

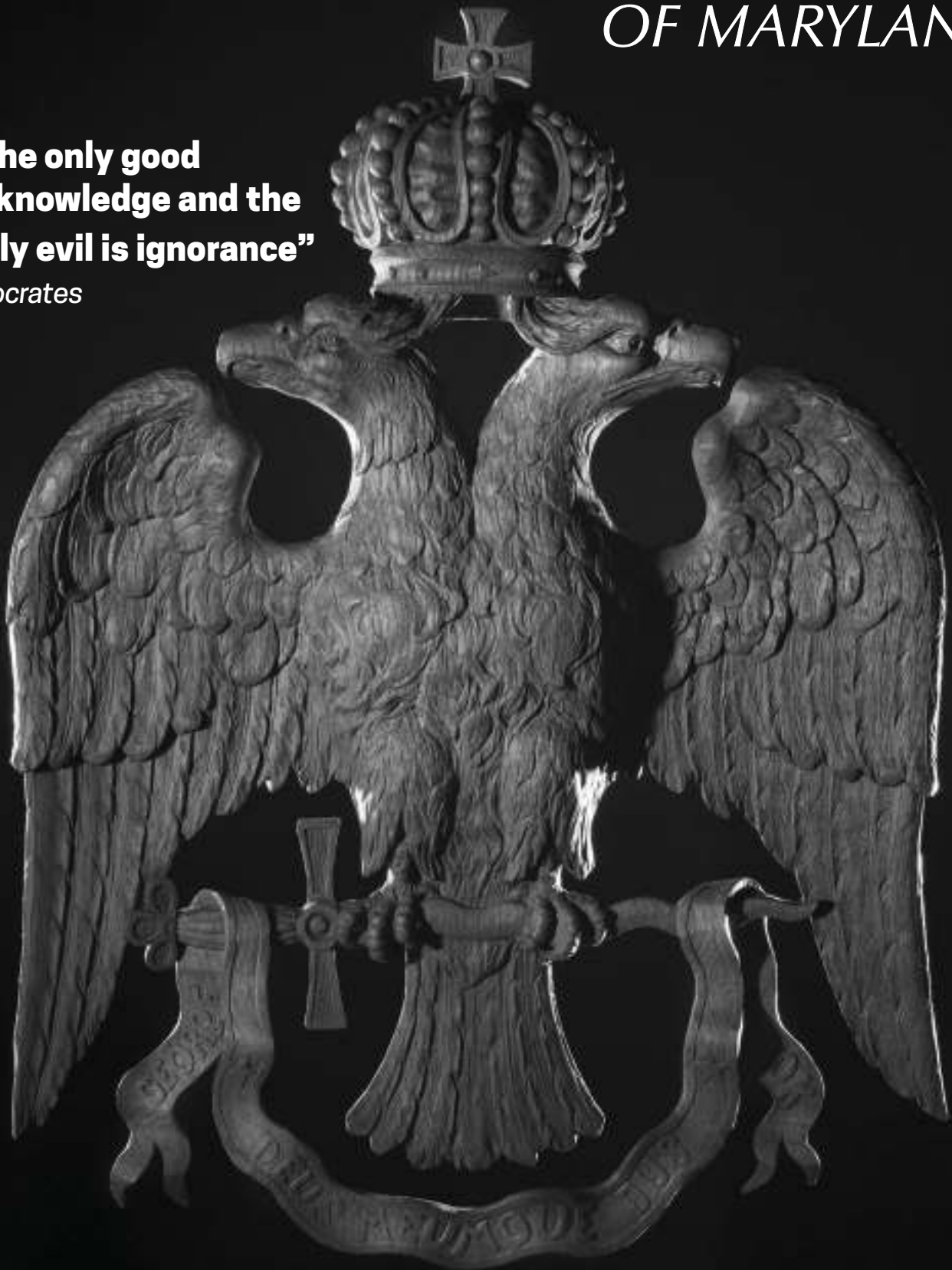


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OF MARYLAND

**“The only good
is knowledge and the
only evil is ignorance”**
-Socrates





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



I HOPE THIS ISSUE OF OUR RITE NEWS FINDS EVERYONE WELL AND ENJOYING THE "DOG DAYS" OF SUMMER.

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL!

I hope this issue of our Rite News finds everyone well and enjoying the "Dog Days" of summer. As summer starts to wind down, your Scottish Rite starts to prepare for our fall and winter activities.

The Fall Reunion will be named in honor of Illustrious William D. Dula, 33°. Brother Bill was a very active member of both the Baltimore and Susquehanna Valleys. He was a member and Past Master of Aberdeen Lode No. 187. He was raised in 1992 and became a Scottish Rite Mason the same year. He was invested as a Knight Commander, Court of Honour in 1999 and coroneted an Inspector General, Honorary in 2003. Bill also served the Grand Lodge of Maryland as Worshipful Senior Grand Steward in 2002 and Deputy Grand Marshal in 2021. Bill's wife, Patricia, passed away in May of this year as the result of a fall. She was a very active member of Victory Chapter, OES, in Aberdeen as well as the Grand Chapter of Maryland. A large fall class would be a fitting tribute to Brother Dula and Sister Pat.

This Reunion will present 13 Degrees for those attending. I know that you will find each one interesting, informative, and inspiring. You have probably heard that the Scottish Rite Degrees present a system of morality, which is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

In these degrees you will find this definition perfectly presented for your consideration. Each Degree presents a continuation of the Three Degrees received in the Craft Lodge when first becoming a Mason. In today's world, we need more men who live by the morality taught in our Masonic Degrees. We need men who have character, honor, integrity and share a concern for their families, Brothers, and the communities in which they live.

There are many activities at the Scottish Rite in Baltimore and around Maryland. Most of these are open to family and friends including lunches, dinners, as well as our annual Lobsterfest, Bingo and Christmas Program – the list goes on and on. Come see for yourself – the Scottish Rite has a lot to offer every member and their family.

I look forward to seeing you in one of our six Scottish Rite Valleys in the near future. Now, may I wish you all the Blessing of good health and much happiness always.



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



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DeMolay International Service Award Ill. E. Ray Leppo, 33°, GC

ON MARCH 14, 2022, we had one of those distinct opportunities. While attending the Scottish Rite for Maundy Thursday services, SGIG, GM Mills allowed us time to honor one of the most recognizable members of the Scottish Rite in Maryland.

State Master Councilor, Bro. Marko A Rodriguez presented, Ill. E. Ray Leppo, 33°, Grand Cross, his 75 Year Service Award for DeMolay International. This presentation was very special because it was held at the Scottish Rite in Baltimore, where Ill. E. Ray Leppo, 33° GC has enjoyed many years of service to the fraternity. Also, it was the Scottish Rite who paved the



way for DeMolay International to begin 102 years ago in Kansas City, Missouri.

Ill E. Ray Leppo, 33°, Grand Cross, personifies the Cardinal Virtues of DeMolay. He lives every day with purpose and love for his fellow man. He has shown that living your life to the fullest can touch so many



lives in the best possible way.

We thank SGIG, GM Mills for the opportunity to celebrate this most significant milestone in the career of one of the finest men in Maryland Freemasonry. Sincerely & fraternally, Bro. Marko A. Rodriguez, State Master Councilor and Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr. 32°, Executive Officer

SPRING CLASS OF 2022—IN MEMORY OF ILL. B. HOPE HARRISON, 33°, MWPGM

Patents for the Spring Class of 2022 are in and available for pick-up at the Scottish Rite Office
Class pictures are in and available at a cost of \$15.00 each



Amor Fati (Love of Fate)

BY: BROTHER G. ANDREW MARTINEZ, 32°, KCCH. VENERABLE MASTER—ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION. ANNAPOLIS LODGE #89



just is. But amor fati is the love of adversity, for it promotes growth – like lifting weights in the gym, it is the effort, the struggle that makes us grow.

Our ritual is what ties us together and creates those deep, meaningful bonds of Brotherhood.

IN EACH DEGREE we receive in the Scottish Rite, we learn more and more about ourselves. The lessons we learn in the degrees pretty much move in practice with what the Stoics taught as we gain greater knowledge in our attempt to “Know Thyself.” One Stoic practice that can help us with this is ‘amor fati’ or “love of fate” – the mindset of making the best out of anything that happens. Taking each and every moment of adversity as something to be embraced and utilizing it to explore your true potential – “The journey of a thousand miles starts with that first step.” Amor fati is, as philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche relays, “not merely bear what is necessary, still less conceal it... but love it.”

We all have probably heard the phrase, “It is what it is.” The same applies with amor fati – it

This principal can be applied to the mind, the body, and the soul. The obstacles in our life are those trials to be overcome, the trials that “separate the men from the boys” as they say – the Hero’s Journey. And here is the heart of Freemasonry, one of the last bastions of ritual transformation into manhood. Our ritual is what ties us together and creates those deep, meaningful bonds of Brotherhood. The men who have actually gone through our first three degrees can relate to each other on a very different level than those who have not.

Things can go bad in life but embracing fate as it reveals itself to us allows one to study it, understand it, and learn from it. Here we again learn to “Know

Thyself” from the ancients which gives us the fortitude to undergo every pain, peril, or danger in the journey of becoming our better self. Like the bronze statue *Self-Made Man* by sculptor Bobbie Carlyle depicting a muscular man chipping himself out of a block of stone with a hammer and chisel, so to do we do the same as we embrace the journey of transforming ourselves from rough to perfect ash-lars. Indeed, for as the Roman Stoic Epictetus said, “No man is free who is not master of himself.” Marcus Aurelius shared similar wisdom on this in stating, “A blazing fire makes flame and brightness out of everything that is thrown into it.”

Amor fati is that charcoal we are taught to make use of in our First Degree. It is the unsurety of what lies around the corner of the winding stairs. It is our being hoodwinked in all three degrees. It is the first knock upon the door. It is every instance where we meet the unknown; we accept the moment for what it is... and love the cards that Fate deals us.



Opportunities in Wolves' clothing

Unmask rejection and failure and reveal the hidden opportunities.

BY: BRO. LUIS J. GONZALEZ JR, 32° , PAST MASTER, ODENTON LODGE NO. 209



SO YOU MIGHT be wondering why the title for this article? Well, the answer is quite simple really, opportunity presents itself in many different forms. As the title suggests, opportunities like to disguise themselves. The most common disguises are rejection and failure. These disguises are extremely effective, deterring people each day from seizing the opportunities that lie in front of them.

The key to unmasking the abundance of opportunities available is your attitude—your attitude towards rejection and failure. I'm not talking about having a positive mental attitude as you have heard a thousand times before.

I am talking about choosing to extract positive elements out of a perceived negative.

Failure and rejection are critical parts of every success story.

Let us address failure and its counterpart rejection. Fear of failure and rejection are the leading causes as to why people do not reach their full potential. It prevents entrepreneurs from launching their business. It prevents inventors from creating the next great thing. It prevents you from asking that special

person out on a date. However, failure and rejection are merely opportunities to learn and improve, disguised as negatives.

You see both failure and rejection give you the opportunity to evaluate the situation and determine what could have been better. They give you the opportunity to revise your plan of action and fine-tune it. They give you the opportunity to practice. They give you the opportunity to be more tenacious and persistent in the pursuit of your goals. All these opportunities, and more, are a result of failure and rejection.

Failure and rejection are proof you are working towards your goals and dreams. Failure and rejection mean you are one step closer to success. Failure and rejection are critical parts of every success story. Without rejection, there is no acceptance, and without failure, there is no success!

Do not let opportunities' disguises deter you from achieving your dreams. It is up to you to seize the opportunities that will compose the chapters of your success story. So don't wait, start composing!

Maryland Council of Kadosh

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



IS THE SCOTTISH RITE IN YOU?

While attending the 235th Semiannual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland, I was struck by a question that was posed. Is Freemasonry in our new members or are we simply bringing men into Freemasonry? While the philosophical and moral lessons taught within the Craft are impossible to master over the course of a lifetime, I could not help but to wonder how much of these wise and useful lessons have taken root in my transactions with mankind. As I conducted this character audit, I found myself referencing the lectures of the three Craft degrees. From my willingness to give to charity to my ability to live up to the duties prescribed by our five points of fellowship, I found areas of pride along with areas of growth. This introspective experiment made me wonder if the Scottish Rite was

alive in me.

Have I endeavored to destroy error, falsehood, and intolerance with truth, honesty, and charity as inculcated by the 19th degree? Have I dispensed the light of Masonry inside and outside of the lodge as instructed within the 20th degree? Have I remembered the duty I owe to the Grand Architect, my family, my country, and myself as the 23rd degree admonishes? In keeping with the lessons taught in the 30th degree, have I labored unceasingly for the good of mankind? In a like manner, the application of the Scottish Rite lessons to my life choices revealed great examples of the Scottish Rite living within me AND opportunities for the light of Scottish Rite Freemasonry to shine much brighter.

Unlike the first three degrees of Freemasonry, the opportunity to see the degrees of the Scottish Rite are limited. With so much to see, hear, internalize, and apply to our daily lives, a Scottish Rite Mason should prioritize revisiting our beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols as often as he can. I look forward to seeing everyone during the Fall Reunion where we will be able to re-commit to carrying out the moral lessons contained within the Scottish Rite degree system.

If you know a brother in your lodge that is seeking more light in Freemasonry, encourage him to submit a petition. If he needs an additional selling point, invite him and his special lady to the Festive Board that takes place after every meeting of the Council of Kadosh. The abundance of brotherly love and sincere affection will certainly convince him that the next step in his Masonic journey should be within the walls of the Scottish Rite.

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Chesapeake Consistory

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



I STARTED OUT in Masonry at the age of 71, so I wanted to get a lot of education in an abbreviated period. I was raised the following year and immediately petitioned The Scottish Rite and, a year later, The York Rite. I began to realize that joining these Masonic bodies was great, but being an active participant was a commitment of time. At the same time, I was going through the Blue Lodge chairs. When I reached Junior Warden, I realized that it would not be long before I had to make a big decision. Was I going to make another big commitment and accept the position of Worshipful Master? I decided the answer was going to be no. I was also going through the chairs of the Chesapeake Consistory and was scheduled to be the Master of Kadosh for 2021. This was the same year as I would be Worshipful Master of my Blue Lodge, and there was pressure to accept an officer position in

the York Rite.

I was doing okay in the Blue Lodge chairs, but I did struggle a bit with the memorization of the ritual. I did not think I could master the memorization required to wear the top hat. Then my answer was confirmed, the lodge Secretary decided not to run for another term. I felt that I could do everything I committed to with Scottish & York Rite and manage the Secretary's duties as well. I did not feel like I was letting anybody down as it was more difficult to get a new Secretary than it was to find a Past Master that was willing to fill in for a year.

For those that might be interested in being Secretary, I recommend it highly. You participate in everything the Lodge is doing. It is a close relationship with the Worshipful Master. It is a lot of computer work and clerical duties, but it

is rewarding. It is the perfect job for someone retired. It is time-consuming, but it keeps your mind fresh and active.

So why am I writing this article you ask? It is important for new brothers to know that there are alternatives in participating in Masonry. Do not shy away from joining your Blue Lodge Line because you do not feel you can memorize the ritual. There are other ways you can be a major contributor and key member of the Lodge. If you are asked to join a line in one of the bodies of the Scottish or York Rite, Shriners, or Tall Cedars, do it. It will satisfy your desire to lead one or more of these worthwhile bodies without the burden of excessive memorization. Most importantly, there is plenty of help available for your other brothers especially from the Past Masters. They are more than willing to help.



On Monday, May 2nd, 2022: Bro. Roy L. Rafter, Jr. 32° conferred the Master Mason Degree on his father— Bro. Roy L. Rafter, Sr.

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Valley of Salisbury JROTC & ROTC—Scottish Rite of Maryland Award Winners for 2022

ROTC/JROTC School	Presentation Date	Cadet Name
Northwestern High School	3/24/2022	Cadet Sarai Subuyuj-Madrid
Patuxent High School	4/8/2022	Cadet Tristan Stowe
Howard High School	4/21/2022	Cadet Anusha Pandey
Altholton High School	4/21/2022	Cadet Skylar Bruce
McDaniel College	4/29/2022	CDT Nicholas Jordan
Hood College	4/29/2022	CDT Noah Turner
Mount St. Mary's University	4/29/2022	CDT Albert Rehman
Oxon Hill High School	4/29/2022	Cadet Jamya Foster
UMD (Detachment 330)	4/30/2022	Cadet Cayla Williams
Loyola University	4/30/2022	Cadet Anthony Nguyen
Mergenthaler High School	5/3/2022	Cadet Matthew Morrow
Annapolis High School	5/4/2022	C/SCPO Kaydence Shaffer
UMD (ARMY)	5/5/2022	Cadet Louisa Ellison
Friendly High School	5/13/2022	Cadet Lieutenant Silvia Castillo Ramos
Franklin High School	5/17/2022	Cadet Michael Sambrano
Stephen Decatur High School	5/18/2022	Cadet Connor Smith
Huntingtown High School	5/27/2022	Cadet Ben Humphreys



ILL. ARTHUR TAWES had the honor and privilege of presenting The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award to Cadet Connor N. Smith. He is a member of the Stephen Decatur High School NJROTC/NNDCC program.

John W. Brockman Fellowship 2022

BY: ILL. J. THOMAS VANCE, III, 33°—MT. MORIAH LODGE #116

ON MAY 19, 2022, the Scottish Rite Education Committee met to interview candidates for The John W. Brockman Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to identify and provide monetary awards to graduate students in Maryland Universities who are preparing to become speech and language therapists. Award recipients may serve one semester of their supervised clinical practice in our own Hilgenberg Childhood Center for Speech and Language disorders. This Fellowship has been awarded to over 100 students since it was established in 1982.

This year, the committee interviewed four candidates from Towson University, Loyola University and the University of Maryland. Awards totaling \$25,000 were made to Hindy Mauer and Dawn Wassmer from Towson University, Amanda McNabb from Loyola University and Alena Garner from the University of Maryland. The committee is pleased to announce The Brockman fellows for 2022.

This year's committee included Ill. E. Ray Leppo, Jr., 33° G.C., Ill. Frederick A. Spicer, 33° G.C., Hon. Charles F. Reid, III, 32°, KCCH, and Ill. John T. Vance, III, 33°, Committee Chair.

Please remember that your financial contributions to this

important Fellowship offering supports not only the graduate students receiving the award but also the many speech/language disabled children who

will receive services throughout the therapist's career. How many investment opportunities yield such long-term benefits?

Congratulations to the Brockman Fellowship 2022 award winners



Pictured clockwise from top left: Hindy Mauer and Dawn Wassmer from Towson University, Amanda McNabb from Loyola University and Alena Garner from the University of Maryland.

Valley Leaders Attend Biennial RiteWay Conference

Dylan Keiser Appointed as Grand Commander's Fellow

VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND LEADERS recently attended the Spring 2022 Biennial RiteWay Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Topics of discussion during the Conference included mentoring, Master Craftsman education, Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP), RiteCare programs and Scottish Rite Philanthropies, Scottish Rite Research Society, and Membership Incentives as well as Q&A sessions with Grand Archivist Arturo de Hoyos and Sovereign Grand Commander James D. Cole.

Bro. Dylan Keiser, who was appointed to represent the Valley of Cumberland as a Grand Commander's Fellow, participated in leadership workshops with other members of the 2022 Fellows Class. The Fellows Program, established by Past Sovereign Grand Commander C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, is intended to expand education and communication within Scottish Rite. Thus far, almost a thousand Scottish Rite members have become Fellows. Fellows are selected by their SGIG based upon the member's perceived enthusiasm, dedication, and eagerness to support the Rite. Each class of Fellows is designated by their



Pictured at the RiteWay Conference L to R: 2022 Fellow Dylan Keiser, SGIG Marlin L. Mills, Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill, and Secretary-Registrar Robin L. Summerfield

even-numbered year. Once a Scottish Rite Mason has completed the Fellow's Workshop, he is deemed a Fellow. After his class year, he remains a Fellow. The Fellows experience can be an important step toward the development of their future potential as leaders in Scottish Rite and beyond. Current SGIGs

have been Fellows, as have Past Grand Masters, Personal Representatives, Valley Secretaries, and other vital officers and leaders. Past GC Fellows from the Valley of Cumberland have included Ill. Lonnie Jackson, 33°; Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°; and Ill. Robin Summerfield, 33°.

Ceremony of Lights

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE conducted the Ceremony of Lights in honor of recently departed brethren on April 23rd in conjunction with the presentation of prayer caps and rings to the members of the Spring 2022 Class. Orient of Maryland Executive Director (and RW Deputy Grand Master) Ill. Fred Spicer, GC, attended and shared inspirational remarks on behalf of SGIG Marlin L. Mills to the brethren and family members of departed and honored brethren in attendance.

Western Maryland Celebrates Masonic Ladies Night

MASONS AND THEIR LADIES FROM across Western Maryland celebrated Masonic Ladies Night in May. This combined Masonic event, was hosted by the Cumberland Scottish Rite and co-sponsored by Potomac Lodge No. 100, Queen City Lodge No. 131, Kemp Lodge No. 154, Antietam Lodge No. 197 and East Gate Lodge No. 216. The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew presented an Arch of Steel to receive

Officers of the Grand Line as well as Worshipful Masters and Body Heads from the region escorting their ladies at the event. The Cumberland Scottish Rite is pleased to support a variety of collaborative events in support of area Blue Lodges and concordant bodies throughout the year, including combined Ladies Night, Strawberry Night, St. John's Day services, and other events.

Inaugural Debbie Friend Memorial Golf Scramble

GARRETT COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE members Brent Lewis and Jason Finch are organizing the Inaugural Debbie Friend Memorial Golf Scramble at the Oakland Golf Club on Saturday, September 24, 2022 to benefit the four regional RiteCare clinics sponsored by the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation in partnership with The Children's League. Registration begins at 9 am with a 10:30 am Tee-Time for the scramble event. Lunch is included with registration. Sponsorship information is available by contacting Brent Lewis at 301-501-3130. To register as an Individual Golfer (\$75) or a Team of Four (\$300) contact

Jason Finch at 301-616-6500. This fundraising event is named in honor Debra "Debbie" Friend who was a speech pathologist with the Children's League since 2006 and was instrumental in opening clinics in Oakland and Keyser before losing her valiant fight with cancer in February 2022. She was recognized for the compassionate and informed treatment she provided to the children in her care at the Children's League. We hope this event, the first to be hosted by the Foundation in Garrett County, will become a part of our annual fundraising activities on behalf of RiteCare.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Events At Cumberland Masonic Temple Unless Otherwise Indicated

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Scottish Rite Retirement Club 9:00 am

Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Contact President Jim Carraway for Info at 717-387-2311

AUGUST 15

Degree Rehearsal—30th Degree Team 6:30 pm

AUGUST 29

Knights of St. Andrew Business Meeting & Rehearsal 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day—No Meeting

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER 6

Visitation to Meyersdale Lodge No. 554
7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 17

Kid Walk/Kid Talk @ The Children's League
10:00 am

SEPTEMBER 19

Degree Rehearsal—32nd Degree Team
6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 19

Chapter of Rose Croix Meeting
7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 25

Degree Rehearsal—14th, 30th, and 32nd Degree Teams
1:00/2:00/3:00 pm

OCTOBER 3

Council of Kadosh Meeting
7:30 pm

A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show Celebrates 20th Anniversary

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE Foundation and the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew hosted the 20th Annual A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show at Dig Deep Brewing Company in Cumberland in May. The event included performances by Country Gospel Music Association award-winning performer Loretta Hummel, Americana duo Greg Kerr and Harley Kuhn, and local favorites Donnie Carman and Eric Houdersheldt, who donated their time and talent to support local RiteCare clinics. During the show, the Foundation presented a check for \$3,500 to our clinical partner The Children's League from funds raised through the event, which brought together longtime A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig supporters and introduced a new audience of Dig Deep "regulars" to the services available at our local RiteCare clinics.



Knights of St. Andrew Host Kirkin' o' the Tartan

THE CUMBERLAND KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW held their annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan service at Mount Savage United Methodist Church with Pastor Sandy Hetz Burchell officiating. Venerable Master Dwight Metcalf participated in the service and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Cumberland Scottish Rite for the hospitality and support of the congregation. Brother Jay Cochrane provided pipe music during the service and KSA Advisor Hon. Mike Kamauff, 32° KCCH assisted the Knights of St. Andrew in planning the event.

Southern Garrett Student Recognized with Scottish Rite JROTC Award



Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill presents Scottish Rite JROTC Award to Cadet Sergeant Major Aidan Thrasher of Southern Garrett High School.

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE recently awarded the Scottish Rite JROTC Award to Cadet Sergeant Major Aidan Thrasher of the Rams Battalion Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program at Southern Garrett High School. Representatives of the Cumberland Scottish Rite were honored to join other community organizations in recognizing the achievements of cadets at their annual awards ceremony.

To be eligible to receive Scottish Rite JROTC medal, the Cadet must have: contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism by

deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects; demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his/her academic class; and demonstrated outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship, and patriotism.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite is proud to participate in the Scottish Rite JROTC Program for High Schools in partnership with the JROTC program leadership at Northern Garrett High School and Southern Garrett High School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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OCTOBER 9

Degree Rehearsal—14th, 30th, and 32nd Degree Teams
1:00/2:00/3:00 pm

OCTOBER 17

Degree Rehearsal—30th Degree Team
6:30 pm

OCTOBER 17

Consistory Meeting at 7:30 pm

OCTOBER 22

Scottish Rite 180th Fall Reunion and Conferral
7:30 am

OCTOBER 31

Knights of St. Andrew—Meeting and Initiation
7:30 pm



Mrs. Sharon Johnston's Retirement Party
Thursday, April 21st, 2022



Valley of Susquehanna

BY: BRO. DAVID E. MARTAK, JR., 32°—WISE MASTER—DEER CREEK CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, MT. ARARAT NO. 44



opening back up, we as Masons need to take advantage of this opportunity and renew our commitments to our families, our brothers, and our fraternity. Masonry is duty, and it is our duty to labor together for the betterment of humanity and for the betterment of ourselves.

Our May Meeting was our Valley's Ring Ceremony. Many of our new brothers were able to attend with their families and share with them this memorable moment in their Scottish Rite journey. Joining together the commitments that we have made to The Supreme Architect of The Universe, our family, and our fraternity is one of the most memorable moments we will ever have as a Mason.

I look forward to seeing you soon, laboring together, and enjoying a brotherhood that only our fraternity can provide.

BRETHREN, several meaningful events have occurred within our Valley since the last edition of Rite News. On March 19th, The Valley of Susquehanna welcomed twenty-nine new members at the one-day Spring Reunion held at the Temple in Baltimore. While we are very proud to have so many new members, we will be even prouder if we can see our sidelines filled, helping to teach these new Masters of the Royal Secret the lessons taught

through the Scottish Rite.

Our April Meeting was our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. During this ceremony we remember the lives of those with whom we labored yet have passed to the celestial lodge above. We also celebrate the opportunity for renewal. One definition of renewal is, "an instance of resuming an activity or state after an interruption." Most of us have experienced an interruption in life like never before. As the world is once again





Spring Class of 2022—Ring Ceremony Address

Our Similarities Outnumber Our Differences

BY: BRO. CHRISTOPHER O. FORNCHOR, 32°, ORATOR & TYLER OF PERRY HALL LODGE #235



I BELIEVE what I am about to say is what I have learnt as a Mason. I believe we as Freemasons believe in good works and self-improvement. We accommodate people from all faiths and religions who believe in a Divine Deity in which we shall never take His Name in Vain.

Marcus Tullius Cicero once said, “We are all imperfect in our ways,” which is why I will follow that quote with the words of the late prime minister Margaret Thatcher in which she said, “The history and destiny of our countries has always and will always be intertwined, when evil has to be overcome, then we and the rest of the world will take up arms.”

We as Freemasons believe that it is our duty to stand up against evil no matter the form it shows its head. For where there is discord, may we bring harmony,

where there is error, may we bring Truth.

Ronald Reagan said, “I know it’s hard to understand, but sometimes painful things happen, and the truth is said to be painful sometimes.” If it needs to be said, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die for because the Truth will set me free.

Therefore, our similarities which outnumber our differences can help us achieve our American dream. A dream that was founded upon a Social Political document in which the world has never seen. A document that said *all men are created equal*. It didn’t say ‘a few men’ but all men.

Therefore, the duties recited in the 4th -14th degrees of the Scottish Rite taught us to practice the following:

Silence, Obedience, Fidelity, Honesty, Good Faith, Sincerity, Be Zealous, Faithful, Peacemaker, Decide Justly, Impartially, Justice to All Men, Inculcate Benevolence and Charity, Destroy Ignorance, Contend against Tyranny and Fascism, Be Earnest, True, Reliable, Advocate and Champion for the Rights of the People, Seek Truth and Right, Be Guided and Directed by Honor and Duty,

Be Devoted to the Virtue and Cause of Humanity

So, I’m going to talk about what’s going on in the world now, people around the world are looking towards America to see what we are going to do about the war in Ukraine, this war goes against some if not all our virtues as Masons. Great orators of history like Cicero, Thatcher and Reagan noticed our similarities are more than our differences. Therefore, as Dr. Martin Luther King said, “That for us as Americans to help solve the world’s problem we must first look inward and ask ourselves that the crimes of our past like racism and segregation has no place in our society today.”

We as a Brotherhood are called upon to verbalize our thoughts regarding our beliefs in all matters.

1. Masonic: To believe in being a True brother in the performance of our Duties.

2. Political: To believe in being a loyal and peaceable citizen and in government by the consent of the governed, with equal treatment of All.

3. Religious: To believe in the existence of a supreme being

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Finding Purpose on the Sidelines

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

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE of the degrees we experience in the Scottish Rite? In the Blue Lodge we learned that even the Temple of Solomon was unable to escape the unsparing ravages of barbarous force... but Freemasonry still survives. While your Blue Lodge uses the tools of the builders’ trade as emblems and symbols to teach Masons how to build character and moral stature, your Scottish Rite utilizes myth and allegory from traditions taken from cultures across the globe to achieve the same goal. When the degree cast, or in the case of your Blue Lodge your Worshipful Master, imparts the lessons of the degree on the candidates, they give you a proverbial tool... but knowing what to do with that tool is something entirely different. It is not the degree cast or the presiding officer who teaches a Brother how to utilize those lessons of Masonry. That end is achieved through one of the most important cohorts of Masons – the sideliners. The Brothers who fill the audience and do not perform

the degree are the unsung heroes of the Craft because it is through their efforts that the Brethren learn how to apply these lessons to their daily lives.

Imagine coming into the Scottish Rite and heading into the banquet hall for a cup of coffee and a donut before heading into the reunion. Perhaps there are two Brothers sitting at a table, and you overhear one Brother, a younger man, speaking to another about how they just can’t get over someone who received a promotion that they thought they were up for at work. A Brother across from this Brother appears two or three decades older than his younger companion, and maybe he says something to the effect of, “Sometimes people’s contributions are like icebergs, you only see the small part visible to you above the waterline.” Maybe the conversation continues, and the older Brother points out his 14th degree ring and says something to the effect of, “I think one of the lessons of the 14th degree is that a Scottish Rite Mason is bound and free. Bound by their

obligation and free from prejudice, intolerance, and envy. Let us celebrate each other’s successes.” Now there could be an ‘a-ha’ moment where the younger Brother realizes that as a Mason, we try to approach the world with disinterested friendship, and if there is, Masonry worked.

You see, my Brothers, the cast of the 14th degree taught the younger Brother a lesson and gave him a tool to take into the world to make himself better than he was. Before, it was that quiet conversation between Brothers that taught the Brother how to use that tool. You don’t need to be an officer to make a difference in Masonry. The sideliner who lives Masonry in the world and offers a kind ear and an instructive tongue in the refreshment hall is one of the most critical parts of this gentle craft because you are teaching the Brethren how to apply Masonry to their lives... one conversation at a time. Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite... and I hope to see you in the classroom.

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of infinite wisdom, understanding and knowledge. One who loves us ALL and desires our obedience.
Therefore, my brothers and

sisters I hereby ask you to please uphold all that we have learnt so far as Masons and be a shining example to our society. As Brother Tony Avery, Vice President of the 2022 Spring Class of

AASR told me that what he has learnt as being a Mason is that “all men have value and wisdom of which I can learn from regardless of their station in life.” Thank you.



Les Schtroumpfs and the 30th Degree: Knight of Kadosh

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

LET'S CONSIDER the thirtieth degree of our Scottish Rite, as the degree reflects on knightly virtues and questions whether these virtues can survive in this our modern world. In the fourth apartment of this degree, we will see a powerful symbol of liberty, one that many of us have not seen since we were children. In the East of the fourth apartment, laying by a shepherd's crook is found a small Phrygian cap, or Liberty cap. It could almost be overlooked, but in this degree that sets out to teach the lesson that we must fight tyranny in all its forms it relays a powerful message.

Les Schtroumpfs was a Belgian cartoon, which later came to the United States and was anglicized as *The Smurfs*. A children's cartoon where all the blue characters wear this same Phrygian cap, which the artist purposely picked to symbolize the freedom of these cartoon characters from their persecution at the hands of an evil wizard. You see, the story of the cap is one that symbolizes not only the yearning for, but more importantly the attainment of freedom from bondage.

We see the Phrygian cap being made of leather in the Hellenistic period and used as actual protective headgear. In ancient



PHRYGIAN CAP,
(also known as a
Liberty cap)

Rome this cap was adopted as the headgear of the followers of Mithras. Mithraism was an ancient mystery cult in which the members were initiated into a series of degrees, and their initiates were known as *syn-dexioi*, or "those united by a handshake" – but Mithras is a story for another time. In this degree focused on tyranny by the church and state, we need to consider the tradition of ancient Rome where the Phrygian cap was the symbol of a freeman. When a man who was in bondage or indentured was freed, he was given an approximation of the Phrygian cap known as a pileus. This distinctive hat was a symbol of his status as a free man and, with it, the right to vote as

a citizen of the Republic.

The hat reappears during the French Revolution, when the workers wore a red version of the cap as a symbol of their demand to escape the tyranny of the absolute monarch Louis XVI. The revolutionaries adopted this distinctive headgear as a protest not only of the finery and wigs so prevalent amongst the upper classes, but as a symbol of their deepest desire for the right of self-determination and freedom to express their wishes through the right to vote.

So the next time you visit the Rite and happen to view the 30th degree, look in that fourth apartment and consider that small Roman cap of Liberty, that Phrygian cap. This cap symbolizes the struggle for individual freedom, the right of suffrage, and the hopes and dreams of those who stand against tyranny. It symbolizes freedoms many take for granted every day and is just as important as the crown or the papal tiara found in the fourth apartment of the 30th degree. Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite... and I hope to see you in the classroom.

WHAT IS THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

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

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

Israelite to Jerusalem.

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

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

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The Mysteries of Isis and the Degrees of the Scottish Rite

BY: ILL. S. DIRK WIKER, 33°, ANNAPOLIS LODGE #89

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE of the ancient mysteries was to demonstrate the immortality of the soul by direct experience with the divine through various rituals and ceremonies. There are many similarities between the mysteries of antiquity and Freemasonry, and much has been written regarding the connections between the two. The Illustrious Albert Pike 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, SJ, even went so far as to state that “Masonry is identical with the ancient Mysteries.”² The exact forms of the rituals and ceremonies of the Mysteries are largely unknown because of the strict secrecy required of the initiates. What we do know of the mysteries is pieced together from the written records of actual initiates or writers familiar with the various ancient mystery traditions. There are several ancient sources describing the mysteries such as those of Mithras, Dionysus, Eleusis, and Isis. The primary source of initiation details for the Mysteries of Isis comes from *Metamorphoses* or *The Golden Ass* of Apuleius, the only complete extant Latin novel that has survived from ancient times. Some of the similarities between the Mysteries of Isis in Apuleius’

I approached the confines of death. I trod the threshold of Prosperine; and borne through the elements I returned. At midnight I saw the Sun shining in all his glory. I approached the gods below and the gods above, and I stood beside them, and I worshipped them.

—APULEIUS¹

book and the Scottish Rite rituals are explored below.

The Story of Lucius

The novel of Apuleius deals with the adventures of Lucius, who is accidentally transformed into a donkey through his curiosity of magic. He eventually experiences a mystic encounter with the goddess Isis who gives him instructions for returning to his original form by joining a procession in honor of the goddess and consuming roses from one of the priests of Isis. He has found his once lost human form, but he has visions of the goddess nightly and is eventually initiated into her Mysteries. At the end of the work, Lucius has found contentment and completion in his life. This work is valuable because there is little first-hand knowledge of the Mysteries of Isis, and Apuleius appears to have been an initiate.

The Story of Isis

Apuleius does not include the background information or story

of Isis in his book, but if the Mysteries of Isis are similar to other Mysteries from the Greco-Roman world, they most likely revolved around a mythological story. These myths usually included themes such as a search for that which was lost, death & rebirth, immortality, and realizing union with the divine. The story of Isis is a perfect example of a mythological story containing these themes.

Isis is an Egyptian goddess that was venerated starting with local cults in ancient Egypt up through the Greco-Roman era. Isis is the “female principle of Nature”³ and the goddess of magic. She represents the Great Work, the Philosopher’s Stone, and the Universal Medicine.⁴

*I Isis, am all that has been, that is or shall be; no mortal Man hath ever me unveiled.*⁵

The goddess Isis marries her brother, the god Osiris. Osiris is the god of the dead, or afterlife,

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but he also taught the Egyptians how to cultivate the land. Both are associated with the bountiful attributes of the Nile River in Egypt. The lord of evil, and Osiris' brother, Set, kills him, divides his body into 14 parts and spreads the individual pieces over the land. The distraught Isis searches for these pieces and eventually finds them all, except for Osiris' genitals. Isis and Osiris have a son, Horus, and in some versions of the story he is conceived after the death of Osiris once Isis magically restores her husband's bodily form. Good finally overcomes evil and Horus ultimately slays Set as balance is restored to Egypt⁶.

Three Stages of the Mysteries

The ancient mysteries can be seen as having three stages: preparation, initiation and completion. The Lodge of Perfection degrees can be compared to the preparation that Lucius undergoes before he is initiated in *The Golden Ass*. The Chapter and Council degrees correspond to initiation. The Consistory degrees, especially the 32°, are the completion of the Mysteries.

Preparation

At the beginning of the final chapter in Apuleius' book, Lucius still in the form of a donkey, self-purifies himself with water by immersing his head seven times in the sea. "That number is specially suited for all ritual

acts"⁷ within the mysteries and is also prominent in the Scottish Rite rituals.⁸ Purification by water is important, if not essential, in both as well.⁹ The initiates of the Lodge of Perfection degrees, not only purify themselves by learning to apply moral principles to their everyday lives, but they learn that the path to find that which was lost leads inward. According to Apuleius, other preparatory duties included fasting and abstinence.

Initiation

In the more philosophical 18°, the candidate continues his preparation by discovering that the True Word can only be found through Faith, Hope, and Charity. He then moves into the initiation phase. Apuleius compared initiation to a "voluntary death,"¹⁰ and this can be associated to the theme of death and rebirth in the Rose Croix degree when the candidate comes out of the darkness of the second apartment into the light of the third. The initiate discovers that "Nature and Reason unite demonstrating the Infinity of God and the Immortality of the divine essence in man."¹¹ Although the True Word is found, only the completion of the Mysteries is alluded to.

There are several degrees within the Council of Kadosh dealing strictly with the ancient mysteries. It is here that the candidate learns the characteristics of the mystery traditions and learns that the mysteries were

separated into the lesser and the greater. The 23° represents the lesser mysteries, the 24° - 26° represent the greater mysteries of the three primary western religions and the 27° finishes the mystery degrees by teaching the initiate how to interpret symbols. Pike, based on the writings of Plutarch¹², believed that the events from the mythological story of Isis were represented in her Mysteries, and this theme is included in the ritual of the 24°. The opening quote of this article is all that Apuleius states of the actual initiation because it was not lawful for him to divulge further information. Lucius ritualistically dies and is reborn. He sees the "midnight sun," either physical light produced by the priests or a dazzling light associated with mystical or near-death experiences. Eating and drinking is often a part of Scottish Rite rituals and the ancient mystery rites. Some scholars believe that ritualistic food induced mystical experiences in ancient mystery ceremonies and might explain the consistent initiate experiences that the participants described.¹³ Regardless of the details, the act of initiation was an extraordinary experience for Lucius and most Masons would also describe their initiation experiences as profound.

Completion

At the completion of Lucius' initiation, he directly experiences the Divine.

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Duly and Truly Prepared

BY: BRO. DAVID R. SANDY, 32°—MT. MORIAH LODGE #116

IF WE BREAK the words down, we see that duly means appropriately, suitably or properly. Truly means truthfully or justly. Prepared means ready, primed and equipped.

So, what do we as Masons mean when we use the phrase "duly and truly prepared?"

The obvious answer refers to what takes place in the preparation room. In other words, divestiture, discollocation and attire. In this context, the use of the phrase, its meaning and associated symbolism is well studied and repeated. As is the case with much of our Masonic ritual, there is also a deeper and more profound meaning for us to examine and consider.

Masonry teaches that a man is made a Mason in a legally constituted Lodge. It also teaches how he is first prepared in his heart. He comes to Masonry with a clear heart and mind, divested of distracting influences and laying aside all prejudices. By so doing, he is prepared to be free of

all diversions, evil thoughts, animosities and hatreds.

Let us consider the insightful beauty in the question of whether a man is "duly and truly prepared."

Consider the use of the phrase as it relates to the conscious events in a man's life which prepare him for his Masonic experience. Masonry is neither a reformatory nor a grammar school. Worthy candidates should possess the demeanor, habits, values and education to truly appreciate and benefit from the lessons and 'light' of Masonry.

A man prepares himself for the degrees of Masonry by presenting himself in a prayerful spirit, asking God for wisdom, strength of purpose and steadfastness of

mind, so that thereby he is enabled to get the most of his own personal Masonic experience.

Finally, "duly and truly prepared" means being in total confidence of one's intentions. Freemasonry is not the place for either the halfhearted or weak-willed.

Let us consider the insightful beauty in the question of whether a man is "duly and truly prepared." The candidate is not asked, nor does he give the answer, rather it is a question asked about him. This indicates that it is not a question involving the candidate's opinion of himself, but more accurately, what others know of him.

Clearly, determining whether a candidate is "duly and truly prepared" for Masonry is the responsibility of the Lodge and rightfully so. A candidate who is undeniably "duly and truly prepared" is more likely to find that being a Mason is a way of life, rather than a title for life.

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Wednesday, September 14th	Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix Dinner @ 6:30pm w/speaker to follow	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 14th	Valley of Charles County LOP Meeting	7:30pm
Thursday, September 15th	Valley of Susquehanna Confer 4th & 14th Degrees	7pm
Wednesday, September 21st	Maryland Council of Kadosh Festive Board @ 7pm	6:30pm
Wednesday, September 28th	Chesapeake Consistory Dinner @ 6:30pm w/ Speaker Following the Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 5th	Baltimore Orientation for Fall Class Light Dinner @ 6:30pm	6:30pm
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Thursday, October 20th	Valley of Susquehanna Confer 18th Degree	7pm
Wednesday, October 26th	Valley of Baltimore Confer 14th & 15th Degrees	6:30pm
Wednesday, November 2nd	Valley of Baltimore Confer 18th & 20th Degrees	6:30pm
Saturday, November 5th	Baltimore Reunion Day Confer 21st, 25th, 30th, 31st & 32nd	8am
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The 31° is titled *Inspector Inquisitor* or *Initiate of the Egyptian Mysteries* but likely has little in common with the Greco-Roman Mysteries of Isis. Although Osiris and Isis play significant roles in the degree, it is more about the judgment of the dead than what the original Mystery was about. The 32° reveals the Holy Doctrine and the Royal Secret¹⁴ of what could be considered the completion of the Mysteries. Lucius is initiated two more times in order to finally complete his journey

within the Mysteries of Isis and Osiris, although there is even less information about these latter initiations than the first. He emerges from the three initiations “eternally blessed,”¹⁵ is balanced in his personal life, and his previous fears are no longer present.

Conclusion

This article explores just some of the parallels between the rituals of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite and the Mysteries of Isis according to the events in *The Golden Ass*. Purification was essential for Lucius’ preparation before he was initiated, and

the Scottish Rite rituals stress the importance of purification numerous times. The initiation of Lucius was a ceremony based on an allegorical legend. Finally, great Truths are discovered by the initiate to complete the journey.

The degrees of the Scottish Rite provide insight and further understanding of the symbolic degrees of Freemasonry by using philosophies, beliefs, and themes from many past traditions of human history, and it is no surprise that ideas from the ancient mysteries were

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continues from previous page incorporated into the rituals. By participating in, studying, and practicing the concepts of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, the initiate can start working toward piercing the veil of Isis.

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