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A MESSAGE FROM

Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°

Greetings to All,

I hope this issue of The Rite News finds you well and getting ready for the rapidly approaching holidays. – Holidays – already – where did the year go? I have always heard that time flies when you are having fun. This issue must prove it. The last issue for 2015 and welcome to 2016. The year 2015 was filled with much laughter, happiness and, of course, a lot of work. I cannot even begin to comment on all of the activities and accomplishments that have occurred in Maryland Scottish Rite. Perhaps, elsewhere in this issue, I will be able to comment on a few of our past events from around the Orient.

I would like to say congratulations to all of our new Honor Men. We now have 12 new Inspectors General Honorary, 33° and 25 new Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour across Maryland, each a leader for today and tomorrow. I hope it is only the beginning of your Scottish Rite journey and accomplishments.

Our holidays are only a few weeks away, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and the New Year. These are very special times for everyone. Families gather to celebrate the many special festivities. These are also times when some, less fortunate, need a phone call or a visit. Just a simple hello can bring a smile and make a difference. “Be not slow to visit” or call a friend



or someone you know or who you have not seen in a while. Just for no other reason than to let them know they are being thought of at this special time of the year. It may be the only kind voice or, in some cases, the last voice they hear during the holiday. Brother, can you spare the time?

In closing, I want to thank each of you for all you have done and all you continue to do to make our Scottish Rite the Rite place to be. I pray your Thanksgiving will be bountiful, your Christmas joyous and your New Year happy, healthy and prosperous.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

Grand Master of Masons in Maryland

By: MW Brother Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr., 33°



GREETINGS BRETHREN,

I have just returned from the Centennial Jubilee and Biennial Session held at The House of the Temple. What a wonderful opportunity to witness the 100th Anniversary and Rededication of the beautiful House of The Temple. This was a great personal experience for me and many others who attended the ceremonies.

Now, as I look back over the various presentations at the Biennial, I am beginning to recognize some of the real meaning of this experience. The challenge to myself and

to others is “What do we personally take away from the lessons presented and what can we give back to the fraternity because we were there?”

John Steinbeck once remarked that “It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him.” Throughout our masonic experience, we are encouraged to grow as men and masons. We are given the tools through a series of lessons and encouraged to work toward becoming better men. How we accomplish this is left to each individual. Our ritual is provided as a guide to assist us in this quest.

There are a number of powerful messages within our ritual which we often overlook. The following is an excerpt from our Masonic Memorial Service. “... Though perfection of character is not of this world, yet we are persuaded that our brother sought to live by these truths and principals of masonry; that they sustained and supported him; and that, by them, his life was made richer, fuller and more meaningful.” I think this says everything.

The truths and principles of masonry come from the Holy Writings. By practicing these lessons, our lives are positively impacted. When we are in need, they sustain and support us.

Through the knowledge we gain from masonry, we are encouraged to reach out to others in such ways that influence their lives. The reward we receive for helping others makes our lives and their lives richer, fuller and more meaningful.

Because I find my masonic experience to be fulfilling, I believe that one of the best ways I can give back to masonry is to share it with as many men as possible. And when those men decide to join us as masons, I am comfortable knowing that you are there to sustain and support them.

Thank you for everything that you do and will continue to do to make “Maryland Masonry a Pathway to Excellence!”

Orient Personal Representative

By: Ill. Bennie G. Owens, 33°— Annapolis Lodge #89, Orient Personal Representative, MWPGM



THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE has been so very kind to this writer. I am starting my 70th year as a FREEMASON. No, I am not bragging. I am being thankful and wondering just how much I can give back to our fraternity for what they have given to me. It would not be proper for me to use this space as a book of memories, although, there are some of those memories that we have all enjoyed. What I would like to consider is those younger MASONS who are in the early years of their Masonic careers and share some of the wonderful experiences that have made MASONRY so influential in my life.

I guess that the first consideration is my affiliation with the churches in the Annapolis area. Freemasonry did not, in any way, suggest what church I should attend, but was a very positive influence on the choices that I later made. “In times of imminent peril and danger, in whom do you

put your trust”. My trust being in God, my religious beliefs became easy and were my own, and not controlled by any lodge or group of men.

In December of 1945, I was in Kansas, on leave from the Navy, and asked for a petition to my home lodge where I had been a DeMolay. My older brother, Ed Owens, brought me the petition and advised me to take it to my old employer for recommendations, which I did. Then, I returned back to the USS Block Island and eventually to Annapolis on that aircraft carrier. The Block Island became a station ship at North Severn and, for about five years, a catapult school for the Navy. I received a half letter from the Grand Lodge of Kansas and was told to take it to the secretary of Annapolis Lodge. His address was in Eastport and I did not know that much about Annapolis. I had a date with a nice young lady and asked her where that address might be. Her father, overhearing the conversation, asked “Why do you want to see this man?” After much reluctance, I told him and that started my Masonic career in Maryland. He was the Treasurer of the Annapolis Lodge and took me in his car over to see the secretary and arrangements were made for me to get my three degrees in Annapolis. Of course, being a good Mason, I did marry his daughter and we lived happily

together for sixty-one years (until her death in 2009).

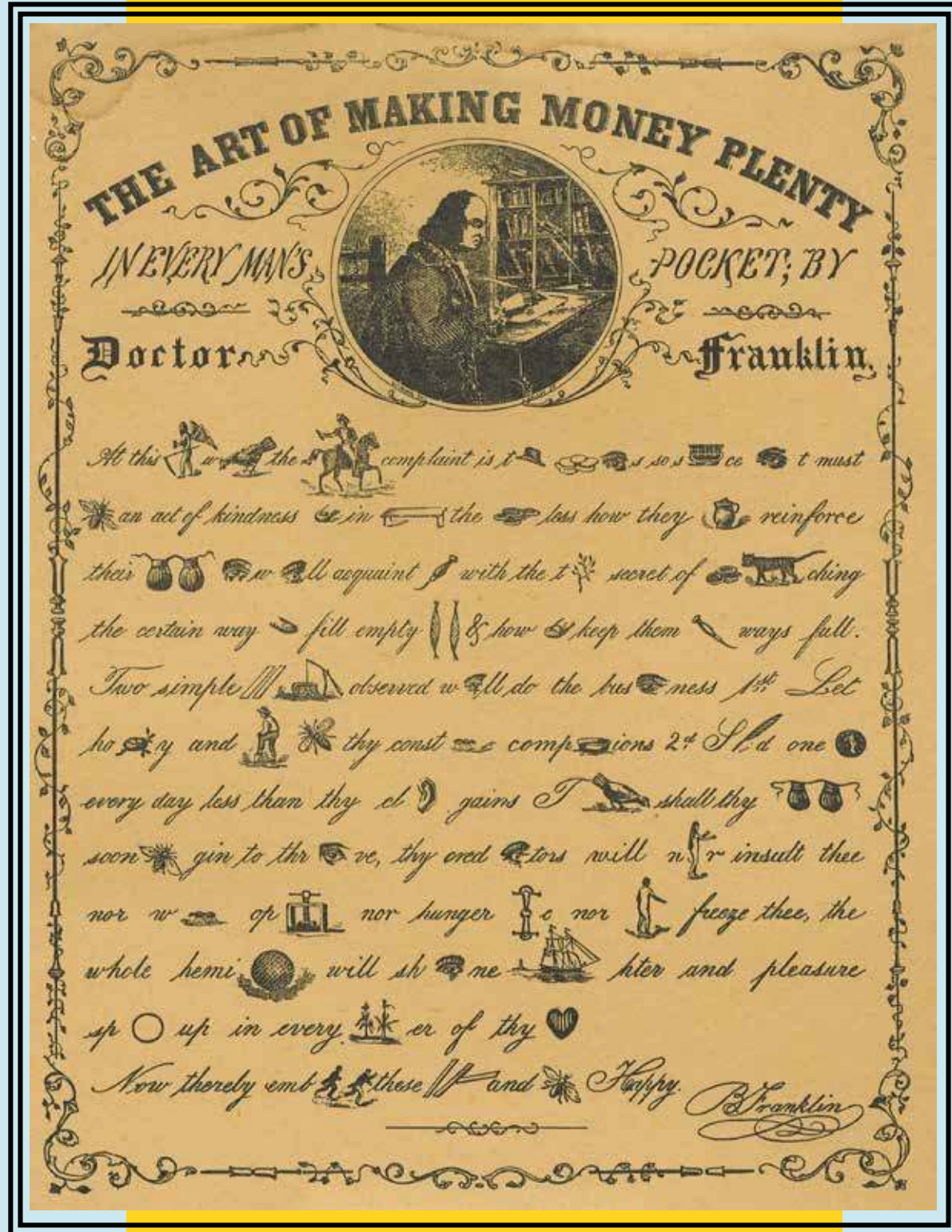
After my discharge from the Navy in November of 1947, I attended the University of Kansas City and completed my pharmacy education. During that time, I was able to visit lodges in Kansas City with some individuals who were a part of President Truman’s Lodge.

I did work in Tulsa, Oklahoma for a couple of years before returning to Annapolis. My first bonus in Tulsa was a petition for the Chapter and Council with a check to pay the fees, which I gladly accepted.

Back to Annapolis, on May 1st, 1953 and, when Maryland approved dual membership in 1959, I became a Maryland Mason, and the rest is history.

As you can see, some unseen source has influenced my masonic life from its beginning. I am so glad that I put MY TRUST in GOD from the very beginning. Now, all these years later, I can share with you that MY FAITH is well founded. I hope and trust that your faith is well founded and that you enjoy your Masonry as enthusiastically as I do enjoy mine.

Benjamin Franklin - (1705-1790)



Author, printer, politician, postmaster, scientist, inventor, civic activist, statesman, diplomat and freemason.

Meredith Chapter Rose Croix

By: Hon. Andrew L. Vineberg, 32°, KCCH, Amicable-St. John's Lodge – Wise Master



BRETHREN OF THE SCOTTISH RITE, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Wise Master for 2015. I also want to share thankfulness to those in the Rose Croix line for their time and dedication to our craft. I'm simply amazed and overjoyed with just how great this fraternity of ours can be. The brethren you meet and the lifelong friendships you make

are just outstanding.

As I have said in the past, a newly made Mason sometimes has no idea of the actual size of the fraternity that he has just joined. Be it within or without the state. To him, the confines of his own lodge may be his perception of the size of our fraternity. The most important benefit, besides the fellowship, is the availability of what we all came here for, which is more light in Masonry.

With that said, I encourage you all, if you aren't already, to GET INVOLVED in the Scottish Rite. There is something here for everyone. As my late grandmother, Helen Mazer, told me "it's one thing to join a fraternity like Masonry, but you will only get out of it, what you

put into it".

I wish you all the best and, in closing, want to remind you that it is our duty to enhance the communities in which we live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while offering our compassion and dedication to God, family, and country. Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

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WHAT IS THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

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

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

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

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

*Anno Lucius—Freemasonry adds 4,000 years to our current calendar year (example: 2011 becomes 6011 A.L.).

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Maryland Council of Kadosh

By: Bro. John R. Austin, 32° - Pentalpha Lodge #194, Commander of Kadosh



MY WIFE AND I are mooching off the hospitality of friends and relatives as we make a short tour of the North Western United States. During this trip, we are passing through some of the areas where major fires have disrupted the lives and homes of the people out here. The smoke is obscuring the views of many of the mountain ranges we are hoping to see. Nonetheless, the people are carrying on. We are running into diverse cultures right here in our own country and it is a reminder that we live in a very dynamic society. There is lots of room here for different points of view and varying opinions on what is acceptable and desirable. This reminds me to be flexible and open minded.

It is a reminder that the lessons of the Scottish Rite are also diverse and multi-cultural. The cultures that we have gleaned the degrees from are diverse and, many, quite ancient, but the lessons are as applicable as they were in the time of our ancestors.

Our history lessons for the

Masonic culture are as fresh today as they ever were. All the more reason to educate our incoming brethren to the history of the craft and also explain the cultures of other realms. We can have around us well-rounded and curious brothers who constantly continue to increase their own knowledge. The future of Masonry depends upon us allowing the flow of change to occur and recognizing the changes for what they are; the progress of mankind.

Our fraternity has adapted to the conditions of cultures through the ages and worldwide. Part of that is the richness and timelessness of the ritual, but another part is the self-selection of open-minded and good people. I believe we are in the midst of a major change in this country.

As many of our current trends come from the West Coast, I see here that the folks are very tolerant of each other and welcoming of different trains of thought. It appears that a part of the altruistic philosophy of the sixties is coming to fruition in the children of those times. Perhaps it is also the advent of the internet and devices that are attuned to rapid dispersal of information.

These Western cities seem to thrive on acceptance of everyone in them and also the capacity to move in innovative and needed directions. The people (mostly younger), very quickly assimilate change and

popular culture throbs with the rhythm of taking in information, using what is helpful and casting aside things that are cumbersome. They will improve the information or modify it to serve their purpose and, if need be, invent a product that will help to accomplish a task. No time to dwell on whose idea or invention it is. Use it and keep moving. I am sure there are folks out here documenting this for posterity. They will want to know their history and how it applies to the past and to the future. It appears that the folks are affable, unassuming and motivated to enjoy life and those around them.

Pay attention to these young folks, we are going to want to have them around. They are our future leaders and our future Brothers & Sisters in the Craft.

Chesapeake Consistory

By: Hon. Kostas Vourvoulas 33° - Jephthah Lodge #222, Commander, RWDGM



AS THE YEAR COMES TO AN END, we can reflect on our accomplishments. We have initiated many new Scottish Rite Masons and the Valley of Baltimore is stronger. It is our responsibility to keep these men interested in our Rite, encourage them to become active members, and contribute new ideas for the advancement of our Valley.

Growing our membership is paramount to our survival. We must adapt to the 21st century man. Our order is based on love of family and country. We must remember that these new men, and all men in our fraternity, have lives outside of Masonry. Many have family responsibilities that may preclude them from participating in Masonic activities as much as they would desire. It is the duty of us, as leaders of our Valley, to offer programs and activities that allow our brothers to attend with their wives and children. This allows them to have quality time together in a venue that promotes these values. This will continue to make us a strong and relevant organization.

This will be my final message as Master of Kadosh of the Chesapeake Consistory. I have

enjoyed my year and I wish ILL. William Hooper 33° much success in the upcoming year. I would like to thank our S.G.I.G. ILL. Marlin Mills for his support and advice. Most of all, a heartfelt "Thank You" to the members of the Valley of Baltimore and the officers of the Chesapeake Consistory for all the time and effort you have given in order to move our Valley forward.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Holiday Season.

May the Supreme Architect shine His Light upon us always.

BALTIMORE DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, November 4th

Conferral of the 20° & 21°
Class Please Meet by 6:30PM
Dinner at 7PM

Saturday, November 7th

Reunion Day
Lunch \$5.00 per person
Class Report at 7AM
Opening Ceremony 7:30AM

Sunday, November 8th

Ring Ceremony
Class Report by 1:30PM
Ceremony at 2PM

Wednesday, November 11th

Feast of Tishri
7PM - \$20 Dinner

Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies' Night

THE CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE LADIES' NIGHT was held May 2, 2015 at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club. The Knights of St. Andrew escorted the ladies into the ballroom. Pictures were taken prior to the dinner by Mark Widmyer, 32° KCCH. Ill. Francis Shives, 33° was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. He offered a toast to the ladies.

Kevin Mallow, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Lodge

of Perfection, extended a welcome to those attending. This special evening for the ladies was attended by 124 people who enjoyed a lovely dinner served by the Ali Ghan Shrine Club. Entertainment and music was provided by the "Blues Band" after dinner.

Remarks were given by Paul G Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative to the SGIG of Maryland, Marlin Mills, 33°. He had the widows in attendance

stand and they received a round of applause. He also thanked all the ladies for allowing their Scottish Rite Masons to attend the many functions of the organization during the year. PGWM Bennie G Owens, 33°, Personal Representative of the Orient of Maryland, was introduced and gave the closing remarks. The ladies were presented with a Gerber Daisy plant.



The "Blues Band" performs



Ill Paul G Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative to the SGIG and Lady Nancy



Kevin Mallow, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection



Ill Francis Shives, 33°, Master of Ceremony

Master Craftsman I Program - Essay for Quiz 2:

By: Brother Che F. F. Hackett, 32° - Palestine Lodge #189

THE LODGE OF PERFECTION DEGREES are built upon the premise that one can certainly seek to attain perfection, however perfection is something that we can never truly attain. The journey and the pursuit thereof, though, is one that lays and builds the foundation of our inner Temples, of the perfection that we seek.

One of the most surprising things that I encountered in the readings of the Degrees that make up the Lodge of Perfection, is the fact that each Degree reads like the chapters of a great exotic adventure novel, with political intrigue, drama, suspense, action, plots, sub-plots, twists, and turns, and most importantly, insight and inspiration. We are taken on a grand journey, a quest of self-discovery and empowerment, through the use of the lessons presented in each of these Degrees.

Of particular note, are the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Degrees --- the Royal Arch

of Solomon, and the Perfect Elu respectively. In the 13th Degree, the candidates, on this great adventure, finally learn the Lost Word, but its pronunciation is never revealed to them. There is poetry in such a scenario in which one is given the knowledge of a divinely powerful gift, but not given the full knowledge or the key as per how to unlock that gift. One of the lessons presented here seems to indicate that man cannot be trusted to know everything, and that some knowledge is better not known. This aspect of the 13th Degree, the seeking of wisdom, in which the pronunciation of the Lost Word is withheld from the candidate, is one I find most interesting.

In the 14th Degree, it seems that the candidate is given further enlightenment in their quest. The symbols provided, in this degree, denote two crypts that represent inner qualities of our being...while, at the same time, on their own, each crypt has a

distinct meaning, yet, united, represent something entirely different. On their own, one crypt separately represents the spiritual aspect of man, and the other crypt separately represents the earthly aspect of man. When united, the crypts together symbolically represent the Christian Cross, bringing together both the spiritual and the human aspects of man as one total being --- the closest thing approaching perfection.

The Lodge of Perfection Degree certainly draws a good parallel on the complexity of our continual quest, or struggle, to attain perfection, but never truly attaining that which is sought. We are given the Lost Word, but not its pronunciation. We are given the answers, which truly serve our needs. This is one of the most enlightening lessons, which is taught --- that true enlightenment does not always mean the answers to everything.

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Knights of St. Andrew – Valley of Baltimore

By: Bro. David A. Ente, 32°, Plymouth - Lodge # 143 Commander



AS WE HEAD TOWARDS THE FALL and my last quarter as Commander of the Knights, it's amazing to look back and realize how much fun this experience has been. To be able to help this unit grow and find its place inside the Temple was an excellent learning experience for me. I can firmly recommend taking a leadership role to anyone with the desire to do so. Don't hold back thinking,

"I don't have the experience" or "I've never done this". Stepping into the shoes will give you the push to excel, and, in the end, the statement, "If not for me, who?" is as true as ever. It has been an honor to serve as Commander for 2 terms and I look forward to assisting the next holder of the title in any way possible.

Valley of Susquehanna – Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection

By: Bro. Rick Ivey, 32° - Aberdeen Lodge #187 – Venerable Master

AS WE IN THE SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY resume to our labors this fall, there is a great deal of work that we are starting, as well as continuing labors begun in the spring. First, we would like to welcome the Deer Creek Chapter of Rose Croix, with Wise Master Mike Zwiebel, as the Chapter begins to operate under Letters Temporary. We, in the Lodge of Perfection, also welcome and congratulate the new officers and Brothers who labored to create the chapter.

In the Lodge of Perfection, we have a very exciting fall

ahead with degree work. Brothers from the Susquehanna Valley, with Brothers from the Baltimore Valley, will be traveling to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to perform the 4th, 14th and 18th degree in September. This is the first time that a traveling degree has been performed, and we look forward to a successful trip and hope to help with furthering the light in masonry for those who may not be able to make the trip to Baltimore to see the degree work. We also look forward to our own Fall Class and the

degree work being performed at the Susquehanna Valley as well as our second Feast of Tishri Celebration as the Susquehanna Valley welcomes new Scottish Rite Masons.

I am very excited for the continued support and enthusiasm this year from the officers and Brother Scottish Rite Masons from this Valley. We continue to work on VMAP and Master Craftsman Programs with great participation. Our Valley is growing and flourishing due to the continued participation of all Scottish Rite Masons.

The Seal of Solomon

By: Bro. Charles Matulewicz, 32° - Palestine Lodge #189



surround this symbol, as in the theories in books such as Born in Blood that hypothesize that our square and compasses are a simulacrum of the seal of Solomon... but this proves as rigorous as tracing one in the street plan

explained in our 27th degree: "A doctrine ascribed to Hermes, the messenger of the gods, is often expressed in the words "As above, so below." This means that the material world and all it contains is a pale reflection of the spiritual world above. By analogy, a symbol is a pale reflection of the thing it symbolizes... God, in giving man reason, has given him His Word: and revelation, manifold in its forms, but one in its principle, is contained in its entirety in the universe..."

MY BROTHERS, as you make your way to our Temple on Charles Street and make your way upon our porch..... no, my Brothers, this is not a story of inundation or conflagration... rather a story about having eyes to see. Brothers, throughout our lodges, throughout our monuments of Masonry, we are surrounded by symbols and your porch is no different. Upon our Temple's porch we find a recently restored set of Solomon's seals. Our Brother Arturo De Hoyos, in the Scottish Rite Monitor, explains it as:

"The Seal of Solomon, commonly called the Shield or Star of David (Magen David), has been a symbol of Judaism since the middle ages. Its two overlapping equilateral triangles have many meanings, including the aspiration of man to reach God and the willingness of the spirit of God to descend to (into) man."

There are many myths that

of Washington D.C.. There are other myths that arise a la the Arabian Nights, of the seal of Solomon giving King Solomon all manner of abilities from flight to controlling of djinn. But the veracity of these I cannot comment on, so let's turn to our degrees.

This seal appears in several of our degrees, the 26th or Prince of Mercy, but it is an older (1884) version of the 28th degree, or Prince Adept, that stands out most in my mind. This older degree uses the Seal of Solomon as a symbol of the Macrocosm, which is strictly defined as a large complex system made of up smaller parts but, to us, consider it as the entire complexity of creation its equilateral triangles reflecting our Brother De Hoyos' observation of our aspiration to reach God, and the Almighty's willingness to descend to man. This Macrocosm is a big idea but one that is beautifully

This Seal of Solomon appears throughout Kabbalistic literature, it appears as a symbol nation on the flag of Israel, and it appears in our degrees as symbol to evoke the infinite possibility of the universe and its Grand Architect. But what does this tell us about these two seals on our porch or our Scottish Rite? Well, my Brothers, if I think about it when I look at them, I would like to say I consider the Macrocosm and the symbolic nature of God and man. However, I guess that when I see them, I simply see Salve Frater.

Visit your Blue Lodge, visit the Rite, and I hope to see you in the classroom.



Summer 2015 Pictures



Summer 2015 Pictures



Ladies Fashion Show

FOR THE Centennial Jubilee

By: Vickie Starr, PGM of DC and Grand Deputy of Maryland Rainbow

THE CENTENNIAL JUBILEE celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the House of the Temple, the Headquarters of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite at 1733 16th Street in Washington, DC has recently concluded. As part of the celebrations, which included a haunted tour of the building, a luncheon and banquet, they hosted a special event for the ladies (over 150 of whom attended) - a Fashion Show featuring the fashions through the decades from the 1920's through the 2000's. The event featured a Yogurt Bar and a Silent Auction. Organized by employees of the House of the Temple, most of the models were wearing vintage clothes from daytime clothes to evening wear. Most of the models were our Maryland Rainbow Girls from Hope Assembly No. 12 (Germantown), Laurel Assembly No. 13 (Laurel) and Salisbury No. 5 (Salisbury).

A highlight of the event was when the Mother Advisor of Hope Assembly modeled as Rosie the Riveter in the 1940's. All of the models received a standing ovation from the audience. Several adult advisors from these Assemblies worked behind the scenes helping the models change quickly and prepare to return to the runway in their next outfits. The adult advisors were Elizabeth Jones, Mother Advisor of Salisbury Assembly, Angela Case, Mother Advisor of Hope Assembly, Diana Leach, and Vickie Starr, Grand Deputy. This event was a tremendous success and enjoyed by the wives of MWGM, Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr. and the SGIG of Maryland, Ill. Brother Marlin Mills. The Jubilee preceded the Biennial Sessions during which MWGM Wyvill was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General



L-R: Angela Case, Mother Advisor; Tatyana Guay, Grand Confidential Observer, Rebecca Jones-Hochmuth, Grand Hope

33rd Degree along with others from the Orient of Maryland. Shown are photos of some of the Maryland Rainbow Fashionistas!

Following the Fashion Show, Ill. Bro. Mills congratulated the Rainbow Models for a job well done!



Rachel Stadler, Grand Worthy Advisor



Tane'sha Leach, Grand Representative



Nadia Jurado, Grand Faith



L-R: Arianna Stallings, Grand Service; Hannah Tremble, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor

Job's Daughters of Maryland

By: Chris Candler – Grand Guide

ARE JOB'S DAUGHTERS OF MARYLAND out and about during the summer while the bethels are dark? **ABSOLUTELY.** The Jobies have had a very busy summer.

The summer started with a group of Daughters going to Arlington Virginia, to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and placing a wreath at the tomb. It was a very moving experience for all. Deanna Newcomer, the current Grand Bethel Honored Queen and members of Bethel 35, Bel Air, Maryland placed a wreath at the tomb.

Job's Daughters could be found participating in 4th of July parades, working a funnel cake booth at a fair in Southern Maryland, holding a Youth Church Service at the Bonnie Blink Chapel, enjoying a day at Hershey Park, and having pool parties. The Chesapeake Water Park in Chesapeake, Maryland was the place to be on August

15th. Over 45 Job's Daughters and parents spent the day at the park soaking up the sun on the lazy river and sliding down the water slides.

At the beginning of August, members of our organization traveled to Chicago, Illinois for the Job's Daughters Supreme session, our annual international convention. Rebecca Candler, Miss Maryland Job's Daughter, competed for the title of Miss International. She did not win but she represented the Daughters of Maryland beautifully. She should be proud of herself. Eleven Daughters competed in various ritual and talent competitions throughout the week. Maryland had many winners in the various competitions. Two of our Daughters from Bethel 55, Port Deposit Maryland won scholarships. Our jurisdictional choir won 2nd place and participated in the Gala. Please check them out as they sing a

beautiful song about our order, it is called Jobie Hallelujah. It was written by Guy Feyen, Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel 41 Camp Springs and member of Camp Springs Lodge #227. You can look it up on You Tube by entering "Movie Jobie Hallelujah Final" in the search or the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=miwmaW9HO4>. We are so proud of our talented Daughters.

As fall begins and the Daughters' meetings start up again, please take time to join them at one of their meetings. They would love to talk with you and show you what this beautiful order is all about.

For more information about Job's Daughters or if you know someone between the ages of 10 and 20 who might be interested in joining, please visit our website, www.mdjobsdaughters.org.



Maryland DeMolay

By: Dad Carl A. Michel, Jr., 32° - Liberty Pickering Lodge #219 - Executive Secretary

A NEW BEGINNING! The new officers of Maryland DeMolay have been elected and installed. Over the weekend of July 18, 2015, our State Conclave was held at Salisbury University. Bro. Cameron Newman was elected and installed State Master Councilor. His installation was officiated by PSMC and Bro. Michael W. McKay, the Freshman Delegate from District C-1 in Cumberland. Also elected and installed were Bro. Jeremy Kasprzyk and Bro. Tyler Florian as our Deputy State Master Councilors. Ms. Melissa Gallatin was installed as our new State Sweetheart.

SMC Newman and his line have been working nonstop on upcoming activities for our Jurisdiction. The Activities already completed have included the "put up" of an information table at the Western Maryland Music Festival, Chapter visitations and ice skating. We are having

our first ever ritual schools. This will be for our members to be walked through the finer points of our ritual by our State Ritual Director, Dad Randall Watson. The DeMolay Herald Newsletter (electronic version) has been going out on a monthly basis to keep our members informed. If you would like to be added to the email list, please send your email address to cmicheljrfamily@aol.com with a message asking to be added to the DeMolay Herald list.

The State Officers and other guests visited Nelson J. Briggs Chapter in Bel Air to give their Master Councilor, Bro. Ian Payne, a sendoff he will not soon forget. Bro. Payne's family will be moving to England as their permanent residence shortly. Bro. Payne has been an extremely active member since he was initiated. His term as Master Councilor is being cut short by this move but Bro.

Payne is determined that he will bring DeMolay to England!

The Bowie-Collington Chapter continues to get in front of the public eye. They were recently seen on the Fox 5 Morning News with posters and a large banner promoting DeMolay. They also held a joint car wash with Savage Chapter in Bowie and one of the cars washed was none other than that of Senator Peters.

More to come next month, but for now, thank you again for all your support!



Salisbury Spring Capping and Ring Ceremony



EXCERPT FROM: THE SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY

By: Albert G. Mackey, 33°



THE LECTURES OF THE ENGLISH LODGES, which are far more philosophical than our own—although I do not believe that the system itself is in general as philosophically studied by our English brethren as by ourselves,—have beautifully defined Freemasonry to be “a science of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” But allegory itself is nothing else but verbal symbolism; it is the symbol of an idea, or of a series of ideas, not presented to the mind in an objective and visible form, but clothed in language, and exhibited in the form of a narrative. And therefore the English definition amounts, in fact, to this: that Freemasonry is a science of morality, developed and inculcated by the ancient method of symbolism. It is this peculiar character as a symbolic institution, this entire adoption of the method of instruction by symbolism, which gives its whole identity to Freemasonry, and has caused it to differ from every other association that the

ingenuity of man has devised. It is this that has bestowed upon it that attractive form which has always secured the attachment of its disciples and its own perpetuity.

The Roman Catholic Church is, perhaps, the only contemporaneous institution which continues to cultivate, in any degree, the beautiful system of symbolism. But that which, in the Catholic church, is, in a great measure, incidental, and the fruit of development, is, in Freemasonry, the very life-blood and soul of the institution, born with it at its birth, or, rather, the germ from which the tree has sprung, and still giving it support, nourishment, and even existence. Withdraw from Freemasonry its symbolism, and you take from the body its soul, leaving behind nothing but a lifeless mass of effete matter, fitted only for a rapid decay.

Since, then, the science of symbolism forms so important a part of the system of Freemasonry, it will be well to commence any discussion of that subject by an investigation of the nature of symbols in general.

There is no science so ancient as that of symbolism, and no mode of instruction has ever been so general as was the symbolic in former ages. “The first learning in the world,” says the great antiquary, Dr. Stukely, “consisted chiefly of symbols. The wisdom of the Chaldeans, Phoenicians, Egyptians, Jews, of Zoroaster, Sanchoniathon, Pherecydes,

Syrus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, of all the ancients that is come to our hand, is symbolic.” And the learned Faber remarks, that “allegory and personification were peculiarly agreeable to the genius of antiquity, and the simplicity of truth was continually sacrificed at the shrine of poetical decoration.”

In fact, man’s earliest instruction was by symbols. The objective character of a symbol is best calculated to be grasped by the infant mind, whether the infancy of that mind be considered nationally or individually. And hence, in the first ages of the world, in its infancy, all propositions, theological, political, or scientific, were expressed in the form of symbols. Thus the first religions were eminently symbolical, because, as that great philosophical historian, Grote, has remarked, “At a time when language was yet in its infancy, visible symbols were the most vivid means of acting upon the minds of ignorant hearers.”

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The Knights of St. Andrew – Valley of Frederick

By: Bro. Tommy J. Morris, 32° , Columbia Lodge #58 – Knight Commander

“REGNUM DIE INTRA TE”- A HISTORY AND LINEAGE OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST ANDREW

When we trace our historical journey from remote periods, we should bear in mind there are four ways in which we can look - backward, inward, upward and downward. Looking backward, our lineage of service to GOD and the people dates back to St. Andrew himself. Saint Andrew was the first disciple of Jesus and the first of the twelve apostles. He was the younger brother of Saint Peter and was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. The brothers were fishermen by trade. Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that he would make them “fishers of men.”

The Gospel of John teaches us much about St. Andrew, who was originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist. When John pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” Andrew understood that Jesus was greater and immediately left John to follow Jesus. He visited in Jesus’ home and later brought his brother, Simon Peter, who Jesus also called to be an apostle. He was with Jesus at Galilee at the feeding of the 5,000.

The Cross of St. Andrew, in heraldry, is termed the Cross Saltire, emblem of suffering and humility. Tradition says that St. Andrew was crucified on the 30th of November, 62 A.D. on a cross of that form.

St Andrew is also the patron saint of Scotland, where our

order was first established by King Bruce. Our humble beginnings were as the “poor soldiers of Christ” sanctioned by the pope, and the church council in 1128. It was sanctioned to guard the road between Acre and Jerusalem in the Holy Lands.

Through their dedication to GOD and their heroism, fighting valiantly in the crusades, the Knights fast became popular among the people. So much so, that nobles and princes sought to join the order. In 1298, Jacques DeMolay was elected Grand Master of the Templars. Over the years, the Templars amassed great wealth. All the while, King Phillip the Fair was busy throwing lavish parties, spending the wealth of France to the brink of ruin. This, coupled with the greed of Pope Clement V, who was working together to conspire to brand the Templars criminals and pagans in order to take the wealth the Knights had amassed. Despite the sacrifice and devotion of the Templars, in 1307, the order was declared heretical by Pope Clement V acting on the insistence of Phillip the Fair of France.

On Friday, October 13, 1307, on order of the King, Demolay and hundreds of Knights of the order were arrested in France. Imprisoned, many were executed, more tortured, and all impoverished, under the direction and purview of the Church. Until finally, by order of the King, our Grand Master Jacques DeMolay, broken and

beaten, was sentenced to be burned at the stake on the 18th of March 1314. During this time many other Templars had been tipped off by the people, and made their way to other countries such as Portugal, England and Scotland.

In Portugal, they were announced innocent and the name of the order was changed to the “Order of Christ”. In England, King Edward proscribed them and forbade them to remain in the realm, unless they entered into his Commandery’s of The Knights of St John.

In Scotland, the exiled Templars were welcomed by Robert the Bruce who provided for the Templars. In the year 1314, while in Scotland, Stirling Castle, a Scots royal fortress, occupied by the English, was under siege by the Scottish army. Edward II of England had assembled a formidable force to relieve it. With a force of more than 25,000 to be set against a paltry force of 500 Scots who were, farmers and the like, a much smaller army, by contrast, commanded by Robert I of Scotland. On the 24th of June 1314, The Battle was being fought when the group of exiled, battled hardened Templars rode into the fray, giving the English battle, and putting them to flight, turning the tide of the battle.

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The Clinic Corner

By: Christine Wandishin, M.S., CCC-SLP

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE CHILDHOOD SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CENTER! We have had a wonderful and successful year at the clinic and would like to take this time to share all of our good news!

We are extremely excited that Sarah Spicer has joined our center as a Clinical Fellow speech-language pathologist in August! Sarah has made a wonderful addition to the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Center and we are grateful for her hard work and devotion to our clients. We hope Sarah will be a part of our Scottish Rite clinical family for a long while. Welcome Sarah!

We would also like to share some other exciting news for two of our other staff members. Our clinician, Eleni Bowden, is welcoming her second child, Noelle Chrysanthe, on September 28th. She is planning on working until her due date and will be on maternity leave until after the New Year. Please stop in after the holidays to congratulate Eleni on her newest family member. Miriam Balsam, our newest certified speech language pathologist, is currently engaged to Dovid Mandel from Montreal, Canada. The wedding date is set for November 5, 2015 and we are very excited to help Miriam celebrate such a blissful time in her life.

Our contractual schools, Garrison Forest and the Cathedral School of Mary Our Queen, have been a wonderful way to serve additional children during the school day. Four of our clinicians currently serve the contracts Monday through Thursday and see children in their school environment for speech and language therapy. Midterms will be completed before Christmas break and will determine client progress and whether or not therapy is needed for the remainder of the school year. This is also a time when new students may be identified by the teachers for a full speech and language evaluation due to weaknesses observed in the classroom. There have been negotiations



for a possible new contract beginning January 2016. More information will be provided once the contract is completed.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held in the middle of December. This party will be made possible by the financial support of the Chesapeake Scottish Rite Club. The children love participating in various holiday crafts and games at the party each year. They also look forward to the clowns, balloon animals, and Santa. Some of the kids have been talking about this event all year! There are also other fundraising activities and events that the Masons host for the clinic in the fall and throughout the holiday season. Specifically, the new Masonic classes are very generous in their donations to the clinic every 6 months. We cannot thank you all enough for your continued support with these and all other fundraising events and parties held this past year.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. As always, you are invited to visit the clinic anytime. We wish you and your families an enjoyable holiday season and a very happy and healthy start to the New Year!

The Knights of St. Andrew – Valley of Frederick – Continued

And there fell on that day at the Battle of Bannockburn (Blàr Allt a' Bhonnaich in Scottish Gaelic) thousands of English, winning the Scottish Independence.

In gratitude for their assistance on that memorable day by the Templars, Robert the Bruce created the Order of Scottish Knights Templar, Knights of Saint Andrew du Chardon (of the Thistle) of Scotland.

When the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was organized in the early 1730s, explanatory degrees were added to those of the Blue Lodge. Degrees of the Rites of Heredom and Perfection, along with other degrees and rites from Scotland, France, and Germany. The 29th Degree became the "Scottish Knight of St. Andrew", exemplifying the qualities of the Knights Templars and those of the Order of St. Andrew du

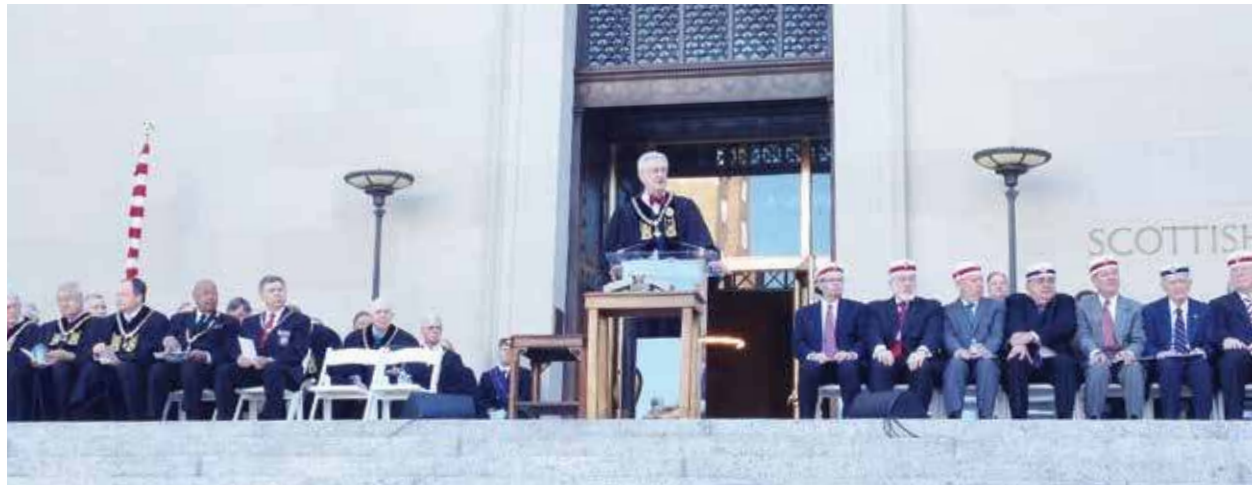
Chardon, this degree remains with us today.

Our order here in Frederick was established on the 24th of June, 2014. This date commemorates the creation of the Knights of St Andrew at the Battle of Bannockburn (Blàr Allt a' Bhonnaich in Scottish Gaelic) (24 June 1314) This was a significant Scottish victory in the First War of Scottish Independence, and a landmark in Scottish history.





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| Sunday, November 1st | Susquehanna - Ring Ceremony | 2pm |
| Monday, November 2nd | Balt. – 27° Rehearsal | 7pm |
| Tuesday, November 3rd | Balt. – 30° & 32° Rehearsal | 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, November 4th | Baltimore - Confer 20° & 21° | 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, November 4th | Southern Md. – Confer 18° | 7pm |
| Thursday, November 5th | Frederick – Breakfast | 9am |
| Thursday, November 5th | Balt. Lodges Confer 3° @ SR | 6pm |
| Saturday, November 7th | Baltimore - Reunion Day | 8am – 4pm |
| Saturday, November 7th | Cumberland – Ladies Night | 6:30pm |
| Sunday, November 8th | Baltimore -Ring Ceremony | 2pm |
| Tuesday, November 10th | Baltimore – Tishri Rehearsal | 7pm |
| Wednesday, November 11th | Baltimore - Feast of Tishri | 7pm |
| Monday, November 16th | Cumberland – LOP | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, November 18th | Southern Md. – Feast of Tishri | 7pm |
| Thursday, November 19th | Susquehanna – Feast of Tishri | 7pm |
| Thursday, November 19th | Frederick – Capping & Ring | 7:30pm |
| Sunday, November 22nd | Cumberland – Capping | 2pm |
| Saturday, November 28th | Frederick – KSA | 5pm |
| Wednesday, December 2nd | Southern Md. – Holiday Party | 7pm |
| Wednesday, December 2nd | Chesapeake Band Concert | 7:30pm |
| Thursday, December 3rd | Frederick – Breakfast | 9am |
| Monday, December 7th | Cumberland – Elections | 7:30pm |
| Sunday, December 13th | Baltimore - Christmas Gala | 3pm – 6pm |
| Thursday, December 17th | Frederick – Elections | 7:30pm |
| Monday, December 21st | Cumberland – LOP | 7:30pm |
| Sunday, January 3rd | Cumberland - Installation | 2pm |
| Monday, January 4th | Cumberland – LOP | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, January 6th | Southern Md. – LOP | 7pm |
| Thursday, January 7th | Frederick Breakfast | 9am |
| Sunday, January 10th | Baltimore – Installation | 2pm |
| Monday, January 18th | Cumberland – LOP | 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, January 19th | Salisbury – Capping & Ring | 4:00pm |
| Wednesday, January 20th | Southern Md. – Installation | 7pm |
| Thursday, January 21st | Susquehanna – Installation | 7pm |
| Tuesday, January 26th | Cumberland – Awards Cer. | 2pm |
| Wednesday, January 27th | SR Club – Washington Co. | 6pm |