



# Rite Messenger

Spring 2009

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Of Freemasonry  
Valley of Southern Maryland  
Orient of Maryland  
PO Box 148  
Hollywood, Maryland 20636

## Congratulations to Our Newest 32° Scottish Rite Masons

**III. Richard C. Miller, 33°**  
Personal Representative

Happy New Year; I want to congratulate our three newest 32° Scottish Rite Masons. **Brother Mathew D. Ingalls, Brother Bernabe S. Pelingon,** and **Brother Sergio A. Perez, Jr.,** from the Fall Class of 2008. Two of these Brothers are already in line, for the Valley of Southern Maryland.

Thank you, I want to thank the outgoing officers for a job well done, and welcome the incoming officers.

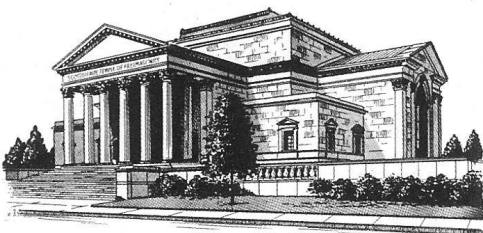
Twelve brothers have signed up to start the **Master Craftsman Program.** We have room for more, just let any of the officers know that you would like to join us, We will be doing some of the work at our regular meetings.

I want to thank all the officers who are filling the chairs this year. The Valley had the pleasure of being installed by **III. Brother E.Ray Leppo, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative-Valley of Baltimore,** and he was assisted by **III. Brother Marlin L Mills, 33° Assistant Personal Representative.** We are sorry that the **Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland "III. Hans R. Wilhelmsen, 33°, M.D.,D.D.S."** was unable to attend, and we hope he is feeling better.

Membership is still our biggest goal. Talk to your Brother Master Masons, who are not yet Scottish Rite Masons, about joining and also to our Brother Scottish Rite Masons that we have not seen at our meeting for awhile Offer them a ride if needed. We always need sideliners. Also we could use some help with dinners.

We have an opening in both the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix for a Orator, If you are interested speak to any officer.

## REUNION DAY



**Orient of Maryland**  
**Saturday, March 28**  
**Full Breakfast at 6:00 am**  
**Lunch at 12:00 noon**  
**Reservation form in Rite News of Maryland**

## Instant Updates on Masonic News

**Hon. Kenneth H. Sebra, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH**  
Newsletter Editor

If you have an e-mail address and are not on the Valley of Southern Maryland e-mail distribution list, please send your e-mail address to [k.h.sebra@ieee.org](mailto:k.h.sebra@ieee.org).

The **Valley of Southern Maryland** newsletter and important information are distributed by the e-mail list.

If you have information you would like to pass on about the Masonic related activities or the death of a member, send me a note and I will forward it to our distribution list. We use several different lists that we can use depending on your needs. One list is for distribution to members of the **Valley of Southern Maryland**. The second list is for distribution to the Hollywood, Maryland Masonic Family and the third is a general Masonic distribution list which is sent out state wide.

Please let me know if the e-mail is sufficient for your **Valley of Southern Maryland** newsletter. If the e-mail edition is sufficient for your needs it would save on printing and postage of the newsletter.

Any historical information or pictures you may have about the Valley of Southern Maryland would be greatly appreciated. I know the membership would greatly appreciate seeing this material and learning more about the history of Masonry in Southern Maryland.

## Do You Know Your History ?

1. What year did the Valley of Southern Maryland receive its charter ?
2. Who was the Deputy of the Supreme Council in Maryland who helped in the formation of the Valley of Southern Maryland ?
3. Who was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council when the Valley of Southern Maryland was chartered ?
4. What two grand masters of the state of Maryland have been members of the Valley of Southern Maryland ?
5. Which charter member of the Valley of Southern Maryland became Potentate of Boumi Temple ?
6. Who were the first two members of the Valley of Southern Maryland to be made Knights Commander Court of Honor ?
7. When was the first Masonic meeting held in the Masonic Temple in Hollywood Maryland ?

1. 1983; 2. Ill Donald M. Jett, 33<sup>rd</sup>; 3. Ill Henry C. Clausen, 33<sup>rd</sup>; 4. PMWGM John C. Naquin and PMWGM Edward R. Saunders ; 5. Ralph D. Mason, 1996; 6. Ill Jenkins, 33<sup>rd</sup> and Ill Alvin Jones, 33<sup>rd</sup> ; 7. December, 1952

**III. Dr. Hans R. Wilhelmsen, 33<sup>o</sup>**  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland

**Lodge Officers**

**Lodge of Perfection 4<sup>o</sup> - 14<sup>o</sup>**

Venerable Master	Bro. Glenn K. Webb, 32 <sup>o</sup>
Senior Warden	Hon. William C. Stone, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Junior Warden	Brother Sergio A. Perez, Jr, 32 <sup>o</sup>
Orator	Vacant

**Coordinate Bodies—SGIG Appointed**

Personal Representative	III. Richard C. Miller, 33 <sup>o</sup>
Asst. Personal Rep.	Hon. Benjamin F. Dyer, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
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**Chapter of Rose Croix 15<sup>o</sup> - 18<sup>o</sup>**

Wise Master	Hon. Gerald Burandt, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Senior Warden	Hon. Charles C. Trost, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Junior Warden	Brother Bernabe S. Pelingon, 32 <sup>o</sup>
Orator	Vacant

**Appointed Bodies**

Treasurer	Hon. Charles C. Trost, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Almoner	Hon. Charles C. Trost, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Asst. Almoner	Hon. Benjamin F. Dyer, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Prelate	III. John D LeRoy, Jr., 33 <sup>o</sup>
Master of Ceremonies	Hon. Benjamin F. Dyer, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Guardian of the Temple	
& Captain of the Host	III. Winston Dillard, 33 <sup>o</sup>
Tyler	Hon. Alden F. Crecelius, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Director of Work	Hon. Gerald Burandt, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Class Director	Vacant
Stage and Property	Vacant
Chief Diplomat	III. Alvin L. Jones, 33 <sup>o</sup>
Newsletter Editor	Hon. Kenneth H. Sebra, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH
Music	Hon. Kenneth H. Sebra, 32 <sup>o</sup> KCCH

**Valley of Southern Maryland 2009 Committees**

**Nominations** Past Masters and Secretary

**Membership** Everyone

**Entertainment** Masters of both Bodies  
(Glenn Webb, Gerald Burandt)

**Dinners** Senior Wardens of both Bodies  
(William C. Stone, Charles C. Trost)

**Refreshments** Junior Wardens of both Bodies  
(Sergio A. Perez, Bernabe S. Pelingon)

**e-mail Tree** Newsletter Editor  
(Kenneth H. Sebra)

**Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Correspondence Program**



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Contact **III. John W. LeRoy, Sr 33<sup>o</sup>** (leroypac@comcast.net) for information about the Valley of Southern Maryland Study Group

**Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite  
Valley of Southern Maryland  
Spring 2009 Schedule**

January	21	LOP	7:00	Open Installation of Officers for 2009 Refreshments to follow. Please bring finger food.
February	4	LOP	7:00	Business meeting. Read petitions & ballot
	11		7:00	Meet Candidates Rehearse 4°
	18	LOP	6:00 7:00	Dinner Confer 4° & comm. 5°-13°
	25		7:00	Rehearse 14°
March	4	LOP	6:00 7:00	Dinner Confer 14° Comm. 15°-17°
	11		7:00	Rehearse 18°
	18	CRC	6:00 7:00	Dinner Confer 18°
	28		6:00am	Spring Class Reunion in Baltimore One day class Full Breakfast @ 6:00 am; lunch
April	1	LOP	6:00 7:00	14° Ring Ceremony Family & friends invited. Please bring finger food.
	15	CRC	6:00 7:00	Ladies Night (casual attire) Dinner Program to follow
May	6	LOP	7:00	Business Meeting Masonic Education
	20	CRC	7:00	Business meeting Masonic Education
June	3	LOP	7:00	Business meeting Masonic Education