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-Theodore Roosevelt







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Ill. Marlin L.



I WISH YOU THE BLESSING OF GOOD HEALTH, MUCH HAPPINESS AND **A VERY HAPPY** NEW YEAR.

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL,

I hope this issue of our Rite News finds everyone reflecting on a wonderful summer. By the time you receive this issue, the summer of 2021 will be in the history books and our Scottish Rite Bodies in full swing. It is great to be back and meeting in person. I am reminded of the verse in the Book of Psalms, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." I, for one, am truly glad to meet each of you face to face and enjoy the brotherhood.

Speaking of meeting in person, I recently had the honor and pleasure to be in Washington, DC for our Biennial Session. There were still a few minor COVID related restrictions, such as wearing masks inside, but we were able to meet in person as an entire Supreme Council. Maryland was fortunate to have twentytwo Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour, seven 33°, Inspectors General Honorary and one Grand Cross of the Court of Honour elected. The annual Lobsterfest was another huge success, and a complete sell out; despite our usual steamer having his entire trailer and equipment stolen. Once again, we turned to our Brothers Kurt and Raoul Frevel, Jr. at Atlantic Catering, and they immediately offered their expertise, and the lobsters were steamed to perfection and delivered with perfect timing. Tom Keller and his trusty crew

came up with enough crab pots and, after shucking and cleaning over 400 ears of corn, was able to steam them on premises - again with perfect timing for the crowd waiting with mouths watering. Again, when Brothers come together, great things can be accomplished.

Our Lodges and degree teams again worked hard for our recent reunions and are already preparing for the upcoming Spring 2022 class. If you know someone who wants to be a Scottish Rite Mason, or a man who you think would be a great Scottish Rite Mason, now is the time. Petitions can be found on the website, in this magazine, or by calling the office. Your Scottish Rite is a place where Brethren and their families can find friendship and fellowship. Throughout the year, there are many programs and events such as our Rite Cheer Lunches and festive boards along with our annual Bingo and Lobsterfest (which benefit our Speech and Language Clinic). I especially invite you to our annual Christmas program, complete with handmade chocolates and a user-friendly train garden, scheduled for Sunday, December 12th at 2pm.



Sincerely and Fraternally,



III. Marlin L. Mills, 33° ** Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland



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Valley of Baltimore

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



would like to extend my congratulations to those men who were recently decorated with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. Congratulations are also in order for those who received the 33° and last degree of the Scottish Rite and are now Inspectors General Honorary. Congratulations also to Admiral

William G. Sizemore II, 33° who was elected to the Grand Cross Court of Honour. The Supreme Council gathers every two years in Washington DC for its regular session. Part of the business of the Biennial Session is the election of members to receive Scottish Rite Honors. These honors are confirmed by the unanimous election of the Supreme Council and can never be purchased or applied for. If an honor is solicited, it must be refused.

I would also like to welcome the members of the Fall 2021 Class. On behalf of the Valley of Baltimore, I wish to extend our sincerest congratulations to each of you, our newest 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Remember, what you put into your Scottish Rite experience will be returned to you in like measure.

Return to the Rite and be involved. Witnessing the Degrees again will help deepen your understanding of the lessons taught. There are many opportunities to be involved. This could be as simple as attending the meetings of the bodies or returning to witness the degrees again. You can also become involved in the degree work itself. Roles and backups are always needed for the degrees. If acting on stage isn't for you, there are many "behind the scenes" supporting roles that could use your energy. From robing and sound to property and lighting, there is a place here for you.

I want to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and very Happy New Year.

Maryland School for the Deaf | Frederick, MD

Charitable Donation: Wednesday, September 1st, 2021

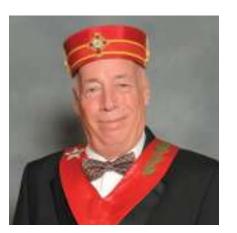
BRO. ROBERT C. BROWN, 32°, Valley of Frederick, presented, on behalf of the Albert H. & Etta Cohen Fund in Memory of Jamie Lynn Cohen, a donation for \$30,000 to be used specifically for Speech & Language Therapy for children in Frederick County. Illustrious Brother Albert H. Cohen, 33° and his lovely wife Etta were great supporters of the Frederick Community in general and their fund will continue to support their philanthropic area of interest.

Pictured, left to right: Ms. Jennifer Mertes, Au.D.; Bro. Robert C. Brown, 32°; Ms. Ann Miller, CFO/COO; Ms. Michelle Bode, Au.D.



Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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



NE TOPIC I REALLY ENJOY is Masonic trivia. So many small facts and anecdotes that only a Mason could enjoy and understand their significance. Since the founding of our country fourteen presidents have been Freemasons. The first, George Washington, and the last to date, Gerald Ford. Out of this group, ten have sought further light in Masonry.

The first was Andrew Jackson who assisted, according to the records of the Grand Chaplain of Tennessee, in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch Masons of the Cumberland Chapter # 1. On January 17th, 1825, James Polk's Mark Master degree was conferred in the Cumberland Chapter #1. He later joined the newly formed Lafayette Chapter #4 in Columbia, Tennessee in April 1825 and completed his remaining degrees. No date is known, but James Buchanan, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was a member of the Royal Arch in the Pennsylvania Chapter # 43.

Andrew Johnson was the first Scottish Rite President having received all of his degrees in 1867. Johnson was also a Knight Templar belonging to the Nashville Commandery #1 in 1859. What is known about James Garfield's and William McKinley Jr.'s further light is basically the same. They both received all of their Capitular degrees in one or two days. Garfield on April 18, 1866, Columbia Chapter #1 in the District of Columbia and McKinley on December 27-28, 1883, in Canton Chapter #84 of Ohio.

Masonic trivia: so many small facts and anecdotes that only a Mason could enjoy and understand their significance.

Thirty-eight years later, Warren Harding really took things to a new level! In 1921, he became the first president to become a member of the Shrine. Previous to "walking the hot sands", he received all of his Scottish Rite degrees in 1921. On January 11–13th he received his Capitular degrees and Templar orders in the Marion Chapter #62 and Commandery #36 of Ohio.

Franklin D. Roosevelt also became a member of the Shrine. I just cannot picture him in one of those little cars. In 1929, he joined the Albany Consistory of Scottish Rite in New York. Harry S. Truman was a member of Orient Chapter #102 in Kansas City, Missouri where, during November 11–15, 1919, he received all his Capitular degrees. As the 33rd president, he was the first to receive the Scottish Rite 33rd degree. How fitting!

Gerald Ford was the last Masonic President to date. On September 26, 1962, he received the Scottish Rite 33rd degree of the Supreme Council A.A.S.R.; N.J.

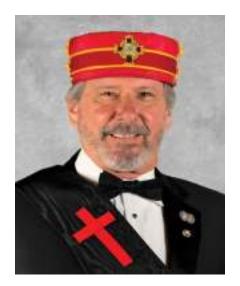
What I find so exciting about the above-mentioned trivia is that you do not have to be a president, rocket scientist or high-ranking military officer, etc. to receive further light in Masonry. Further light is available to all Master Masons on our planet. Availability is another story. Many remote areas of the world have ready the resources and manpower to confer the degree work. There have been many instances where determined Masons have conferred degrees in the strangest of places. Where there is a will there is a way. Masonic Brothers have that will!





The Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

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



HOPE AT THE WRITING of this message you are well and happy the hot days of summer are behind us. As I reflect upon the year 2021 and the Scottish Rite, I found perfect

opportunity to practice herodom of our beliefs and times.

The five degrees of the Rose Croix are perfect examples of the gift we can give to the inheritors.

"We are bound to give charity to the poor whether masonic or not, to visit those in prison and the sick and give to them necessities, each according to his means"

The word herodom in our culture is certainly unclear.

However, my interpretation in this context, means to give to the inheritors our future.

We, as Scottish Rite masons, have the best opportunity to help the present culture with that gift! The five degrees of the Rose Croix are perfect examples of the gift we can give to the inheritors. As we enter the fall and classes resume, please consider the masons that would be the men you wish to carry our beliefs into the future. Their lives will be changed forever! It's a great way to ensure the future will be bright by giving them light.

I sincerely hope to see you at the Fall degree work and at the lodges!

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Maryland Council of Kadosh

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



HE DIVIDENDS of the Festive Board—As our Lodges and your Rite begin work after the summer break, we have a great deal to look forward to in terms of degree work and fraternal experience. One of the greatest losses of the time of COVID has been our ability to break bread together as friends and Brothers. That is a loss on so many levels, as it not only robbed us individually of the fellowship of being amongst the brethren, but it also disrupted the business of Masonry. While we have conferred degrees and continued meeting, the simple act of a shared meal may have seemed a small price to pay for continuing to meet, but I would pose to you that the inability of the brethren to socialize poses the greatest threat to the long-term viability of the Craft. Why? Let's take a clue from Kennsey's 1860 Freemasons Manual: "Free-masonry, notwithstanding, has still survived. The attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of Freemasonry are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts." Consider that statement for a minute.

There is no better way for someone to see themselves in Masonry than to be amongst the variety of Brothers that make up our Rite.

Freemasonry is a verb, we practice it when we show our love for our fellow man through Charity, but we pay it forward and ensure its survival by passing it forward mouth to ear one quiet conversation at a time. When we sit together in the banquet halls of our Lodges with our brethren, we not only learn about their lives, but the practical lessons of the fraternity are passed forward through the real lived experience of our brothers and passed from mouth to ear from one Brother to another. If we get exposed to the lessons of

the degrees of ancient craft masonry when we receive the degree, I will pose to you that we only truly learn the lessons of Masonry by hearing the stories of our brethren and internalizing their experiences and the major vehicle for this exchange are those quiet conversations that happen in the banquet hall.

Why would I bring this up now? Because your Scottish Rite of Freemasonry puts on one of the premier festive boards in the jurisdiction and it is open to Brothers and guests. Come out to enjoy fellowship with your brothers and consider those friends and relatives that may benefit from Masonry and invite them to break bread. There is no better way for someone to see themselves in Masonry than to be amongst the variety of Brothers that make up our Rite. If you have Brethren in your Mother Lodge who are looking for something more in the Craft, bring them out to a festive board to meet Brothers from across the state. We can live Masonry and we can talk about the Craft but the only way to ensure its perpetuation is to pass it along mouth to ear. Visit your Rite, come back and see your degrees, and take advantage of our festive boards to share Masonry with those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.





Valley of Frederick

BY: HON. RICHARD BROWN, 32°, KCCH, PHILANTHROPIC LODGE #168—COMMANDER, FREDERICK COUNCIL OF KADOSH



ALVETE, FRATREM!—I hope this finds you and yours enjoying a busy and convivial round of autumnal activities and happily anticipating time with loved ones and friends in the holiday season as our state and nation continue to emerge from COVID-19. On behalf of the Frederick Council of Kadosh, I wish you the very best for a blessed and prosperous 2022.

The year 2021 has been a year of continued Masonic growth and enlightenment in our Valley. Despite COVID, there were many positive highlights this year, and many indicators that Scottish Rite Masonry continues to provide a beacon of light to our fellow Masons and communities in mid-Maryland.

The warm renewal of fraternal bonds has been unmistakable. Our experience with COVID eased significantly enough that we could enjoy one another's fellowship as we observed the Feast of Kadosh. Given the significance of J.B.M. to our fellow knights, we were especially grateful that Brother

Tom Reinhardt, past Maryland State (and Frederick) DeMolay Master Councilor, was able to join us for the evening to provide a very informative talk on the history and growth of DeMolay. We observed the prescribed round of toasts, as well. On behalf of the Council, I extend deepest thanks to Brother Reinhardt, to our brethren who participated in the toasting ceremony and the evening, and to the Frederick Valley's KSA Ladies Auxiliary and the Hon. Brother Tommy Morris, 32° KCCH, for their selfless efforts in preparing and safely serving a delicious meal.

On behalf of the Frederick Council of Kadosh, I wish you the very best for a blessed and prosperous 2022.

At the successful Spring and Fall reunions in Frederick, it was wonderful to see and experience the support and interest shown by so many in the Valley in our 30th Degree work this year. It has been very satisfying to see new cast members stepping forward and getting involved in the degree team. Speaking of the Spring Reunion more generally,

it was a distinct honor to receive a visit from our Sovereign Grand Commander, the Illustrious James D. Cole, 33° who graciously gave of his time and shared wonderful words of encouragement to the Valley and congratulations to our newest Valley member at the reunion.

Sadly, 2021 was not without loss. We will greatly miss the wisdom and encouragement of the Illustrious Bob Morris, 33° who, for many years, was our Valley's Director of Work and who gave so much of his time and talents to improving our ritual work, to participating in degree work at reunions in Baltimore, and to helping prepare us to take on many of the responsibilities associated with having a Council in Frederick. Bob laid down his working tools this past spring. He was a personal Masonic mentor of mine and the top-line signer on my Scottish Rite petition, and it was a privilege to know and learn from him and to call him my brother.

It has been a distinct honor to serve as Commander of Kadosh in the Frederick Valley for the 2021 term. I look forward to joining the brethren of our Valley in supporting its continued growth and prosperity, as well as that of the Orient of Maryland, for many years to come.

Chesapeake Consistory

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



WOULD LIKE TO SAY that I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. We are now in the fall of the year with summer ending. I pray that everyone is being safe and taking precautions in dealing with their health. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as Master of Kadosh for Chesapeake Consistory for 2021. I would like to congratulate all the brothers that have been chosen to become Honor Men in October. When you have labored hard for the Scottish Rite, you will be rewarded at the proper time.

I would also like to congratulate the newly elected officers for the ensuing year of 2022 for the Chesapeake Consistory. I have looked around at the Scottish Rite and see so many good things such as new Brothers coming in, Brothers becoming Officers in the Four Bodies of the Scottish Rite. We all can make a difference in the Rite, as long as we participate and support the Rite.

I pray that everyone is being safe and taking precautions in dealing with their health.

Albert Pike was a brilliant man who made the Scottish Rite what it is today. The works that he has done was to institute the KCCH in 1870 which was to recognize outstanding service to the Rite for 32° Masons. Pike has also written books such as Morals and Dogma, and Poetry. he was truly and Asset to the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction.

Remember when you make a decision to become a member of the Rite, you have many opportunities to take the advantage of such as, joining the Four bodies of the Rite, working in the Rite School, and becoming a cast member in the Degree work. If you imagine it, you can achieve it. If you dream it, you can become it.

Never settle for less when you can have more. God Bless and be Safe.

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Valley of Charles County

BY: BRO. P. ANTHONY BALTA, 32°-VENERABLE MASTER, LODGE OF PERFECTION

REETINGS FROM the Valley of Charles County! Inspiration: Do you have it? Where does it come from? What do you do with it? And where does it go? These are the questions that are rattling around in my mind at the moment. Artists, philosophers, and great leaders seem to be defined by Inspiration and their ability to harness it into positive action. It is this ability to use Inspiration to affect change in others that is part of the definition of "a great leader" or "a great man." Each and every one of us has been inspired at one point or another in our lives. It could be as simple as when one decided to become a Freemason or when looking around at the events going on in the world and writing a song or a speech. But where does it come from?

I believe the answer to be simple and complex. Inspiration is a combination of Conscience and Divinity. A person is often inspired by events around them, especially negative ones, to initiate action to rectify the situation; or in the case of positive events, to seek to further the goals of those events. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was inspired by the course of events surrounding the injustices of racial inequality to create his famous "I Have a Dream" speech which was pivotal in initiating

A Reminder to Take the Proactive Approach

As we all sit upon the precipice of another potential health emergency, I would like to remind everyone to take a proactive approach to your own health and safety. Get vaccinated and wear a mask in social situations. The risk of not doing so far exceed the risk associated with the vaccine.

change in the U.S. This, I believe, is an example of Conscientious Inspiration. Divine Inspiration is more ethereal. Coming from

Inspiration:
Do you have it?
Where does it
come from?
What do you do
with it? And where
does it go?

seemingly "out of nowhere,"
Divine Inspiration causes one
to recognize or document a
situation for the purpose of
preservation or action. Francis
Scott Key, while watching the
attack on Fort McHenry (named
for Bro. James McHenry), was

inspired to write the poem which later became our National Anthem. These are but two examples of how Inspiration is used, I am sure each of us could think of many more.

Where Inspiration goes once it is received is the task of the Inspired. Like the Light that we as Masons spread into the world, Inspiration needs to be sent forth unto others. Brothers and Friends can share Inspiration in its many forms to further the tenets of our Organization and thus further spread it to the masses of those who wish to seek the Light. In this way, perhaps Inspiration is a part of the Light that we as Masons endeavor to take into ourselves as well as shine upon others.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe keep you safe and guide you.

Valley of Susquehanna

BY: HON. WILLIAM T. "RICK" IVEY, 32°, KCCH

NBEHALF OF all the members of the Valley of Susquehanna, I would like to extend congratulations to the new Honor Men in the Orient of Maryland. Thank you for your dedication to Freemasonry and to our Scottish Rite. When I write this, it is still very hot and very much summer; but when you read this, we will have completed our Fall Reunions and will be approaching the Holidays very rapidly. Welcome to all our new Scottish Rite Brothers.

As we look to 2022, the Valley of Susquehanna is poised to add the 15th Degree to our regular schedule. Look for the spring schedule in the next issue of *Rite News*. We may also have another Degree on the horizon! We continue to settle into our home at Aberdeen Lodge and are looking to add some new Audio-Visual dimension to our Degree work. As with everyone around the state and jurisdiction, we at the Valley of Susquehanna are working hard

to return to as much of a "normal" experience as possible, while still dealing with the ever-changing COVID landscape. But through all of the challenges, we have been able to persevere, welcome new members into the Valley, and come out on the other side a strong and vibrant Fraternity. All of us in the Valley of Susquehanna wish you and your families a Blessed Holiday Season and a very happy New Year.

"Her" is Wisdom

Ecclesiasticus 6:22-32

OR WISDOM IS ACCORDING to her name, and she is not manifest unto many. Give ear, my son, receive my advice, and refuse not my counsel, And put thy feet into her fetters, and thy neck into her chain. Bow down thy shoulder, and bear her, and be not grieved with her bonds. Come unto her with thy whole heart and keep her ways with all thy power. Search, and seek, and she shall be made known unto thee: and when thou hast got hold of her, let her not go. Come unto her with thy whole heart and keep her ways with all thy power. For at the last thou shalt find her rest, and that shall be turned to thy joy. Then shall her fetters be a strong defense for thee, and her chains a robe of glory. For there is a golden ornament upon her, and her bands are purple lace. Thou shalt put her on as a robe of honour, and shalt put her about thee as a crown of joy. My son, if thou wilt, thou shalt be taught: and if thou wilt apply thy mind, thou shalt be prudent.







ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

News from the Cumberland Valley

Cumberland DeMolay: Rebuilding from Within

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021

officers of the Cumberland Chapter Order of DeMolay on their recent Installation. In addition to MWPGM Richard Naegele and Past International Councilor Matthew McKay, there were a total of eight Past State Master Councilors in attendance as well as sitting State Master Councilor Aiden J. Martin, State Scribe Will Martin, Jr., State Marshal Andrew Martin, representatives of the Frederick DeMolay Chapter, and other special guests.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite is pleased to sponsor the Cumberland Chapter and we have been impressed by the growth in membership and activities



2021 officers: Matthew McKay, Master Councilor; Trenton Hite, Senior Councilor; Ashton Middleton, Jr. Councilor; Joshua McKay, Chaplain; Evan Steele, Senior Deacon; Logan Perry, Junior Deacon; Julian McKay, Senior Steward; and Isaiah Perry, Junior Steward; pictured with Asst. Personal Rep. Robin Summerfield and DeMolay Advisors David Gornall and Brett Bean.

under the leadership of Past Master Councilor Logan Perry. We look forward to continued success during the upcoming year. Best wishes to Master Councilor Matthew McKay and the newly installed officers.

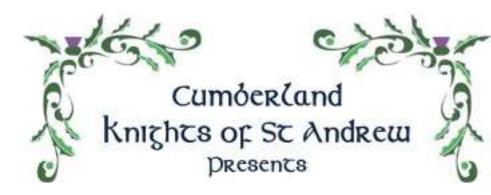
A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show Benefits RiteCare in Western Maryland

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO supported and attended this year's A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig, the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation was able to raise \$3,500 for RiteCare at The Children's League. This funding is critical to ensuring that the Children's League can continue to provide FREE speech and language evaluation and therapy at our three RiteCare clinics in Cumberland, Oakland, and Keyser.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the generous performers who donated their time and talent to put on a terrific show_Ken Nolan, Loretta Hummel, Acoustikats, KerrKuhn, and The Hounded.



Pictured L to R: Hon. Michael L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH; III. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; Cathy Growden of the Children's League; III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°; and Hon. Samuel J. Lane 32° KCCH.



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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

EVERY TUESDAY

Scottish Rite Retirement Club 9:00 am

NOVEMBER 1:

Cumberland Lodge of Perfection 7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 9:

Scottish Rite Club of Washington County 6:30 pm—Friendship Lodge No. 84, Hagerstown

NOVEMBER 14:

Feast of Tishri & Fall Capping/Ring Ceremony 4:00 pm

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ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

News from the Cumberland Valley

UPCOMING EVENTS

(continued)

NOVEMBER 15:

Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation Annual MEETING 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 29:

Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew Annual Communication 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 6:

Cumberland Lodge of Perfection & Annual Elections 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 20:

Installation Rehearsal (Casual Attire) 7:30 pm

JANUARY 2:

Open Installation of Officers 2:00 pm

JANUARY 3:

Cumberland Lodge of Perfection 7:30 pm

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Cumberland Temple Restoration Continues





Above: Tyler's Room after resotoration, Below: Tyler's Room before.







Clockwise from Top: Galley before restoration, Galley after, OES before, OES after.



UPCOMING EVENTS

(continued)

JANUARY 11:

Scottish Rite Club of Washington County 6:30 pm – Friendship Lodge No. 84, Hagerstown

JANUARY 17:

Scottish Rite Communication - KSA Opens 7:30 pm

JANUARY 18:

Scottish Rite Buck-A-Cup Awards 3:00 pm - Arby's in LaVale

JANUARY 31:

Robert Burns Supper Rehearsal 7:30 pm

FEBRUARY 5

Robert Burns Supper 5:00 pm





Lobsterfest 2021

Thank you to all Volunteers & Attendees





















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 12th, 2021 2:00PM UNTIL 5:00PM

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



Featuring Christmas Music, a Walk through Bethlehem Nativity, a Train Garden, and Silky, smooth, delicious and decadent chocolates...

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Illustrations of Masonry

Book II—An Illustration of The Lectures | Section I: General Remarks

BY: WILLIAM PRESTON (1742-1818)—PAST MASTER OF THE LODGE OF ANTIQUITY

ASONRY IS AN ART useful and extensive. In every art there is a mystery which requires a progress of study and application before we can arrive at any degree of perfection. Without much instruction, and more exercise, no man can be skillful in any art; in like manner, without an assiduous application to the various subjects treated in the different lectures of Masonry, no person can be sufficiently acquainted with the true value of the institution. From this remark, it is not to be inferred, that those who labour under the disadvantage of a confined education, or whose sphere of life requires assiduous attention to business or useful employments, are to be discouraged in their endeavors to gain a knowledge of Masonry.

To qualify an individual to enjoy the benefits of the society at large, or to partake of its privileges, it is not absolutely necessary that he should be acquainted with all the intricate parts of the science. These are only intended for persons who may have leisure and opportunity to indulge the pursuit. Some may be more able than others, some more eminent, some more useful; but all in their different spheres, may prove advantageous to the community; and



our necessities, as well as our consciences, bind us to love one another.

To persons, however, whose early years have been dedicated to literary pursuits, or whose circumstances and situation in life render them independent, the offices of the lodge ought principally to be restricted. The industrious tradesman proves himself a valuable member of society, and worthy of every honour that we can confer; but the nature of every man's profession will not admit of that leisure which is necessary to qualify him to become an expert Mason, so as to discharge the official duties of the lodge with propriety. And it must also be admitted that those who accept offices and exercise authority in the lodge, ought to be men of prudence and address, enjoying the advantages of a well-cultivated mind and retentive memory.

All men are not blessed with the same powers and talents; all men, therefore, are not equally qualified to govern. He who wishes to teach, must submit to learn; and no one can be qualified to support the higher offices of the lodge who has not previously discharged the duties of those which are subordinate. Experience is the best preceptor. Every man may rise by gradation, but merit and industry are the first steps to preferment. Masonry is wisely instituted for different ranks and degrees of men; and every brother, according to his station and ability, may be employed in the lodge, and class with his equal. Actuated by the best principles, no disquietude is found among the professors of the art. Each class is happy in its particular association; and when all the classes meet in general convention, one plan regulates the whole; neither arrogance nor presumption appears on the one hand, nor diffidence nor inability on the other; every brother vies to excel in promoting that endearing happiness which constitutes the essence of civil society.



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Crescent Lodge #240—Dedication

Thursday, August 26, 2021











A Word from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33° Of the Necessary Probation and Due Proficiency of Candidates

BY: ALBERT G. MACKEY, 33° I MARCH 12, 1807-JUNE 20TH, 1881

HERE IS, PERHAPS, no part of the jurisprudence of Masonry which it is more necessary strictly to observe than that which relates to the advancement of candidates through the several degrees. The method which is adopted in passing Apprentices and raising Fellow Crafts—the probation which they are required to serve in each degree before advancing to a higher—and the instructions which they receive in their progress, often materially affect the estimation which is entertained of the institution by its initiates. The candidate who long remains at the porch of the temple, and lingers in the middle chamber, noting everything worthy of observation in his passage to the holy of holies, while he better understands the nature of the profession upon which he has entered, will have a more exalted opinion of its beauties and excellencies than he who has advanced, with all the rapidity that dispensations can furnish, from the lowest to the highest grades of the Order. In the former case, the design, the symbolism, the history, and the moral and philosophical bearing of each degree will



be indelibly impressed upon the mind, and the appositeness of what has gone before to what is to succeed will be readily appreciated; but, in the latter, the lessons of one hour will be obliterated by those of the succeeding one; that which has been learned in one degree, will be forgotten in the next; and when all is completed, and the last instructions have been imparted, the dissatisfied neophyte will find his mind, in all that relates to Masonry, in a state of chaotic confusion. Like Cassio, he will remember "a mass of things, but nothing distinctly."

An hundred years ago it was said that "Masonry was a progressive science, and not to be attained in any degree of perfection, but by time, patience, and a considerable degree of

application and industry." And it is because that due proportion of time, patience and application, has not been observed, that we so often see Masons indifferent to the claims of the institution, and totally unable to discern its true character. The arcana of the craft, as Dr. Harris remarks, should be gradually imparted to its members, according to their improvement.

There is no regulation of our Order more frequently repeated in our constitutions, nor one which should be more rigidly observed, than that which requires of every candidate a "suitable proficiency" in one degree, before he is permitted to pass to another. But as this regulation is too often neglected, to the manifest injury of the whole Order, as well as of the particular lodge which violates it, by the introduction of ignorant and unskillful workmen into the temple, it may be worth the labor we shall spend upon the subject, to investigate some of the authorities which support us in the declaration, that no candidate should be promoted, until, by a due probation, he has made "suitable proficiency in the preceding degree."





If Not Us Then Who, If Not Now, Then When.

BY: HON TOMMY J. MORRIS, 32°, PM-COLUMBIA NO. 58

HOPE THIS MESSAGE finds you and your families safe and well during these troublesome times.

My Brethren, I encourage you to pause for a moment to reflect on the numerous contributions that have been made through our sense of common purpose, our sacrifices for the sake of others, our search for truth and the dissemination of light. Freemasons that have sought to know themselves like early Freemasons, have always sought truth. I encourage you to remember what happens when such qualities are absent and these untruths are allowed to fester unchecked. My challenge to you, my brethren, is to be deliberate, seek to reveal

the truth, inspire others to be moved to reach across divides of race, religion, class, politics, age, gender or ability; and inspire them to seek the truth. There is always hope when people listen to the truth. Our country has always been set apart by freemasons. I am a better person thanks to the opportunities that masonry provided me. To each of you, I offer my utmost gratitude and respect for your willingness to sacrifice so much to masonry. My thoughts, hopes and prayers are with all of you and your loved ones as we resolutely lean into the future to secure the Blessings of Liberty to allow us to flourish as individuals, and as a Nation. Throughout history Freemasons

set the example of selfless service, demonstrated incredible abilities to lead through adversity and quickly adjust to the 'new normal', dealing with multiple challenges in stride. To do this, we must improve ourselves and remain the most dynamic and innovative organization in the world through discourse and programs like the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program.

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

What a glorious time to be a Freemason. Our Fraternity and Our Nation needs you and I'm immensely proud to be one of you.

Excerpt from

Albert Pike's Address to the Supreme Council

March 29th, 1860

"Masonry, meant to be exclusive, has become popular.... Masons no longer feel nearer to each other because they ARE Masons... We have flung the doors of our temple too far back upon their hinges, and all the world have come in; and there is now the same necessity for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite that there was originally for Masonry itself. One after one, the other high degrees have been popularized, until the words 'Brother' and 'Companion' are merely formal, mere idle, empty phrases of conventional propriety; instead of having, as they once had, and still should have, a deep and earnest meaning."

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, November 3rd	.Baltimore—18th & 20th	7:30pm
Monday, November 1st	. Cumberland—LOP	7:30pm
Saturday., November 6th	.Frederick—Reunion Day	8am
Tuesday, November 9th	. Washington Co. SR Club	6:30pm
Wednesday, November 10th	.Baltimore—21st & 25th	7:30pm
Saturday, November 13th	. Baltimore—Reunion Day Confer 27th, 30th, 31st & 32nd	8am
Sunday, November 14th	.Cumberland	2pm
Sunday, November 14th	. Baltimore—Ring Ceremony	2pm
Wednesday, November 17th	.Baltimore—Feast of Tishri	7pm
Thursday, November 18th	. Frederick	7pm
Saturday, November 25th	.Frederick—Breakfast	9am
Monday, December 6th	. Cumberland—LOP	7:30pm
Sunday, December 12th	.Baltimore—Christmas Party	2pm
Tuesday, December 14th	. Washington Co. SR Club	6:30pm
Thursday, December 16th	.Susquehanna—LOP	7pm
Thursday, December 16th	. Frederick—LOP	7:30pm
Friday, December, 17th	.Charles County—LOP	7:30pm
Sunday, January 2nd	. Cumberland—Installation	2pm
Sunday, January 9th	.Baltimore—Installation	2pm
Thursday, January 20th	. Frederick—Installation	7pm
Thursday, January 20th	.Susquehanna—Installation	7pm
Friday, January 21st	. Charles County—Installation	7pm



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