. All these shows were subsidized by the City of Virginia Beach which kept ticket prices low to allow and entice fans to once again hear live music. The artists enjoyed it as much as we did!!!! Every safety measure was followed to a tee. Masks,



The Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

BY: HARRY M. HARGER, 32°, KCCH, WISE MASTER—MT. ARARAT #44



virus keeping people at home. I am extremely happy to say that I was impressed by the turnout size at the spring class and the members of the chapter. Many Masons joined in the spring class and enjoyed the teachings of the fifteenth through eighteenth degrees.

As I reflect on the world events, a constant reminder comes to me from the fifteenth degree, King of East, of the Sword or of the Eagle. We, as Scottish Rite Masons, are able to see the world in many different ways due to our teachings. In this degree, the King of Persia reminds us of the reality of life and urges us to remember *Liberte' de Penser*, which is Latin meaning "to weigh or consider." From this degree, we

learn the value of fidelity and trust, honor, duty and perseverance over all difficulties and discouragement. I find great solace in the fact that Scottish Rite Masons have these teachings, qualities and practices.

As the summer continues into fall, please consider sponsoring a Mason into this wonderful fraternity of honorable men. It is a great brotherly activity to do with friends and family.

The Scottish Rite website is a great way to keep up with exciting events. Go to mdscottishrite.org.

I would like to give particular thanks to the Scottish Rite Sovereign Grand Inspector General Marlin Mills for his outstanding leadership during these times. I hope to see you at the temple!

GREETINGS from the Scottish Rite Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix!

I hope you are well and actively enjoying the last few months of summer.

This year has been challenging in many ways with the COVID

Maryland Council of Kadosh

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



these themes pass through our degrees where truth, justice, and tolerance are inculcated. Look around the Scottish Rite the next time you pass through its doors and you will see men who have worked to preserve the educational traditions of

As we begin opening our Lodges again, I find myself reflecting on the lessons of COVID.

THE SPRING HAD your Council of Kadosh seeing many fine degrees performed and it makes me think of the degrees that make up our body within the Scottish Rite, the nineteenth through twenty ninth degree which are known as the degrees of Areopagus. This alludes to the hill of Aries to the Northwest of the Acropolis in Classical Athens. In the archaic period of Athens, this was likely a king's council of eupatridae, or nobles by birth... later under Solon, it was opened to men of quality who were guardians of the law and a formal court of justice. Under the Roman period, we saw the Areopagus hold not only the legacy of the laws but also educational and religious traditions. Looking through the degrees of our Council, we see

the Rite, each one working diligently to put on a degree for Brethren who they have not even met yet. Each of these men work diligently to preserve our degrees so that those ceremonies are available for the moral development of their Brethren and, for their efforts, we cannot thank them enough. The best way I can think to preserve their legacy is to add one more to the next Scottish Rite class.

As we begin opening our Lodges again, I find myself reflecting on the lessons of COVID. There was a decrease in transmission while so many were sheltering in place and that lesson can be applied to Masonry

as both a cautionary tale and a call to action. I went through an archive of my Mother Lodge's petitions and was surprised to find that, when I compared the names of petition signers to the names in the sign-in book(s), that the further back in time I went, the fewer and fewer petitions were signed by the men frequently attending Lodge. This corresponds to periods of peak membership at my lodge. Reflect on that for a moment. These Brothers who were living their Masonry outside of the Lodge room were spreading Masonry throughout the world. I would pose to you that large membership rolls are inextricably linked to the proportion of Masons who are out in the world interacting with men who are looking for what Masonry offers. We can make Masons in the Lodge room, but we will not find any new Masons sheltering in place. This ecosystem of Masonry prospers only when men can see themselves in the Masons they know. If you have a friend who may benefit from Masonry or a Brother in your Blue Lodge who is looking for something more, bring them to the festive board next fall, break bread with your Brothers, and maybe they will find what they are looking for and we'll find a candidate for our fall class.

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Chesapeake Consistory

BY: BRO. LEON L. PETTAWAY, 32°, MASTER OF KADOSH—PALESTINE LODGE #89



I WOULD LIKE to take a focus on Ashlars of the Masonic Temples. We have learned about the rough and perfect ashlar which are the very two of the three movable jewels of a Lodge room. When we, as candidates, start off in Masonry, we are a rough, ugly, cube of a stone that needs to be worked on. The cube stone must be hammered, chiseled, and smoothed out in order to become a highly smooth cube stone. This represent man's life when he decides to become a Freemason. He must have attributes such as respect, loyalty and obedience to the Supreme Being as well as a willingness to learn the catechism of the Three degrees. Most of all, he must learn to be patient.

The two Stones which are in a Lodge room, a rough one and a smooth one, tell the story of

every Freemason that has ever stepped into a Lodge room. The name which is given to him is "cautious" as he must learn and master that which is given to him such as the inner workings of Freemasonry. When we look at our lives, we are steadily improving as far as jobs, health, careers and just everyday living. The apprentice must learn to use the tools that are given to him, such as the 24-inch gauge, to measure his cube, and the gavel which must be used to chip away pieces of unwanted Stone.

When you have all the essential tools that you need to make a difference in one's life, then you know that you cannot fail.

When the apprentice feels he has perfected his craft on the stone, then the fellowcraft will come over to judge his work with the plumb, level, and the square which will be measured to 90 degrees for the cube that is presented for inspection. When all is said and done, the Master Mason will present the last jewel which is the trestle board.

The trestle board is the design that will determine where the perfect cubes will go in place to build the wall on the temple.

The rough cube must be perfect in order to build the wall. When you have all the essential tools that you need to make a difference in one's life, then you know that you cannot fail.

When you are in life's long journey, your parents will give you tools to aid you.

People, in general, will also give you more tools to be successful.

I would like to say have a good summer. Please be safe until we meet again in September. God Bless each and everyone of you and your families.



Valley of Charles County

BY: BRO. P. ANTHONY BALTA, 32°, VENERABLE MASTER CHARLES COUNTY LOP—ST. COLUMBA LODGE #150

I N THIS ARTICLE, I wish to express my heartfelt congratulations to everyone who survived this pandemic and sincerest condolences on the losses suffered. With millions of Marylanders (and other US citizens) receiving vaccinations and the Governor finally able to lift most of the restrictions, it appears there is light at the end of this dark tunnel. I am remembering a line from the original 1959 film "Journey to the Center of the Earth" in which James Mason says, "The Spirit of Man cannot be broken!" and I believe this to be true today. Our Masonic spirit remains unbroken also, as many Valleys and Blue Lodges are entering a sort of Spring Reunion by opening back up for in-person meetings and fellowship. We, here in the Valley of Charles County, look forward to greeting our brethren back from pandemic isolation with open arms.

As this time of year is typically a time of darkness in Masonry to allow families to gather together and take vacations, our Valley has decided to remain open to "catch up" on various activities such as degree work, fundraising, and charity. In July, we will be tested for our proficiency in the 14th Degree. If successful, we look forward to receiving our formal Charter at

the upcoming Supreme Council meeting. A great deal is riding on this proficiency as we have brethren waiting in the wings to receive their 4th and 14th degrees here in Southern Maryland before traveling to the Valley of Baltimore for the rest of the degree work.

We realized, during the pandemic, that monies coming in from dues and initiations are not enough to keep our Valley going. To that end, we are planning to work with various Blue Lodges and other notable Brethren to begin a fundraising campaign for the rest of the year. Once we have events and dates, I'll forward them for distribution.

We, here at the Valley of Charles County, are also eager to get back to the business of charity. We will be planning a few events to help our favorite charities and will be distributing those dates as well.

In conclusion, I would like to say, with optimism, that The Valley of Charles County and Scottish Rite are alive and well here in Southern Maryland and will continue to strive towards Light while cementing ourselves with Brotherly Love.

OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

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For year round activities and meetings of these clubs, call:

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Ill. S. Dirk Wiker, 33°
443-321-2724

Conowingo Scottish Rite Club

Hon. Jason Q. Standish, 32° KCCH
410-688-4688

Carroll Scottish Rite Club

Ill. Paul M. Lloyd, 33°
410-374-2569

Eastern Shore Scottish Rite Club

Ill. Arthur H. Tawes, 33°
443-235-8950

Mid Shore Scottish Rite Club

Ill. Robert Sparks, 33°
410-634-2235

Scottish Rite Cheer Club

Ill. J. Frederick Hobine, 33°
410-243-3200

Washington County Scottish Rite Club

Hon. Scott Paddock, 32°, KCCH
301-988-7800



Valley of Susquehanna

BY: BRO. RANDY S. DIETRICH, 32°—VENERABLE MASTER—CHESAPEAKE LODGE OF PERFECTION



the appendant bodies? Is it the work, the fraternity, the fellowship? What do you enjoy? I think this is important because if we can answer these questions, maybe we can answer as to why some of our brothers do not come out. Why some aren't active and why some drop out completely.

We all know the importance of bringing in new and younger members. We need new blood, both to keep the lodges running financially as well as to do the work. But let us not forget that once we bring them in, we need to keep them in.

As I wander into the later years of my life, I have learned a few things (or at least I like to think I have). One is, if you don't enjoy

doing something, you won't continue to do it. Think about what you enjoy in Masonry and how to communicate it to an absent Brother. Reach out to Brothers you see missing. Sometimes a simple phone call can go a long way. Find out what they are looking for and how you can help them find it. This is more important now than in the past. As we come out of this pandemic, we need to find ways to bring Brothers back. We all need to work on "getting things going again."

We are a fraternity. Once we bring a Brother in, it is up to all of us to help keep him active. And the more active Brothers we have, the more Brothers they will bring in.

WHY A MASON? We all have a story as to why we became a Mason. But what keeps you a Mason? Why are you still a Mason and are you active? What keeps you coming to Lodge? Why are you still involved? Are you active in



Open Table Lodge Planned as Part of Celebration of Centenary of Cumberland Consistory

CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY NO. 2 will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2021 and the officers of the Consistory and Centenary Committee members are hard at work planning festivities to mark this auspicious occasion. The highlight of the celebration will be a very special Centenary Table Lodge program hosted by the officers of the Cumberland Consistory at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Friday, October 15. This event will be open to Masons, ladies, and guests.

The traditional Table Lodge program will include dinner,



the seven traditional (“Obligatory”) toasts prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and an exciting guest speaker. Admission for this very special event is just \$50 a person and

each attendee will receive commemorative items marking the occasion, including a toasting canon, lapel pin, and bookmark with the Centenary Artwork featuring the Symbolic Camp of the 32nd Degree.

We look forward to welcoming Scottish Rite Masons from across the Orient of Maryland and other special guests. Attendance will be limited, so make your plan to attend and purchase tickets before they are sold out! Tickets are available online at cumberland-scottishrite.org.

Service Awards Presented at Ring and Capping Ceremony

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE presented awards to several members for their years of service and dedication to the Rite during the Spring 2021 Ring and Capping Ceremony. Members who were present included (pictured left to right): William G. Kight (45 Years), Arthur E. Isom (50 Years), and Jerome F. Robinette (45 Years). Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill (pictured far right) presented pins and certificates on behalf of the Supreme Council.



2021 Ritualistic Champion



BRENT A. LEWIS of Oakland Lodge No. 192 has been recognized by the Cumberland Scottish Rite as Spring 2021 Ritualistic Champion for his dedication to excellence in ritual in the role of Orator in the 18th Degree. He was presented the award by Fall 2020 Ritual Champion Gary A. Shriver and Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill.

Ceremony of Lights



Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix 2021 Ceremony of Lights cast members (L to R): T. Eugene Holland, Marc C. Valentine, W. Eric Wotring, C. Thomas Tressler, Michael W. Kerns, Robin L. Summerfield, and Lewis W. Marks, II.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Events At
Cumberland Masonic
Temple Unless
Otherwise Indicated

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

JULY 31:
Family Picnic and Corn Roast
15413 Summerfield Lane, Rawlings
3:00 pm

AUGUST 30:
Communication –
Knights of St. Andrew
7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 20:
Communication – Lodge of Perfection
7:30 pm

OCTOBER 4:
Communication –
Consistory
7:30 pm

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Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans



Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew pictured, L to R: Robin Summerfield; Dwight Metcalf, Senior Warden; Jerome Robinette; Daniel Stitt, Venerable Master; Pastor Vicki Cubbage; Sam Lane, Knight Commander-Emeritus; Knight Chevalier Mike Kamauff, Turcoplier-Emeritus; Mike Kerns; Mark Lathrop; and Knight Chevalier Jamey Hill.

VENERABLE MASTER DANIEL C. STITT and the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew attended divine services at Park Place United Methodist Church in Lavale for the annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans officiated by Pastor Vicki Cubbage.

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans is a traditional presentation of one's family or regional tartan at church for blessing. It harkens back to the years following the defeat of Bonnie Prince

Charlie's Scottish forces by the English in 1746, when the wearing of tartans and the playing of bagpipes were forbidden in Scotland. During this time, some Scots concealed pieces of their tartan when they attended church, secretly touching the hidden cloth at a particular point in the service when the minister would offer a blessing. The present tradition began in America in 1941, when the Scottish-born minister Peter

Marshall conducted the first formal "Kirkin" at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. While the service has a particular meaning to those with Scottish heritage, it is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.

2021 Spring Class



The members of the Spring 2021 Class with members of the 14th Degree Cast. Row One: (L-R): Jordan T. Frazier, Richard E. Pelland, Charles E. Keller, and Jack C. Fitzwater. Row Two: (L-R): Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; James B. Summerfield, 32°; Ill. James M. Snider, 33°; and R. Joseph White, 32°. Row Three: (L-R): Jason R. Finch, 32°; Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°; Hon. Robin J. Summerfield, 32° KCCH; and Hon. Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH.

Cumberland Scottish Rite
2021 Family Picnic & Corn Roast
 Saturday, July 31st @ 3:00 pm
 15413 Summerfield Lane, Rawlings, MD
 Grilled meats, roast corn, and beverages will be provided.
 Please bring a covered dish and enjoy yourself.
 All Scottish Rite Masons, family, and friends are welcome!
 Please RSVP at cumberlandsctishrite.org or 301-729-6778

UPCOMING EVENTS
(continued)

OCTOBER 12:
 Scottish Rite Club of Washington County
 Morris Frock American Legion Post 42,
 Hagerstown
 6:30 pm

OCTOBER 15:
 Cumberland Consistory
 Centenary Table Lodge
 5:00 pm

OCTOBER 18:
 Communication –
 Council of Kadosh
 7:30 pm

OCTOBER 30:
 178th Convocation
 and Reunion
 7:30 am



Valley of Baltimore





A Word from
Bro. Edgar G. Guest

8/20/1881-8/5/1959
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SEVERAL OF GUEST'S POEMS, such as "I see you've travelled some", either referred to Freemasonry or echoed masonic sentiments. Because of Brother Guest's devotion to Freemasonry, community and humanity in general, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan established the Edgar A. Guest Award for lodges to present to non-masons within the community who have demonstrated distinguished service to the community and their fellow man.

THE PROOF OF WORTH

Though victory's proof of the skill you possess,
Defeat is the proof of your grit;
A weakling can smile in his days of success,
But at trouble's first sign he will quit.
So the test of the heart and the test of your pluck
Isn't skies that are sunny and fair,
But how do you stand to the blow that is struck
And how do you battle despair?

A fool can seem wise when the pathway is clear
And it's easy to see the way out,
But the test of man's judgment is something to fear,
And what does he do when in doubt?
And the proof of his faith is the courage he shows
When sorrows lie deep in his breast;
It's the way that he suffers the griefs that he knows
That brings out his worst or his best.

The test of a man is how much he will bear
For a cause which he knows to be right,
How long will he stand in the depths of despair,
How much will he suffer and fight?
There are many to serve when the victory's near
And few are the hurts to be borne,
But it calls for a leader of courage to cheer
The men in a battle forlorn.

It's the way you hold out against odds that are great
That proves what your courage is worth,
It's the way that you stand to the bruises of fate
That shows up your stature and girth.
And victory's nothing but proof of your skill,
Venerated with a glory that's thin,
Unless it is proof of unfaltering will,
And unless you have suffered to win.

TO ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS
This is your invitation to attend

Honors Day
Saturday, October 9th, 2021



Honors Day is a Biennial Event when the Scottish Rite confers the 33rd degree and the Knight Commander Court of Honour. While the 33rd degree is a closed rite, only open to Inspectors General—Active and Honorary, the KCCH Investiture and Capping are public ceremonies and open to all. Afterwards, there is a Gala Banquet again open to all, to celebrate this auspicious occasion and the elevation of the honorees.



- Noon - 1:45pm Ladies Tea and Ladies Program - Banquet Hall (Honoree's Lady - No Charge, All others \$15.00)
- 12:45pm - 1:15pm Registration for 33rd Degree Candidates - Classroom
- 1:30pm - 3:00pm Conferral of the 33rd Degree
Admission to the 33° conferral is for 33° Scottish Rite Masons Only—Must Present Current Dues Card to Enter Dress is Tuxedo, White 33° Cap & Jewel
- 2:30pm - 3:15pm Registration of 32° - KCCH Candidates - Banquet Hall (Set Stage and Floor for KCCH Investiture)
- 3:30pm - 4:45pm Open conferral of the KCCH Investiture Capping Ceremony to follow the 32° - KCCH Investiture
- 5:30pm Pictures of new Honor men in Classroom
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm Honors Banquet
Reservations Required - \$50.00 per person
Fruit Cup, Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter, Six Ounce Rolled Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes, Sweet Corn with Roasted Red Pepper, Apple Blossom, Coffee and Tea Station, Cash Bar. New Honorees and 1 Guest—No Cost, Assigned Seating—No tickets Issued.
- 8:00pm - 10:30pm Music & Dancing

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 2021
Scottish Rite Office; Monday-Friday 9am-3pm or by calling 410-243-3200.
Cash, Check and Charge Cards accepted



Festive Board—Spring Photos



WHAT IS THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

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

The Feast of Tabernacles also commemorates the ceremonies of the completion and dedication of King Solomon’s Temple, which 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, a “sit down” dinner will be served in the Banquet Hall & each attendee will receive a bag of fresh fruit.

Date: Wednesday, November 17th, 7pm
 Cost \$25.00 per person, children under 12 are free
 Please RSVP to the Office by November 9th, 2021
 410-243-3200

COULD YOUR CHILD HAVE A SPEECH OR LANGUAGE IMPAIRMENT?

DOES YOUR CHILD

- Have a limited vocabulary?
- Have difficulty using language to communicate needs, wants or feelings?
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2021 Spring Class Ring Ceremony Oration

BY: BRO. ROTIMI OSUNSAN II, 32°, CLASS ORATOR | APRIL 18, 2021



GOOD AFTERNOON my fellow Scottish Rite brothers, family, friends and distinguished guests and thank you all for supporting this wonderful occasion.

I stand before you today to briefly share with you the experience of our Spring class of 2021.

I talked with many of my classmates to understand our collective experience and three constant overall points were

communicated:

1. We all remembered very quickly, just how stressful reading assignment homework can be...especially when your main textbook rivals the size of a Webster dictionary.
2. However, the second point that we all shared very quickly was how, by the second week, it was not stressful reading anymore, but a labor of love and heartfelt appreciation.

Heartfelt appreciation because through the wealth of information we received, both in written and visual form, we obtained further (light) in our Masonic understanding of our rich history, honor, duty and importance of continued growth as contributors to society.

3. This brings me to our last point as a class. Through this

journey, we gained greater (light) of ourselves, Masonry and the importance of continued improvement as individuals. (It's like the Lowe's slogan "never stop improving"). Who knows, it may have been Masons that worked for Lowe's corporate that suggested that slogan. Maybe two Scottish Rite Masons who just finished their degree work (wink-wink). You never know.

So, in closing, our class thanks all of you here today and throughout our degree work for your continued support and hard work in passing down the lessons and traditions of our craft through the readings and visual presentations. Most important of all, thanks for being our extended family. Thank you.



The Ill. Hans R. Wilhelmsen, 33°, SGIG Emeritus—Class of Spring 2021
Petitions and Ring Ceremony pictures are available at the Scottish Rite Office for pick-up.
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Baltimore Ring Ceremony Spring 2021





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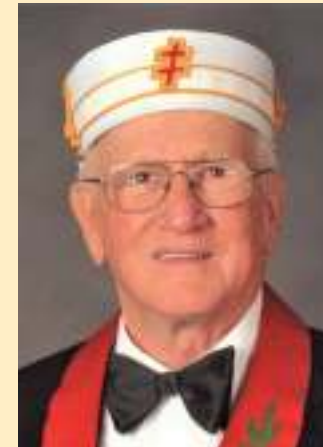
Subject to Applicable State Executive Orders, Local Statutes and Edicts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

- Saturday, August 7th Baltimore – Lobsterfest 2pm
- Wednesday, September 1st Baltimore – LOP 7:30pm**
- Wednesday, September 8th Baltimore – Chapter 7:30pm
- Thursday, September 16th Frederick – LOP 7:30pm**
- Wednesday, September 22nd Baltimore – Council Festive Board 7:00pm
- Wednesday, September 29th Baltimore – Consistory 7:30pm**
- Wednesday, October 6th Baltimore – Fall Orientation 6:30pm
- Saturday, October 9th Orient Honors Day Details on page 19**
- Wednesday, October 13th Baltimore – 4th & 5th 7:30pm
- Wednesday, October 20th Baltimore – 11th & 13th 7:30pm**
- Thursday, October 21st Frederick – LOP 7:30pm
- Wednesday, October 27th Baltimore – 14th & 15th 7:30pm**
- Wednesday, November 3rd Baltimore – 18th & 20th 7:30pm
- Saturday, November 6th Frederick – Reunion Day 8am**
- Wednesday, November 10th Baltimore – 21st & 25th 7:30pm
- Saturday, November 13th Baltimore – Reunion Day 8:00am**
Confer 27th, 30th, 31st & 32nd
- Sunday, November 14th Ring Ceremony 2pm
- Wednesday, November 17th Baltimore – Feast of Tishri 7:00pm**

LOGIA SOL NACIENTE #242



ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2021 the Officers of Logia Sol Naciente #242 initiated two Entered Apprentices into their lodge. Logia Sol Naciente #242 is the first Spanish speaking lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland A. F. & A. M. and this was the first time the EA Degree was conferred.



SCHEDULE – FALL CLASS OF 2021 “Illustrious David L. Schneider, 33° Class”

Wednesday, October 6th	Class Orientation – Ladies Welcome Light Dinner @ 6:30pm	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 13th	Confer 4th & 5th Degrees Class – Please check into Classroom by 6:30pm	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 20th	Confer 11th & 13th Degrees Class – Please check into Classroom by 6:30pm	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 27th	Confer 14th & 15th Degrees Class – Please check into Classroom by 6:30pm	7:00pm
Wednesday, November 3rd	Confer 18th & 20th Degrees Class – Please check into Classroom by 6:30pm	7:00pm
Wednesday, November 10th	Confer 21st & 25th Degrees Class – Please check into Classroom by 6:30pm	7:00pm
Saturday, November 13th	Reunion Day Coffee & Donuts @ 6:30am Class – Please check into Classroom by 7:30am <i>Confer 27th, 30th, 31st & 32nd</i> <i>Lunch \$5 per person, Candidates – No Charge</i>	8:00am
Sunday, November 14th	Ring Ceremony <i>Open to Family and Friends</i> <i>Dinner to Follow @ \$20.00 per person</i> <i>Candidates and One Guest – No Charge</i> <i>Children under 10 – Free</i>	2:00pm



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FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
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Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Residence _____
(Street Address) (City or Town) (State) (ZIP Code)

Mail Address _____
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And I have resided at my current residence preceding date of this petition for _____ months/years.

Employed by _____
(Name of Firm or Gov't Agency) (Address) (Telephone Number)

My Occupation, position or trade is that of _____
(State fully nature of your duties. If retired, please indicate your former duties and employer.)

I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge No. _____

Location _____ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____
(City or Town) (State)

Date Raised _____ If raised in a Maryland Lodge, have you passed exam in 3rd degree Catechism? _____

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Recommended by two members in good standing in the Maryland Scottish Rite Bodies:

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(Printed name of Recommender) (Phone Number) (Signature) (Scottish Rite ID Number)

(2) _____
(Printed name of Recommender) (Phone Number) (Signature) (Scottish Rite ID Number)

1. The Supreme Council requires the acceptance of the following fundamental principles: The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, underlying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? (Yes or No) _____

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(Note: If applicant has previously applied for any of the degrees, explain fully as to date, place and to what bodies such application was made.)

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