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

Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland



MAY I WISH YOU ALL THE BLESSING OF GOOD HEALTH AND MUCH HAPPINESS, ALWAYS.

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL,

I hope this issue of our Rite News finds everyone well and enjoying warmer days as we move through spring and into summer. I have thought long and hard about what to write for this issue, but I think the past two years of COVID have driven some people plumb crazy!

Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, York Rite Masons, Shrine Masons, and the list goes on, are all men who have undergone a sequence of steps and obligations before they earn the distinction and title of Mason. However, the key word here is MASONS. Some may say that being a Freemason does not make us better than any other person in the world. I would argue that it does, or at least it should, because every one of the steps and obligations taken teach or impart lessons on ethics, civility, and the consequences of violating those moral principles we hold so dear.

Civility is simply a “formal” way to be kind and courteous in our behavior and speech. Ethics are those moral principles that should guide our behavior – especially when no one is watching. These often seem to be lost when we hide behind pseudonyms and avatars while on “virtual networks.” To disagree is normal, but to be rude or downright hateful to someone with a different opinion should make us wonder if any of those lessons really sank in. Ethics and civility both have

consequences. For the most part, these consequences are good – a smile, a “thank you”, or even better, a handshake or pat on the back. Then again, when ethics and civility are discarded, the consequences can be disastrous and costly!

For instance, an “individual...” (I did not use the word Brother or Mason, because a *true Mason* would not have done the following) gets mad at a few members in his circle of acquaintance and stops attending meetings. He does, however, show up on meeting nights and damages several cars (scratching the sides, breaking antennas, etc...). The consequence for such behavior should be swift and severe. This individual should face criminal charges, civil suits, the loss of state licenses and certifications, as well as the loss of any rank or title he may hold in the fraternity. Also, any name, trace, or remembrance of him should be removed from every book, record, or file that he ever existed. Criminal behavior like this will never be reduced until the perpetrators of such acts suffer the appropriate consequences and life is harder for them than it is for their victims.

My Brothers, now that COVID is hopefully moving behind us and we all return to meeting in person, please remember to be kind. Practice the ethics and civility taught in our Lodges and see the positive consequences of growth and vitality in our fraternity.

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Valley of Baltimore

BY: ILL. E. RAY LEPP0, 33°, GC—PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



ON BEHALF OF the Valley of Baltimore, I wish to welcome and extend sincere congratulations to the Spring, 2022 class. During your one-day class, you witnessed five degrees demonstrating moral and philosophical lessons that expand on

the Blue Lodge Degrees. These five degrees are the core degrees of the Scottish Rite. While the other twenty-four degrees of the Rite were communicated to you, I encourage you to come back during future Reunions to witness and experience some of those degrees, as well as to revisit the ones you did see. I invite and encourage you to get involved and be an active part of the Rite. This could be as simple as attending the meetings of the bodies or returning to experience the degrees again; especially those that you hadn't experienced before.

Of course, you can also

become involved in the degree work. Principle and understudy roles are always needed for the degrees. There are many "behind the scenes" positions that could use your energy if performing on stage isn't for you. From robing and sound to property and lighting, there is a place here for you.

I also invite you and your family to the many social events held throughout the year. Our premier event, to benefit our Speech and Language Center, is our annual Lobsterfest in August. I look forward to seeing you at the Baltimore Scottish Rite very soon.

Sharon Johnston retires as Baltimore Office Manager

AFTER OVER 20 YEARS, Sharon Johnston is retiring from her plush duties as Office Manager for the Scottish Rite in Baltimore. Starting at a very early age, she worked for credit unions, chemical companies, finance offices, bookkeepers, and food companies. Then she finally landed the best employment of her life. A place with her own parking spot and her own desk in her own corner of the office where she worked with the other ladies. She outlasted them all and was finally named Office Manager, which she expanded

to COE (not CEO, but "Chief of Everything"). She has kept the books, the time, the orders, and the schedule. She has also kept up with the classes, degrees, and rehearsals. Most importantly, she kept the SGIG out of trouble (most of the time).

Yes, Sharon is retiring, and she will certainly be missed. I am sure she will miss the Scottish Rite as well – the place she has dedicated over 20 years of her life; making it the best run Orient and Valley any SGIG could want. She has served our Rite admirably, with profes-

sionalism. Her ability to keep things organized and superb attention to detail once led her to be introduced as the "best little file clerk" anywhere. She was not impressed, at all. There has never been a time when she could not find a file or other needed item. I still think she has been the best employee in our office (file clerk or not).

Yes, Sharon will be missed. We have all grown accustomed to her ways. However, with a new place in Ocean City and

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Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. G. ANDREW MARTINEZ, 32°, KCCH—ANNAPOLIS LODGE 89, LOGIA SOL NACIENTE 242



PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE TOO

HOW MANY TIMES have you heard "patience is a virtue"? Every Mason knows the Four Virtues in the Entered Apprentice lecture, but how come patience is not mentioned? Reflecting upon this conundrum, it comes to light that patience is actually tightly inter-woven into what we are taught about the other virtues – another *cardo* or "hinge" to the story – she has been there all along. Here is what Patience is trying to teach us: Patience teaches 'restraint' – naturally tempering ourselves to moderate our habits and livelihood. In this "on-demand" era of technology, restraint is a grand lesson to be teaching future generations of Freemasons.

One of the greatest Stoics, Marcus Aurelius, had several quotes concerning patience. He

wrote, "The only thing that isn't worthless is to live this life out truthfully and rightly. And be patient with those who don't." Like a father dispensing justice equally, when the Roman people would get out of line, "Convince them not to. If you can. And if not, remember: the capacity for patience was given us for a reason." Impatience is the antithesis of temperance ("temper, temper") and thus patience is the Tyler to our inner temple, "as the sword is placed in the hands of the Tyler, to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass without permission from the Lodge, so it should admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, post a sentinel over our actions, thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought or deed to our hearts and preserving our consciences void of offence towards God and towards man." Patience is the ever-present calm in the storm for a Freemason.

Patience teaches us to pause and listen. Patience teaches us to be mindful of our surroundings. Thus, she teaches us self-control, to remain steadfast, and to draw upon our fortitude to delay or resist immediate gratification. Patience asks us to be prudent with whom we discuss aspects

of our craft – to patiently wait for the correct questions to be asked for us to impart the answers being sought.

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Patience also teaches us to build peaceful stability and harmony in our lodges, so that should issues and arguments arise, justice may be served dutifully and forgiveness shown to those who might transgress. Patience, thus, is the virtue that is not forgotten, rather the virtue that is (or should be) ever present in our lives and our lodges, quietly reminding us to wait a time until our request can be attended to – she is intimately intertwined into everything we learn and do.

Patience is the first lesson a candidate is taught, as "Masonry doesn't seek – it is sought." For some, this search can take years, "Ask, and it shall be given; seek, and ye' shall find; knock, and it shall be opened." Patience is that silent virtue, ever waiting, ever watching, and ever willing to move us towards the person we are meant to be.



The Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

BY: HON. TIMOTHY B. R. FENHAGEN, 32°, KCCH, WISE MASTER—CONCORDIA LODGE #13



**FREEMASONS
IN BERMUDA:
THE PEPPERCORN
CEREMONY,
A 200 YEAR TRADITION**

GREETINGS BRETHREN, I hope this writing finds you well and refreshed. As we transition into a season of renewal, let us take a moment to pause and simply reflect on the beauty of Mother Nature blossoming around us while rejuvenating our spirits with excitement and ambition.

Around this time each year, did you know it has been the tradition of Freemasons in Bermuda to publicly present a single peppercorn to the Governor, symbolizing a centuries old agreement? Commonly known as the Peppercorn Ceremony, this highly anticipated event held in St. George, Bermuda, can be traced back to 1816 and

has since continued for more than 200 years.

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Still curious how a mere peppercorn holds such significance? To shed some light, in 1815, the capital of Bermuda relocated from the town of St. George to Hamilton. This left behind the Old State House building previously used by parliament and still known to be the oldest structure in Bermuda, having been built in 1620. Looking for tenants of good character to entrust the buildings care, it seems only fitting that the Old State House would become the new home to St. George Lodge No. 200 for annual rent of just one peppercorn.

Since 1816, the Peppercorn Ceremony has united hundreds

of people each year in the King's Square, with many excited to experience a time-honored tradition between the masons, community, and local officials. Originally, the ceremony was held around St. John the Evangelist Day but was later switched closer St. George Day (April 23) in honor of the town's founder. Keeping with the grandeur of the day's celebration, you can expect to see men dressed in full regalia, horse drawn carriages and even a 17-gun salute. And, most importantly, the peppercorn presented on a velvet-lined silver plate.

Reflecting on what is undoubtedly a spirited celebration of renewal between the masons and the community, what I find most fascinating is how such a small peppercorn has played such a large roll in uniting thousands of people over the past two centuries.

And with that, I leave you with this. Could it be that the peppercorn is more than just a symbol of agreement but also acts as a reminder to us that even our smallest actions can unknowingly ripple through time, creating lasting impressions on those around us?

May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon each of us and may God continue to keep all Scottish Rite Masons and their families under the safety of His arms.

Maryland Council of Kadosh

BY: BRO. JOSHUA J. CROCKETT, 32°—COMMANDER—AMICABLE-ST. JOHNS LODGE #25



AS MASTER MASONS, we are introduced to the hourglass as a symbol of time and human life. Like most symbols in Masonry, the hourglass has an operative and speculative purpose. To the average observer, the hourglass is a relic of the past that has

been replaced by more modern tools like clocks, watches, and cell phones. However, when a Mason sees an hourglass, he should remember the emblematic nature of the hourglass and how it teaches us that life is short. Thus, with the passing of each morsel of sand through our symbolic hourglass of life, we should spend our time wisely and with the people that we love and cherish. Since joining the Scottish Rite, the Council of Kadosh meeting and festive board have truly been an opportunity for me to improve myself in Masonry while strengthening the bonds of brotherly love and friendship.

As we reflect on the last two years, we can undoubtedly see

how the effects of COVID-19 have either cancelled or seriously altered certain activities that we once took for granted. Personally, I missed seeing a full room of brothers, friends, and loved ones. Our most recent meeting marked the return of a full room and an abundance of new fraternal connections. It was so good to see everyone, and I am happy to report that it was a great time for those in attendance.

Are you new to the Scottish Rite? Do you know someone that might be interested in joining the Scottish Rite? Do you enjoy fun and fellowship? If you answered yes to any of these questions, be sure to mark your calendar for our next meeting.





Chesapeake Consistory

BY: BRO. A. J. EISENRAUCH, 32°, MASTER OF KADOSH—CENTREVILLE LODGE #180

WHEN I WAS first made a Mason, I remember in my Entered Apprentice Catechism the second question “What came you here to do?”. The answer “To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry.” As I was learning the ritual, I kept wondering how this goal would be achieved. Bro. Michael W. Wharton, 32°, Valley of Kansas City Missouri addresses this question as well as others in his article Subduing Our Passions, Freemasonry’s hidden Willpower Lesson in the January-February issue of Scottish Rite Journal.

Brother Wharton was anticipating seminars, workshops, power point presentations etc. on resisting temptation and was somewhat disappointed when nothing was made available. Eager to improve himself he turned to books on willpower and self-control. He then turned his attention to another ritual “circumscribing our desires and keeping our passions within the due bounds and points of the compasses. He found that memorizing ritual focuses our attention to the task at hand. Additional self-regulation can be found in our obligations such as keeping a secret which could increase one’s will power. Regular attendance at your local lodge and surrounding yourself with like-minded brothers can

improve self-control. While expecting traditional educational methods he found his answer “hidden in plain sight.” There are other examples in the article and Bro. Wharton goes into more detail.

As I was thumbing through the rest of the magazine, I stumbled on a related article by Wesley D, Thornton, 33° SGIG, Scottish Rite, New Mexico encouraging Scottish Rite brothers to consider attending the 2022 Rite Way Membership Conference in St. Louis, Mo, March 11-12: Charlotte, NC, March 25-26 or San Diego, CA, April 8-9.

The article starts out by saying “Welcome to the University of Freemasonry.” To quote Bro. Thornton “There is no teaching, but only recollection says the great teacher Socrates in Plato’s ancient Greek philosophical dialog Meno. Albert Einstein also put less stock in traditional teaching, noting in a letter to Thomas Edison that the training of the mind to think, is something that cannot be learned in textbooks.” Bro. Thornton goes on to say “We can use this same spirit in Freemasonry in that there is less teaching and traditional studying but instead an eager, active participation on the part of the student for greater light and knowledge. After all, as an Entered Apprentice you were asked, What came

you here to do? Your answer was: to learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry.”

I realize this is a mouthful, but I wanted to show the relevance of the two articles. Bro. Thornton then says that the conference will provide an excellent opportunity to continue your quest improve yourself in Masonry.

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Fall Class 2021

Master Craftsman Essays

What was the most interesting or surprising thing you learned studying for this quiz and why?

I found the Vehmgerichte part mentioned in the 21st degree quite surprising. I had some vague recollections about it, though I was unaware of the length of time it was in place and that their shady jurisdiction extended to kings and nobles as well. Though it may have had some merit in the beginning (not that I agree with the methods), it certainly progressed into a very scary organization where there was zero transparencies and very little recourse for those accused.

Interesting parts, well that pretty much extends to all degrees and it will take me quite some time to digest and re-read all of them to get a better understanding. For this small essay answer, I will single out one of these degrees and how it pertains (or at the very least, how it should) to modern life. The Master of the Symbolic Lodge and the life lessons taught which, though universal and evident, many, especially learned leaders, choose to not only ignore but to seemingly combat in every instance.

This global phenomenon sees leaders preach the opposites of the truths mentioned in the 20th, and all other degrees and

promote a pack mentality, void of own thoughts where the individual can be tempted to follow the pack mindlessly and thus be quick to judge members of other packs at the behest of their leader.

It is indeed true that we all must learn about leniency and our own fallibility and thus judge ourselves as we would judge others and, in my opinion, in that order so that our judgement can be as fair and just pertaining to all others, rich and poor, learned and ignorant.

Yes, we need more Masons studying these degrees in our society to combat injustice and falsehoods and to promote tolerance, fairness, love and much more.

What was the most interesting or surprising thing you learned studying for this quiz and why?

The 15th Degree discusses in detail the rebuilding of the Temple by Zerubbabel and liberating the captives of Judea and Israel. The idea I found most interesting, as the captives were free to rebuild the Temple, was the idea of freedom of thought discussed in detail in the 15th Degree. The concepts of Freedom of Thought bring with it the idea of searching for perfection and realizing that perfection is not static but an ongoing process to achieve.

The process to achieve perfection is gradual and ebbs and flows, such as in nature. We are confronted with the notion of opposites and how to reconcile those oppositions to our advantage.

Throughout the 15th Degree, we are taught the concept of Liberty of Passage – freedom of thought and conscience. With this concept comes the idea of political and religious liberty. Freedom of thought and freedom of conscience bring with it the ideas of freedom of intellectual serfdom, ignorance, and oppressions of the human spirit. These concepts are linked to the Scottish Freemasonry idea of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity and are direct links to our Masonic obligations. Linked to the idea of liberty, equality, and fraternity (civil, political, and religious). is the idea of law, order, and subordination. The ideas of law, order, and subordination provide the guidance or roadmap to keep one from straying from their path and being able to achieve perfection in finding the Truth.

The trowel and sword are equal symbols of the 15th Degree. As important as the trowel is for rebuilding the temple, so is the sword to keep threats away. The sword is not to be used for oppression but in defense of just causes. We are confronted with the idea of opposition in

all things and seek solutions to mysteries and problems. It is through the freedom of thought, that one makes progression towards perfection by recognizing the ebbs and flows and by reconciling those oppositions. Freedom of thought provides us with the ability to work towards perfection and remain vigilant from straying from Truth and right.

What was the most interesting or surprising thing you have learned and why?

The Chapter of Rose Croix— “They were constrained to be extremely careful as to the admission of the new members in the Masonic Order, making merit alone the test of qualification; and the Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons (alias Perfect Elu), especially, received no one until after a long probation and by many trials he had been proven worthy”

Since a young age, I was always curious what a Mason represented and why the organization (later I found referred to as a fraternity) was so introverted and clandestine. I believe the Fourteenth Degree: Perfect Elu teachings, has enlightened me on the precepts of why the entrance and degree process is as involved and enveloped with hidden meanings, symbols, and long periods to achieve different degrees (see quote above). The meanings of these hidden symbols and ceremonial degrees are unfolded as each Mason

passes through each degree and advancement in Masonic teachings. Each rite of passage enlightens the previous experience and makes me desire more knowledge and experiences in Free Masonry.

Reading through the teachings, there are references where new masons were unfortunately “indiscriminately admitted, almost without inquiry” which “improper men gained admission, and unworthy persons even became blind teachers of the blind, trivialized the ceremonies, and substituted commonplace absurdities for the profound lessons of wisdom of the ancient sages”. The discussions of how the Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons carefully restructured and concealed the secrets of Masonry to admit proper worthy Masons and weed out the described in the above quotes, is a testament to those individuals and the tenacity to only admit candidates that were willing to prove their worthiness and earn the honors that can bestowed by Masonic teachings and traditions.

Having only been recently raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and currently going through the Scottish Rite degrees, the clandestine ways of the fraternity and the difficulty of its degrees now show that the ancient Masonic elders utilized these methods as the only way to preserve the Masonic teachings and weed out the undesirable and inferior individuals. The

forethought of these special men to place a higher scrutiny on the admission and progression of Masons has, without doubt, preserved the true intent of the institution and ensured it will flourish for many future generations of Brothers. It is my desire to honor all Brother Masons by carrying on the traditions and continue with my journey into all that Free Masonry has to offer a worthy individual.

Through my readings of the Fourteenth Degree, I wondered how the undesirable individuals viewed the elders as they restructured the admission and rite of passage thus restoring earned privilege and honor to Masons, its lodges, and its members. Were they identified, disbarred and outcast or were they minimalized and not allowed to advance and receive the sacred knowledge as the rituals were restructured? I will research this more to discover what else may surprise and wonder me.

I continued to feel privileged to be a member of such a great fraternity of brothers and with each week, I feel more and more enlightened. These experiences keep me wanting to move forward and embrace what is still to come.

What was the most interesting or surprising thing you learned and why?

Though not necessarily “surprising”, I do find it quite

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Robinette Retires as Secretary

Recognized as Leander Schaidt Pillar of the Rite

AFTER SERVING FOR FOUR DECADES

as Secretary-Registrar of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite, Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33° earned a well-deserved retirement in 2022.

Jerry was recognized by the Valley of Cumberland in February 2022 for his service and fidelity to the craft with the Leander Schaidt Pillar of the Rite Award. This award marking Brother Robinette's distinction among Freemasons in Western Maryland was named in honor of a man who, with Harry Footer, was one of the Valley of Cumberland's first two Inspectors General Honorary. Schaidt served as Worshipful Master of Potomac Lodge No. 100, as Venerable Master of Meredith Lodge of Perfection (now Cumberland Lodge of Perfection) from 1910 – 1912, and as Secretary of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite bodies for thirty years from 1913 until 1943. Robinette is the only brother to have served as Secretary of the Valley of Cumberland longer than Schaidt.

Jerry has been an active leader in the fraternity since being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Fort Cumberland Lodge No. 211 in 1976. He received the Scottish



Valley of Cumberland Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° (at left) and Secretary Ill. Robin L. Summerfield, 33° (at right) present an official portrait to Asst. Personal Representative Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33° (center) to be displayed in the Scottish Rite Library at the Cumberland Masonic Temple.

Rite degrees the same year and joined the Ali Ghan Shriners where he soon filled his own father's shoes as the second Secretary of the Ali Ghan Ritualistic Unit, an office he has held since 1980. Indeed, the Scottish Rite quickly recognized his talents and called him into service as the tenth Secretary-Registrar for the Cumberland Coordinate Bodies in 1982. He was invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1983 and Coroneted as a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1991. Jerry was further recognized by the Cumberland Scottish Rite as

Freemason of the Tertia Centuria in 2017.

Jerry provides a shining example of servant leadership to his brethren and his community. In addition to his outstanding service to the fraternity, he has served his church as well as community organizations including the Boy Scouts, the Allegany Museum, The Children's League, and many others.

For nearly half a century, Jerry Robinette has played a leading role in the philanthropic endeavors of the Cumberland Scottish Rite—

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Scottish Rite Foundation Fundraising Events Return

A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show Moves to Dig Deep Brewing Co. in 2022

AFTER BEING SIDELINED by pandemic concerns in 2021, the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation returned to an active fundraising event schedule in 2022.

The 16th Annual Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew Burns Night Fundraiser made a triumphant return with a sold out event that raised \$14,000 from more than thirty-six sponsors and other contributions and the annual Buck-A-Cup Fundraiser netted \$4,000 to support our four local RiteCare clinics.

The Burns Night Fundraiser featured Scottish fare, toasts by the Knights and brethren, a captivating reading of Burns' poems by poet Gerry LaFemina, and traditional Celtic music by Shanty Irish. The duo of Pipe Major Andrew Donlon and Pipe Sergeant Thomas Cangelosi of the award-winning MacMillan Pipe Band were a true highlight of the event, offering several special numbers in addition to the festive Piping in of the Haggis and Piper transition. The Toast to the Immortal Memory was offered by Hon. Michael O. Twigg, Associate Judge of the

Maryland 4th Judicial Circuit, whose remarks acknowledged the essential support that the Masons of Cumberland provided to the Circuit Court during the pandemic by making the Masonic Temple available for jury selection.

We are excited to move to a new venue for the 2022 A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show, which will be held at Dig Deep Brewing Co. at Canal Place Heritage Area in Cumberland for the first time this year. This annual event always offers excellent live performances, and this year will be no different. Headlining musical act Gilbert Lee & the Ghost on the Radio is an eclectic indie-rock band with Americana roots featuring songwriter Gilbert Lee Cochrum on vocals and guitar with award-winning fiddler Hanna Livingston, and multi-instrumentalists Derek Shank and Tom Fair. They will perform songs from their full-length recording Magic Through the Static and other original recordings as well as a few well-known favorites. More details and advance tickets are available at cumberlandsctishrite.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Events At Cumberland Masonic Temple Unless Otherwise Indicated

EVERY TUESDAY

Scottish Rite Retirement Club 9:00 am

MAY 2

Cumberland Lodge of Perfection 7:30 pm

MAY 7

Western MD Masonic Ladies Night 5:00 pm

MAY 13

A Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show 6:00 pm—Dig Deep Brewing Co. 2 Howard Street, Cumberland

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Cumberland Lodge of Perfection 7:30 pm

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MAY 18

Scottish Rite Club of Washington County 6:30 pm—Morris Frock American Legion Post 42 405 Northern Avenue, Hagerstown

JUNE 6

Strawberry Night 6:30 pm

JUNE 10

Cumberland Consistory Centenary Festive Board RESCHEDULED 5:00 pm

JUNE 15

Scottish Rite Club of Washington County 6:30 pm—Morris Frock American Legion Post 42 405 Northern Avenue, Hagerstown

JUNE 24

Grantsville Days Parade 5:00 pm—Grantsville, MD

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Snider Named 2021 Freemason of the Year



Ill. James M. Snider, 33°, is presented the 2021 Cumberland Scottish Rite Freemason of the Year Award by MW Grand Master and SGIG Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° (at left) and Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° (at right).

ILL. JAMES M. SNIDER, 33°, was recognized as 2021 Freemason of the Year for the Valley of Cumberland during the January Installation of Officers. Brother Snider served two years as Venerable Master of the Cumberland Lodge of Perfection and led the Valley through the many challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During his term, Snider placed strong emphasis on Masonic education and degree ritual. He maintained regular contact with officers, cast members, and other members throughout the pandemic in the form of telephone calls, text messages, and

emails and authored educational items for Valley publications. When the pandemic led to limited in-person meeting options, Venerable Master Snider took full advantage of all available opportunities to remain engaged with the membership through virtual club meetings and study groups as well as approved virtual business meetings.

We look forward to Brother Snider's continued contributions as Degree Captain for the Thirty-Second Degree and as he takes on new responsibilities in his office as Prior in the Cumberland Consistory.

Cumberland Masonic Temple Hosts Divine Services for Festival of St. John the Evangelist

June Services for St. John the Baptist's Day Slated for Christ Lutheran Church

MEMBERS OF THE CUMBERLAND Lodges and Appendant Bodies and their ladies have traditionally gathered at a local church twice a year for divine services on the Festivals of the Saints John. As a result of limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cumberland Scottish Rite organized services for the Festival of St. John the Evangelist at the Cumberland Masonic Temple in December with Hon. Clyde Bantz, 32° KCCH officiating. Bro. Jason Bennett of East Gate Lodge No. 216 providing music for the services on piano and organ and Ill. Jamey S. Hill,

33° and Bro. Mark Lathrop, 32° served as lectors for the service. Brother Bantz providing a stimulating presentation on the life of St. John the Evangelist and his importance to Freemasons. Cumberland area Freemasons and their families will attend divine services in honor of the Festival of St. John the Baptist at Christ Lutheran Church, 1222 Vocke Road in LaVale on Sunday, June 26. All local Masons, their family, and friends are invited to attend church services at 11:00 am and to share lunch at a local restaurant afterward. Attire for Masons is dark suit and tie.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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JUNE 25

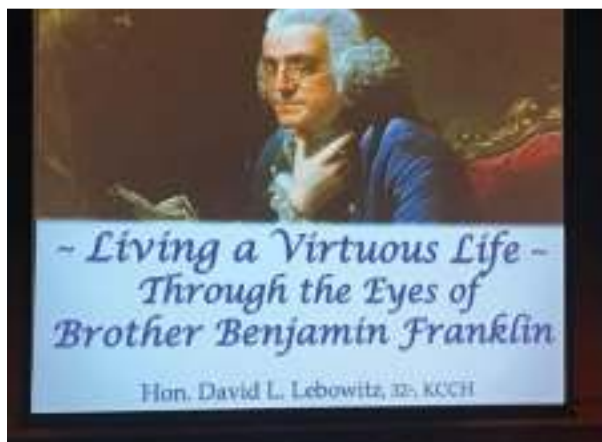
Oldtown Summerfest Parade 10:00 am—Oldtown, MD

JUNE 26

Festival of St. John the Baptist 11:00 am—Christ Lutheran Church 1222 Vocke Road, LaVale

JULY 30

Masonic Family Corn Roast 1:00 - 6:00 pm—Summerfield Lane, Rawlings



Winter 2022 Photos





Job's Daughters of Delmar

BY: MAGGIE WOODRING, MISS DELMAR JOB'S DAUGHTER 2022

HELLO EVERYONE! My name is Maggie, and I am the jurisdictional representative for DelMar Job's Daughters. Just recently in December, we held our annual Miss Pageant at the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore! To my surprise, I was crowned The Miss Delmar Job's Daughter alongside my Miss Jr. Jobie Caroline and Miss Congeniality Emily for the 2022 year. This was the first time since the Delaware and Maryland jurisdictions combined, that we had Misses from both Delaware and Maryland! With the three of us spread out all over our states, we hope to support the Scottish Rite wherever and whenever we can! The theme for my term is "To thine own self be true;" during this year I wish to encourage confidence and individuality in our daughters to be their best selves that they love. I believe every member of our beautiful organization has so much personality that can inspire others to be their best selves as well!

I've been involved with Job's Daughters for most of my life. The youngest girls in our organization begin around 7, this is when they are sashed as Jobie-2-Bees! From there, when they turn 10, they are officially welcomed as a daughter in our wonderful order. Any girl is eligible for membership ranging from



ages 10-20. We instill values of kindness, confidence, leadership, teamwork, and community service in young women who will grow up to be the leaders

of tomorrow. For many of the members, we began as shy and quiet young girls, but through JDI we found a home and somewhere we can grow into the

strong and confident young women we are meant to be!

As you all know, COVID affected our organizations pretty badly over the course of the past few years. Membership has declined and there's been a loss in passion for the wonderful work we have done to improve our communities and give to those who need it most. I encourage you to talk to your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and any other young woman you may know and tell them about Job's Daughters. While we do hold business meetings, they are never boring when you're surrounded by girls you have built beautiful friendships with. We have so many fun events and activities that our younger members enjoy so much, and, for our older members, there are scholarship opportunities for members going into college or continuing their college education!

Many of our fun events happen at our annual Grand Session at Ocean City in May. A whole weekend of fun opportunities to grow closer with girls from other Bethels and make lasting friendships! We have pool parties, scavenger hunts in the hotel, mini golfing, and sometimes board game nights! I always look forward to our Grand Session because it's like a big sleepover! And who doesn't like a sleepover? I hope to see some representation from the Scottish Rite this May at our Grand Ses-

sion. We welcome you to have a nice and, of course, fun weekend with the Job's Daughters of Delmar!

I look forward to spending this year giving my full support to the Scottish Rite and other related Masonic bodies. Our organizations thrive on values of family, community, and camaraderie, and I hope that, during my year as Miss Delmar Job's Daughter, I can bring our orders together and fulfill those values!

During this year I wish to encourage confidence and individuality in our daughters to be their best selves that they love.

Job's Daughters is truly a wonderful organization, but we can only strive if we come together and gather more young women to join! Everything I have gotten out of it has given me the confidence and strength to be a leader, not only in the Masonic world, but in my daily life! I would have never stepped up to lead my school's varsity volleyball team if it had not been for the support from my Bethel members and adults that told me "You can do it!". It hurts to see how drastic membership has dropped over the past few years. So many girls are missing out on this amazing opportunity that is

right in front of them! I implore you again, encourage the young women in your life to join. Each and every single one of them have a special place in our order and can only improve and strengthen our sisterhood! They are the generation of women who will run the world and it is our duty to teach them ideals that will give them the opportunity to improve our world as time goes by!

I hope throughout this year to continue to spread my message of staying true to yourself. Our organizations are unique to themselves and while our practices may derive from tradition that many have practiced over and over, we all make those ceremonies our own. The emotion we put in, our body language, and our expressions are unique to ourselves, and we must take pride in that! I can't wait to meet you all in my travels across Maryland and Delmar, just look out for the crown and teal cape! If there is anything the Job's Daughters of Delmar can do for the Scottish Rite, please let us know, we will be more than happy to help!

"To thine own self be true" – Maggie Woodring, Miss Delmar Job's Daughter 2022



Rite Cheer Club

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

B ON APPETIT EVERYONE! Welcome to the Scottish Rite Cheer Club located in the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple. For those who are not familiar with us, our Kitchen Staff prepares a weekly luncheon featuring a selected entrée and sides. It differs weekly. Our lunches are offered at a cost of \$5.00 (except for our holiday meals which are \$10.00). We have served such dishes as Sour Beef and Dumplings, Hot Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Burritos with Black Beans and Rice, Assorted German Sausages and Red Cabbage, Hot Turkey Sandwiches and Gravy. etc. The list goes on and on! All lunches

come with a drink and dessert. Allow me to introduce our Culinary Staff. First of all, our Chairman Fred Hobine, Kitchen Manager Bob England assisted by his lovely wife, Jo Ann. assisted by accomplished cooks Jeff Vilkas and Evan Votta. We also have John English, Josh Jenkins and Ray Tosh who handle anything that comes their way. Special thanks to Chef Homero Eraso Jr. for his help and inspiration. Our facilities feature a large dining room and a Professional Health Department Certified Kitchen. Our entrance and Dining Hall are handicapped accessible. The best part is we are open to everyone. You need not have to have a Masonic affiliation to



attend any of our luncheons! We serve almost every Thursday at Noon. Our seasons coincide with those of Maryland Masonry. To get on the Cheer Club weekly phone update, send your phone number to AASR@verizon.net. It is necessary to call in a reservation if you plan to attend (410 243-3200).

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—from creating the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation and forging a relationship with The Children’s League to bring RiteCare to Western Maryland, to establishing successful annual fundraisers A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show, Buck A Cup, Robert Burns Night, and the Kid Walk/Kid Talk Walkathon, to securing a charter for the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew. Jerry’s relentless work ethic and meticulous attention to detail have been essential to the

success of all these truly great and important undertakings. While he has earned the right to enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well spent life, Jerry has made it clear he is not ready to set aside the discharge of his respective duties and he has dedicated his efforts in recent years to the most important gift a true leader can offer: that of preparing his successor. For several years, Jerry has worked hand in hand with and offered his advice and mentorship to newly appointed Secretary Ill. Robin L. Summerfield, 33°, Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S.

Hill, 33°, and the officers of the Cumberland Scottish Rite bodies to ensure a smooth transition and promote the continued prosperity of the Valley. The Cumberland Scottish Rite wishes to commend Ill. Brother Jerome Robinette, 33°, a true Legend of Freemasonry, for his service to the Rite and Freemasonry in general. On behalf of all the members of the Cumberland Scottish Rite, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for his continued commitment to the Valley of Cumberland as Assistant Personal Representative.

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The Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Susquehanna

BY: HON MICHAEL J. ZWIEBEL, 32°, KCCH, VENERABLE MASTER—MT. ARARAT LODGE #44



GREETINGS FROM the north-east corner of the Orient of Maryland. As thoughts turn to Spring and the emerging new life around us, I am reminded that Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valley of Susquehanna is active and growing. Susquehanna has now surpassed 100 members and, after the Spring Reunion, we hope to have at least nine new members. It is wonderful to see increased interest in our Valley and I am confident that our growth is a direct result of the assiduous work of our members. At the beginning of the year, the Valley Officers held a planning meeting to understand member expectations for the coming year. It was an exceptional night of fellowship, rich with ideas. There is not enough space in this article to cover all the ideas, but I will share a few.

First, the Valley developed a new meeting format which was

inspired by a desire for more fellowship and further light in Masonry and, like all good Masonic events, an option for food. The Valley of Susquehanna holds the Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection and Deer Creek Chapter of Rose Croix meetings on the third Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM but now many of us arrive an hour earlier, at 6:00 PM to share a meal, and following the meeting, many stay for Masonic inspired educational discussions. Our first meeting in this new format was held in February where we had a fantastic meal before the regular business meetings and then one of our Brothers provided his insights and led a discussion the 15th degree – with plenty of brownies to go around. The night was filled with great food, Scottish Rite Business, fellowship, and education – what a great night. I extend a broad fraternal invitation to each of you—please join us for a future meeting. I look forward to seeing many new faces over the year.

Second, the Valley of Susquehanna intends to expand this fellowship and education through collaborative activities with other Masonic lodges and bodies across the Orient of Maryland – degree work, fellowship, philanthropy, and

education. The Valley of Susquehanna uses Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 as a home base, but our membership reaches across Northeastern Maryland. Several Masonic Lodges and Bodies have shared their events with the Valley and offered invitations to participate as a group rather than hold all our events as a single body – strength in numbers and more hands to help plan and execute events. I look forward to this continued fellowship and maybe knocking a few more chips off the rough ashlar.

I extend a broad fraternal invitation to each of you—please join us for a future meeting.

As Venerable Master of the Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection for 2022, I am grateful to be a member of this growing body of Scottish Rite Freemasons and hope that I can serve in a manner that can meet the enthusiasm and expectations for the great ideas and plans that the membership would like to pursue—if within the extent, meaning, and spirit of my obligation.



Valley of Frederick

BY: BRO. ROBERT C. BROWN, 32°—VENERABLE MASTER—BRUNSWICK LODGE #191

LIGHTING A CANDLE

LIGHT IS A NOUN -- the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible or an expression in someone's eyes indicating a particular emotion or mood; a verb -- provide with light or lighting; illuminate; and an adjective -- having a considerable or sufficient amount of natural light; not dark; (of a color) pale. There is also Masonic Light and its definition is unique to each of us. My attempt to explain this all-powerful phenomenon follows.

In the topsy-turvy world I find upon rising to each morning, hopefully, having enjoyed my prized eight hours of refreshment and sleep of the previous day, I set aside an hour each day (more if I can do so), usually in the evening, to travel in some manner towards the Masonic Light that beckons to us all.

In my mind's eye, that light is usually symbolized by a candle that can assume many forms. At times it is but a trace as if coming from a tea light, at times casting shadows as if it was from a candelabra, and other times as bright as the beacon from a lighthouse warning ancient mariners of the dangerous rocks and shoals nearby.

The Light I seek to attain is gaining further insights into how our Mysteries are so beautifully

woven and intertwined into the Fabric of Masonry, which for me is focused on Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite degrees. It may be discovering another aspect of the interconnections that occur within an individual degree while at practice or sharing in the Eureka moment when another Brother sees a connection for the first time between a part of a lecture and the floor work of the degree he is working to exemplify. That Light can be found in a social setting, perhaps at a Masonic social at the Lodge or in company with other Masons at a Robbie Burns Night. The Light may come from the dashboard of a car when traveling back from visiting another Lodge as the occupants of the car reflect upon the evening's program (and especially so if the Lodge visited that evening was in a neighboring state). Light comes from reading the posts and other social media expressions of Brothers seeking their

Lights as well. It may be unexpected -- when watching a British detective mystery like Morse or Midsomer Murders, Masonry becomes a plot or sub-plot of the story. It comes from studying to attain a Maryland Masonic Academy degree or Master Craftsman certificate. It shines as brightly as a beacon of a Reunion.

Light has to have a source, a fuel to be generated. A wick, wax, and a match will create a single candle, perhaps three burning tapers. Sometimes that source is from the movement of current through a battery or electrical circuit. It may come from the Sun in all its many Masonic representations. But behind the Light is always the power of Masonic Fellowship that continues to pull us ever closer to it.

I find that the illumination from the Masonic Light in all of its forms and ceremonies brings me feelings of inner peace and purpose. And that is good!

VALLEY OF FREDERICK DIPLOMATS

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Each of Us Is, and Is Becoming

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



MY BROTHERS, what an amazing opportunity each Mason who finds his way to the Scottish Rite has before them. There are as many versions of Masonry as there are Masons and, to that end, the most important questions that we can draw out of our younger Brethren are twofold: Whence came you? And, what came you here to do? Each of those brothers came to the Craft for some reason, there was some motivation that brought them to knock upon the West Gate and that impetus that had them step through the door can change over time as their Masonic experience expands.

We are perhaps the last remaining mystery school. Mystery schools came down from the ancient past and existed to instill philosophical and spiritual lessons on the initiates. Eleusis was one such school where the Greeks used the story of Persephone, her descent into the

underworld, and its impact on the change of seasons as a metaphor for a deep spiritual truth. The Greeks were people of the vine and, as summer changed to fall, they could observe the vines slowing drying and dying... yet, in the spring, those vines slowly sprouting back to life again.

The most important questions that we can draw out of our younger Brethren are twofold: Whence came you? And, what came you here to do?

We see the same familiar theme in the book of Job: *“For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.” Job 14:7.* The ancient Greeks saw Eleusis as a way, like the vine of the field, for candidates to experience something like our third degree, where they would metaphorically die only to be raised again. This gave rise to the ancient Grecian proverb, *“if you die before you die, you never really die.”*

Why would I highlight these ideas? Because as Masonry uses the symbols and allegories of the builders' trade to impart a moral philosophy, so too does our Scottish Rite utilize the traditions of the West and near East to expand upon those moral lessons giving our Scottish Rite Masons a wealth of experience to apply to their lives as they go through our degrees.

I mentioned that each of us is and is becoming. As you visit your Blue Lodge, talk to your brothers and discern from whence they came, and what they came here to do. The Rite offers a venue where a brother can study the philosophy that underlies our degrees. The Rite offers a venue where Brother can engage in the theatrics through which our degrees are conveyed. And finally, our Rite offers a venue of fellowship where the lessons of the degrees are reinforced by socializing with the brethren and learning from their Masonic experience. Each of us are Masons, and the Masonry we practice changes as we change... If you know a brother who is seeking something in Masonry, bring them out to the Rite! Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite... and I hope to see you in the classroom.



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husband who wants to be near the ocean, she is going to retire. Sharon, selfishly we hate to see you go but we are all wishing you the very best that life has to offer for a very long, wonderful, and happy retirement. We all hope you will stay in touch and keep us up to date on your “new” life by learning how to use Facebook, Instagram, and text messaging. Make sure to include a photo now and then.

From all of your friends in the Scottish Rite everywhere – Feliz jubilacion!

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interesting the numerous and varied allegorical references to Death – certainly within the symbolic lodge (ie. “Blue or Craft Lodge), but more particularly within the Lodge of Perfection belonging to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR).

At this point throughout my studies (journey), I believe those references to Death are actually indirectly pointing the Brothers of the craft toward reflection and contemplation of Life. On page 203 of the Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide, written by Arturo de Hoyos in its third edition, we find ourselves “admonished that death may take us at any moment and that life is fleeting”. De Hoyos goes on to state (we must) “be

always ready to die for a great principle, to not regard death as the worst end that can befall a man”. His phrase “we do not have time to tarry by the wayside” is especially impactful when one considers the detriment of procrastination to a life well-lived. I have been reacquainted with the concepts of duty, honor, self-sacrifice, and righteousness throughout the degrees conferred through the AASR thus far. I find this greatly refreshing, as these are concepts, I have strived to embrace as a United States Marine – having served as such for my entire adult life. With retirement from the Corps drawing nearer by the minute, Freemasonry has been a tremendous aid in my transition from Warrior to Citizen. The AASR has, in a brief time, illuminated the fact that there is much to do before the Reaper knocks at my door. I shall not tarry by the wayside.....

What was the most interesting or surprising thing you learned and why?

I found interesting the Metaphorical connection of the Temple created by Enoch and the Alchemy of Hermes Trismegistus. Going down through the levels with tenacity and risks to reach the inner chamber and grasping the “cube” as in the “Philosopher’s Stone” – in Hermes Alchemy bringing that inner “word” source of God up and into the light – ie. Personal Transformation. Seeking

“Light”, inner truth and thus transformation.

What was the most interesting or surprising thing you learned and why?

Two things really caught my attention. First, that the higher degrees in Masonry and the first Grand Lodge in London came about in such close relation to each other. Only a few years after the first Grand Lodge of London was created, masons began to seek further light beyond the first two degrees. As part of this effort, the Master Mason or third degree was introduced in 1725 – a mere eight years after the first Grand Lodge. Second, the evolution of the higher degrees in Freemasonry really expanded in France, not the UK, and then spread to the New World, but it would take 75 years for the higher degrees (Order of the Royal Secret) to evolve into what we know today as the Scottish Rite. Furthermore, the rituals, philosophy, symbols and degrees of the Scottish Rite would go through almost 60 years of refinement until 1857, when Albert Pike published his Magnus Opus, but even Pike’s rituals have been refined most recently in 2000. I find both these items quite interesting because they demonstrate continual (perhaps eternal) quest for “Further Light” in Masonry. The constant evolution of this wisdom reflects an eternal yearning of man to seek forever, greater knowledge of this universe and Creator.

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, April 29th.....	Valley of Cumberland.....	4pm
	Ceremony of Lights	
Thursday, May 19th.....	Valley of Susquehanna.....	7:30pm
	Ring Ceremony	
Saturday, August 13th.....	Lobsterfest - Baltimore.....	2pm
Wednesday, September 7th.....	Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection.....	7:30pm
	Dinner @ 6:30pm w/ Speaker Following the Meeting	
Wednesday, September 14th.....	Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix.....	7:30
	Dinner @ 6:30pm w/speaker to follow	
Wednesday, September 21st.....	Maryland Council of Kadosh.....	6:30pm
	Festive Board @ 7pm	
Wednesday, September 28th.....	Chesapeake Consistory.....	7:30pm
	Dinner @ 6:30pm w/ Speaker Following the Meeting	
Wednesday, October 5th.....	Baltimore Orientation for Fall Class.....	7pm
	Light Dinner @ 6:30pm	
Wednesday, October 12th.....	Valley of Baltimore.....	7pm
	Confer 4th & 5th Degrees	
Wednesday, October 12th.....	Valley of Baltimore.....	7pm
	Confer 11th & 13th Degrees	
Wednesday, October 12th.....	Valley of Baltimore.....	7pm
	Confer 14th & 15th Degrees	
Wednesday, November 2nd.....	Valley of Baltimore.....	7pm
	Confer 18th & 20th Degrees	
Saturday, November 5th.....	Baltimore Reunion Day.....	8am
	Confer 21st, 25th, 30th, 31st & 32nd	

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