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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°



*I WISH EVERYONE
THE BLESSINGS OF
A HEALTHY, HAPPY
SUMMER
UNTIL WE
MEET AGAIN
THIS FALL*

GREETINGS to one and all. I hope this issue of our Rite News finds you well and enjoying the warmer days of spring. As I write this article, it is 23°, and we have about 5 inches of snow on the ground. However, I look forward to spring, fresh air, and the start of a new season.

Even a new beginning for our Scottish Rite. Our Spring One-Day class was a great new start for the Orient of Maryland. There were over 70 new candidates across the Orient.

I want to say congratulations to each of our new brothers, and I sincerely hope that each of you will return as often as possible. Meet new brothers and families, get involved in the many activities in any one of the Seven Valleys in Maryland. I also want to say thank you to all who participated in the degree work, property, robing, lighting, and the many other activities, and for all the work you did to make this class a great success.

This year, we will celebrate two specific milestones in the history of this great nation. On the 4th of July, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence for this great country.

Also, this year, we will celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite (Mother Supreme Council of the World).

Our Supreme Council was established on May 31st, 1801, in Charleston, South Carolina.

To celebrate these significant events, there will be an in-house Family Day picnic with music, games, and of course, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, and watermelon.

Please put June 13th at 2:00 PM on your calendar and join us as we celebrate these two most significant and important milestones for our country and our Scottish Rite. I think you will enjoy the day.

In closing. I once again want to say thank you and congratulations to those from our Spring class.

May I also wish each of you a safe, healthy, and wonderful spring and summer season, and I look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

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





Valley of Baltimore

BY: ILL. JOHN W. BRODBECK, JR., 33° – PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



A S I WRITE THIS TODAY, I wish you all good health and happiness and I am hoping we see some weather bringing our temperatures above freezing to get the snow and ice melting away. We had a real nice Installation of Officers, and our Lodges are doing nice work.

One thing we are seeing is our newest Scottish Rite Masons from the last class are coming back! Coming back to get more out of Masonry. In my travels to different Lodges on Degree nights, I will add to many of the Brothers no matter the Degree; “Masonry is there for you, what you want to put into it, you’ll get

that much more out of it”.

We are fast approaching our one-day class this year in honor of the late Ill. Wm. Raymond Boley, Jr., 33°. We have not had a one-day class for four years, but we understand it’s hard for Brothers who work shift work to commit to several Wednesday nights in a row. This is your chance to become a Scottish Rite Mason. The one-day class is still a lot of work, practicing the degree, lighting, sound, property and director of work all need to be involved to make this a huge success and I wish to personally thank these

I hope to see you around the Temple

Brothers now for their time and efforts making your Scottish Rite successful.

A couple of dates to place on your calendars, May 21st will be our last Rite Cheer Club Luncheon until the fall, another of our important dates is celebrating our Country’s 250th Anniversary. On June 13th will be our Celebration of 250 Years of Independence & also 225 Years of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite with

a cookout here at the Temple Banquet Room. Come out for a burger/dog and a cold drink, games, and fellowship. The cost will be a donation and the money raised will go towards our Elevator Fund. Our Lobsterfest is August 8th, this is always a sellout so please make sure you contact the Scottish Rite Office to make your reservations. September starts our fall degrees; the 2nd will be our Lodge of Perfection and each week thereafter with our constituent bodies, then our Fall Class will start on October 7th with orientation and conclude on November 7th with Reunion Day and Ring Ceremony the following day.

Lastly, don’t forget we have Scottish Rite Clubs around the State. Their events are posted on the online calendar. Also, if you want to become more involved with the Scottish Rite on a degree team, behind the scenes with lighting, sound, robing or property room; please let us know how you want to be involved.

I hope to see you around the Temple in the upcoming events.

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The Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. EARLE D. BENSON, 32°, KCCH—VENERABLE MASTER



***Everyone understands
that something
important is about to
take place...***

carpeted, but terrazzo. Chandeliers hung from the ceilings, and portraits of past S.G.I.G.s lined the walls. The auditorium — need I say more? Cavernous.

Since joining the Scottish Rite in 2016, I have come to realize that it is far larger and more profound than I ever imagined.

Whether you are seated on the sidelines watching a degree or participating in one, there is a nervous energy in the room. The stage crew sets the scene with the proper furnishings for the degree. The lighting department dims the lights and produces thunder and lightning at precisely the right moments. The sound technician adjusts the microphones so the cast can be heard, while the cast members themselves silently hope they do not miss a line. The Brethren observe with intent. Everyone is focused. Everyone is prepared. Everyone understands that something important is about to take place.

The 4°, Secret Master, reminds us that our obligations are not temporary. The lessons presented emphasize fidelity to our promises and integrity in our daily lives. A Mason is expected to be

the same man outside the lodge as he is within it — governed by honor, truth, and personal responsibility. It teaches that our word, once given, must mean something, and that character is built not in moments of convenience, but in moments of decision.

The 14°, Perfect Elu, expands that idea even further. It teaches reverence for truth and the pursuit of moral excellence. A Brother is encouraged to seek wisdom, to govern his passions, and to live a life guided by justice and fairness. The degree reminds us that perfection is not something we attain in a day, but something we continually strive toward. It is less about reaching a destination and more about committing to a lifelong journey of improvement.

For the candidates of the Spring Class, even observing these degrees from the sidelines offers an important lesson. You begin to see that the Scottish Rite is not simply something you join, but something you experience. Often the lessons are found not only in the words spoken on the stage, but also in the effort, preparation, and dedication of the Brothers who bring the degrees to life. Watching the cast, the stage crew, and the lighting and sound — all working together — shows that Masonry itself is a shared labor.

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ONCE I BECAME A MASTER Mason, I remember thinking, “This is it — I’m in my comfort zone.” By that I mean you learn your lodge so well that it becomes second nature. You attend your stated communications, sit in the same general area for each meeting, and break bread with the same Brothers. With some certainty, you could even sketch the room on a piece of paper because you have been in it so many times.

I came through the Scottish Rite in the one-day Fall Class of 2016. The moment I stepped onto the grounds of the Scottish Rite building at 3800 North Charles Street, that comfort disappeared. I was greeted by an Illustrious 33° Brother in the parking lot, directing me where to park. I climbed the massive steps and entered through two enormous metal doors. The floors were not



Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

BY: ILL. RICHARD E. THURFIELD, JR., 33° – WISE MASTER



ORIGINALLY the Prince of Jerusalem degree was part of Stephen Morin's Order of the Royal Secret and historically, Councils of Princes of the Royal Secret acted as administrative governing body within that twenty-five-degree system and could grant charters to Lodges of Perfection. Like the rest of the degrees, what we now call the 16° came to the American colonies by way of Henry Andrew Franken and the administrative authority once held by the Council of Princes was absorbed by the Supreme Council in Charleston at its formation in 1801.

Our Brothers in the NMJ still maintain the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem as a standalone body within the Valley, but during his tenure as Sovereign Grand Commander, Albert Pike decided to add both the 15° and 16° into the Chapter Rose Croix to reduce the burden on Valleys to maintain

a separate council and group of officers. He also felt that it created a good philosophical story arc. Whereas the 15th and 16th degrees focus on the physical building of the second temple at Jerusalem, the 17th and 18th degrees focus on the building of the spiritual temple. Pike felt this made the four degrees ideal companions for one another and would better prepare candidates for the more spiritual and philosophical work that was ahead in the Scottish Rite Canon.

One of the chief admonishments of the 16° is that we are to provide aid of whatever kind to our fellow Princes of Jerusalem. But the question is, how do we do that?

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Most of us are ready, willing and able to assist a brother. But often in life we wait until someone asks us for help before extending a hand. The reasons are many. Usually, it is because we don't want to hurt someone's pride by noticing when they are struggling.

But as Princes of Jerusalem, we are honor bound to provide support when needed. We have all struggled at some point and we have all seen some of our

Brothers struggling. Whether a man is burdened by financial issues, having difficulties at work, suffering with health troubles, or just overwhelmed with Masonic commitments, our role should be to offer assistance even if it is just in the form of a kind word or prayer.

We don't need to solve anyone's problems in full, pay their bills or try to intervene in family or professional drama. Above all, we don't need to offer unsolicited life advice to anyone.

My choice when I see a Brother who I suspect is having a tough time, is to reach out and say "I have been thinking of you. How are you? Is there anything I can help you with?". In this way, I am not assuming anyone's troubles or making assumptions about them. But I am offering, as a Prince of Jerusalem, to make good on the promises I made at the altar while not wounding anyone's pride.

What do you do when you see a Brother who may need encouragement or other support? How do you handle this situation in your life? As a Prince of Jerusalem and a good Scottish Rite Mason, give this some thought and please come to our next Chapter Rose Croix meeting and share your thoughts with me.



**Annual
Scottish Rite**

Maine Lobster Fest

Saturday, August 8, 2026

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Scottish Rite Temple

3800 North Charles Street

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per person

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Cole Slaw

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Maryland Council of Kadosh

BY: HON. ROY L. RAFTER, JR., 32°, KCCH—COMMANDER



GREETINGS BRETHREN.
As we continue reflecting on the philosophical and chivalric teachings connected with the Council of Kadosh, I'd like to revisit the lessons of the 20° — Master of the Symbolic Lodge — and its central theme: living by truth, justice, and toleration in both conduct and conversation.

At its core, this degree challenges us to make our lives meaningful. It calls us to be thoughtful in how we treat others and to carry ourselves with dignity at all times. Listen patiently.

Consider things carefully and without bias. Then decide fairly. Our behavior should consistently reflect the values of our fraternity and the standards of Freemasonry.

We are encouraged to live in a way that earns respect for our moderation, fairness, and integrity. Whether in discussion at home, in public, in business, or in any forum, we should never abandon courtesy or charity. Passion has its place, but there should be no bitterness, harsh words, or personal attacks. If, after thoughtful reflection, you believe your position is right, stand firm — but express your views with fairness and respect, never in a way that belittles or wounds another person's dignity.

Equally important is humility. As human beings, we will make mistakes. The true work of a Master of the Symbolic Lodge is not just to judge others fairly, but to honestly examine one's own words, actions, and motives. Self-reflection is essential. By recognizing our faults, we give ourselves the

opportunity to grow and do better moving forward.

Your duty is not only to uphold the dignity and laws of the Craft, but to live in a way that honors the trust placed in you. The symbols, furnishings, and teachings of the Lodge are constant reminders of these responsibilities. The Holy Bible on our altar reminds us of our obligations and of the higher accountability by which all actions are ultimately measured.

So the question remains: Are you making your life count? Are your actions, both in person and online, reflecting positively on our fraternity? In today's world — whether driving with Masonic emblems on your vehicle or posting on social media — your conduct is always visible.

Let us live with the awareness that we represent the fraternity at all times, and strive to do so with dignity, fairness, and integrity in every aspect of our daily lives.

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Spring 2026 Festive Board



Chesapeake Consistory

BY: HON. J. BRADLEY THOMAS, 32°, KCCH— MASTER OF KADOSH



I N MY FIRST ARTICLE, I

talked about inculcating; now let's talk about charity.

As I write this article, we are in the midst of scholarship application season. Costs have risen tremendously since I was in college. I paid \$2700 a year at a private college, and the University of Maryland cost \$600! Students face higher expenses for pursuing higher education, exceeding \$100,000 over four years. Additionally, we live in a time of food scarcity, with many families unable to feed themselves. Jobs have been lost. All this in a country where many have excess money and time.

I have heard that Masonry assisted many families in the past. In some communities, we were the go-to group for assistance. We built hospitals and places for our aged members. We were known in the community for what

we did. We had a presence!

Today, I am not certain if, as a whole, the public knows we exist. Let us be more visible about who we are and what we do. For example, I know of several Lodges that have created a presence in their respective communities by assisting at schools and community centers. One Lodge found out by accident that a student did not have good shoes; they bought some, not just for that student but for others as well. Lodges support food banks by donating hundreds of dollars for food and essentials. Our Lodge has, for the past two years, held back-to-school drives in which members supplied various school items suggested by the teachers. What is your Lodge doing to make a name for itself?

The more we get out into the community and let them know we are not two-headed monsters, the more visible we can become. I surmise that if we get involved in schools, communities, churches, food banks, etc., our image will improve.

Charity is more than giving money; it can also be giving of our time. There are many organizations and efforts where a warm body in the building can be as effective. For example, Baltimore County schools have an Office of Family and Community Engagement where you can participate and receive communications.

If your Lodge is in a different county, contact them to see what avenues they have if you desire to participate.

I have spoken with many prospects, and many mentioned they want to get involved in the community. If we have specific opportunities to mention, they may join our Lodge; if we don't, they may not.

What are you doing in the realm of charity? If you are doing nothing, consider some of the examples I mentioned above. If you and your Lodge are very active, thank you. It is your efforts that make us stronger as a group.

Remember, "...Charity to all mankind. The greatest of these is Charity; for our Faith may be lost in sight, Hope ends in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave, though the boundless realm of Eternity." Let us continue to live and act in accordance with what we are taught and begin or continue doing charitable work, not just to grow our membership, but to help the community in their time of need.

What are you doing in the realm of charity?





ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

Preserving Our Legacy, Building Our Future

VISITORS to the Cumberland Masonic Temple in the months ahead will notice both visible enhancements and important upgrades quietly working behind the scenes. With the assistance of a generous loan from the Grand Lodge of Maryland through its Blue Lodge Support Fund, the Temple has undertaken a series of projects designed to strengthen the building's long-term sustainability, efficiency, and usability.

Among the most significant improvements—though largely unseen—is the installation of insulation in the expansive attic above the Lodge Room. For years, dramatic temperature fluctuations contributed to rising energy costs and ongoing deterioration of plaster and painted surfaces. By stabilizing the climate in this space, the new insulation protects the historic interior while improving overall energy efficiency.

Another transformative but less visible initiative is the comprehensive renovation of the fourth floor. Once used as a locker room in decades past, this area has been reimaged as a fully climate-controlled meeting and rehearsal space. As activity within the Temple continues to grow, lodges, appendant bodies, and

youth groups increasingly need functional space for instruction and preparation. The renovation includes new windows for improved security and efficiency, installation of modern electrical and HVAC systems, updated lighting, insulation, drywall, and the refinishing of the original hardwood floors. The result is a practical, attractive space that supports the expanding work of our Masonic family.

During the winter recess, contractors also addressed areas of failing plaster in the ballroom, completing necessary repairs and



repainting to preserve the integrity and appearance of this heavily used gathering space.

The most visible enhancements are evident on the building's exterior. Restoration and repointing of masonry on the front facade and porch have strengthened and refreshed the Temple's historic presence. In addition, the installation of a modernized foyer at the Cherry Lane entrance has significantly improved accessibility,

security, and the overall experience for members and guests attending events. This project was made possible in large part through the generosity of a private donor whose support has left a lasting mark on the building.

Equally important to these improvements is the extraordinary contribution of our volunteers. Many Brethren and friends have given generously of their time and labor—assisting with demolition, hauling debris, preparing surfaces, painting, deep cleaning, and countless other tasks that make professional work possible and stretch every dollar entrusted to the project. Their quiet dedication reflects the very principles our Temple was built to embody: shared labor, stewardship, and pride in our common home. Without their efforts, much of this progress would not have been possible.

The Temple Board of Directors continues to evaluate additional preservation and improvement initiatives to ensure that this historic structure remains a vibrant center of Masonic life for generations to come. Those who wish to assist in this ongoing effort are encouraged to contact Temple Treasurer Robin Summerfield at 301-729-2491 to learn more about giving opportunities through the Temple Restoration Campaign.



Labor Paused, Fellowship Renewed

SUMMER provides a welcome change of pace—an opportunity for our members, family, and friends to gather in relaxed fellowship while our lodges pause from their usual labors. We encourage you to take full advantage of these occasions and to invite those close to you to share in the camaraderie.

Our annual Strawberry Night, a cherished Masonic tradition marking the arrival of summer (and strawberry season), will be held on Monday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall of the Cumberland Masonic Temple. Fried chicken, fresh strawberries, and ice cream will be provided. Guests are invited to bring a covered dish or salad to contribute to

the evening's shared table.

The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew will once again represent the Rite at the Garrett County Celtic Festival, held in Friendsville on Saturday, June 6. The Knights have faithfully served as the Festival's honor guard for many years and were recognized as the Honored Clan in 2024. This public event draws visitors from across the region, and the Knights look forward to welcoming members, family, and friends to their tent throughout the day.

On Sunday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m., the members of the Cumberland Scottish Rite will attend divine services in observance of the Festival of St. John the Baptist at Christ Lutheran Church. All Masons, along with their family and friends, are warmly invited to join in worship, followed by an in-

formal lunch at a local restaurant.

Finally, the Scottish Rite Family Picnic and Corn Roast will take place on Saturday, July 11, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jamie Summerfield and Linda Summerfield in Rawlings. This annual gathering promises an afternoon of good food and fellowship. Fried chicken and a selection of meats will be provided; attendees are asked to bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert to share.

We look forward to spending these summer days together in friendship and fraternity.



Mark Pelletier Rising Star

Bro. Mark Pelletier, 32° received the Rising Star Award in recognition of his active involvement in his Lodge and the Scottish Rite as a new member of the fraternity. Bro. Pelletier was raised to the degree of Master Mason in February 2024. He has shown great passion for the craft in the Scottish Rite as well as in his blue lodge where he serves as Treasurer. Since joining the Rite in October 2024, he has served as projectionist for the degree conferrals. In addition, he currently serves as Junior Warden of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Senior Deacon of the Knights of St. Andrew, and as the Valley's Assistant Secretary.





ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP



Above L-R: Valley Secretary-Registrar III. Robin Summerfield, 33° was named 2025 Scottish Rite Freemason of the Year for his dedicated service to the Valley of Cumberland, area blue lodges, and other Masonic organizations. III. Mark Weatherholt, 33°, Venerable Master of the Cumberland Lodge of Perfection, was recognized for his willingness to take on any task at a moment's notice to support the success of the Rite and his lodge. From filling in for absent cast members or officers to planning major events or carrying out projects around the Temple, Mark is always ready to serve. Hon. Jamie Summerfield, 32°, KCCH was recognized as Unsung Hero for his countless hours behind the scenes in support of the Valley of Cumberland, his blue lodge, and the Cumberland Temple. **Below:** Officers of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew and guests celebrate the Piping of the Haggis during the 20th Annual Robert Burns Night. Pictured on stage L to R: Junior Warden Bro. Timothy E. Friend, 32°; Marshall Bro. Stephen J. Gray, 32°; Sword Bearer Hon. Mark E. Lathrop, 32°, KCCH; Senior Warden Bro. Christopher D. Ackerman, 32°; Chef John McConnell; and Pipe Major Andrew Donlon



UPCOMING EVENTS

All events at the Cumberland Masonic Temple unless noted

Cumberland Lodge of Perfection
Monday, May 4 at 7:30 pm

Cumberland Council of Kadosh
Monday, May 18 at 7:30 pm

Cumberland Strawberry Night
Monday, June 1 at 6:30 pm

Garrett County Celtic Festival
Saturday, June 6 at 9:00 am
Friendsville Town Park



Knights of St. Andrew Deliver \$18,000 to Support RiteCare

The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew and the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation hosted another successful Robert Burns Night campaign to support local RiteCare programs in 2026. Thanks to the generous support of local businesses and individual sponsors, the 20th Annual event raised \$18,000 for the Valley’s Rite-Care clinic partner, The Children’s League, during the festive celebration of Scotland’s Bard. The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation presented an additional check to the Children’s League for \$750 that was raised as part of the Valley’s 2025 Fall Bird Hunt.



Pictured L to R: 2025 KSA Venerable Master Bro. Brett T.J. Bean, 32°; KSA Advisor Hon. Dwight C. Metcalf, 32°, KCCH; Orient of MD Executive Director III. Frederick A. Spicer, 33°, GC; Children’s League Executive Director Cathy Growden; Valley of Cumberland Secretary-Registrar III. Robin L. Summerfield, 33°; Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation Vice President Bro. Richard E. Haines, 32°; and Valley of Cumberland Personal Representative III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°

<p>Children’s League Golf Tournament Friday, June 19 Cumberland Country Club</p>	<p>St. John the Baptist Divine Services Sunday, June 21 at 10:00 am Christ Lutheran Church, Lavale</p>	<p>Scottish Rite Family Picnic and Corn Roast Saturday, July 11 at 1:00 pm 15413 Summerfield Ln, Rawlings</p>
	<p>KSA Robert Burns Committee Kickoff Meeting Monday, June 29 at 6:00 pm</p>	



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Valley of Frederick

BY: ILL. TOMMY J. MORRIS, 33° - PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



LEADERSHIP IN MASONRY is never without challenge. Each term brings unexpected trials, along with lingering issues that demand continued attention. To lead well requires preparation, perseverance, and a clear understanding of purpose.

A leader must possess vision, commitment, and passion—qualities that sustain him in both success and adversity. He must serve not only as an administrator, but as a coach, mentor, and example. These principles align closely with the mission of the Scottish Rite, which exists to take good Masons and help make them better through education, reflection, and service.

Brethren, as leaders within the Scottish Rite and Maryland Masonry, our foremost responsibility is to inspire men to seek Light and then provide them meaningful opportunities to grow.

One challenge we all continue to face is membership. Rebuilding our fraternity cannot be postponed. It must begin with intentional action by its leaders.

The Scottish Rite is uniquely positioned to support this effort. Through thoughtful communication and genuine Brotherly Love, we can strengthen bonds with our members. Simple gestures—acknowledging anniversaries, checking in with Brethren, or inviting them to well-planned events—remind them that they are valued and remembered. Staying connected must be deliberate.

Leadership in Masonry is never without challenge

Equally important is how we use our time together. Meetings and reunions must be purposeful and engaging. The Scottish Rite thrives when its degrees are well-executed, its programs are educational, and its gatherings inspire reflection. Quality presentations, meaningful ritual, and recognition of long service provide powerful opportunities to involve families, friends, and prospective members.

Younger men are searching for organizations grounded in values, integrity, and personal development. The Scottish Rite offers

exactly that—but we must invite conversation, welcome new ideas, and encourage participation. These men bring energy and creativity, and with proper guidance they will become our future leaders.

Mentorship is essential. Every new Mason and Scottish Rite member should be guided beyond the degree experience. Education—whether through Valley programs or the Maryland Masonic Academy—must reinforce our teachings and help members apply them in daily life.

Brother George Washington reminded us that the great aim of Masonry is to make a man better. This work does not happen quickly. It requires dedication and faithful labor upon the rough ashlar of character.

Brethren, the work continues, but we are confident that under the Sovereign Grand Inspector General's guidance, the Scottish Rite and Maryland Masonry will continue to flourish.





AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS TEA PARTY

June 7 | 2:00pm

6816 Blentlinger Road, Frederick, MD
(Frederick Masonic Temple)

Calling all adventurous gentlemen and ladies! Join us for a delightful afternoon and culinary expedition over the continents and oceans. Delicious teas, sweets, savories, silent auction, raffle, and other surprises.

Kindly RSVP by May 25th

Fare: \$25

Reserve your place via QR code or ticketing link:
<https://KSALATea2026.eventbrite.com>



You may also post your reply
(check payable to KSALA) to:
Susan Shrank, 108 North Pointe Terrace,
Middletown, MD 21769



This annual event is hosted by the Frederick Knights of St. Andrew Ladies Auxiliary. All proceeds benefit Frederick County, Scottish Rite & other Maryland charities. Questions? email: KSALadiesAux@gmail.com



Masonic Memorial Services and the Duty of Attendance

BRO. DAVID R. SANDY, 32° - VALLEY OF BALTIMORE

FREEMASONRY is built upon timeless principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Among the most sacred traditions within the Fraternity is the Masonic Memorial Service, a solemn ceremony honoring the life and legacy of a departed Brother. This service stands as one of the most meaningful expressions of the Masonic bond, serving not only as a tribute to the deceased but also as a powerful reminder to the living of the values they have pledged to uphold. Attendance at these services is not merely a courtesy; it is a profound obligation rooted in the very heart of what it means to be a Mason.

The Masonic Memorial Service is far more than a funeral rite. It is a carefully crafted ceremony that celebrates the virtues a Brother embodied during his earthly journey. It reminds all present that every Mason is engaged in building a spiritual temple—one that endures beyond the limits of mortal life. The service honors the Brother's commitment to the Craft, and it places his life within the broader context of the Masonic tradition, affirming that the bonds formed at the altar of Freemasonry are not severed by death. In this way, the ceremony provides comfort to the grieving family, assuring them that their loved one's contributions

and character are cherished and remembered by an entire Brotherhood.

Attendance at a Masonic Memorial Service carries deep significance for several reasons. First, it fulfills a fundamental promise a Mason makes to his Brethren. Death represents the final passage, and a Brother's presence at the memorial service is the last act of fraternal devotion he can render. To be absent without cause is to leave a sacred promise unfulfilled. When a Lodge gathers in full strength to honor a fallen Brother, it sends an unmistakable message: this man mattered, his life had purpose, and his Brotherhood stood with him to the very end.

Second, attendance provides essential comfort and support to the family of the deceased. For many families, seeing a room filled with men wearing the lambskin apron—the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason—is a deeply moving experience. It demonstrates that their loved one was part of something larger than himself, a Fraternity that genuinely cared for him and continues to care for those he left behind. The presence of the Lodge at a memorial service often leaves a lasting impression on the family, reinforcing the idea that Freemasonry is not merely an organization but a way

of life defined by compassion and fidelity.

Third, the memorial service serves as a vital moment of reflection for the living. The language reminds every Mason in attendance of the fleeting nature of life and the importance of living each day with integrity, charity, and purpose. It calls upon the Brethren to examine their own conduct and rededicate themselves to the principles of the Craft. In a world filled with distractions and competing obligations, the memorial service provides a rare opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect with the values that drew each man to Freemasonry in the first place. The lessons conveyed during the ceremony—about mortality, virtue, and the hope of immortality—are among the most powerful teachings the Fraternity offers.

Furthermore, strong attendance at memorial services strengthens the Lodge itself. A Lodge that faithfully honors its departed members demonstrates unity, discipline, and genuine care for one another. This visible commitment inspires newer members and reinforces the culture of the Lodge as one built on mutual respect and devotion. Conversely, poor attendance can erode morale and send a discouraging signal to the family and community that the bonds of Brotherhood

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Valley of Susquehanna

BY: MATTHEW W. BOWERS, 32°—VENERABLE MASTER, CHESAPEAKE LODGE OF PERFECTION



IN MY CAPACITY as an actual employee of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, the greatest part of it is access. Access to the House of The Temple, access to countless resources for learning, but most important, access to people. Not that any other member of our fraternity doesn't have access to the leadership of the organization, but for me it's just an elevator ride away, followed by a knock at the door (preferably 3).

So, when my term as Venerable Master of the Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection for the Valley of Susquehanna drew closer, I employed this access to my advantage and with my "go big or go home" mentality, I simply asked, "Grand Commander, what's your schedule look like for a visit to my Valley?" A short conversation ensued, and a date was set.

Here we go...

The last time an SGC visited the Valley was when it received its charter, roughly around 2012-2013, during the term of The Illustrious Ronald Seale, 33°, and here was a chance for the members and guests to meet and pick the brain of the Sovereign Grand Commander, The Illustrious James D. Cole, 33°.

To say the least, the evening was a success. The outpouring of support from the families of Freemasonry- from the home cooked meal prepared by Br. Shaun Cullen, 32°, served up to the guests and Brethren by the boys of DeMolay, to the desserts provided by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star- set the stage for the town hall style meeting with the Sovereign Grand Commander. After some brief opening words by the SGC, questions from Brethren and guests, with plenty of laughs, education about the Rite and its direction shared by the SGC. This open Q&A style is something he excels at and commands the room with.

A personal highlight was my "re-installation" as Venerable Master. While performed at our stated meeting in January, it was decided that with the SGC, the SGIG for the Orient of Maryland, The Illustrious Marlin L. Mills, 33°, as well as Illustrious and Most Worshipful Randall L. Watson, 33°, that this be performed yet

again near the close of this meeting! It was an honor as well as a humbling experience to have all three men in the same room together perform such a service for another Brother.

As I exhaled a sigh of relief and rapped the gavel to close, the applause and the smiles from those in attendance, guests and Brethren alike, is what made the evening one of the best experiences, both Masonic and personal, I will not soon forget.





Introducing Legacy Speech Therapy

BY: MRS. OLGA POLITES, M.S., CCC-SLP

WE ARE EXCITED to announce the launch of Legacy Speech Therapy, our new speech-language pathology practice dedicated to serving children and families in our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to expand our practice and partner again with the Scottish Rite and look forward to many years of growth and success together.

After many years working within another practice, I felt called to build something of my own—something rooted in personalized care, strong relationships, and a lasting impact. That vision has now become a reality.

Legacy Speech Therapy is led by Olga Polites, Owner and Clinical Director, alongside her long-time colleague, Christine (Chrissy) Smith, who brings years of experience and a shared passion for helping children find their voices and build confident communication skills.

A bit of history, we both worked at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center for over 30 years. Olga was actually the Director of the Clinic and part of the original staff of speech-language pathologists to establish the Clinic back in 1985. It was such an exciting time back then, building a Clinic and starting from scratch.

As part of our community outreach, we are proud to partner with Immaculate Conception School and Cathedral School to provide high-quality speech and language services directly within the school setting. Through these partnerships, we support students in developing the communication skills they need to thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

At Legacy Speech Therapy, our mission is simple: to create a lasting legacy of confident communicators. We believe every child deserves to be heard, understood, and empowered.

We work with children between the ages of 18 months and 18 years. Our speech and language services include articulation (speech sound production), receptive and expressive language, autism, phonological awareness, fluency (stuttering), and language-based reading. All therapy is based on each child's individual needs from the results of their speech/language evaluation. We pride ourselves in our ability to educate parents so that the skills learned in therapy are carried over into the home and school environments.

If you suspect that your child or grandchild may be experiencing a speech and language delay, please contact us at 410-243-3800 or olga@legacyspeechtherapy.com. We are happy to complete a free screening to see if a formal evaluation may be indicated.

This is such an exciting time! It's great to be back "home" again!



Mrs. Olga Polites, M.S., CCC-SLP



Mrs. Christine Smith, CCC-SLP



Valley of Salisbury

BY: EDWARD A. WELCH, 33° – VALLEY SECRETARY



GREETINGS from the Valley of Salisbury. During our Spring session, we presented the 4th, 14th, 18th & 30th Degrees to our candidate and newest member, Brother Tom Rurk, 32°. We also held a Ceremony of Renewal & Remembrance to honor those brothers that ended their labors in the past year. I am very thankful to all of our brothers who served as officers in Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, or Council of Kadosh plus those on the various degree teams. Particularly noteworthy are the many members that stepped up to fill open positions to ensure we could present a great program to our new member.

We recognize and celebrate those members of our Valley who were bestowed the Honorary Knights Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) recently. They

include Jim Royal, Aaron Lyons, and Ralph Greene, 32° KCCH. Their dedication to Scottish Rite is an inspiration to all of us in the Valley of Salisbury.

Ill. David See, 33°, led our Scholarship Committee again this year to select several local high school seniors for \$1,000 per year scholarships (for up to four years). This long-standing community outreach helps deserving students attend the college of their choice. A key focus of the program is to look for those applicants with a defined major that will work with area youth. Awardees must also demonstrate academic excellence and extra-curricular leadership.

Our Valley presented Junior Reserve Officer training Center (JROTC) Awards at three area programs (Pocomoke, Snow Hill, and Berlin) this school year. Presentations were made by Ill.

Arthur H. Tawes, 33° - Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. David See, 33° - Director of Work, and Ed Welch, 33° - Valley Secretary.

The Valley of Salisbury remembers with great reverence those brothers who passed to the Celestial Lodge earlier this Spring. Their good works and fellowship stand as a beacon to their memories.

The Valley of Salisbury cordially invites any Scottish Rite Brothers traveling though the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland this Fall to visit and attend a meeting with us. All regular meetings are held in the Red Room of Wicomico Lodge #91 at 110 N Division St, Salisbury, MD 21801 and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please contact our Valley Secretary for a complete schedule of meetings.



Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Ill. Arthur H. Tawes, 33°, Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General Investing the KCCH on Brother Ralph Greene at the Spring Installation and Award Ceremony



Officers of the Salisbury Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Council of Kadosh take their Oathes of Office and are Sworn In for the 2026 Term





The Battle of Brooklyn: The Hours that Saved a Revolution

BY: HON. CHARLES J. MATULEWICZ IV, 32°, KCCH - VALLEY OF BALTIMORE

HISTORY HAS A WAY of polishing outcomes until they feel inevitable. The American Revolution was anything but.

On August 27, 1776, the cause of independence came within inches of extinction. Had events unfolded only slightly differently on a humid morning in Brooklyn, there may have been no Trenton, no Saratoga, no Yorktown. The Revolution could have ended before it found its footing.

Instead, it endured, because a few hundred young men from Maryland understood that time, not victory, was the objective.

After the British were forced from Boston by Washington's audacious placement of artillery on Dorchester Heights, General William Howe regrouped in Halifax and returned with overwhelming force. By mid August he commanded roughly twenty thousand seasoned British regulars and Hessian mercenaries. Professionals. Disciplined. Methodical.

Washington commanded something closer to potential than an army. Farmers. Shopkeepers. Boys with conviction but little training. The defense of New York hinged on Brooklyn Heights. Whoever controlled those heights controlled the harbor, and control that and you control the war.

Howe moved carefully. Under cover of darkness his troops advanced through Jamaica Pass,

a poorly guarded opening in the American line. Ten thousand men slipped behind Washington's left flank without raising alarm. By dawn, the Continental Army was not facing a frontal assault. It was caught in a trap.

British forces pressed from multiple directions. American lines bent and then broke, not from cowardice but from mathematics. Outflanked and compressed, they began to collapse toward the marshland near the Gowanus.

Near a sturdy Dutch farmhouse known today as the Old Stone House, Lord Stirling recognized the reality. If the retreat dissolved into chaos, the army would be destroyed. Someone had to hold.

He turned to the Maryland Regiment under Major Mordecai Gist.

These were young men. Average age twenty three. Tidewater sons. Tradesmen. Planters. They were ordered to charge across open ground into entrenched British regulars supported by artillery.

They charged.

They were driven back.

They charged again.

Five times they crossed roughly eighty yards of open field under sustained fire. This was not an attempt to win ground. It was an attempt to purchase minutes. Minutes are priceless.

Behind them, the rest of Washington's army fled toward the Gowanus Creek. Some waded. Some swam. Some drowned beneath the weight of equipment. The Marylanders held long enough for thousands to escape.

Of the roughly four hundred who advanced, more than two hundred fifty were killed. Most of the rest were captured. The field was thick with their sacrifice.

Washington, watching from Brooklyn Heights, is reported to have said, "Good God, what brave fellows I must this day lose." There is no poetry in that line. Only calculation. He understood what their stand meant.

Had they not held, his army likely would have been encircled and destroyed within forty eight hours.

Instead, on the night of August 29, Washington executed one of the most disciplined retreats in military history. John Glover's Marblehead fishermen ferried nine thousand men, artillery, and supplies across the East River in darkness. Campfires were left burning. Wheels were wrapped in cloth. A dense fog settled over the river before dawn, concealing the final movements.

By morning the British advanced into empty fortifications.

The Revolution lived.

The Battle of Brooklyn was, on paper, a defeat. The Americans



lost the field. New York would remain under British control for years.

But defeat and destruction are not the same thing.

The Maryland 400 transformed a rout into survival. Without their stand there is no crossing of the Delaware that winter. No Trenton. No Saratoga to secure French support. No Yorktown. Every later success traces back to those hours beside a farmhouse in Brooklyn.

Today a modest plaque marks where two hundred fifty six Maryland soldiers lie buried.

Traffic passes. Life moves. Few pause long enough to notice that beneath that pavement rests a hinge of history.

Freemasons understand hinges. We know that great doors turn on small points of strength. In August of 1776, the hinge of the American experiment was not Congress or philosophy. It was a line of young men who advanced when retreat would have been easier.

They did not win the day.

They bought the future.

And sometimes that is the

greater victory.

So to you, the Brothers who volunteered when there was nobody else, who served an extra year in the East, you held this gentle Craft together for those who come after. As we approach our country's 250th birthday your service is an echo of the efforts of the Maryland 400 a parallel in which you served today to preserve the Craft for men who are not yet born to knock upon the west gate, Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite, and I hope to see you in the classroom.



Oh Say Can You See...



Members attending the March 4, 2026 Meeting of the Chesapeake Consistory at the Baltimore Temple unfurl and hold a 17' x 25' "Storm Flag" replica of the "Star Spangled Banner" like the one that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the poem that ultimately became the words to our National Anthem. Bro. Bruce G. Colburn, Sr., 32° provided an interesting presentation and history on the Fort McHenry Flag



Coming Soon!
A Speakeasy at the Rite

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By watching, listening, and reflecting, a Brother starts to understand that the Scottish Rite is meant to be studied over time, not absorbed in a single day. The degrees plant seeds. In the months and years that follow, those seeds grow through participation, fellowship, and continued learning.

In time, the building that once felt overwhelming becomes familiar. The cavernous auditorium becomes a place of reflection. And just as the Blue Lodge once did, the Scottish Rite eventually becomes another home — not because it grew smaller, but because the Brother himself has grown within it.



Heavy snow and ice sliding off of the temple roof caused significant damage to the awning of the 39th Street Entrance



With the awning removed for repair the entrance looks much different!



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David R. Sandy - Continues from page 17

are shallow. Every Brother who attends contributes to the collective strength and reputation of the Lodge.

Finally, attendance at memorial services upholds the public image of Freemasonry. Communities take notice when a Fraternity rallies around its members in their time of greatest need. The memorial service is often one of the most visible expressions of Masonic values, and the impression it leaves extends well beyond the Lodge room. It demonstrates to the wider world that Freemasonry remains a living, vital institution whose members practice what they profess.

In conclusion, the Masonic Memorial Service is one of the most important ceremonies in the life of a Lodge. It honors the departed, comforts the bereaved, instructs the living, and strengthens the Fraternity as a whole. Every Mason should regard attendance at these services not as an optional gesture but as a sacred duty—a final tribute to a Brother who has laid down his working tools and answered the call of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. By showing up, standing together, and honoring the memory of those who have gone before, Masons affirm the enduring truth that the chain of Brotherhood is never truly broken.



The Valley of Frederick presented a check in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Maryland School for the Deaf Foundation on March 19, 2026. These funds are made possible by the Albert & Etta Cohen Charitable Gift Fund



The Corinthian Lodge Charitable Foundation presented a \$1,000 donation to the Temple Restoration Elevator Refurbishment on March 25, 2026



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Below L-R: Brothers Mark E. Wisniewski, 32°, Justin M. Evans, 32°, and Charles A. Baugher, Jr., 32° receive their patents at the Chesapeake Consistory





The Valleys of Baltimore and Cumberland Each Held a One-Day Reunion on Saturday, March 21, 2026 Bringing In Over 70 New Scottish Rite Masons!





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Saturday, May 2nd	Carroll Scottish Rite Club	5:00pm
Wednesday, May 6th	Southern Maryland - Lodge of Perfection.	7:00pm
Wednesday, May 20th	Southern Maryland - Chapter of Rose Croix.	7:00pm
Thursday, May 21st	Susquehanna - Lodge of Perfection	7:00pm
Thursday May 21st	Frederick - Ring Ceremony	7:30pm
Saturday, May 23rd	Frederick - Breakfast	9:00am
Wednesday, June 3rd	Southern Maryland - Lodge of Perfection.	7:00pm
Sunday, June 7th	Frederick - KSA-LA Tea	2:00pm
Saturday, June 13th	Baltimore Family Picnic Celebrating 250 years of Independence and 225 years of the Scottish Rite	2:00pm
Thursday, June 18th	Susquehanna - Chapter Rose Croix	7:00pm
Saturday, August 8th	Baltimore Lobsterfest	2:00pm
Wednesday, September 2nd.	Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection.	7:30pm
Saturday, September 5th	Carroll Scottish Rite Club	5:00pm
Wednesday, September 9th	Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix	7:30pm
Wednesday, September 16th	Maryland Council of Kadosh.	6:30pm
Thursday, September 17th	Frederick Feast of Kadosh	6:30pm
Wednesday, September 23rd	Chesapeake Consistory	7:30pm
Saturday, October 3rd.	Susquehanna Fall Reunion.	8:00am
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Saturday, October 24th.	Frederick Fall Reunion	8:00am



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