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Cumberland Scottish Rite Making RiteCare a Reality



Membership support and fundraising activities by the Cumberland Scottish Rite contributed more than \$23,000 in support of RiteCare Childhood Speech and Language Clinics in Cumberland, Oakland, and Keyser in 2018. While per capita assessments of our membership have declined along with our membership, the hard

work of the men of our Valley as well as our Ladies Auxiliary is ensuring that the Cumberland Scottish Rite continues to provide strong support for the free RiteCare speech and language services that have been available to children in our region since the Cumberland Scottish Rite founded our first clinic twenty-two years ago.

The most recent contributions were presented to Cathy Growden of the Children's League during the 12th Annual Robert Burns Supper where the Knights of St. Andrew presented a check in the amount of \$8,000 raised through the event to the Children's League and Hon. Chip Zimmer presented a \$550 check to the Children's League that was raised through the Third Annual Masonic Bird Hunt.



Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make all of the following contributions possible in 2018. With your help and support, we look forward to breaking records again in 2019!

\$5000	Membership Per Capita and Designated Contributions
\$1500	Children's League Golf Tournament Sponsorship
\$3000	Buck-A-Cup Fundraiser
\$3000	A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show Fundraiser
\$2500	Ladies Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser
\$ 550	Masonic Bird Hunt Fundraiser
\$8000	Robert Burns Supper Fundraiser

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A.Y.C.E. Pancake Breakfast
Second Saturday of the Month
Cumberland Masonic Temple
7:30 am until 10:30 am
Adults \$7.00 Children(-12) \$5.00
Proceeds support the preservation
and maintenance of our historic
Cumberland Masonic Temple

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**All No Shows with
Event Reservations
Will Be Expected To
Pay The Amount
When Billed Later To
Cover The Meal Cost.**

Editors Note:
Unless noted, all brethren
named in *The Perfect Elu* are
32° Scottish Rite Masons.

Hon. James M. Snider, 32° KCCH, Junior Warden and Orator, Cumberland Lodge of Perfection



THE CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal including the extinguishing of the lights is, in its simplest terms, a celebration of the gift of life. Quoting from the Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite, "The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, including the Mystic Banquet, is not a religious observance. It is neither the Feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion although it commemorates the spirit of both days."

In the Valley of Cumberland, our celebration is a combination of the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, Tenebrae or the extinguishing of the lights, *Lux E Tenebris* or from darkness to light (relighting of the lights), Maundy Thursday and the Mystic Banquet which is part of the Passover. All are celebrated through the Ceremony of Lights held each March. This year's Ceremony of Lights will be held on Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 pm. Reservation information is available on the Consolidated Reservation form on Page 7 of this edition of *The Perfect Elu*.

Through the ages men have observed sacred rites during four periods of the year, the solstice and equinoxes. The Last Supper was in observance of the Passover (Spring Equinox) just prior to the Lord's betrayal and crucifixion. The observance of Maundy Thursday in the Eighteenth Degree of the Scottish Rite is appropriate since this Degree originally was one of orthodox Christianity.

The word "Maundy" stems from the old French Mande, or the Latin Mandatum, a command: On the Thursday of the Last Supper Christ said, "A new Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." In Masonic terms Maundy Thursday is envisioned as a ceremony to commemorate the Extinguishing the Lights or Tenebrae.

Tenebrae means darkness. "It is the hour when the Veil of the Temple was torn and oppression spread across the earth and the Lord was betrayed and the Word was lost." Thus the symbolic extinguishing of the lights.

The symbolic relighting of the lights represents the rebirth, rehabilitation, regeneration and renewal of life and energy. Death and darkness have departed and the earth symbolically sings its joy of Love and of the Living. The rose is the symbol of dawn, of the resurrection of life, together the Rose and Cross represent the dawn of eternal life and thus the symbol, in part, of the Eighteenth Degree.

The feast of the Paschal Lamb or as it is called, the Mystic Banquet to our Jewish brethren, signifies the Feast of the Passover. To our Christian brethren, it signifies the Last Supper Jesus and His disciples attended to celebrate this ancient festival, after which there followed His death and resurrection. To our brethren of the Rose Croix, it is known as the Mystic Banquet. Each of the foods in the Mystic Banquet have significant symbolism:

The Matzo, or unleavened bread is also called the Bread of Affliction. It symbolizes the bread which the Hebrews made when they hastily left Egypt. It is the most important symbol of the Passover. The Moror, or bitter herb, is symbolic of the hardships which the Israelites endured when they were slaves in Egypt. It is represented by a slice of horseradish. The Haroses is a kind of paste of apples, almonds, raisins and wine symbolic of the mortar the Israelites used when they were slaves in the construction for the Pharaoh. The Shank Bone is symbolic of the Paschal Lamb that was sacrificed and eaten on the eve of the Passover. The Hard-boiled Egg is symbolic of life and springtime when nature renews life. The Cup of Wine (grape juice) is commemorative of the promise made by God to Moses to redeem the Israelites by bringing them out of bondage.

As we celebrate the Ceremony of Lights in the Valley of Cumberland, each of us as Rose Croix Masons should dedicate ourselves to duty, renew our vows, so often repeated in our Rite and lead the Life of Love one another that our light will shine among the men in the world. Through this we may be known as men and as Masons who mean eternal truths learned through our rituals and who by our personal acts and conduct, portray those meanings to their ultimate fulfillment.

Sources: Forms and Traditions of Scottish Rite, Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide
PARENTHESES - Masonic Reflections on Easter

Spring 2019 Degree Conferral Schedule

Saturday, March 9th at 10:30 AM - Conferral of 4° and 14°

Monday, April 15th at 7:30 PM - Conferral of 18° (Oakland Lodge)

Saturday, April 27th at 10:30 AM - Conferral of 30° and 32° and Spring Reunion (RSVP Required)



From Your Secretary Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°

We are beginning a new Scottish Rite year and we have some new changes happening in our degree presentation for the Spring Convocation. Instead of our standard "One Day Session", we have structured a three session schedule to allow us to incorporate the "required degrees without having our lengthy all day Saturday session. Hopefully this will be a successful endeavor and prove that there is always room for change.

The **first session** for the 173rd Convocation will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at 10:30 am for registration and Lodge at 11:00 for presentation of the 4th degree, followed by the presentation of the 14th degree. Our monthly Scottish Rite Pancake Breakfast will also be held that morning, beginning at 7:30 am (how convenient ???). The **second session** for the Spring Class will be held Monday evening, April 15th at the Oakland Lodge #192, beginning at 7:30 pm for the presentation of the 18th degree by members of the Oakland Lodge. Refreshments will be provided after the degree work. The **third session** for Spring will be held in our Masonic Lodge on Saturday, April 27th, with check-in at 10:30 am and presentation of the 30th and 32nd degrees beginning at 11:00 am. This new convocation schedule will require some extra work and special efforts by our members doing the presentations, I hope you will plan to come out and give them your support for the new members of the class and those doing the degree work.

The 174th Fall Convocation will be our standard "one day class" on Saturday, October 26th, beginning with the 7:30 am registration and Lodge at 8:30 am for presentation of required degrees and Reunion Dinner at 1:00 pm. We are asking that you begin talking to those perspective newly raised masons and encourage them to consider joining our fine organization and gain further light in Masonry.

My personal thanks to ALL of the members and ladies who were part of our recent 2019 Robert Burns Supper, we had a "sellout crowd" and we able to present a check for \$8,000 to our Rite Care Program at the Children's League. It was held in the Masonic Temple and proved that it can be done and plans are already in progress for a similar event next February.

Our annual fundraiser, "A Thing-A-Ma-Jig" variety show is just around the corner, Friday, April 12th and your tickets are already in the mail, so mark your calendars for this fundraiser. The committee is working on a new format for the show and I am sure it will be acceptable to our regular attendees and hopefully attract some new comers. The show is scheduled to begin at 7:15 pm will be a most enjoyable evening for all attending.

Be sure to read all of the enclosed articles and scheduled activities and plan to attend when requested and be sure to use the response form if planning to attend. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally, Secretary Jerry

Jason S. Landis, 32°, Venerable Master Cumberland Lodge of Perfection



Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection. In this upcoming calendar year we have a lot scheduled and some new things slated. These include Degree work, Ladies night, Friend to Friend events, and the Spring Conferral being a multiple day event. For those looking for something to do, just ask, your talents can be utilized somewhere and they would be very much appreciated.

As we begin a new year, new officers move into their positions and become accustomed to their work let us remember why they exist. The structure and reason for appointing those to these positions is to establish a Chain of Command and to ensure a smooth transition into how things get done. Respect is something that is expected. Respect not only works in two directions, but also is to be seen in two different ways. As Brothers, there should be respect amongst us. There may, at times, be those we do not agree with, as well as, sometimes not even like a person. But to disrespect them reflects poorly on our own character.

As seen here there's the two different ways of seeing respect: the first one is for the individual and the second is for the office one holds. A lack of respect in this area is even more detrimental to the organization as it begins to pull down the very structure that holds it together. So as we can see in the above there are instances where yes, sometimes respect is earned, but there are times when it must also be given freely.

It is the responsibility of each of us to correct when it is not. It is also the responsibility of those with "experience" to help his brother to do his best. From the very beginning of our journey in Masonry we have heard the phrase "making good men better". How many of us truly do this? As you reflect, ask yourself if this is something you could do better? If so, wouldn't it be a good way to begin a new year?

So as we begin the labors of a new year I look forward to growth in many ways; Growth in numbers, growth in strong bonds among brothers and growth in personal abilities. Which are areas we, as individuals, should all look forward too.

Fraternally, Jay Landis

Samuel J. Lane, 32°, Venerable Master, Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew



Greetings from the Knights of Saint Andrew.

The Knights have definitely started the year in a big way. Anyone who attended the Robert Burn's Dinner on February 2 at the Greene Street Temple can attest that it was a splendid evening of song, food, whiskey, and fellowship. With the fun now done it now comes time for the Knights to do what they were created to do-service; service to the Valley of Cumberland and Freemasonry in general. There can be no higher calling than that of service; service to God, to Country, our neighbor, and to all mankind. When you strip away everything else this is the creed of a Knight of Saint Andrews. If you have a desire to serve we need you. We do not care if you can memorize ritual word for word, we do not care if you have a working knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order; we don't care if you own a tuxedo; we only care that you pick up the banner with the cry of the Knight in your heart . . .Beauseant, Beauseant, Beauseant!!!!!! If you are a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Freemason come see what we mean. Remember Nemo Me Impune Lacessit "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." I remain humbly yours in Brotherhood,

Sam Lane, Venerable Master

Knights of Saint Andrews, Cumberland Valley



The Cumberland Scottish Rite, Ali Ghan Shriners, and Blue Lodges of Western Maryland cordially invite you to join us in honoring our special ladies during

Masonic Ladies Night

at Ali Ghan Shrine Club, Cumberland

Saturday, May 4, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Details about Musical Entertainment Coming Soon!

Tickets \$25/person



Tickets available online at www.cumberlandscottishrite.org
or by returning the reservation form on page 7

III. Jamey S. Hill, 33° Personal Representative's Message



The Scottish Rite is just coming off the heels of our premier charitable event of the year, the Robert Burns Supper. The gentlemen of the Knights of St. Andrew under the leadership of Jason Landis, Sam Lane and Mike Kamauff, are to be commended for what was "our best to date" Burns Supper.

It may seem like a cliché to say it but, it could not be more true,.....One man can and does make a difference. This year it was Brent Lewis of Oakland Lodge # 192 that made the difference for the Burns Supper. Brent and his team arranged for the many good hearted people of Oakland MD to purchase advertising in our Burns Supper program thereby allowing our event to contribute 50% more than our previous year. As a result Brent was awarded the Scottish Rites Meritorious Service Award for exemplary service, at the Burns Supper. Combined with the October, Masonic Bird Hunt, the Knights of St. Andrew on behalf of the Scottish Rite, made a donation of \$8000 to the Rite Care Speech and language Disorders Clinic at the Children's League. One man does make a difference.....Thanks to all who ask individuals and businesses to donate to our Rite Care Speech Clinic .

The Scottish Rite is impressively adding services and locations to its Hospitals and Speech Clinics whereas our fraternal competition is downsizing transportation issues and hospital services. According to the Scottish Rite Journal, February 2019 issue, " Scottish Rite Hospital, as well as its Speech Clinics, has expanded its services to include six centers for excellence in Children's Orthopedics; spine, hand, foot, hip, limb lengthening and now 2019, with the Grand Opening of the new Sports Medicine Center in Frisco Texas, more kids will have access to world class care than ever before". The Scottish Rite does not wane from its Hospital or Speech Clinic philanthropy, we become more solid a Fraternal and Corporate Citizen because of it.

The American public loves to help a child, the proof was self evident at our Burns Supper. There is no better reason to become a Freemason, now go ask someone to join the Scottish Rite, having recalled, One man can make a difference.

Salvae Frater, Jamey S. Hill P. R.

Knights of St. Andrew Award Knight Chevalier to Hon. Michael Kamauff



L to R: Jamey S. Hill, PR; Brent Lewis; Michael L. Kamauff, Knight Chevalier; and Samuel J. Lane, KSA VM

As Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew for 2019, I had the Honor of presenting the most prestigious award given by our Order during the 12th annual Robert Burns Supper. The Chevalier Medallion is one of two such awards in the Valley of Cumberland, Orient of Maryland.

III. Sir Jamey Hill is the first Knight on the Charter of the Knights of St. Andrew, the Knight who's signature appears as first Knight. Five years ago, after being the Advisor for years, Brother Hill was made the first Knight Chevalier by order of Venerable Master Wm. Chip Zimmer, and The Knights of St. Andrew.

Echoing those footsteps is a second Brother. Rarely have we made Masonic presentations at the Burns Supper, but, because the Honorable Michael L. Kamauff, K.C.C.H. has been the driving force behind the Advertising Campaign for a decade, he deserved to be recognized at the Burns Supper, publicly, for his exemplary duty to our Rite Care Speech Clinics.

The Knights of St. Andrew have had a few crowning achievements in their day. They helped to add three different locations to our Speech Clinics, and after 13 years, two Chevaliers, personal accomplishments for the good of the Order, to be sure, but nothing could be better for the Scottish Rite than the Burns Supper Advertising Campaign..... Thanks to the Honorable Knight Chevalier Michael L. Kamauff, KCCH, DW.

Hail Brethren, Samuel J. Lane, Venerable Master KSA

2019 Consolidated Reservations Form

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IN ORDER FOR US TO PREPARE CORRECTLY!

Please fill in all information!

Name: _____ Lady _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

***Please enter number of attendees for each activity you are registering for.
(For Entrees, enter number of each needed)***

☐ Installation of Officers (1/6/2019)(\$15.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 2:00PM

☐ Robert Burns Dinner (2/2/2019) (\$30.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 5:00PM

☐ Ceremony of Lights (3/24/2019)(\$15.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 2:00PM

☐ SR 173rd Reunion (4/27/2019)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 9:30AM

☐ Ladies Night (5/4/2019)(\$25.00) - 6:30PM

Ali Ghan Shrine Center

☐ Chicken ☐ Beef

☐ Spring Capping Ceremony (5/19/2019)(\$15.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 2:00PM

☐ Strawberry Festival (6/3/2019)(No Charge)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 6:30PM

☐ Black Hat/Red Hat Soiree (6/24/2019)(\$25.00)

Churchill Pub - 6:00PM

☐ Fall Masquerade Ball (10/5/2019)

TBA

☐ Masonic Bird Hunt (10/12/2019)(\$150.00)

Quail Hollow, Berkley Springs

☐ SR 174th Reunion (10/26/2019)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 7:30 AM

☐ Hagerstown Family Night Out - TBA

Adults \$35.00-(Children \$25.00-3-11 Years)

☐ Fall Capping/Feast of Tishri
(11/17/2019)(\$15.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 4:00PM

☐ Egg Nog Party (12/6/2019)(\$5.00)

Cresaptown Eagles - 6:30PM

Please add amount of all activities attending and enter **Total** here.

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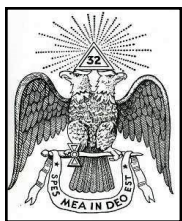
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To the Officers and Members of:

CUMBERLAND LODGE OF PERFECTION (4° Thru 14°)
CUMBERLAND CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX (15° Thru 18°)


CUMBERLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH (19° Thru 30°)
CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY (31° AND 32°)

I have never applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the degrees, from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

(Note: If applicant has previously applied for any of the degrees, explain fully as to date, place and to what bodies such application was made.)

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME (Please Print) _____

I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge No. _____

Location _____ Under  the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____

Date Raised _____ If raised in a Maryland Lodge, have you passed exam in 3rd degree Catechism? _____

Residence _____

Mail Address _____

And I have resided at my current residence preceding date of this petition for _____ months/years.

Telephone Number _____ Cell Number _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

My Occupation, position, or trade is that of _____

Employed by (or RETIRED From) _____ Shirt size (circle one) S M L XL XXL

Recommended by **two members** in good standing in the Maryland Scottish Rite Bodies,

(1) _____
Printed Name Signature Date

(2) _____
Printed Name Signature Date

The Supreme Council requires the acceptance of the following fundamental principles:

1. The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, underlying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles?

(Yes or No) _____

2. Have you ever been held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with an organization which has?

(Yes or No) _____: If your answer is in the affirmative, give particulars: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ DATE _____

INITIATION FEE: \$250.00 INCLUDES: 32° Patent, 32° Prayer Cap and Case & Copy of Bridge to Light Book

\$25.00 DISCOUNT on the purchase price of a traditional 14th degree Scottish Rite Ring. (redeemable at Aaron's Jewelers, in LaVale, MD)

Free Scottish Rite Polo shirt (**value \$30**) and Scottish Rite car emblem

Two Complimentary Dinners at the Capping Ceremony (**value \$30**)

One free admission to the 2019 Combined Masonic Ladies Night (**value \$30**)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Petition received _____

CAP SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)

Amount received \$ _____

RING SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)

Check No. _____ Cash \$ _____

LADIES NAME _____

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Designer Bag Bingo

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Doors Open at 1:00 pm - Bingo Starts at 2:00 pm

Cumberland Masonic Temple, Greene Street

Tickets are \$25.00 per Player

Food and Drinks Available

You Do Not Want To Miss This Exciting Afternoon

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