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# Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



I WISH YOU THE BLESSING OF GOOD HEALTH AND A WONDERFUL SUMMER.

#### GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL.

It is my sincerest wish that this issue of our Rite News finds everyone well and enjoying the beauties of spring.

During a recent conference, I had the pleasure to attend a parade filled with all the usual bands, floats, politicians, local clubs and organizations, as well as great number of Masonic Lodges from around the world. The street was lined with hundreds, young and old, enjoying the festivities. The parade was led by a town crier and the usual motorcade followed by the Arlington Police Department color guard bearing the Virginia State Flag and the United States Flag. I could not help but notice as our big, beautiful emblem, "Old Glory", passed by how few stood or offered any type of salute. This was the norm as each unit carrying a flag passed by. It was very sad to see, as each unit passed, our great symbol of freedom went unregarded. What has happened to pride of patriotism and the love of Flag and Country? What about respect for law and order, or loyalty to the principles of sovereignty and religious freedom?

"The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men." This is a quote from Plato that I recently read and thought about. There was a time when governors, judges, doctors and other professionals were members of our fraternity.

Masonry played a great part in the formation of this country. Masonic Lodges can once again play a part in our local communities - if they would get involved. Invite local public officials and community leaders to some events, or to give a talk about current affairs and happenings. Invite the clergy to attend a religious observance. Show them who we are, and that we are not trying to "take over the world." They can then learn who we are and that we support our communities. The public is where our members come from.

"Men and women usually associate with (or join) organizations that they feel have value and benefit. Therefore, we must show that Masonry is worth their time, energy and money. Good men become better men only when good men belong." Bro. Luis J. Gonzalez said it best in a speech he delivered when he said that "we should make every effort to live up to the expectation of this ancient craft and hold ourselves to the highest standards, both in and outside of our Lodges, and become an indispensable part of our communities."



Sincerely and Fraternally,

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





# **Valley of Baltimore**

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



returning to experience the degrees again; especially one that you hadn't before.
Of course, you can become involved in the degree work.
Principle and understudy roles are always needed for the degrees. If performing on stage isn't for you, there are many "behind the scenes" positions that could use your energy.
From robing and sound to

property and lighting, there is a place here for you. You have witnessed degrees demonstrating moral and philosophical lessons that expand on the Blue Lodge Degrees and represent the ultimate in personal character and perfection. I encourage you to come and explore them more deeply, and I look forward to getting to know each of you.





# **Celebrating George Washington**

BY: BRO. CHRISTIAN J. MIELE, 32°, VENERABLE MASTER—ALBERT PIKE LODGE OF PERFECTION

NFEBRUARY 20, 2023—
Presidents' Day—some
4,000 Freemasons from
across the country descended
on Old Town Alexandria in
northern Virginia for a grand
celebration of the life and legacy
of Brother George Washington.
The festivities began with the
city's annual George Wash—

ington Birthday Parade, which featured dozens of Masonic marching units, including a unit representing the Grand Lodge of Maryland led by Ill. Frederick A. Spicer, 33°, GC, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. Several subordinate lodges and appendant bodies from the Free State also

marched through the heart of Alexandria to pay tribute to the Father of Our Country.

The city's parade committee declared this year's event a "special edition" as 2023 marks the centennial of the laying of the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. To commemorate this





**LEFT:** Masons march toward the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the centennial reenactment of the cornerstone laying. **RIGHT (above):** Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Maryland led by III. Frederick A. Spicer, 33°, GC, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland (second from left).

occasion, the usual parade route was modified to allow participants to march directly toward the iconic Memorial, where a reenactment of the cornerstone laying would be performed by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia following the parade. The rededication program included remarks from Kenneth G. Nagel, president of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson, Dr. Douglas Bradburn, president and CEO of George Washington's Mount Vernon, and former Virginia governor, Brother James S. Gilmore III.

On November 1, 1923, an estimated 14,000 Masons witnessed the original laying of the Memorial cornerstone. Among the dignitaries present were President Calvin Coolidge, Virginia Governor Elbert Lee Trinkle, Alexandria Mayor William Allen Smoot, and former president

and sitting chief justice of the United States, Brother William H. Taft. President Coolidge laid the cornerstone using the same trowel that then President George Washington used to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building on September 18, 1793. This famous trowel, owned by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, is permanently on display at the Memorial, where the lodge meets. Brother Washington was named Charter Master of this lodge in 1788 and was inaugurated as our nation's first president while holding the office. Washington, however, received his Masonic degrees at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 (his mother lodge) in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1952, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on March 3, 1753, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on August 4, 1753.

According to the event program for the rededication, the "concept of a Memorial took root in 1910 when, at the invitation of the Grand Master of Virginia, representatives of eighteen Grand Jurisdictions assembled in Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 to establish the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Their obiective was to erect a Memorial Temple to Washington the Mason, reflecting the admiration, not only of his Masonic brothers, but also of a grateful nation. Ground was broken in 1922, the cornerstone laid in 1923, and the Memorial dedicated in 1932. This magnificent structure, with its matchless architectural splendor, its furnishings and artwork, has educated generations of visitors about this greatest and Father of Our Country: George Washington."



# **Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix**

BY: BRO. GEORGE G. CHRISTOFF, 32°, WISE MASTER-WARREN LODGE #51



**NCE AGAIN,** spring has arrived in Maryland, and with it came our eternal hope for rebirth and renewal, and, in a sense, rededication to life. I began to consider this theme and realized it related to two important events on the Scottish Rite spring calendar. Both of which are within the domain of the Rose Croix and are, therefore, of particular importance to the Chapter: The Spring Degree Conferrals and the Maundy Thursday Ceremony. As with spring, both speak to what is essentially a lesson in rededication.

In preparing for the Spring Class conferrals, I re-read the 16th degree, Prince of Jerusalem. The Degree speaks to how difficult it was to rebuild Solomon's temple once it was lost. It was through the preservation of Masonic virtues and the

continual rededication of our ancient brothers to living by them, that eventually resulted in permission to rebuild the Temple. Among those virtues were faith in one God, Love, Kindness, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. All quite similar to some of the lessons of Maundy Thursday.

Maundy Thursday, in addition to the lessons stated above, emphatically speaks to loss, hope, and the need to rededicate ourselves to the virtues of Masonry. These quotes from our public ceremony summarize these lessons.

Let the vivid impressions bring humility and good deeds to the exhibit of Masonry, rededicating ourselves to the labors of Masonry.

Let us proclaim and enforce Masonry, to live it that the world may know by precept and example the high ideals embedded in the foundation of our organization.

And finally .... That it is better to love than to hate, that it is not your duty to be better than your brethren but to be better than yourself, and that the more you have, the more you owe to those in need of assistance.

These statements make clear the importance, placed by the Maundy Thursday Ceremony, on rededicating ourselves to living by our virtues, both in Temple and in the world at large. Otherwise, they could be lost.

Our journeys through the Scottish Rite are personal in nature. The interpretation of the lessons depends on our own experiences. But the more we learn and internalize them, the more we see the universalities embedded in them, how they are interconnected, and how they relate to virtually everything we do.

### Be humble, show kindness, be loyal, be tolerant.

We can all benefit from what I believe are some of the universal lessons of the 16th Degree and Maundy Thursday and applying them in all we do. First, if we do not practice and live by the virtues we profess, we will lose them. Second, it will be very difficult to rebuild them within ourselves and in the world at large. Finally, they must be jealously guarded, and it is important to continually and purposefully rededicate ourselves to their practice.

Be humble, show kindness, be loyal, be tolerant. Show the world what type of men make up the Scottish Rite.

# The Maryland Council of Kadosh

BY: BRO. SHANE T. COLLISON, 32°—COMMANDER—CONCORDIA LODGE #13



RETHEN, as springtime is upon us, we are about to welcome a new Scottish Rite Class of 2023; 32nd Degree Scottish Rite members. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and has been celebrated in Scotland for over one thousand years. St. Andrew has become an integral part of Scottish society. The flag of Scotland is the saltire, also known as St. Andrew's cross, and the ancient

town of St. Andrews was named due to its claim of being the final resting place of St. Andrew.

For those looking for opportunities to get involved, we are looking to form a degree team for the Twenty-Ninth Degree, Knight of St. Andrew. The second of the Chivalric Degrees, teaches of Humility, Patience, and Self-denial. There are thirteen roles to be filled in this degree, and they are:

The Venerable Master
The Senior Warden
The Junior Warden
The Orator
The Almoner
The Expert
The Assistant Expert
The Treasurer
The Secretary
The Master of Ceremonies
The Warder
The Captain of the guard
The Prelate

As of this writing, all roles are open, if you are interested in

being part of this degree, please contact the Scottish Rite Office or me directly.

Additionally, if you wish to become involved, the Knights of St. Andrew, a voluntary service group to valley, is always accepting petitions.



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Spring Festive Board 2023























# **Chesapeake Consistory**

BY: BRO. SCOTT G. LAPP. 32°—VENERABLE MASTER OF KADOSH—WARREN LODGE #51



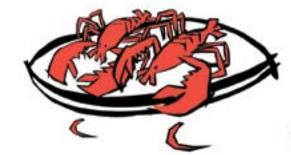
BEGIN WRITING THIS article with thoughts while returning ▲ from the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, where we recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of the cornerstone laying of that great edifice. It is a grand building with many great exhibits and anyone who has yet to visit there, should take time to do so. Anyone looking for a topic for a dissertation should explore the history and life of George Washington. He truly was a remarkable man and Mason and was responsible for so much more than just the US Presidency. My thanks to those that provided coverage for the event to bring it to those who could not be in attendance and for posterity. I'll add that our own Most Worshipful Grand Master and Scottish Rite Executive Director was in rare form while leading the Grand Lodge and other Masonic contingents through the streets of

Alexandria!

And by this time, our spring sessions of meetings are in the books, ending with our own Consistory gathering. I had the chance to talk with the masters. or attend some the four meetings, and must say I am proud to be among them this year. Most took it to heart to try and work without open books and return to the traditions of the cadence of our meetings. Everyone took pride in good work and camaraderie, making the most of the short time we get to spend together for this work.

Spread the light and knowledge you have gained over the years of study with others so that they too can share that light.

I would also like to thank my guest this spring, Executive Officer of the Maryland DeMolay, Carl Michel, in leading our discussion and bringing the information of our youth groups to our members. It has always been his focus, and my own, to educate others to the efforts of those groups, because our vouth really are the future of our fraternity. In a changing world, where the new generation does not seem to focus on service to the community or fraternization or inclusion (to the Armed Forces, Masonry, etc.), it is important to support those that do so they can nurture those ideals and blossom into better voung men and women for the longevity of virtue. If you are reading this, take a moment to think about how you can help, and bring the youth you touch in your daily life to this same work; a grandchild, a niece or nephew, or neighbor. They may be looking for something in their life that starts them down the road we have traveled, and they just need the knowledge that "more" is out there. But either way, spending a bit of effort to tutor the youth, and leaders of tomorrow, is never a wasted effort. As we age, it is one of the best services we can provide to our own community. Spread the light and knowledge you have gained over the years of study with others so that they too can share that light.



# Annual Scottish Rite

# Maine Lobster Fest

Saturday, August 12th, 2023 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. **Scottish Rite Temple** 3800 North Charles Street

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### **ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP**

#### News from the Cumberland Valley

### 2023 Rite Fundraising Off to a Strong Start

THE CUMBERLAND KNIGHTS of St. Andrew's 17th Annual Robert Burns Night fundraiser kickstarted the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation's annual fundraising campaign on behalf of the area's four RiteCare clinics in 2023.

The sold-out event featured a delicious Scottish meal prepared by Chef John McConnell of Mise en Place restaurant, toasts by the Knights and brethren, and a reading of Burns' poems by poet Gerry LaFemina. Brother Jesse Walker of the MacMillan United Pipe Band performed several special numbers in addition to the festive Piping in of the Haggis, which was prepared by Hon. Tommy Morris of the Frederick Knights of St. Andrew.

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, SGIG, joined the members of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew in presenting a check for \$14,000 to the Children's League to help provide free RiteCare services at four clinics in Cumberland, Oakland, Keyser, and Petersburg. SGIG Mills and MW Grand Master Frederick A. Spicer offered brief remarks acknowledging the success of RiteCare in the Western Maryland region and congratulating the Burns Night Committee on a successful event.



Members of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew raise a toast to the success of the 2023 Burns Night Fundraising Campaign as they prepare to welcome brethren and guests to the festive event.

The Toast to the Immortal Memory was offered by Maryland State Senator Michael McKay, who is also a member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Cumberland. The program concluded with a stirring Farewell to the Brethren by Master of Ceremonies Hon. Sam Lane and a chorus of Auld Lang Syne led by Ill. Jerome Robinette, Assistant Personal Representative

followed by a performance of traditional Celtic music by Lehigh Valley trio Fig for a Kiss

In addition, the Valley's annual Buck-A-Cup fundraiser generated \$3,000 in donations from patrons collected by area coffee shops and restaurants.

Next up for 2023 is our annual A-Thing-A-Jig Variety Show. This year's event will be held at Mezzos in Downtown





**TOP:** Hon. Tommy J. Morris of the Frederick Knights of St. Andrew prepared the delicious presentation of the Haggis for Burns Night and offered the Toast to Chef John McConnell. **BOTTOM:** Maryland State Senator Michael McKay, pictured here with his Lady Kimberly, delivered the Toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns and shared the story of his family's connection to Scotland.

Cumberland on Friday, May 12 and will feature entertainment by award-winning Bluegrass performer Loretta Hummel and Americana duo Greg Kerr and Harley Kuhn, magician Joe Kennedy, and more. Tickets are only \$10 and food and drinks will be available for purchase at Mezzos.

Following up on the tremendous success of 2022's Inaugural Debbie Friend Memorial Golf Scramble held at the Oakland Golf Club, Hon. Brent Lewis and Bro. Jason Finch – with critical support from Tammy Lewis - are presenting the 2nd Annual event on Saturday, September 23, 2023. This tournament in named in honor of Debbie Friend, who was a speech pathologist with the Children's League for many years and was instrumental in opening new clinics in Oakland and Keyser before losing a valiant fight with cancer in 2022. She always gave compassionate and informed treatment to the children in her care and was a constant partner in growing RiteCare in our region.

More information about registration and tickets for all of our events is available online at www.cumberlandscottishrite. org or by contacting Secretary-Registrar Robin Summerfield at 301-729-2491.



### **ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP**

News from the Cumberland Valley

### **Dwight Metcalf named 2022 Mason of Year**



pwight metcalf was recently recognized as 2022 Freemason of the Year by the Valley of Cumberland. Bro. Metcalf served two consecutive years as Venerable Master of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew throughout the challenging days of the pandemic. He successfully led efforts to keep members

engaged during the pandemic and to return the Chapter to productive in-person activity.

During Venerable Master Metcalf's term of office, the Knights of St. Andrew participated in several parades and other public events, including attending divine services on St. John's Days and for local Kirkin' of the

Tartan services. The Chapter gained several new members as a result of his outreach to both longtime and newly initiated brethren of the Rite. In 2022, Venerable Master Metcalf's vision to establish an annual event for the Chapter to celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew with a wild game dinner provided and prepared for by members ignited new energy into the Chapter. Most notably, his efforts to raise sponsorship funds for the annual Burns Night Fundraiser resulted in the development of a number of new supporters throughout the local area. Bro. Metcalf continues to serve the Valley as Master of Ceremonies of the Lodge of Perfection and as a member of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation Board of Directors.



**THE OFFICERS OF** the Cumberland Scottish Rite are blessed to have the strong support of their ladies and families.

Pictured together at Burns Night L to R: Sonya Cooper-Lathrop, wife of Venerable Master Mark Lathrop; Susie Miller, wife of departed Brother Gary Miller and a constant source of support; Ellen Hill, wife of Personal Representative Jamey Hill; Tammy Kalbflesh, wife of Treasurer James Kalbflesh, and Theresa Kerns, mother of KSA Venerable Master Michael Kerns.

### Donation presented to the Children's League

**MEMBERS OF THE** Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew present a donation of \$14,000 on behalf of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation to support the Children's League's local RiteCare Clinics.



Pictured L to R: Jamey Hill, Michael Kamauff, Brent Lewis, Mark Weatherholt, SGIG Marlin Mills, Tracy Green and Cathy Growden of the Children's League, Dwight Metcalf, Michael Kerns, and Mark Lathrop.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Contact President Jim Carraway for Info at 717-387-2311

All events at Cumberland Masonic Temple unless noted. Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Meets Monthly.

Cumberland Lodge of Perfection Monday, May 1 at 7:30 pm Oakland Masonic Temple Western Maryland Masonic Ladies Night Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 pm

A Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show Friday, May 12 at 6:00 pm Mezzos, 114 S. Centre Street, Cumberland **Cumberland Lodge of Perfection** Monday, May 15 at 7:30 pm

Strawberry Night Monday, June 5 at 6:30 pm

Family Picnic & Corn Roast Saturday, July 29 at 1:00 pm Summerfield Lane, Rawlings









### **Scottish Rite Winter 2022-23**























# Valley of Susquehanna—Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. CHARLES A. WHITE, 32°, KCCH-VENERABLE MASTER-ABERDEEN LODGE #187



confers the 4th through the 14th and are the ineffable degrees. It is the purpose of these degrees to find and contemplate the ineffable name of Deity. These degrees build on the legend of the Master Mason degree, and stories of the bible, which leads up to the building of King Solomon's Temple. The degrees are to impress more critical thought and teachings, thus building on our Masonic

education.

As we advance through the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, we learn that God has many names, God is Love, God is Merciful, and God is Just. Thus, as we search for the name of Deity, we discover something in ourselves. We find the light within to share with the world, thus making us better husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, and making us better men.

While in the 14th degree, we search for the true name of God in this deeply religious degree. Not dealing in a particular religious doctrine but encouraging each of us to worship God at an altar of our individual choice. Thus, we do not force one's religious beliefs on anyone, but we allow the brother to make a personal choice that more closely fits with his needs. Remembering "You Have the Key", always seek light and there will be no

darkness.

The spiritual roots of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and of our constant endeavor to attain that personal perfection of character is embodied in our concept of a loving Heavenly Father, a personal God that allows to worship as we see fit.

As the Valley of Susquehanna conferred the 4th and 14th degrees in February and, after speaking with the class, a lot of questions came up about the degrees, in turn the Wise Master Hon. Rich Thurfield, held a meet-up on line which helped answer a lot of questions the candidates had about the degrees. In turn, using technology and traditional teaching methods of the Rite, we were able to interact with our candidates and our membership and help keep the Scottish Rite moving in the right direction.





Valley of Baltimore Installation of Officers 2023







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# The Old Charges: The Regius Manuscript

Continued from previous issue

#### **FOUNDATION OF MASONRY BY EUCLID IN EGYPT**

In that time, through good geometry, this honest craft of good masonry was ordained and made in this manner, Counterfeited of these clerks together;

At these lord's prayers, they counterfeited geometry, And gave it the name of masonry, for the most honest craft of all. These lords' children thereto did fall, to learn of him the craft of geometry, the which he made full curiously; Through fathers' prayers and mothers' also, this honest craft he put them to. He learned best, and was of honesty, and passed his fellows in curiosity,

If in that craft he did him pass, he should have more worship than the less, this great clerk's name was Euclid, his name it spread full wonder wide. Yet this great clerk ordained he. To him that was higher in this degree, that he should teach the simplest of wit in that honest craft to be perfect. And so, each one shall teach the other, And love together as sister and brother.

Furthermore, yet that ordained he, Master called so should he be; So that he was most worshipped, then should he be so called; But masons should never one another call, within the craft amongst them all, Neither subject nor servant, my dear brother, though he be not so perfect as is another.

Each shall call other fellows by friendship, because they come of ladies' birth. On this manner, through good wit of geometry, Began first the craft of masonry. The clerk Euclid on this wise it found, this craft of geometry in Egypt land. In Egypt he taught it full wide, In divers' lands on every side; Many years afterwards, I understand, ere that the craft came into this land.

## INTRODUCTION OF MASONRY INTO ENGLAND UNDER KING ATHELSTANE

This craft came into England, as I you say, In time of good King Athelstane's day; He made then both hall and even bower, and high temples of great honour. To disport him in both day and night, and to worship his God with all his might. This good lord loved this craft full well, and purposed to strengthen it every part, For divers' faults that in the craft he found:

He sent about into the land. After all the masons of the craft, to come to him full even straight, for to amend these defaults all by good counsel, if it might fall. The Moral Duties, fifteen articles. An assembly then could let make of diver's lords in their state, dukes, earls, and barons also, knights, squires and many more, And the great burgesses of that city, they were there all in their degree;

There were there each one always, to ordain for these masons' estate, There they sought by their wit, How they might govern it; Fifteen articles they there sought, and fifteen points there they wrought, here begins the first article.

ter mason must be full securely both steadfast, trusty, and true, It shall him never then rue. And pay thy fellows after the cost, As victuals goeth then, well thou knowest; And pay them truly, upon thy faith, What they may deserve; And to their hire take no more, but what that they may serve for; And spare neither for love nor dread, of neither parties to take no bribe; Of lord nor fellow, whoever he be, of them thou take no manner of fee; And as a judge stand upright, And then thou dost to both good right; And truly do this wheresoever thou goest, thy worship, thy profit, it shall be most.

**SECOND ARTICLE.** The second article of good masonry, as you must it here hear specially, That every master, that is a mason, must be at the general congregation, So that he reasonably be told Where that the assembly shall be held; And to that assembly he must needs go, unless he have a reasonable excuse, Or unless he be disobedient to that craft Or with falsehood is overtaken, or else sickness hath him so strong, That he may not come them among; That is an excuse good and able, to that assembly without fable.

**THIRD ARTICLE.** The third article forsooth it is, That the master takes to no 'prentice, unless he have good assurance to dwell Seven years with him, as I you tell, His craft to learn, that is profitable. Within less he may not be able to lords' profit, nor to his own As you may know by good reason.

be, That the master him well be seen, that he no bondman 'prentice make, nor for no covetousness do him take; For the lord that he is bound to, may fetch the 'prentice wheresoever he go. If in the lodge he were taken, much disease it might there make, And such case it might befall, That it might grieve some or all. For all the masons that be there will stand together all together. If such one in that craft should dwell, Of divers' disease you might tell; For more ease then, and of honesty, take a 'prentice of higher degree. By old time written I find that the 'prentice should be of gentle kind; And so sometime, great lords' blood took this geometry that is full good.

**FIFTH ARTICLE.** The fifth article is very good, so that the 'prentice be of lawful blood; The master shall not, for no advantage, make no 'prentice that is deformed; It is mean, as you may hear that he have all his limbs whole all together; To the craft it was great shame, To make a halt man and a lame, For an imperfect man of such blood should do the craft but little good. Thus, you may know everyone, The craft would have a mighty man; A maimed man he hath no might, you must it know long ere night.

**SIXTH ARTICLE.** The sixth article you must not miss that the master do the lord no prejudice, To take the lord for his 'prentice, As much as his fellows do, in all wise. For in that craft, they be full perfect, so is not he, you must see it. Also, it were against good reason, to take his hire as his fellows do. This same article in this case, judgeth his prentice to take less than his fellows, that be full perfect. In divers' matters, know requite it, The master may his 'prentice so inform, That his hire may increase full soon, And ere his term come to an end, His hire may full well amend.

**SEVENTH ARTICLE.** The seventh article that is now here, full well will tell you all together, that no master for favour nor dread, shall no thief neither clothe nor feed. Thieves he shall harbour never one, nor him that hath killed a man, nor the same that hath a feeble name, lest it would turn the craft to shame.

**EIGHTH ARTICLE.** The eighth article showeth you so, that the master may it well do. If that he has any man of craft, and he be not so perfect as he ought, he may him change soon anon, and take for him a more perfect man. Such a man through recklessness, might do the craft scant worship.

**NINTH ARTICLE.** The ninth article showeth full well, that the master be both wise and strong; That he no work undertake, unless he can both it end and make; And that it be to the lords' profit also, And to his craft, wheresoever he go; And that the ground be well taken, that it neither flaw nor crack.

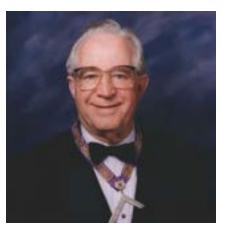
**TENTH ARTICLE.** The tenth article is for to know, Among the craft, to high and low, there shall no master supplant another, But be together as sister and brother.





# **Annual Report of the Grand Master—2001**

BY: MW BENNIE G. OWENS, 33°—ANNAPOLIS LODGE #89



IGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY Grand Master, Bro. John A. Young, Jr., Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests, Grand Lodge Officers and my BRETHERN ALL. It is an extreme pleasure to welcome each of you to this 215th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. We are appreciative that so many of you took time from your busy schedules to be present with us today. This is another great day in the history of the Grand Lodge of Maryland because our Supreme Creator has allowed us to end one term and begin another. It is now my privilege to report to you those things that I would deem pertinent to the preservation and dissemination of Freemasonry in our great state.

It gives me much personal satisfaction to be able to greet our distinguished brethren from other jurisdictions. We hope that Maryland hospitality is all

that you have hoped it to be. If it is not, please allow me to do those things that would improve it. To our home folks, may we continue to enjoy the benefits of brotherly love, relief, and truth as we have done in ages past. This is your Grand Lodge; the Grand Officers are only the custodians of the several duties and responsibilities that are a necessity to the daily operation of our fraternity. Thank you for allowing us that opportunity for a brief period. I hope that we have been good stewards of your time, your faith, and your valuable possessions.

As this report unfolds you will find that we have, despite our efforts, engaged in some human frailties that are a part of life. Please forgive any such transgressions. Alas, it is very difficult to solve every problem, especially to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. I must thank the Creator for helping me place the concerns of many above my or others personal desires. Thank you, brethren.

#### **NECROLOGY**

Our greatest loss is still that claimed by the inevitable hand of death. We are sad to report that 283 brethren have been removed from our mortal sight by this means. Among them are two of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters:

Brother Harvey T. Hopkins M.W.P. Grand Master 1983-1984 Warren Lodge No. 51 Date of death: September 18, 2001

Brother John McWilliams Smith M.W.P. Grand Master 1991–1992 Adherence Lodge No. 88 Date of death: October 24, 2001

This depletes our ranks of Past Grand Masters by three since I took office one year ago. As we dedicated our Semi-Annual communication to the memory of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John C. Naquin, so we dedicate this Annual communication to the memory of Past Grand Masters Harvey T. Hopkins and John McWilliams Smith. At this time, we would ask for a pause in this address while the Grand Chaplain Emeritus leads us in a brief memorial prayer. May we cherish their memories in our hearts.

Grand Chaplain Emeritus, Bro.
Lunda Laird: Our Gracious
Heavenly Father, we bow in
your presence remembering
those of our brethren who in the
past six months have gone on to
their rewards. We thank you for
their devotion to Masonry and
the precepts of what it stands for
and we know that they did their
best to present to the world and
those around them with what
Masonry is all about. While we
remember them, we would also

remember the ones they left behind for they are the ones most grieved by their passing and, when we reflect upon the certainty of death, it behooves us to be ready to answer the call when received from our Father in Heaven. Bless us all and may we always remember those that have given much of their time, probably more of their years in our behalf. In your Holy name, we pray. Amen.

#### **OPEN INSTALLATIONS**

Since Grand Master Larrimore issued dispensations allowing open installations, we have had some very enjoyable and informative programs to share with our families and friends. The response in the individual lodges was outstanding and I hope that the affect upon the communities was as great or greater than well-done memorial services.

Tomorrow night, for the first time in recent history, The Grand Lodge Officers will be installed by Past Grand Master Larrimore and the outgoing Grand Lodge Officers. Our guests will be an important tool in the promotion of our Great Fraternity.

#### **MASONIC FAMILY**

This section of my report at the Semi-Annual communication was entitled Collateral Bodies. I hope that the idea of Masonic Family will be more inclusive and better cement those good relationships that we are continuing to build.

Communications and longrange planning are the most important issues that we still need to address. We realize that conflicts are inevitable, however, wouldn't it be great if each organization had some advance notice of the tentative plans of each other. I have submitted a monthly listing from the 15th of each month through November 2002 of those known coming events as a tentative guide in planning to several of the other Grand Bodies. Maybe during the next term, we can improve that distribution and get some of the other groups to join in.

I have been well treated, pampered, dined, and extended brotherly love by so many of our Masonic related organizations that I feel extremely fortunate each day just to be alive. If I haven't personally thanked each one responsible, it is only because time and energy has not allowed it to happen. What a great fraternity we belong to brethren, and it is not limited to the Blue Lodges only. If I started listing all these organizations, I would probably leave out some of the important ones. Ladies, youth, brethren, and any individual affected by these groups, know what you have done to make Freemasonry a better organization and we appreciate it so very much.

#### **PLURAL MEMBERSHIP**

Plural membership has helped some lodges with additional officers and allowed them to operate. Plural membership is necessary for the ongoing of Bonnie Blink Daylight Lodge and John Coats Memorial Lodge. We do, however, have one important problem that must be addressed. There is no provision in the Plural Membership Legislation that deals with a change in membership in your primary lodge. It simply states that suspension for non-payment of dues, in a plural membership lodge, has no bearing on any other lodge. Being a plural member does not automatically retain your membership as a member of a Maryland Lodge if you demit or otherwise lose your membership in your primary lodge. I will submit an edict stating that loss of membership in your primary lodge by demit or other reason will automatically terminate your plural membership in all Maryland Lodges and that (for the sake of a paper trail) you must petition another Maryland Lodge for regular membership within 90 days to maintain your status as a Maryland Mason. For those brethren who have inadvertently been caught in this trap, they will be given until March 31, 2002, to correct this or lose their membership in Maryland. This edict will be supported by a

This edict will be supported by a resolution or change in the constitution to be voted on at the Semi-Annual communication in May of 2002.

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### GUIDELINES FOR HOLDING COMPANIES

Several lodges find themselves in difficult situations because of various corporations, companies, associations that own, manage or otherwise control the buildings where lodges meet. I have asked the Chairman of our Jurisprudence Committee to study this problem and establish guidelines for the various lodges to use to avoid some of the problems that habitually occur. A lodge must, if membership in the holding corporations is predicated on lodge membership, have some authority and some responsibility to the Grand Lodge. Please assist us in preparing a uniform code of Masonic ethics in dealing with this situation.

#### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Grand Lodge Office, together with the Board of Managers and Board of Trustees, have tried to exhibit responsibility in dealing with the finances of this Grand Lodge. Unfortunately, in order to live within the budgetary requirements we must discontinue or charge for some of the items and services that we have been able to furnish in the past. Our membership continues to decrease. The returns on our investment that may be used without the vote of Grand Lodge are limited. To avoid an increase in per-capita, we must resort to those methods of conservation

that seem prudent. Fifty-, Sixty- and Seventy-year caps are now available from the Grand Lodge at a cost of \$7.50 each. If mailing is necessary, the lodge will be charged postage.

Submit your orders to the Grand Lodge Office for those you would like to present to your members. It is necessary for EACH LODGE TO REPORT IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY those individuals who have been ELECTED to receive these service awards so that an adequate supply can be on hand to meet our needs. Brethren, this affects our budget and must be made known to the Grand Lodge on time. Please review the financial reports for more details.

#### **METHOD OF VOTING**

Each lodge is and has been required to report to Grand Lodge with the Semi-Annual reports those who would represent the lodge at the next Annual or Semi-Annual communication. To speed up our voting, the preregistration is necessary.

Please assist us in accomplishing this program or we can return to the old roll call and continue to waste your time. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, or Deputy Grand Master. Thank you for your help and understanding. We hope that after the small bugs are removed, we will have a more efficient method of preparing our ballots.

### MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND

With each meeting, the cooperation between the Grand Lodge and this board becomes better and better. In response to the September 11th disaster, Grand Lodge and Masonic Charities of Maryland have joined together in making contributions through the Grand Lodge of New York to care for the orphans of that tragedy. The annual scholarships have been awarded in all the political subdivisions of Maryland and the activity of the Drug and Alcohol abuse programs continue. We thank this dedicated board for their service on behalf of our Grand Lodge.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

This is still a very active board. All the apartments are at present occupied. The new assisted living units on the Terrace level are ready to be occupied, we have had some temporary occupants, but they have since been moved to health care. Our resident count still varies between 125 and 130. We are in the process of engaging a full-time administrator.

Miss Wendy Warner resigned as of June 1st and Mr. Garrett Falcone has been our interim administrator since that time. The board is doing a good job of establishing fees, programs, and the other duties that from time to time require its attention.

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# **Valley of Baltimore**

BY: BRO. JEFFREY A. VILKAS, 32°—CRESCENT LODGE #240

#### **GOOD DAY MY BROTHERS!**

I'd like to tell you a little about myself before I tell you who I am. I guess the best place to start is the beginning. I was born to an immigrant mother and a New York born father in May of 1908 and was the youngest of two children. As a young boy, I joined DeMolay in my hometown in California. Many years later, I was honored by being inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame. I am getting ahead of myself though. I graduated from Lincoln High when I was 19 and that same year became the youngest conductor in the country and traveled the West Coast conducting for a short time. That, however, wasn't my calling at all. At a very young age, I started manipulating my voice and thought I could fit in somewhere doing just that, but

time would tell.

In 1927, I started in radio doing voices on a radio show which was great fun. In 1930-31, I joined Mid Day Lodge #188 in Portland Oregon but became very busy soon after, so I never sat in any chair. I moved to the City of Angels in 1932 where I met the love of my life. She didn't know it yet, but I was going to marry her someday. A few years later I did, and we were blessed with a son. After a few moves back and forth from Portland to Los Angeles, she convinced me to stay there, which was the best thing I could have done.

In 1936, I took a gig working for a production company that produced comic shorts. Apparently, I made a big splash because a year later I got my "big break" which lasted 23 years until my exclusive contract ran out. However, I still did voice work after that but also worked for Hanna-Barbera. I became the first voice guy to receive an onscreen credit, which in those days was unheard of.

In 1951, I became a Scottish Rite Mason in the valley of Los Angeles and joined the Al Malaikah Shrine. All of this made me who I was, a radio guy who worked in television and movies. Most of all, I voiced over 400 cartoon characters. I laid my working tools down on July 10, 1989, in California due to health issues and complications of smoking all my life.

Brothers, if you haven't guessed me yet, my name is Melvin Jerome Blank aka Mel Blanc and "That's All Folks"

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Thank you, Board of Trustees, for a job well done.

#### **BOARD OF MANAGERS**

This board has made great strides in fiscal management and building supervision. We are receiving income from the rentals of the banquet hall and other facilities that have enabled us to balance our budget. Thanks to the efforts of our late board member Al Lewis, we have been able to establish a better cash flow system. We will greatly miss Brother Al and his subtle way of keeping our dollars in line. Bro. Lewis has been replaced on the board by Bro. W. Raymond Bosley as our financial watchdog. This board continues to watch the development of the property adjacent to the Grand

Lodge property as they prepare to build a group of townhouses. We appreciate the efforts of this board and their dedication to our Grand Lodge.

#### **GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

As the 2001 Grand Line leaves office tomorrow, there will be much sadness because of the close fellowship that they have developed.

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# **Upcoming Events**

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Saturday, August 12th	. Lobsterfest	l
Wednesday, September 6th	Albert Pike LOP 6:30pm Dinner	
Wednesday, September 13th	. Meredith CRC 6:30pm Dinner	
Wednesday, September 20th	Maryland Council of Kadosh	ı
Thursday, September 21st	. Susquehanna—4th & 5th	l
Thursday, September 21st	Frederick—Council Festive Board	I
Wednesday, September 27th	. Chesapeake Consistory 6:30pm Dinner	
Saturday, September 30th	. Orient Honors Day	
Wednesday, October 4th	. Baltimore—Fall Class Orientation 6:30pm Dinner	
Wednesday, October 11th	Baltimore—4th & 5th7pm	I
Wednesday, October 18th	. Baltimore—11th & 13th	l
Thursday, October 19th	Susquehanna—15th & 18th7pm	I
Thursday, October 19th	. Frederick—LOP	l
Wednesday, October 25th	Baltimore—14th & 15th7pm	I
Saturday, October 28th	. Frederick—Reunion Day7am	l
Wednesday, November 1st	Baltimore—18th & 20th7pm	l
Saturday, November 4th	. Reunion Day (Baltimore)	!
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#### **CHARLES COUNTY VALLEY**

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#### **CUMBERLAND VALLEY**

Meets on Monday 7:30 P.M.

**Masonic Temple** 

15-21 Green Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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