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# RITENEWS

OF MARYLAND

**“Virtue protects us  
when we are unarmed;  
and is an armor that we  
cannot lose, unless we  
be false to ourselves.”**

*Bridge to Light p273*





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



“BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BROTHERS TO DWELL IN UNITY”  
(Psalms) 133(1).

### GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL;

I hope this issue of our Rite News magazine finds everyone well and enjoying the beauty of spring.

I know almost all of you, especially the men, have heard this verse:

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell in unity” (Psalms) 133(1). This verse is often used in lodge meetings, banquets, and other Masonic functions. This verse came to mind when Fred reminded me that my article was due the next day.

A few weeks back, I was passing through (or at least trying to pass through) security at the Philadelphia Airport. I had just walked through the metal detector without setting off any bells or whistles when one of their police officers stepped in front of me and said “Sir, I have some good news and bad news...” I looked at him and said OK let's go with the good news. He replied “the good news is I can tell from your lapel pins that you are not one of those who will give me a hard time about what I have to say next..” Looking at my lapel he was referring to my Scottish Rite and Grandmaster's pins. I said OK what is the bad news? He replied “you have been randomly selected by the computer for further security screening.”

I said OK, what do I have to do? He answered that it is a very simple swabbing of both hands, remove your belt and

jacket, place your briefcase on the counter and we will scan you with this hand scanner.

To my surprise, I passed it all and was handed my briefcase and advised I could proceed. I asked the officer if he belonged to the fraternity, and in fact he did belong to a Prince Hall Lodge in Philadelphia. We spoke for just a moment about the fraternity and he told me how quickly people get mad, get excited, take offense, and get downright rude about being told that they were selected for such random security screening. My reply was that “I would rather be safe than sorry.” We talked for a few more minutes about how different meeting a Mason makes in such a diverse group of people passing through security. He went on to say despite all the differences in backgrounds beliefs and cultures most Masons treat him with respect for the job that he is trying to do.

In Scottish Rite and Masonry, we are much the same. We come from different backgrounds and have different beliefs and ideas, yet we all come together in unity. We sit together in large meetings and reunions at the Scottish Rite, Rite cheer lunches, and a wide variety of functions where we laugh, share stories and enjoy each other's company.

There is a great sense of unity and connection with each other,

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# Valley of Baltimore

BY: ILL. JASON Q. STANDISH, 33°—ORIENT SECRETARY-REGISTRAR



**B**Y THE TIME this reaches your mailbox, spring will almost be over, and we will be looking forward to the warm summer season. As I write this, the last remnants of snow are melting away and work is underway to prepare for the upcoming spring reunion season. To all of our new Scottish Rite members, welcome! I hope you enjoyed your experience and I look forward to getting to know you better. I invite you to get involved and be active, as you are able. Remember, “What you put into your Scottish Rite experience will be returned to you in like measure.”

There are many opportunities to be an active part of your Scottish Rite. While the most obvious is taking a part as an actor in one of our many degrees, there are also sound, lighting, property, and costume

departments to be a part of, as well as officer positions in the four constituent bodies that comprise the Rite. The Knights of St. Andrew is a special part of the Scottish Rite and offers an opportunity for conspicuous service in the presentation of our National and State flags, honor guards, and accommodation of dignitaries and guests; and no, you don't have to wear a kilt (but you can!). If you would like to get involved and are not sure where or how to start, please call the Scottish Rite office at 410-243-3200, or drop us an email at [aasr@verizon.net](mailto:aasr@verizon.net) and we can help get you on your way.

I would like to call everyone's attention to the online calendar that is a part of our [www.md-scottishrite.org](http://www.md-scottishrite.org) website. Here you can find events that are

happening at our Valleys around the State. If you would like to be added to some of our other notifications, please contact the office and we will be happy to add you to the email, phone, and mailing lists. Be sure to RSVP for the events you are planning to attend, especially when meals are planned – many of these events require prior planning and preparation for a successful and enjoyable function. Lastly, I want to remind everyone that Scottish Rite license plates are still available for members. If you would like to have plates for your vehicle(s), contact the office and we will get the forms and instructions to you. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you at the Rite!



Friends and family enjoying the Valley of Baltimore 2023 Christmas Party.



# The Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

BY: HON. DAVID A. ENTE, 32°, KCCH—VENERABLE MASTER



**I**T WAS GREAT to have the Lodge of Perfection kick off the spring Masonic season! We had great attendance, and our

speaker brought us an engaging topic. I have received many positive comments about Brother Stebbins' talk, as well as interest in the symposium this summer. I look forward to seeing you all there.

As I looked around the Lodge, I saw so many brothers I know who are involved with the work of keeping the Rite running smoothly. As we head into the degrees this spring, we will see the product of the volunteer effort of many brothers. From acting to props, from lighting to sound; all working together to put on such amazing degrees! If it's been a while since you've

seen the degrees, I welcome you to come out and see them again. Every time I watch them, I discover something new. Come on out and support the Rite and all our members. I will see you there!

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# Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix

BY: BRO. D. SCOTT WILSON, 32°, WISE MASTER



**T**HIS IS ONE of my favorite times of the year as it provides for many, if not most of us, the opportunity to feel happy and excited as we look forward to the warmer weather and being able to see the waking up of nature all around us. As is often said, "Hope Springs Eternal." The concept of leaving the cold winter months and jumping into the warm spring season

has always brought on a rejuvenating feeling. Many ancient societies have celebrated the coming of the spring season as it symbolizes fertility, rebirth, and renewal often focused on the vernal equinox.

Maundy Thursday occurs during this period every year. I believe that the public presentation of the Maundy Thursday service of extinguishing the lights is one of the most important celebrations of remembrance, renewal and rededication for all Scottish Rite Masons. If you have never had the opportunity to attend the service, I highly recommend you fit it into your schedule. During the service, we reflect on the life of Jesus Christ, leading up to the point where He celebrated the Passover at the Last Supper and sat down with His apostles to share food and wine, as well as the symbolic act He made of washing their feet.

Our presentation expresses the importance of the symbolism of these events and how it impacted humanity.

In the ceremony, the Knights Rose Croix complete the act of "Extinguishing the Symbolic Lights" which commemorates the crucifixion of the Christ. The second act, or "Relighting the Symbolic Lights", represents the Resurrection. It challenges us to make a pledge of regeneration and renewal in the Masonic values of love for our brothers, to defend and preserve freedom, and give to those in need.

The ceremony itself draws upon the fundamental beliefs and lessons taught in the Degrees of the Rose Croix Chapter. There are responsibilities of all Knights Rose Croix to always work to improve themselves, to aid the poor, whether Masonic or not, each according to his means. These acts help Knights Rose Croix grow stronger to benefit all of humanity from their faith and hope.

All Scottish Rite Masons should take this time to renew their vows and put them into practice to help us lead better lives for the entire world around us. The more we conduct ourselves as men of the Masonic Order, the greater our own rewards and self-actualization will be in life.

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**Annual  
Scottish Rite**

## Maine Lobster Fest

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

**2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

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# The Maryland Council of Kadosh

BY: BRO. JONATHAN R. STRICKLER, 32°—COMMANDER



**A**S YOUR SCOTTISH RITE finishes conferring the various degrees on the new class of Scottish Rite Masons, I must say congratulations to each of them. Their hard work and desire to further their Light in Masonry illustrates their ability to improve in our fraternity. It also shows me

that they are well versed in balancing their time with all their responsibilities of life as it is difficult to meet weekly for multiple weeks in a row.

Each of us can remember coming through our own degrees and trying to remember some part of each of the degrees so we may relate it to our lives. What I learned most, however, becomes self-evident when I sit and ponder my next task of the day. I constantly must remind myself that time is a precious commodity these busy days, which we must protect.

We recall in our lectures that the “Hourglass is an emblem of human life. Behold, how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close.” It is this idea that makes me

thankful for all the time I have with my family, friends, and brothers. So, I do understand that the thought of balancing time every day with each of our responsibilities can be extremely difficult. We must choose from one event over another and we all know that we will, of course, disappoint someone. Thus, I am grateful to the Maryland Council of Kadosh for having meetings and events that are open to all people.

If you were unaware, after our quick business meeting, we then retire to the social hall and have a fun time at an “Open” Table Lodge. There we get the opportunity to eat, socialize with family, friends, and brothers, and truly enjoy our time.

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# Chesapeake Consistory

BY: HON. WILLIAM R. HOLDREN III, 32°, KCHH—MASTER OF KADOSH



**B**RETHREN, I am humbled and would like to thank everyone for electing me to serve as the Venerable Master of Kadosh of the Chesapeake Consistory. I am very excited for all of the great things that we do

at the Scottish Rite.

As we’ve just finished the Ill. William E. Gyr, 33° Spring Class of 2024, it never ceases to amaze me how much effort the Brothers of the Scottish Rite put into making it such a special event. From the cast members to all of the support functions, it is truly a team effort to put on such an elaborate show and confer the degrees in such spectacular fashion. The level of professionalism that each Brother exudes during the degree cycles is remarkable. Please make every effort, if you are not a part of the conferral process, to attend as much as possible as you’re sure to see something new every time you watch the degrees presented.

I would also like to add a shameless plug for any Brothers interested to join the Knights of Saint Andrew. Sir Knight Anthony Glass has been installed as the new Knight Commander and is looking for a “good few Brothers” to lend a hand as a part of the service organization for the Valley of Baltimore.

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

## Valley of Charles County—2024 Installation of Officers



## Valley of Southern Maryland—2024 Installation of Officers





## Valley Members Recognized for Meritorious Service



**SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY** Cumberland Scottish Rite were recently presented with Meritorious Service Awards in recognition of their outstanding service to Freemasonry during the past year. In addition to countless hours of service to the Scottish Rite, these brothers have shared their talent and service as active and effective leaders in their blue lodges, Masonic bodies, and other community organizations. These brethren (*pictured left to right*) made significant

contributions to the fraternity and to the greater community outside the walls of their lodges in 2023. Valley Almoner and Wardrobe Manager Richard Haines, 32°, a member of the 14th Degree cast, served as Secretary of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Algonquin Forest No. 140. Valley Treasurer James B. Kalbflesh, 32°, Captain of the 30th Degree cast, served as Worshipful Master of Antietam Lodge No. 197 and as a Grand Inspector. Knights of St.

Andrew Advisor Hon. Dwight C. Metcalf, 32° KCCH, a member of the 14th and 30th Degree casts, served as Grand Tall of Algonquin Forest No. 140. Knights of St. Andrew Junior Warden Bro. Brett T.J. Bean, 32° served as Chapter Dad for the Cumberland DeMolay, as Senior Steward of East Gate Lodge No. 216, and as Deputy Grand Tall of Algonquin Forest No. 140. Venerable Master Mark E. Lathrop, 32°, a member of the 14th and 30th Degree casts,

served as Senior Deacon and lead catechism instructor for East Gate Lodge No. 216. Hon. Mark C. Weatherholt, 32° KCCH, a member of the 14th, 30th, and 32nd Degree casts, served as Senior Warden of East Gate Lodge No. 216, as an active member of the Ali Ghan Highlanders, and contributed numerous volunteer hours to help maintain the Cumberland Masonic Temple. Assistant Personal Representative Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33° served as Secretary of the Ali Ghan Ritualistic Unit, a position he has held for more than four decades, as one of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation's

representatives on the board of the Children's League, and as a member of the Red Cross of Constantine. Knights of St. Andrew Venerable Master Hon. Michael W. Kerns 32° KCCH served as Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of Shriners Children's Erie and has tirelessly supported the educational and charitable endeavors of many Masonic and community organizations. Bro. Larry Hartz, 32° (*not pictured*) has hit the ground running as a recently raised Master Mason. He regularly attends meetings of the Scottish Rite and was elected as 2nd

Lt. Commander in the Council of Kadosh. He is a member of the 30th Degree Cast and serves on the stage crew and as projectionist. In 2023, he served as Senior Steward of Kemp Lodge No. 154 and joined his blue lodge's team of catechism instructors. The members of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite are truly inspired by the commitment of these brothers and many others who regularly provide a positive example to all who labor in the quarries of Freemasonry in the pursuit of brotherly love, relief, and truth!

## Summer Activities Planned for Members, Family, and Friends

**THE CUMBERLAND MASONIC** Strawberry Night and Scottish Rite Family Picnic and Corn Roast offer a great chance for our members, family, and friends to spend time together in a casual setting while we take a break from the usual business of our lodges during the "dark" days of summer. Both of these events have grown in popularity and we look forward to seeing even more of our members – new and not-so-new – invite your family and friends to join us for a fun time together. There

is no charge to attend either of these events, attire is casual, and everyone is welcome! Strawberry Night is a long-time tradition among Masons to celebrate the return of summer – and strawberries! This year's event will be held on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm in the social hall at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. We will provide plenty of fried chicken, strawberries, and ice cream for the affair and guests are asked to bring a covered dish or salad to share. The Scottish Rite Family Picnic

and Corn Roast will be held at the home of Jamie and Linda Summerfield on Summerfield Lane in Rawlings, MD on Saturday, July 27th beginning at 1:00 pm. This is always a wonderful afternoon of food, friends, and fellowship! You may want to get in a bit of practice on your cornhole skills if you hope to compete with our resident champion, Jerry Robinette. He takes no prisoners! We will provide burgers, fried chicken, and other meats. Bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert to share.

## Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew and Burns Night Committee present a check to The Children's League



**Pictured L to R:** Valley of Cumberland Personal Representative and Children's League Director Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°; Bro. Larry Hartz, 32°; SGIG Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°; Children's League Director Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; KSA Venerable Master Hon. Michael W. Kerns, 32° KCCH; Children's League Executive Director Cathy Growden; KSA Advisor Dwight C. Metcalf, 32°; KSA Advisor Hon. Michael L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH; Venerable Master Mark E. Lathrop, 32°; and Valley Secretary Ill. Robin L. Summerfield, 33°.

## 19th Annual Burns Night Raises \$35,000 for RiteCare



Andrew Donlon, Pipe Major and Executive Director of the North American Champion MacMillan Pipe Band, and local favorites Shanty Irish perform for guests at the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew Robert Burns Night.

## Valley of Cumberland Leadership Team for 2024

The Officers of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies were installed and invested on February 11, 2024. The members of the Valley of Cumberland Executive Committee for 2024 term are:

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| Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°<br>SGIG Personal Representative       | Hon. James B. Summerfield, 32° KCCH<br>Senior Warden     | Bro. Brett T.J. Bean, 32°<br>Senior Warden, Knights of St. Andrew |
| Ill. Samuel J. Lane, 33°<br>Assistant Personal Representative | Bro. Richard E. Haines, 32°<br>Junior Warden             | Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°<br>Appointed                        |
| Ill. Robin L. Summerfield, 33°<br>Secretary - Registrar       | Bro. Jason S. Snyder, 32°<br>Wise Master                 | Hon. Joseph W. Cushall, 32°<br>KCCH<br>Appointed                  |
| Bro. James B. Kalbflesh, 32°<br>Treasurer                     | Bro. Christopher D. Ackerman, 32°<br>Commander of Kadosh | Hon. Mike L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH<br>Appointed                       |
| Hon. Michael W. Kerns, 32° KCCH<br>Venerable Master           | Bro. Mark E. Lathrop, 32°<br>Master of Kadosh            |   |

**THIS YEAR'S BURNS NIGHT** presented by the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew set records for both attendance and fundraising in their work to support the four regional RiteCare Clinics sponsored by the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation. A ceremonial check in the amount of \$35,000 was presented to the Valley's RiteCare Clinical Partner, The Children's League, during the event. The sold out event featured a delicious Scottish menu by Chef John McConnell of Cumberland's popular Mise en Place restaurant along with haggis prepared by Ill.

Tommy Morris, 33°, Personal Representative in the Valley of Frederick, and Scotch Quail Eggs prepared by Valley of Cumberland's own Hon. Michael Kamauff, 32° KCCH. Music for the event was performed by international award-winning Pipe Major Andrew Donlon of MacMillan Pipe Bands and local favorites Shanty Irish. The Selkirk Grace was offered by the Rt. Rev. Martin Townsend, Bishop in Residence at Emmanuel Episcopal Parish; the Address to a Haggis was delivered by Hon. Mark C. Weatherholt, 32° KCCH, Past Venerable Master of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew; a selection of Robert

Burns' poetry was read by poet, author, and Frostburg State University English Professor Gerry LaFemina; and Cumberland Mayor Ray Morriss offered the Toast to the Immortal Memory. The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation is grateful to the Knights of St. Andrew, event attendees, and many community sponsors who have made the Burns Night Fundraiser a tradition in Cumberland that has grown to become our largest annual fundraiser in support of free and accessible RiteCare services for children in the Western Maryland region.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

All events at Cumberland Masonic Temple unless noted

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

**Chapter of Rose Croix**  
Monday, May 6  
at 7:30 pm  
(at Oakland Lodge)

**Lodge of Perfection**  
Monday, May 20  
at 7:30 pm

**Strawberry Night**  
Monday, June 3  
at 6:30 pm

**Scottish Rite Family Picnic and Corn Roast**  
Saturday, July 27  
at 1:00 pm  
Summerfield Lane,  
Rawlings



**2023 Mason of the Year – Brent Lewis**

**HON. BRENT A. LEWIS, 32° KCCH WAS** recently named 2023 Freemason of the Year by the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite. Brother Lewis has distinguished himself and brought honor to the fraternity through his service and commitment to the tenets of Freemasonry. He has been committed to excellence in ritual as a member of the 18th Degree cast and has provided important service to his brethren and their families as Chaplain of Oakland Lodge No. 192. He is an active member of the Ali Ghan Shriners Harige Unit and serves regularly in his church.

Brent’s commitment to RiteCare is undeniable. As the founder and co-chair of the Debbie Friend Memorial Golf Tournament, he led a small committee of volunteers in quickly establishing the event as the second largest annual fundraiser for RiteCare in the Valley of Cumberland, netting \$22,000 for RiteCare in its second year. Brent’s contributions have added greatly to the Valley of Cumberland’s efforts to promote awareness of the Scottish Rite and the Oakland RiteCare program among individuals and families, organizations, and businesses in Garrett County.

**An Intentional Kaleidoscope**

BY: BRO. ANTHONY J. GLASS, 32°—COMMANDER, KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW



**K**ALEIDOSCOPE is derived from three Greek roots: “καλός”, which means magnificent, “εἶδος”, which means visible form, and “σκοπέω”, which means to observe. When taken together, they allude to “eminently beautiful forms that are meant to be contemplated”. Although the word often conjures memories of the toys from our youth, the deeper meaning of the concept applies to the dazzling array of colors, geometric forms, carefully curated movements, and curious application of terminology that we find in the degrees of all four bodies. As one twist of the tube radically rearranges the presentation of shapes and colors, moving from one degree to another can seem jarring. A Brother will not be alone in feeling at least slightly bewildered when encountering the lessons.

For this very reason, we are regularly counseled to attend the lessons, pick up what we can while present, study and ponder the materials available, and return to future degrees to begin the process again. Take, for example, a comparison of the 25th through 27th degrees. The 25th is visually simple, yet adorned with a deeply cerebral discussion. The 26th is filled with captivating visuals, yet we are provided with a very straightforward explanation of the three colors of the degree. The 27th degree takes the stunningly different tack of, well, everything. Nothing is as it seems on the surface, yet each and every piece practically goads us to further research. This is part of the beauty and the wisdom of the Scottish Rite. Recall what we learned in the Lodge of Perfection: *what you put into your Scottish Rite experience will be returned to you in like measure.*

A pertinent quote comes from *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court*, written in the late 1880s by Brother Samuel Clemens, more commonly known as Mark Twain (entered and raised in Missouri’s Polar Star Lodge no. 79), which states: “You can’t depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus”. In that wild and adventurous spirit, let us

challenge ourselves. Before attending the 14th degree, gather your colored pencils and recreate the arrangement of candles. Notice what thoughts and sentiments arise. Are they as expected or are you taken by surprise? Before attending the 20th degree: take a piece of charcoal and mark the location of each of the candles on a piece of paper, then break out your 24 inch gauge and draw out the path that the active candidate takes during the course of the lecture. Bonus points for summarizing the content of each stop in a word or two. Do you find connections that speak to your experience as a man and a Mason? Fold up that paper, slip it in your pocket, and bring it with you to degree night.

Those who have given a kaleidoscope more than a cursory glance know well that its mutable nature has two faces. The first is a display of the laws of randomness and the second it is a singular opportunity to observe connections between the manifold displays, to tease out meaning from exoteric tokens. Stretch your mind my Brothers, study, inquire, and share what you learn – because perhaps the most important lesson of the degrees is sitting next to you at the dinner table.





**Valley of Baltimore  
2024 Installation of Officers**





# Valley of Susquehanna

BY: HON. WILLIAM E. MILLER, III, 32°, KCCH—VENERABLE MASTER



**W**ELL BROTHERS, if your goal in selecting me as Venerable Master of the Chesapeake Lodge of Perfection was to get me out of my comfort zone, congratulations, you have succeeded. I'm neither a ritualist nor a writer. In fact, I'm barely a reader, although I do enjoy "Monday Morning Masonry".

The first time I witnessed a Masonic lecture, I was amazed that anyone could perform such

a lecture from memory. I knew I couldn't. However, in what seemed to be a very short time, others thought differently of me. And specifically, two brothers - the late Illustrious Lou Bandedell and the Illustrious Richard Thurfield. To these men, I am eternally grateful. Whether they saw something in me that I did not see in myself, or whether others refused their offer isn't important now, but these brothers were the first to ask that I accept a part in a degree.

Now this is the reason why some of my family members and long-time friends think Masons are strange. Seldom am I asked to speak. I accepted their offers, although very much doubting myself, because I understood that other brothers had spent countless hours learning lines for my benefit and I owed it to those brothers to do the same for others. Plus, I had made eye

contact with Lou and once that happened it was nearly impossible to say no. In Rich's case, I never like to say no to a friend asking for help.

As I stated earlier, I did not believe I could memorize lines. At best I had been an average student with very bad study habits. That and I didn't join Masonry until I was fifty-eight years old. Masons claim to make good men better. I believed myself to be a good man, but Masonry has certainly made me better. Had it not been for masonry, I would never have met most of the men I now consider my brothers. Men who have made me better, both by challenging me and through their friendship.

In the end, I guess Lou and Rich saw in me what Garth Brooks sang about - "How are you gonna know if you never dare to try?"

**SGJG message**  
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and this is something that is slipping away in today's high-tech world of "zoom." I sincerely believe that people need people! There is power in coming together. While we are part of a Masonic family, we are stronger together than we could ever be apart. The Scottish Rite

is a family and is known throughout the jurisdiction for our unity and hospitality.

Reflecting on this meeting in the airport, I think wearing a lapel pin may speak volumes about you. One never knows when you may meet a friend or a brother. That friend may want to become a brother!

In closing may I wish you all the Blessings of good health and

a safe wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you around the Rite.



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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



## Valley of Frederick—2024 Installation of Officers





# Is Age Just a Number?

BY: HON. JEFFREY A. VILKAS, 32°, KCCH

**IS AGE JUST A NUMBER?** With age comes experience is what I've always been told. So, is that all it is? This question has made me think about masonry more than I ever thought I would. Is it truly just a number? As a young man, you begin to age through life's changing events. At eighteen, most of us graduate from high school, get a job or serve our great nation. At twenty-one, you can drink legally, some of us become parents but what do we have after that to look forward to between now and sixty-five? Oh, age sixty-five, our bodies remind us of the olden days and all the fun we used to have, and finally, for some, we can retire. Have you met the brothers who are "retired?" Good Lord, they are doing more for masonry daily than most of us do on a normal week. Men who teach the words, some

put on plays, others drive for, the list goes on and on. For us younger guys "rough ashlar" strive to be a perfect Elu, a stone with no rough edges. This is quite a feat.

These men have a lot to offer us and should be thought of in a better light than just the "old guys". It's crazy to think the opposite as well. The young guys, we give our time too. We don't have as much but we live for the moments. Our children still live at home. Our wives still time us when we are in lodge, to our chagrin, I might add. Attending everything we can, possibly sitting next to a brother that retired from the workforce before we were even born.

So, I ask again, is age just a number? I believe we all have something to offer, no matter our age. Never count a brother out for anything. I've seen a

brother ninety-three do more than a brother sixty-three and help a twenty-three old. I've seen brothers do amazing things with and for other brothers of all ages in my time traveling. We can learn from a brother who is twenty-one or one hundred and one.

We miss 100% of the chances we don't take, and we learn nothing from questions not asked. Sit with a brother or many and ask the questions. Believe me, if you ask the right ones, you will never be let down. Call your brothers and ask them about their day. Don't leave the question unanswered or that conversation unfinished. Scottish Rite has taught me a lot in a short period but the one thing that sticks with me every day for me is that age is truly just a number.

# 27° Knight of the Sun or Chief Adept

FORMER DEGREE MASTER: HON. TIMOTHY M. DYKES, 32°, KCCH

Excerpt from

## Ill. Bro. Albert Pike's work, *Morals & Dogma*

**“THE PRIMA MATERIA** of the Great Work, in the Superior World, is enthusiasm and activity; in the intermediate world, intelligence and industry; in the lower world, labor: and, in Science, it is the Sulphur, Mercury, and Salt, which by turns volatilized and fixed, compose the Azoth of the Sages.”

The Sulphur corresponds with the elementary form of the Fire; Mercury with the Air and Water; and Salt with the Earth.

The Great Work is, above all things, the creation of man by himself; that is to say, the full and entire conquest which he effects on his faculties and his future. It is, above all, the perfect emancipation of his will, which assures him the universal empire of Azoth, and the domain of magnetism, that is, complete power over the universal Magical agent.

This Magical agent, which the Ancient Hermetic philosophers disguised under the name of "Prima Materia," determines the forms of the modifiable Substance; and the Alchemists said that by means of it they could attain the transmutation of metals and the universal medicine.

There are two Hermetic operations, one spiritual, the other

material, dependent the one on the other.

The whole Hermetic Science is contained in the dogma of Hermes, engraved originally, it is said, on a tablet of emerald. Its sentences that relate to operating the Great Work are as follows:

“Thou shalt separate the earth from the fire, the subtile from the gross, gently, with much industry.

“It ascends from earth to Heaven, and again descends to earth, and receives the force of things above and below.

“Thou shalt by this means possess the glory of the whole world, and therefore all obscurity shall flee away from thee.

“This is the potent force of all force, for it will overcome everything subtile, and penetrate everything solid.

“So the world was created.”

All the Masters in Alchemy who have written of the Great Work, have employed symbolic and figurative expressions; being constrained to do so, as well to repel the profane from a work that would be dangerous for them, as to be well understood by Adepts, in revealing to them the whole world of analogies governed by the single and sovereign dogma of Hermes.

So, in their language, gold and silver are the King and Queen, or the Sun and Moon; Sulphur, the flying Eagle; Mercury, the Man-woman, winged, bearded, mounted on a cube, and crowned with flames; Matter or Salt, the winged Dragon; the Metals in ebullition, Lions of different colors; and, finally, the entire work has for its symbols the Pelican and the Phoenix.

The Hermetic Art is, therefore, at the same time a religion, a philosophy, and a natural science. As a religion, it is that of the Ancient Magi and the Initiates of all ages; as a philosophy, we may find its principles in the school of Alexandria and the theories of Pythagoras; as a science, we must inquire for its processes of Paracelsus, Nicholas Flamel, and Raymond Lulle.

The Science is a real one only for those who admit and understand the philosophy and the religion; and its process will succeed only for the Adept who has attained the sovereignty of will, and so become the King of the elementary world: for the grand agent of the operation of the Sun, is that force described in the Symbol of Hermes, of the table of emerald; it is the universal magical power; the spiritual, *continues on page 26*

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## “A Second Chance”

BY: ILL. BENNIE G. OWENS, 33°, MWPGM (1922-2018)



**I WAS RAISED IN** 1946 and during the several years that followed, I was able to be very active in various amounts of degree work within the Masonic Fraternity. I, as did a number of my fellow sojourners, believed that the lessons taught by the degree work would make us better men. I still hold that basic idea. However, during the latter years, our membership has been decreasing. Although it is up to each MASON to use his own mind and to study to improve himself in Masonry, there must be something that many of us did not do quite as well as we should to allow this dramatic drop in membership. Many times, it appeared as though we were operating degree factories, rather than teaching brotherhood. I received my Scottish Rite degrees in 1973 in a class of over 700 members. It is amazing to note how many of those

brothers have been very active masons. I would suspect about the same percentage as any other class. I have participated in several York Rite Classes of more than 100 brothers. Yes, it has been an experience in getting the job accomplished, but has it really given us a chance to practice brotherhood? In some of those early years, there were several brothers available for many parts. I do remember that I learned the Orators part in the 14th degree and did not actually confer it for ten years.

However, having said all this, I believe that with the influx in membership, we have been given a “SECOND CHANCE”. We often refer to the Masonic Fraternity. Many times, we only treat our organization as an association and not as a “FRATERNITY”. Fraternity means BROTHERHOOD. We must start to promote Brotherly Love if we hope to retain all of the members that we hope to gain. Each new member must have a place in our fraternal society. He must have that something that keeps him wanting to associate with his fellow Masons. If a lodge raises thirty new men in a year, they must find thirty ways to keep those brothers happy in the lodge. All of them can not become Master, so there must be other ways to keep them busy.

The Scottish Rite, The York

Rite, The Shrine, The Eastern Star, and the Youth Groups all offer something to keep our brothers interested. As I have said before, only in Maryland do we have the great cooperation and assistance among the various different Masonic groups. We need to help one another and remember, it never hurts to shake hands and say hello. It is amazing how much enjoyment you can get from a little bit of small talk, or how a small conversation today can grow into a wonderful friendship tomorrow. I hope to be able to greet each of you at our Scottish Rite meetings. It will be great if you help me to be a better member of our fraternity by grabbing my hand and saying “why don’t you practice what you preach?” Let’s make this fall class one of the happiest that we have ever seen. Please join the SGIG, The Grand Master, The York Rite Presiding Officers and ME in making this a great fall. I am counting on your help and know that we will be the most enthusiastic group of Masons in the whole world.

Yes Brothers, we have been given a second chance to improve our Fraternal Relations with our new members. Thanks to the efforts of our Grand Lodge, The Joint Scottish/York Rite Class,

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## How We Bring Members into the Fraternity is Far Less Important Than What We Do with Them Afterwards

BY: ILL. BRO. RICHARD E. FLETCHER, 33°, MWPGM VERMONT

**You gotta be kidding. Me? Attend Lodge? No way!**

*“I’d rather have a root canal then go down and listen to those guys waste my time opening, reading the minutes, reviewing bills, closing, and then having to face lukewarm coffee and store-bought pie before I can go home.”*

Sound familiar? You can even add your own particular anecdote about why Masons don’t attend lodge. But they all come out the same; Freemasons would rather do almost anything other than going to the lodge. We have made “lodge night” the least important date in our calendar.

So, why are we now staying away in droves?

First of all we have to realize that staying away from lodge is not a recent phenomenon. Just for example, in the 1940s and 50s when Carl Claudy wrote his series of plays, he did it, primarily, to stimulate lodge interest and attendance. In reading early Masonic publications such as The Master Mason or The Builder, we also find that a great concern was the definite lack of interest in attending lodge.

Perhaps, at this point, we ought to define the term lodge:

Coil’s Masonic Encyclopedia says:

*The lodge has always, from the earliest times to the present, been the center of Masonic activity and interest. Both the lodge and the Fraternity have changed over the years and the name, **lodge**, has taken on several different meanings, but the essential relation of the lodge to the whole organization has remained constant. It is still the basic assembly, the place where Masons are made, where they meet, and where they work.*

My own personal definition: The Lodge is our *oasis*. A place where we go to be refreshed and take what we learn back into the world.

It is also extremely important to know that I am not defining lodge as a building location but rather as a place to experience spiritual, emotional, educational, and creative opportunities that enrich not only our own lives, also the lives of those with whom we come in contact.

Spiritual: Because every lodge is God centered.

Emotional: Because we derive happiness from making new Masons and contributing to

many charitable activities.

Educational: Because we learn from our ritual and lectures and charges

Creative: Because we are encouraged to think and put our ideas to work

The place where all these things come together is lodge. The lodge is the center of our Masonic universe.

### How are today’s Lodges perceived?

Remember those Brothers who used to say. *I became a Freemason because I watched all of the men in town that I respected going upstairs and through the door into a room. I didn’t know what they were doing, but I knew those men, and I knew I wanted to be part of that group.*

Those men were going to lodge and it was noticed. You don’t hear that kind of statement very much anymore, and I know there are many reasons, for one thing, lodges are much larger. If you have a membership of 20 to 50, everybody knows each other, but when you start getting into the hundreds,

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then you tend to lose close person-to-person contact. And, I know that we are a transient society moving about constantly. Just a few generations ago, we seldom moved from the town in which we were born, and then our

move was usually only somewhere else in the same county. Nowadays, people tend to move on before you get a chance to really know them.

There are many reasons that could be given why Freemasons are not noticed the way they used to be. But the most important one is that we simply are not out there, where we can be seen, the way we used to be, not just going to lodge but in the work lodge's used to do in the community - visiting the sick and afflicted, caring for the widows and orphans, helping our neighbors. The Masonic basics are rarely on the agenda anymore.

Remember the old Mason who came to every meeting, never went through the chairs, had no Masonic titles but taught the lectures to new candidates and told them what the lodge was all about? We don't see many of those old timers anymore either. Oh - I know some are still there, but they are not as visible as they used to be, and they are not as numerous.

What happened? Tragically the ones that used to help us in lodge either are not there

anymore or are not used any more. The help we used to receive from others is not a hidden value. It is a forgotten value.

Another aspect of lodge attendance from which we also seem to have drifted is the support we used to give to each other. Can Masons working together possibly make a difference? Let me share with you from his book *The Mystic Tie*, the story Allen E. Roberts tells about Robert Burns, the Scottish Freemason and poet.

Before Robert Burns became a Freemason he was known to few in Scotland. Great Britain, and the world, didn't know of his existence. This would change thanks to his Masonic brethren.

Burns was persuaded by Gavin Hamilton, the Master of Lodge Loudoun Kilwinning at Newmilns, to collect and publish his poems. He did. The edition was limited to 600, of which the members of St. John's Lodge of Kimarnock took 350. In every respect this could be called a Masonic edition. Burns had no money, so his brethren fully supported the enterprise. It was printed by John Wilson, an enthusiastic Mason. It was dedicated, naturally, to Gavin Hamilton.

Still without funds, Burns decided to seek his fortune in Jamaica. But just before he was to leave, he received a letter from a Dr. Blacklock.

Burns was urged to go to Edinburgh to arrange for a second printing of his poems. This

proved to be a turning point in his life. There he visited Canongate Kilwinning Lodge and met Lord Glencairn. Glencairn liked Burns and obtained a position for him in the Excise. Most important, Glencairn persuaded members of the nobility to subscribe to the works of Burns.

It was said of the Edinburgh edition of Burns' Poems: "surely never a book came out of a more Masonic laboratory." The author, printer, illustrator, and publisher were all Freemasons.

Three years later Lord Glencairn died, and Burns wrote his "Lament for James, Earl of Glencairn." Many consider the last verse of this elegy the finest Burns had ever written:

The bridegroom may forget the bride  
Was made his wedded wife yestreen;  
The monarch may forget the crown  
That on his head an hour has been;  
The mother may forget the bairn  
That smiles sae sweetly on her knee;  
But I'll remember thee, Glencairn,  
And a'that thou hast done for me!

When was the last time you heard and a'that thou hast done for me! in lodge?

The virtue of helping each other does not seem very important today yet once it was a central point of lodge activities.

### **Why is lodge attendance important?**

The real answer is that regardless of how many Masons attend, they are the ones who will carry on the work of Freemasonry. They are the ones who are involved in charitable activities; they are the ones involved in calling on sick and distressed Brothers; they are the ones involved in lodge-sponsored community activities and other lodge programs. So, the more members attending lodge, the more work we will be able to accomplish. I realize there are some Masons - particularly accountants, attorneys, and other professionals - who make significant contributions to the Craft, even though they rarely, if ever, come to lodge. But the results of the work they do is brought back into the lodge. So, no matter how we judge what is done, it comes back to the lodge as the central point from which our work is carried out. Let me say again, the lodge is the center of our Masonic universe.

### **What is being done today to stimulate lodge attendance?**

Sadly, not very much. Faced with declining membership, most Grand Lodges are pouring their energies into new members. If you track membership decline, you will find that demits and NPD's about equal deaths. We can do nothing about death, but thousands of Masons leave the

Fraternity each year either by simply refusing to pay their dues or by requesting a demit.

The price of this neglect is that no matter how many new members we bring in, they simply do not equal the numbers leaving. In fact the concept of one-day classes, however successful, may simply be building next generation's NPD's and demits if we do not find ways to keep these new members interested and active.

*How we bring members into the Fraternity is far less important than what we do with them afterwards.*

Even so, our emphasis has been on finding ways to encourage new members and ignoring the ones we already have!

### **Is there anything we can really do?**

Simply increasing membership is not enough. We have to interest the new Mason so that he will want to continue Masonic activity after taking the degrees. The only way we can do that is to make ourselves better informed about what our Fraternity is all about and what Masons are trying to accomplish. This is not an easy commitment. It requires time, time, time, and in an era where no one believes he has any time to spare, the vital contribution Freemasons make has got to be stressed.

That's a start. The real answer is even more basic. The teachings of Freemasonry and its ability to be a significant force

for good in the community and nation have to be communicated to our new, but just as importantly, to our existing members. Do not leave this particular meeting or any Masonic meeting you ever attend without taking what you have learned with you and sharing it with others.

Our problem is we don't know how to do it. That's why we are apprehensive about even trying. We have been slow to recognize that our Fraternity has changed dramatically in its make-up. We now have many members with few if any leadership skills. In addition we have members who simply know nothing about the Fraternity.

There is also the equally devastating problem of trying to encourage men to join a Fraternity perceived as "mainstream," with a strong emphasis on values. Fraught with cynicism, distrust, lack of respect for others, and far too often very little self-respect; our 1960's, 70's, and 80's generations showed little interest in ethical or moral values or in organizations that stressed these values.

To suggest that there are overnight cures is simply misunderstanding the 40 to 50 years of benign neglect our Fraternity has experienced!

Quite honestly, Freemasons will have to accept a fundamental tenet of our Fraternity - Being a Mason requires commitment! A commitment of time and effort.

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For heaven's sake, let's stop telling men how easy it is to join and how they don't have to learn or memorize anything - just show up!

That is not what being a Mason is all about. It requires an effort to learn and then to share what we have learned with others.

We have to teach Masons to be Masons and not just members.

Freemasons helped build democracy in both the United States and Canada. We can now play a vital role in rebuilding our nations from the valueless societies we are becoming strong, just, and caring countries.

Ethics and morality are not just Masonic values; they are community values. Expressing these values by living them, each Freemason can, by example, raise his nation's standards of conduct and behavior!

It won't happen overnight but it will happen if enough Freemasons make that commitment. It would also produce the kind of Masons who would enjoy going to Lodge.

Wouldn't it be great to hear those welcome words;

*You gotta be kidding! I can't go to the game, it's my lodge night!*

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It is an event that so many people enjoy. It does make my decisions so much easier as I get to bring all parts of my life together into one great time.

So, I invite you to come out to our next meeting in the fall. At this event, I challenge you to bring a guest. This guest may be a family member or a friend, but it is someone you can relate your own time to. It not only introduces that person to our great Fraternity, but, it may make you remember how precious life, and more importantly, time can be. Thus, you too will be able to spend your time with all your loved ones at just one event.

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fiery, motive power; it is the Od, according to the Hebrews, and the Astral light, according to others.

Therein is the secret fire, living and philosophical, of which all the Hermetic philosophers speak with the most mysterious reserve : the Universal Seed, the secret whereof they kept, and which they represented only under the figure of the Caduceus of Hermes.

This is the grand Hermetic arcanum. What the Adepts call dead matter bodies are as found in nature; living matters are substances assimilated and magnetized by the science and will of the operator.

*So that the Great Work is more than a chemical operation; it is a real creation of the human word initiated into the power of the Word of God."*

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we have the ability to try one more time to be good brothers. How will you handle this "SECOND CHANCE?" Let us make each Masonic meeting place in the jurisdiction of Maryland a true Temple of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

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# Maryland DeMolay

BY: MATTHEW MCKAY, STATE MASTER COUNCILOR

**M**ASONIC FAMILY, Throughout these past couple of months Maryland DeMolay has been hard at work. Already this year we have strengthened our brotherhood across the state by holding various statewide and local chapter events. With these exhilarating events whether it be an epic Nerf War or a Tri-youth murder mystery. The young men always find a way to display the seven virtues that we uphold as DeMolays all while having an amazing time with their brothers and other Masonic youth groups. The young men across the State have also been very active in the community and with other Masonic bodies. Attending various open installations in January and other open events for our Masonic family.

I would like to thank you for your support of Maryland DeMolay. Your financial support, guidance, and resources have poured in from the Masonic community, allowing us to craft meaningful events, educational programs, and community service initiatives. These initiatives are not just checkboxes on a list but milestones in the personal development of our young members - milestones made possible by your generosity.

Within the chapters across the state the members are focusing on leadership development

planning their own events. Cumberland Chapter recently participated in a Youth Submit where they had an information table. Informing high school students about DeMolay and all the positive things we do in the community. Frederick Chapter held a bowling event in February having a blast with guys from Catonsville Chapter, bowling strikes and striking up conversations with possible new members. These are just a few of the amazing things the young men are doing around the jurisdiction.

Looking to the future, we are gearing up for some exciting events! With March being DeMolay Month, we have a packed schedule. Maryland DeMolay's Congress, our learning weekend, filled with flag football, great food, and educational opportunities is a big event for the month of March. Also, we have

our trampoline park statewide membership event and Capital Day event where the young men will attend a session of the Maryland General Assembly at the Maryland State House in Annapolis. Learning about how bills are put into law and how the State government works.

Overall, Maryland DeMolay has been keeping busy and productive. Thank you again for your financial, guidance, and extensive support. It is only through you that we are able to be successful as Maryland DeMolay, shaping young men into leaders of tomorrow and productive citizens. If you have any questions, would like to get involved with a chapter, or have a young man that you think would benefit from the best youth organization in the world please feel free to contact me, [SMC@mddemolay.org](mailto:SMC@mddemolay.org).





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