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Members Recognized for Their Service and Achievement



Several members of the Valley of Cumberland were honored for their years of service to the Scottish Rite during the Spring Capping Ceremony and Service Awards in April. Bro. Charles J. Hardy, 32° (pictured at left) was presented a Seventy Year Pin by Personal Representative III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, and Bros. C. Robert Swain, 32° and Carl W. Trostle, 32° each received a Fifty Year Pin and Certificate. In addition, Hon. Clyde Bantz, 32° KCCH, Bro.

James A. Hott, 32°, and Bro. Boyce C. Rogers, 32° were each recognized for Forty-Five Years of Service and Ill. Kenneth R. Wilson, 33° and Dean A. Hancox, 32° for Forty Years of Service to the Scottish Rite.



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James Snider Named Spring 2018 Ritualistic Champion

Congratulations to James M. Snider, 32° KCCH on being named Ritualistic Champion for the Spring 2018 Class. Bro. Snider was selected as the second recipient of this award for his outstanding performance as Chancellor in the conferral of the 32°

Bro. Snider was presented the award by Fall 2017 Champion Clyde Bantz 32° KCCH and his name will appear on the Scottish Rite Ritualistic Champion plaque

displayed in the Cumberland Masonic Temple. We look forward to recognizing other individuals for outstanding ritual work at each Reunion.

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Unless noted; ALL brethren named in *The Perfect Elu* are 32° Scottish Rite Masons.

Valley of Cumberland Schedule of Events for Fall 2018

August 6, 2018	Black Cap/Red Cap Soiree, Churchill Pub	6:00 p.m.
August 12, 2018	KSA Corn Roast	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
August 21, 2018	S.R. Retirement Picnic	6:30 p.m.
September 15, 2018	Kid Walk-Kid Talk Children's League	10:00 a.m.
September 16, 2018	Degree Rehearsal – 14, 30, 32	1:00/2:00/3:00 p.m.
September 17, 2018	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 p.m.
September 23, 2018	Degree Rehearsal – 30, 32	2:00/3:00 p.m.
September 26, 2018	SRC Washington County	7:00 p.m.
September 28, 2018	Friend to Friend/Oakland, MD	6:00 p.m.
October 1, 2018	Council of Kadosh	7:30 p.m.
October 5, 2018	Friend to Friend/A.G. Shrine	6:00 p.m.
October 14, 2018	Degree Rehearsal – 14, 30, 32	1:00 / 2:00 / 3:00 p.m.
October 15, 2018	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 p.m.
October 19, 2018	Friend to Friend, Williamsport	6:00 p.m.
October 21, 2018	Degree Rehearsal – 30, 32	2:00 / 3:00 p.m.
October 24, 2018	SRC Washington County	7:00 p.m.
October 27, 2018	SR 172nd Reunion & Conferral	7:30 a.m.—Registration
November 5, 2018	Lodge of Perfection-Nominations	7:30 p.m.
November 10, 2018	Hagerstown Ladies Night Out	TBA
November 16, 2018	Grand Lodge Banquet	5:00 p.m.
November 17, 2018	Grand Lodge Communication	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
November 18, 2018	Fall Capping/Feast of Tishri	4:00 p.m.
November 19, 2018	KSA Annual Communication	7:30 p.m.
December 3, 2018	Lodge of Perfection /Election/Foundation Mtg	7:30 p.m.
December 7, 2018	S.R. Egg Nog Christmas Party, FOE #2883	6:30 p.m.
December 17, 2018	Installation Rehearsal (Casual Dress)	7:30 p.m.
January 6, 2019	2019 Installation of Officers	2:00 p.m.



Fall 2018 Masonic Friend to Friend Events

Invite a friend to attend one of these evenings of fun and fellowship with the Cumberland Scottish Rite! We will be providing information for non-Masons interested in Masonry and to Masons about the Scottish Rite. These events are free and casual.

Friday, September 28th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Garrett County: American Legion

423 Memorial Drive, Oakland

Friday, October 5th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Allegheny County: Ali Ghan Shrine Center

Friday, October 19th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Washington County: Third Base Tavern

35 Conococheague Street, Williamsport

Samuel J. Lane, 32° , Venerable Master, Cumberland Lodge of Perfection



By the time you read this edition of the Perfect Elu, the Lodge of Perfection will have “gone dark”. It has been a very busy and successful year thus far. This is a time for the Brethren to take a deep breath, relax, reflect, and enjoy the summer. At least for some of us-I can assure you that your Officers of the Lodge of Perfection will continue to meet into the late evening hours at Brother Jerry and Lady Mitzie’s house to discuss the remainder of the year and talk a little smack. Some of you at this point will probably say “ok . . . thanks Sam great article see you in September”. However, I have 500 words I must fill so I encourage you to read on. The question I pose for your consideration as you sit around the pool this summer is this; what, in the Masonic sense, is darkness”? Albert Mackey said in his *Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* (1929) page 262 about "Darkness":

"Darkness has, in all the systems of initiation, been deemed a symbol of ignorance, and so opposed to light, which is the symbol of knowledge. Hence the rule, that the eye should not see until the heart has conceived the true nature of those beauties which constitute the mysteries of the Order."

For us (Masons) “darkness is more than mere “ignorance” it is a state of mind which prepares us to receive light by Divine command of the Supreme Architect. When a lodge goes dark it is a symbol of pre-birth, and of ignorance before the reception of knowledge. In Freemasonry, the darkness which envelops the mind of the uninitiated being removed by the bright effulgence of Masonic light, Freemasons are appropriately called the "sons of light." So as you can see going dark is not the absence of work but the preparation for work yet to come.

While there may be no rest for the wicked a son of light rejoices in his never ending work of enlightenment for the glory of God and his Rite. How does one prepare for the work of enlightenment? First and foremost enjoy your summer, spend time with your families, brothers, and friends; in your spare time, (if there is such a thing), learn as much as you can about the Supreme Architect of the Universe, Freemasonry, and the Scottish Rite; volunteer in your community, neighborhoods, or at one of our summer Masonic events; spread the light of freemasonry wherever you go. I guess what I am saying is let’s be who we say we are. I don’t mean this to be a sermon nor a scolding because I am very proud to be a brother and a member of our Scottish Rite, and to be associated with such fine enlightened men of dignity and character, but we all fall short of the glory of God. Let us use our time wisely, yes to enjoy ourselves and our loved ones but also in preparation for our work yet to come. Have a blessed summer my brothers.

Fraternally yours,
Samuel J. Lane, Venerable Master

Valley Leadership is Focused on Membership Growth and Achievement with VMAP

Venerable Master Sam Lane and Asst. Personal Representative Robin Summerfield attended the Spring 2018 Scottish Rite Workshop in Seattle. The Workshop offered an opportunity to exchange ideas with Scottish Rite leaders and brethren from across the country, including Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale (pictured center below). The theme of this year’s workshops was “Supply Your Valley with Tools That Work.” Bros. Lane and Summerfield returned from the workshop armed with a number of new strategies aimed at enhancing the membership experience in our Valley and expanding our membership recruitment and retention efforts as part of our Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP). The VMAP committee and Executive Staff have already begun incorporating some of these strategies into the 2018 VMAP and will be developing additional initiatives for 2019. During the Workshop, the Valley of Cumberland received recognition for the success of our A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show fundraiser and Friend-To-Friend Night programs.

Following the Workshop, Bro. Summerfield was selected as a Grand Commander’s Fellow for the 2018-2019 Biennium and will be attending the Fellows Conference at the Supreme Council in Washington, DC this August. This Fellows program brings together a cohort of approximately sixty Scottish Rite members from across the Southern Jurisdiction to discuss what they learned at the regional Scottish Rite Workshops, share strategies that have been successful in their Valleys, and identify VMAP Best Practices to help Valleys grow their membership while better serving the Southern Jurisdiction.



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



Masonry is multifaceted. It offers not only fraternity, but also history, ritual, symbolism, and philosophy for study. Past Grand Master Bennie Owens knew this and wrote of it often in his various capacities over the years. Bennie was a fun loving man who lived life to the fullest and will live in our hearts for many, many years to come. For those of us who knew him even for a short time "Bennie will be sadly missed." Grand Master Bennie could have told you.....There are three types of Masons among us.

The Reactionary Mason who actually believes he is always right, is inflexible, and will not listen to another point of view. The Conventional Mason, he has no particular conviction, no vision of the future and is perfectly satisfied with "doing it the way we've always done it." Third is the Dynamic and Creative Mason. He sees that we are adrift on still water and he seeks ways to make the waters flow. He looks for new directions and ways to expand and grow each member. He will reach out to the uninitiated public, as is essential for our fraternity to prosper and endure.

Those are not my words but PGM Hope Harrison's and they are still relevant today. Masonic jurisdictions that work together at the leadership level to promote combined Masonic events, sharing common tenancy, do better financially and fraternally than jurisdictions that insist on going it alone. Cumberland recently had two such events... Combined Ladies Night in May, with a sold out crowd of 192 attendees.

Many thanks to Antietam Lodge, Hagerstown, Potomac, Queen City, East Gate, Ali Ghan, York Rite, Tall Cedars and the members of the Scottish Rite who could see the time had come. Ladies Night was Awesome! And everyone's favorite meeting, the last shindig of Spring - "Combined Masonic Strawberry Night" was also well attended (97) with some great entertainment featuring Bill Gray on vocals and Donnie Carmen on guitar. It costs us all less money, we had more time with family, because we did not have four strawberry nights to attend and we enjoyed each other's company! Why didn't we do that before? Thanks Worshipful Masters Sam, Rob, Andrew, and Terry!

We have Dynamic and Creative Freemasons as officers of the Scottish Rite of Cumberland. I would ask that you open your minds to their suggestions. Let us do something, Let us do something different, and, watch us do something now!

Salvae Frater, III. Jamey S. Hill, SGIG Personal Representative

DeMolay Happenings—III. Charles J. Hout, 33°



The International Order of DeMolay will celebrate a century of service to young men in March 2019. DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

The order was founded in 1919 by Freemason Frank S. Land and was closely modeled after Freemasonry. With the sponsorship of a Masonic lodge, the chapter normally meets in a lodge room. DeMolay is considered to be part of the Masonic Family, along with other youth groups such as Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Girls. Like the Rainbow Girls, a young man does not need to have a family tie or sponsor in a Masonic organization to join DeMolay. DeMolay has seven Cardinal Virtues, which are the sole structure of what its members follow. They are: Filial Love (love between a parent and child), Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, and Patriotism.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite has sponsored the Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay since June 28, 1922, when the first class of the Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay was conducted with 112 young men receiving the initiatory degrees under the sponsorship of Meredith Lodge No. 3 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which would eventually become the Cumberland Consistory. By 1926, membership in the Cumberland DeMolay would reach 211 active members under the age of 21.

Much like our Masonic fraternity, membership in DeMolay has declined dramatically as a result of declining participation in our nation's civic life over the past half century. As we seek to raise awareness of the value of Masonry to good men in our communities, we should also encourage young men to take advantage of the positive mentorship and leadership development opportunities provided by DeMolay. If you have a son or grandson, I encourage you to sit down and talk with him about what DeMolay has to offer. The Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay No. 21009 holds meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Temple in Cumberland. The lifetime membership fee is \$35. The petition for membership included on page 12 of this edition of the Perfect Elu can be returned to the Cumberland Masonic Temple, 15 Greene Street, Cumberland, MD 21502.

The Cumberland Chapter is currently planning a number of activities during the summer to provide interested young men information about membership. If you know a young man between the age of 12 and 21, or if you have questions about DeMolay, contact David Gornall at david@gornall.biz.

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



Our Scottish Rite is definitely in a transition period. Many things are happening and I am having a hard time trying to evaluate if the change is something new or has it been creeping up on us and we did not see it coming. We all can remember when we had large convocations and the number of new members for the class was not taken into consideration, if we had a big class or a small class, there was always a room full of members in attendance and everyone had a wonderful day of fellowship and the new members enjoyed the good turnout to support their advancement in Masonry. We all say "they were the good ole days", and indeed they were. What is different now????

When we now have a new class scheduled, whether large or small, there are no brethren on the sidelines showing their support for the new member, not even his "topline signer", the brother who asked him to join our fine fraternity. This has not just happened overnight, but this lack of support has been getting more obvious each year. My brethren, as the great decline in membership is being noticed by all members, we have to make some drastic changes in support and begin to attend not only the new class sessions, but make a severe attempt to attend MORE, IF NOT ALL OF YOUR SCOTTISH RITE GATHERINGS and show that you really enjoy what you have found in Scottish Rite..... the fellowship and the occasional handshake of your fellow Brother. Look over all of the good things that are currently happening in YOUR SCOTTISH RITE (in this publication), and make them become a part of your new Masonic endeavors.

Fraternally yours,
Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, General Secretary

ONE DAY FALL CLASS—SATURDAY October 27, 2018
Our 172nd Convocation: Dedicated to Ill. Thomas A. Bryant, 33°

- 7:30 am** Candidates Report for Registration - Light refreshments provided
- 8:30 am** Open Lodge for Members - Short Business Session as Needed
- 8:45 am** **4th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 9:30 am** **14th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 10:45 am** **18th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 11:30 am** **30th Degree** Presented and Class Picture Taken
- 12:45 pm** Our 172nd Reunion Luncheon will be prepared and served by the Princess Restaurant (This Luncheon is for Class and ALL Scottish Rite Members. No charge for the luncheon, but reservations are required by members.)
- 2:00 pm** **32nd Degree** Presented - Approximate dismissal: 4:00 pm.



IF IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE YOU HAVE ATTENDED A CONVOCATION AND REUNION DINNER - WE WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE YOU AT THIS REUNION IN OUR NEWLY RENOVATED MASONIC TEMPLE, YOUR FELLOW RITE MEMBERS WILL BE THERE !!!!

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172nd REUNION LUNCHEON Saturday, October 27, 2018

You may also reserve online at cumberlandscottishrite.org

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

No Charge for this Meal, But Reservations Are Requested

Mail to: Masonic Temple, Tom Paxton, 15 Greene Street, Cumberland, MD 21502 Phone: 301-876-0806

OR Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502-7418 Phone: 301-729-6778

Jason S. Landis, 32°, Venerable Master, Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew



Greetings Brethren,

As we begin our summer break, i would like to share the following event reminders with you.

- ◆ July 9th a memorial practice will be held at the temple at 7:30 pm.
- ◆ August 6th the annual Black Cap/Red Cap Soiree will be held at the Churchill Pub at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ August 12th from 1:00 pm — 6:00 pm the KSA Corn Roast will be held at the home of Brother Jamey Hill, Chevalier.
- ◆ We will resume our normal meeting schedule on August 27th.

I hope that each of you are able to enjoy your summer and as some of the most active men in masonry it is a personal pleasure for me to look forward to the fellowship & the opportunity of putting together the Robert Burns supper for the upcoming year with you. For any of our Scottish Rite brothers reading this if you would like to join us please feel free to use the following application to do so or ask any KSA member.

Sir Jason (Jay) Landis, 32°
 Venerable Master
 Knights of St. Andrew, 2018

Knights of Saint Andrew Application

A. & A. S. R. VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND, ORIENT OF MARYLAND

Complete application, enclose check for \$100.00.and mail to: Knights of St. Andrew — Cumberland Scottish Rite

(Note: There are **NO** annual dues)

c/o Michael W. McKay, 407 Washington St., Cumberland, MD 21502

Cell: 301-697-2622

Name: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

I am a 32° Mason in the Valley of _____ Consistory Orient of _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For official use only:

Date application received: _____ Amount Received: \$ _____ Ck # _____ Cash _____

Date Knighted: _____ Date of Ballot _____

KNIGHTS OF ST ANDREW CORN ROAST

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To be held at the home of Jamey Hill on Sunday, August 12, 2018 from 1:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Good Food and Fellowship with DJ—Darin Hott

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

Address _____ Cell _____

Mail to: Jamey Hill, 14010 Spruce Spring Road, SW, Cresaptown, MD 21502

phone 240-362-2705



A Brief History of the High Degrees

By Hon. James M. Snider, 32° KCCH, Orator, Cumberland Lodge of Perfection

The origins and history of the Higher Degrees of Freemasonry are as much a puzzle as its origin. It was in the 1720's, shortly after the founding of the first premier Grand Lodge of England that the Masonic ritual of initiation was clarified into a system based on three degrees. In the early days of Freemasonry there had only been two degrees and since there were no regulations about the structure of Freemasonry in the early 18th century, Lodges practiced Degrees and rituals that were found to be attractive to the members. Once a third degree was added, it was shortly followed by the Mark and Royal

Arch Degrees - the first true higher degrees in Freemasonry.

Over the years there seemed to be two groups of Higher Degrees - those that developed in Britain (the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees) and those that developed in France (the Scottish Rite Degrees). Even more degrees developed over time as various idioms such as the Chivalric Legends, the Classical Mysteries, the building of the Second Temple and various Biblical events. As many authors have eluded, there was quite a cross-fertilization between degrees, countries of origin and philosophy.

The higher degrees today find their clearest expression in the United States where there are two paths open to a Master Mason: the York Rite or the Scottish Rite. The York Rite was a result of the British schools of thought. It is composed of three distinct bodies that provide separate degrees: the Royal Arch Mason, Royal and Select Masters and the Order of Knights Templar. The Scottish Rite dates to 1801. However, it had been introduced in the United States in 1761 by Etienne Morin. Today the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is divided between two Supreme Councils for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions located in Lexington Massachusetts and Washington D.C. respectively. Each jurisdiction confers twenty-nine degrees and an honorary 33 degree. The Northern Jurisdiction is composed of states located above the Mason Dixon Line and east of the Mississippi River including the State of Delaware. The remaining 35 states compose the Southern Jurisdiction.

The York Rite and Scottish Rite each have their own special interpretation of the teachings of Freemasonry and each offers the Master Mason further opportunities for expanding Masonic knowledge. However, the *highest degree* in Freemasonry is that of a Master Mason!

Saturday September 22nd

Western Maryland Music Festival
Ali Ghan Shrine Club

Richie Fields

So Low

Ricky Lee

Dixie Dust

The Cramer Bros

Savage Road

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Gates Open 10AM
\$20 Advanced Ticket Purchase
\$25 At the Gate
www.westmdmusicfest.org

Food, Beverages and other amenities
Bands play all day long
Bring a Lawn Chair. No outside coolers.

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301-729-6778 or mitzjer@atlanticbb.net
and the forms will be mailed to you.

Cost is \$30

Cumberland Scottish Rite JROTC Awards

The Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite presented Scottish Rite JROTC Medals to two Garrett County cadets in 2018. C/LTC Christopher Brown of the Northern Garrett High School JROTC "Huskies" Battalion (pictured at left) and Cadet Dalton Perando of the Southern Garrett High School "Rams" Battalion (pictured below) received the medals from World War II veteran III. Aaron V. Lea, 33rd during their respective Awards Ceremonies. These outstanding cadets were nominated by the Senior Army Instructor assigned to their battalion for encouraging and demonstrating Americanism, academic excellence, and leadership.



Combined Masonic Strawberry Night

In June, the Cumberland Scottish Rite partnered with Cumberland's Blue Lodges on a very successful Combined Strawberry Night with nearly one hundred attendees from across the Masonic Family. At left, Jamey Hill and Jerry Robinette presented a check for \$3,000 to Mary Ruddell and Cathy Growden of the Children's League on behalf of the Scottish Rite Foundation. These funds were raised through A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show in April. Bud Miles and Mike Kamauff (pictured at bottom left) and the entire Strawberry Night Committee organized a terrific event! One of the highlights of Strawberry Night is always the selection of the Scottish Rite Teams for the annual Children's League Golf Tournament. Congratulations to the team members pictured below.





Valley of Cumberland 171st Conferral Class with Honourmen

Front Row L to R: William B. Grant, Jason R. Finch (Class Orator), Harry L. Ringler, Jr., Arthur L. Taylor, and Jason S. Snyder

Row 2 L to R: Ill. Jamey S. Hill, Nathan J. Mash (Class President), Robert T. Puller, Terry C. Robb, Ill. Marlin L. Mills

Row 3 L to R: Ill. Charles J. Hout, Ill. Aaron V. Lea, Ill. Kenneth R. Wilson, Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, Ill. Harvey L. Hogamier, Ill. Jerome F. Robinette

Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser Nets \$2,500 to Support RiteCare



The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation Ladies Auxiliary raised \$2,500 at their 2nd Annual Designer Bag Bingo to support the Children's League's Cumberland Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Disorders Clinic (RiteCare). RiteCare is a nationwide initiative of the Scottish Rite with 181 clinics operating in the Southern Jurisdiction. The Children's League currently operates clinics in Cumberland and Oakland with the support of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation. We are pleased to announce that a third clinic will be opening in Mineral County in the near future. Since 1997, the Cumberland Scottish Rite has contributed more than \$265,000 to provide free diagnostic evaluation and treatment to more than 1500 children in Western Maryland. The Ladies Auxiliary was established in 2017 as a vehicle for the ladies of the Scottish Rite to add their talents and energy to the fundraising effort. Anyone who would like to get involved with the work of the Ladies Auxiliary may contact Ellen Hill at ellenhill67@gmail.com.

Members of the Scottish Rite Ladies Auxiliary Present a Check to the Children's League.

Pictured L to R: Ruxandra Landis, Mary Ruddell (Children's League), Mitzie Robinette, Ellen Hill, Cathy Growden (Children's League), Marcia Cushall, and Jenna Stitt.



2nd Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to Support Rite Care

Saturday, October 13, 2018

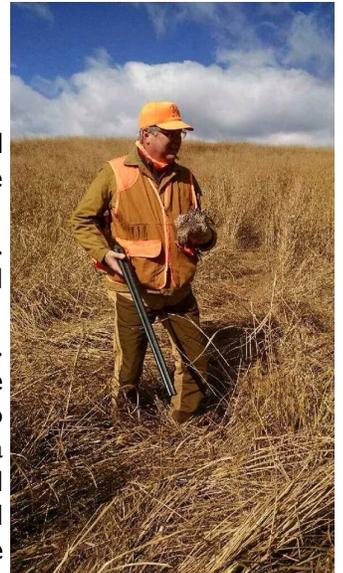
Masons and Friends, please join us for our 2nd Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to benefit the Scottish Rite Care Childhood Speech and Language Center.

We'll meet for breakfast (on your own) at Park and Dine in Hancock at 7:30am. We'll then caravan to Quail Hollow Farm in nearby Berkeley Springs for a day of fun and fellowship, all for a good cause.

We'll begin with check in at 9:00am and some skeet shooting to get the rust out. Each group of 4 will have a guide and a dog. You may choose your own group or be assigned to one. Each group will have 20 birds (12 pheasants, 8 chukkers). The group which kills the most birds will receive the "Winner, Winner, Turkey Dinner Award (a frozen Thanksgiving Turkey for each member). The outstanding shooter of the day will receive the Brother Davy Crockett Award—a bottle of Bird Dog Whiskey! The birds will be dressed and bagged while we eat a complimentary lunch of home made chili and the fixins! Beer will be available after lunch.

The cost is only \$150/shooter, \$40 of which will be donated to Rite Care and is tax deductible. We are limited to only 20 shooters (5 groups of 4), so register early! Check out <http://quailhollowhunts.com> for details about the farm (you'll need a WV license).

Make your check payable to the Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite, complete the form below and mail it along with your check to: Tom Paxton, 15 Greene St., Cumberland, MD 21502. For questions, email Chip Zimmer at zmgdogsledder@myactv.net or call him at 301730-3233.



ALL 32° AND 32° KCCH SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONS ARE INVITED TO THE 4TH ANNUAL CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE



BLACK CAP - RED CAP SOIRÉE



MONDAY, AUGUST 6TH

6:00 PM - SOCIAL HOUR

6:45 PM - BUFFET DINNER FEATURING TRADITIONAL BRITISH FARE

7:00 PM - ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES, & KARAOKE

TICKETS \$25/PERSON

SPOUSES & SIGNIFICANT

OTHERS WELCOME!

Reservations are **REQUIRED**

By Wednesday, August 1st

RSVP to Tom Paxton at 301-876-0806

or Register Online at

www.cumberlandscottishrite.org



14514 McMULLEN HWY, CRESAPTOWN, MD

BUFFET MENU ITEMS

Seasonal Garden Salad

Crab Dip with Mini Naan

Beer Cheese & Pretzels

Seafood Bisque

Chicken Caprese

Bratwurst w/ Warm German Potato Salad

Maple Bacon Brussel Sprouts

Bread Pudding & Ice Cream



Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND—ORIENT OF MARYLAND

Mail to: Cumberland Scottish Rite
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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:

- 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) _____
- 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 2018 Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies Night (**value \$25**)

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Date Petition received _____	CAP SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)
Amount received \$ _____	RING SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)
Check No. _____ Cash \$ _____	LADIES NAME _____
Ballot Date of Petition _____	Member Notification Date _____



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PETITION)

An Organization for Young Men

1. Name: _____ 2. Date: _____

3. Address: _____

4. City: _____ 5. State & Zip: _____

6. Phone: () _____ 7. Birthdate: _____

8. E-mail: _____

9. School Attending: _____ 10. Grade: _____

11. Favorite School Subject(s): _____

12. Hobbies/Interests: _____

13. Clubs, Organizations: _____

14. Church/Synagogue: _____

15. References: List 3 friends (your age) you have known for one year:

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

My Parents/Guardians approve of my joining DeMolay.

16. Father's Name: _____ 17. Mother's Name: _____

18. Is your father a Senior DeMolay? _____ If so, where? _____

19. Is your father a Mason? _____ If so, where? _____

20. Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

21. Applicant's Signature: _____

22. DeMolay Sponsor's Name and Signature: _____

22B. Second DeMolay Sponsor's Name and Signature: _____

23. Masonic Sponsor's Name and Signature: _____

Your Life Membership Fee of: _____ must accompany this application.