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Valley of Cumberland Orient of Maryland



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Congratulations To Our New Honor Men For The Cumberland Scottish Rite

Inspector General Honorary 33°:

Aaron V. Lea, of Rawlings, Maryland

Elmer W. (Bud) Miles, Jr., of Cumberland, Maryland

32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour:

Joseph W. Cushall, of Frostburg, Maryland

Edward L. Kave, of Williamsport, Maryland

Joseph S. Kennedy, of Oakland, Maryland

Scott R. Paddock, of Hagerstown, Maryland

Raymond W. Ryan, III, of Cumberland, Maryland

G. Timothy Schupfer, of Cumberland

Robin L. Summerfield, of Rawlings, Maryland

Michael R. Wade, of Frostburg, Maryland

The above listed honor men elect will be receiving their respective honors in a **Honor Day Ceremony** at the **Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple** on **Saturday October 14th** and you are invited to join them on the chartered bus that day (leaving Ali Ghan Temple Parking Lot at 7:30 am). More details and a page 9 reservation form are in this publication. The KCCH ceremony is "open to the public", but the 33rd ceremony is only for 33rd Masons. The bus cost and sit down dinner is \$85.00 per person and each Lady is invited to a Ladies Tea for the cost \$15.00. We are hoping for a FULL bus for this special day!!!

ONE DAY FALL CLASS—SATURDAY, October 21, 2017

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 **7th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
10:00 am **14th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
11:30 am **18th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
12:30 pm **30th Degree** Presented and Class Picture Taken
1:45 pm **Our 170th 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.)
2:30 pm **32nd Degree** Presented - Approximate dismissal: 4:00 pm.
 (Reservation form for Reunion Dinner is on Page 9 of this publication.)
IF IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE YOU HAVE ATTENDED A CONVOCATION AND REUNION DINNER - WE WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE YOU IN OUR NEWLY RENOVATED MASONIC TEMPLE.

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Do you have a Scottish Rite Petition Available For That New Member When He Asks You ????

PLEASE NOTE:
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.

Valley of Cumberland Schedule of Events for 2017

Clip and save

All of the Below Scheduling is Subject to Change—Please Stay in Touch by Attending					
Sept 18	Scottish Rite Meeting — Masonic Temple	7:30 pm	Nov 6	Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Sept 27	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Hempden Hill Restaurant—Route 11	7:00 pm	Nov 11	Masonic Bird Hunt—Breakfast Before At the Park-N-Dine, Hancock, MD	7:30 am
Sept 28	Friend to Friend Night - Oakland Oakland American Legion	7:00 pm	Nov 17	Hagerstown Ladies Night—FRIDAY See Article on Back Page	5:30 pm
Oct 2	Feast of Tishri — Masonic Temple MONDAY	6:30 pm	Nov 19	Fall Capping—Masonic Temple Cumberland, MD SUNDAY	2:00 pm
Oct 6	Friend to Friend Night - Cumberland Ali Ghan Director's Staff Building	6:30 pm	Nov 20	Scottish Rite Meeting-Consistory Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Oct 14	Honors Day—Baltimore MD Bus leaves Cumberland at 7:30 am	7:15 am	Dec 4	Scottish Rite Meeting—Election of Officers and Annual Meeting of Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.	7:30 pm
Oct 16	Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple	7:30 pm	Dec 15	Scottish Rite Christmas Party Cresaptown Eagles Club	6:00 pm
Oct 21	170th Fall Class Conferral—Registration	7:30 am	Dec 18	Scottish Rite Meeting—If Needed	7:30 pm
Oct 30	Scottish Rite K.S.A. Meeting	7:30 pm	Jan 7 2018	Installation of officers for 2018 SUNDAY — Tentative Date	6:30 pm

Scottish Rite Diplomats - G. Timothy Schupfer, 32° Chairman 301-697-9760

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Diplomat</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Friendship # 84	Benjamin A. Zamostny	301-305-4107
Friendship # 84	III. Harvey L. Hogamier, 33°	301-573-5868
Mountain #99	Joseph W. Cushall	301-689-2465
Mountain # 99	Phillip C. Lashbaugh	301-697-6901
Potomac #100	G. Timothy Schupfer	301-697-9760
Potomac #100	Elmer W. "Bud" Miles, Jr. 32° KCCH	301-697-1128
Hiram # 103	Aaron V. Lea, 32° KCCH	301-786-4474
Queen City # 131	John S. Spence 32° KCCH	301-777-9313
Queen City # 131	Kenneth R. Wilson, 32° KCCH	301-689-3049
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Medairy # 140	Edward L. Kave, Jr.	301-331-7633
Kemp # 154	III. C. Wayne Skidmore, 33°	301-264-4728
Kemp # 154	III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°	301-729-8704
Georges Creek Valley # 161	Charles R. DeVault	301-463-5817
James W. Bowers # 173	Robert E. "BJ" Reiff, Jr.	301-302-6550
James W. Bowers # 173	III. R. Francis Shives, III, 33°	301-678-6938
Oakland #192	III. Theodore Raynovich III, 33°	301-387-4545
East Gate # 216	Billy Joe Wrights, 32° KCCH	301-722-9672
East Gate # 216	Robert H. Shaffer, 32°	301-268-3313
Hagerstown # 217	III. Frederick E. Reel, 33°	301-791-6117
Diplomat at Large	William R. "Chip" Zimmer	301-733-7277

**THESE ARE THE APPOINTED DIPLOMATS
BUT IN REALITY — WE ARE ALL DIPLOMATS !!)**



Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32° Venerable Master, Knights of Andrew

The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew have had a productive summer! I want to thank the KSA Degree Team for conducting an excellent initiation ceremony for our newest Knights, James Drawbaugh, Jason Landis and Daniel Stitt. The KSA is currently accepting petitions for membership and we look forward to welcoming more new Knights at our next Initiation Ceremony on Monday, October 30th. A petition is included in this edition of the Perfect Elu and any KSA member can answer questions you may have about membership. Our Knights were honored to serve as the color guard for the opening parade as part of the Garrett County Celtic Festival this past June. This festival features a variety of traditional Celtic music and arts and provides a great opportunity for the KSA to showcase Freemasonry to the public. I encourage everyone to save the date and plan to join us for the 29th Annual event next year on June 2, 2018.

In August, several Knights traveled to Washington, DC to assist with the 2017 Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J, USA. I want to thank brothers Joe Cushall, Sam Lane, and Robin Summerfield for joining me in lending the Valley of Cumberland's support to this auspicious event. I'm sure each of these men will agree with me that volunteering provided a wonderful opportunity to meet and exchange valuable information with many of our brothers from throughout the Southern Jurisdiction. I hope the Valley of Cumberland will be invited to assist with similar events in the future and I encourage everyone who has the time to take advantage of such volunteer opportunities. The Knights are now busy making plans for the 2018 Burns Supper. I hope you and your lady will plan to join us for this time of fun and fellowship in support of the Rite Care Clinic at the Children's League. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to advertise in the Program book and purchase tickets.



Beauseant! Beauseant! Beauseant!
Raymond W. Ryan, III Venerable Master

Picture on the Left: Personal Representative Jamey Hill showcasing K.S.A. regalia to another attending Knight at The Garrett County Celtic Festival this past June.

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 _____



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

Summer has come and gone. I trust you had an enjoyable few months to relax and are ready to return to the labor of our Scottish Rite. At the request of the Supreme Council of Washington, D. C., the Knights of St. Andrew were asked to volunteer at the Supreme Biennial Session. Several members were able to attend and worked the Scottish Rite store, which was in the Washington Hilton, over the entire weekend. Hats off to Venerable Master Ray W. Ryan, III and Senior Warden Robin L. Summerfield who coordinated the event with Baltimore and D. C.. Special thanks to brothers Joseph W. Cushall and Samuel J. Lane who also volunteered their time and talent to become a part of the network that makes up Freemasonry. Congratulations also goes to Ill. Fred Spicer, 33°, of Baltimore Scottish Rite, who was awarded the Grand Cross by the Supreme Council, one of the most prestigious awards afforded a Scottish Rite Mason.

Jerry Robinette, our ladies and I would like to invite you to join us with 50 of our closest friends who will be traveling to the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore on October 14, 2017, to commemorate another very special occasion know as Honors Day. Ten of our esteemed colleagues will receive Honors this year, two Inspectors General Honorary or 33rd degree, they are; Aaron V. (the Governor) Lea, and Elmer W. (Bud) Miles, Jr., Treasurer. We will receive eight new 32° Knights Commander of the Court of Honour appointees: Joseph W. Cushall, Edward L. Kave, Joseph S. Kennedy, Scott R. Paddock, Raymond W. Ryan, III, G. Timothy Schupfer, Robin L. Summerfield and Michael R. Wade. The large scale of recipients for Honors this year is a direct result of the larger number of Scottish Rite members who were initiated and the efforts associated with the Friend to Friend events held previously, which produced the biggest Spring Class in the Orient of Maryland.

On Behalf of the Cumberland Consistory allow me to proclaim that we are extremely proud of you chosen few...you Perfect Elu's. Knowing that others clearly deserve such recognition as these Brethren are about to receive I will charge and require you; remember such is the nature of our constitution, that as some of necessity rule and teach, so others of course learn to submit and obey, always entrusted; that you are of a too generous disposition to envy their preferment. I therefore trust you will have but one aim, to please each other, and unite in happiness for their accomplishments.

I would like to share some concerns of mine from my perspective as a presiding officer. I am troubled that our membership has been in decline for two decades. It concerns me that our forefathers built such elaborate buildings during Freemasonry's heyday, without a way to pay for said in the event of a down turn in membership. Therefore gentlemen, as loyal members of the fraternity, we must change the way in which we think and talk about the Fraternity and its issues. We must act on our words and stop wringing our hands. Above all else we must stop saying the initiation fee is too expensive and embrace the fact that joining all that Freemasonry has to offer is expensive. My brethren, there is nothing free in Freemasonry, we simply need to adopt a more marketable approach. The Fraternity can no longer sit back and hope someone asks us to be a member. Consequently, our county coordinators are again preparing those Friend to Friend events we did last fall. These masonic educational events are for potential Masons, Blue Lodge Masons and their Lady friends, as a primer, for the next generation of decent folks who are looking for their new best friends. I have issues with the fact that many of us fail to acknowledge that the network of new masonic friends that we have been blessed with, is the True Light in Masonry, that Temple Treasure sought after by so many. We have such fine folks in our masonic family, that is our greatest asset, and why Scottish Rite Freemasonry is relevant in today's society.

My masonic experience has been highly remarkable. I have met and become friends with what Ellen and I consider to be "the nicest people on this earth" because of our activity in Scottish Rite Masonry. That's the tale of Freemasonry that needs to be told. Is your opinion of Freemasonry a positive one or is it a tale of woe? For the sake of our Fraternity, please speak kindly of our gentle craft. (This article is continued on page 5)



Our Recent Extension of Our Rite Care Clinic in Oakland, Maryland

The Cumberland Scottish Rite is pleased to join **The Children's League** in announcing that the Certified Clinical Speech and Language services are now providing Services at the Oakland #192 Masonic Lodge in downtown Oakland on Mondays and Fridays. Thanks to the Oakland Lodge for supporting free Rite Care speech and language therapy for the children in Garrett County.

Shown on the left is our Speech and Language Pathologist Deborah E. Friend, Ph.D. at the entrance of the Paul B. Naylor Masonic Temple in Oakland. This Children's League extension of services will prove to be beneficial to the clients so they no longer need to make the trip to our clinic at the Health Building in Cumberland.

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

(Continuation from page 4)

These are a few of my issues. Listed below are a few proposed solutions to the problems which your officers feel may change the dynamics of marketing our membership. We propose to change the Petition itself, wherein the \$250.00 initiation fee will include the traditional (5) obligatory degrees, the 32nd degree prayer cap and box, the Scottish Rite Patent, the Bridge to Light book, lunch the day of the conferral, and dinner for candidate and guest at the Capping Ceremony. In addition, we propose the \$250.00 initiation fee to include:

1. A certificate for \$25.00 towards the purchase price of the traditional 14th degree 10 karat ring. (redeemable at Aaron's Jewelry Store in LaVale, Maryland)
2. A free Scottish Rite Polo shirt (value \$30.00)
3. A coupon for "one free dinner" to the Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies Night (value \$25.00).
4. A 32nd Scottish Rite car emblem.

With these new additions, we will provide explanations to the questions "what do I get for \$250" and secondarily market/promote the craft with those whom will wear the various things. Consequently, we may be able to persuade our new initiates, and their Ladies, to come to one of our best events.

Either way, if they participate, we pay, if they don't participate, it doesn't cost us anything. Quietly offering financial assistance to a potential candidate to join the organization rarely works for any length of time. This new petition for membership gives incentives for the candidate and gives the members and the Diplomats the incentives they need to effectively market our product. Our product is Freemasonry, our petition for membership has never been filled with such marketable bargains. Now go tell a friend about the many cherished relationships you have developed as a Freemason and tell them plainly.....

Joining all of Masonry is not cheap..... it never was. Finding new life long friends.....is Priceless!

Salvae Frater, Jamey S. Hill

Friends and Brothers - Social Gatherings Bring Family and Friends Together

All of the 33° Inspectors General and their Ladies were invited to attend their annual social gathering which was held at Cacapon State Park, in West Virginia. Those who were able to attend enjoyed a delicious meal and entertainment and lots of fellowship.

They have been holding this event for many years and have recently extended an invitation to other 33° Freemasons from the nearby area of West Virginia and several have been attending. Everyone attending was pleased to have in

attendance, our two newest 33° Inspector Generals Elect, **Aaron V. Lea** and **Elmer W. "Bud" Miles, Jr.** and they were given a warm welcome by the gentlemen and their Ladies.



In July, the 32° and 32° Knights Commander Court of Honour in the Valley of Cumberland held a very successful Third Annual Black Cap - Red Cap Soiree at the Churchill Pub in Cresaptown. Brethren and their ladies who attended shared a delicious buffet meal featuring traditional British fare, the magic of Joe Kennedy, and the music of Mark Perman.

Casual social events such as these afford a unique opportunity for brethren and their families to enjoy time together in a relaxed setting outside of the formal work of lodge. We hope you'll join us at a future event!

Scottish Rite Retirement Club ! The Scottish Rite Retirement Club meets between 8:30 am and 9:00 am for business and fellowship. The Retirement Club undertakes some small projects to improve the basement area and sometimes throughout the building. In addition, when our treasury “gets plump”, we usually decide on a nice location to have a “dinner with our ladies”. If this sounds interesting to you and you have never been in our basement area, be sure to give these guys a free Tuesday and I’m sure you will enjoy their fellowship that they share with one another. On days that school is closed because of bad weather, we do not meet. Otherwise, the basement is always open for your visit and an enjoyable Tuesday morning. Why not give it a try ???

Membership “Friend to Friend” Nights planned for Oakland, Cumberland, and Williamsport

Our Membership Chair, Tim Schupfer, and County Coordinators are once again hosting “Friend to Friend” nights throughout the Valley to introduce our Blue Lodge brethren and non-Masons to the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general as part of our membership growth and retention strategy. Mark your calendar for September 28th at the American Legion in Oakland and October 6th at the Ali Ghan Director’s Staff building in Cumberland and invite a brother you know who may be interested in joining our ranks to attend one of these membership events. An event is also being planned at Brother Ed Kave’s “Third Base Tavern” in Williamsport, date to be announced. Look for additional details in your email and online at cumberlandscottishrite.org.



From Your Secretary: By the time you receive this publication, you should have received your 2018 dues notice from the Supreme Council stating your current dues status for membership. The dues for this year are the same as the past several years and if your **stated amount** dues is not what your records indicate, please contact me so we can establish the proper amount due to keep your dues current. Membership retention is of vital interest at this time. Our new fall season will begin on September 18th and we would like to have you there for your input to all of the new things that are happening in our Valley at this time.

Several projects have been worked on since our summer recess and you need to see what they are and how you can become part of their continuing progress. Our beautiful lodge hall has had a beautiful “facelift” and our brick project on the Greene Street side of the temple is nearly complete. The brick project will be an ongoing project and if you would like to have your own engraved brick to be placed in the sidewalk with the nearly 100 other bricks, please pick up a form in the dining hall or contact me and I will see that you receive the proper form so that your personalized brick is engraved per your specifications.

I would like to offer my personal congratulations to our ten new honor men. They will receive special honors on HONORS DAY in the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple on Saturday, October 14th. We have chartered a large bus to provide transportation for these honorees and anyone interested in attending the special day. The cost will be \$10.00 per person for the bus, \$75.00 per person for the fabulous dinner provided. Each lady attending will also be attending a LADIES TEA for \$15.00. The ceremony for the KCCH honorees is OPEN for all to attend and the 33° ceremony can only be attended by other 33° freemasons. Those making reservations can be picked up in Hancock, Hagerstown or in Frederick and you should so indicate on your reservation. The bus will be leaving from Ali Ghan parking lot at 7:30 am. This will be a LONG DAY for all attendees, but these honorees need to be given your support for all the things that they have done for Scottish Rite and each having been selected by the Supreme Council for their dedication.

As no news to each of you, our world is going through some drastic changes and each and everyone of us are being challenged everyday. The costs of everything is escalating, memberships in our schools, churches and nearly all fraternal organizations are on a decline, including all branches of Masonry. These changes did not JUST HAPPENING, these changes have been happening for a long time and we can only hope that the decline in Masonry can be slowed down by making all of us aware of the problem and WORK TOGETHER, get out again and start to attend the newst things that are being provided by our Masonic leaders. It will not happen overnight, but we need to start now and if we all work together, we may see some change and you will feel proud to have been part of it. Give it some thought !!!!

I hope you carefully look over the page two schedule for the remainder of the 2017 Scottish Rite season and consider making several of these functions in the near future. If you were a “top line signer” on the petition of one of our newest members and not present for his initiation ceremony or capping, he may be wondering where you were. You should be his mentor and help him to come and see ALL THAT SCOTTISH RITE HAS TO OFFER. We need you BOTH to take advantage of all the wonderful things happening in Scottish Rite in our Valley. Make this new season the one that you have been thinking about for several years.... Come out and join us, we would be glad to welcome you.!!

Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33°, Secretary-registrar / 301-729-6778 / mitzjer@atlanticbb.net



G. Timothy Schupfer, 32°, Wise Master of Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix

I would first like to thank all who helped make the Ceremony of Lights, held on March 12th, the wonderful event it turned out to be. This is one of the most important events that we do each year, honoring those Brothers who have passed during that current year and showing our respect to their widows and family. It was well attended, including members, families and many distinguished guest. This Ceremony was followed by a wonderful meal, presented by Princess Restaurant of Frostburg. Awesome job by ALL.

I also thank the Officers of Rose Croix for their hard work in conducting our regular scheduled Scottish Rite meeting held on March 20th. It was very nice to have in attendance, Kristen Kile, from the Order of Rainbow Girls, who gave a beautiful presentation. I remind the Officers of Rose Croix, that we again will be conducting the meeting on Monday, October 16th. Any questions, please feel free to call me in advance.

Again, I thank you for your commitment to the order and look forward to seeing you at the meetings, as well as during the summer. Enjoy...!!!! *Tim Schupfer, Wise Master*



DO YOU HAVE A 2017 DUES CARD IN YOUR WALLET??? IF YOU CANNOT FIND IT, CHECK WITH THE SECRETARY TO SEE IF YOUR DUES ARE PAID.



Robin L. Summerfield 32°, Venerable Master and Asst. Personal Representative

I have long viewed Autumn as an inspirational time of new beginnings. Perhaps Ralph Waldo Emerson expressed my feelings best: "When summer opens, I see how fast it matures, and fear it will be short; but after the heats of July and August. I am reconciled, like one who has had his swing to the cool autumn."

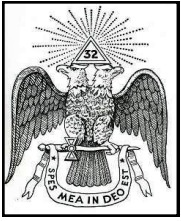
Indeed, this time of year is marked as a time of spiritual renewal and thanksgiving in many cultural and religious Traditions.

Islamic tradition teaches that when Abraham obeyed God's instruction to deliver Hagar and Ishmael to Arabia from the land of Canaan, the mother and child soon feel prey to hunger and dehydration as the supply of food and water Abraham had provided became exhausted. In her desperate quest for water, Hagar ran up and down between two hills, Safa and Marwa, seven times. Exhausted, she finally collapsed beside her baby and prayed to God for deliverance. Miraculously, a spring of water gushed forth from the earth at the feet of the child. With this secure water supply they were not only able to provide for their own needs but were also able to trade water with passing nomads for food and supplies. Years later, Abraham was instructed by God to return from Canaan to build a place of worship adjacent to Hagar's well. Abraham and Ishmael constructed a stone and mortar structure—known as the Kaaba—which was to be the gathering place for all who wished to strengthen their faith in God. It was upon this altar that Abraham would demonstrate his ultimate obedience to God. While Abraham prepared to offer his own son as a sacrifice, God ultimately provided a ram as a substitute. Muslims commemorate Abraham's act of sacrifice and God's providence at this time of year during Eid al-Adha.

The Hebrew Feast of Sukkot is both a celebration marking the end of the harvest time and commemorating God's historic providence for the children of Israel. As the children of Israel were led through the wilderness, God decreed the celebration of a seven-day feast in the Jewish month of Tishri, during which they were to live in "sukkahs" (shelters or booths) - He decreed that this feast be celebrated annually to forever remind the Israelites that he had rescued them from Egypt. This "Feast of Tishri" (or "Feast of Succoth") is thus a symbol of freedom. Some 450 years after its origin, the Feast of Tishri was utilized in dedicating the newly completed King Solomon's Temple, and this association led to its adoption by Scottish Rite Masonry to symbolize our dedication to brotherly love and human accord in a peaceful world. I hope many of you will join Commander Mark Weatherholt and the Council of Kadosh in celebrating the Feast of Tishri on Monday, October 2nd.

As we celebrate our abundance this year, we should keep in mind those who are suffering in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. If you are able to assist the many brethren who have been injured or who have received extensive damage to their homes, I encourage you to forward donations to the address: Masonic Service Association, 3905 National Drive, Suite 280, Burtonsville, MD 20866. When remitting funds to MSA, please mark checks, "Texas Disaster Appeal". An online donation option is also available at www.msana.com

Fraternally, Robin Summerfield,
Venerable Master



Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

**SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND—ORIENT OF MARYLAND**

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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 2018 Cumberland Scottish Rite 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 _____

Ballot Date of Petition _____

Member Notification Date _____

Feast of Tishri Thanksgiving Dinner Reservation Form*Clip and Mail this form***MONDAY, October 2, 2017 at the Masonic Temple****Dinner at 6:30 pm followed by the Feast of Tishri Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 pm**Please make the following reservations at **\$15.00 per person.** Reservation Deadline: September 27, 2017

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ **Make check payable to:** Cumberland Scottish Rite

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

Online Reservations: www.CumberlandScottishRite.org**Bus For Honor's Day on October 14, 2017 Leaving Ali Ghan at 7:30 a.m.** *Clip and Mail this form*

Please make the following reservations at \$10.00 per person for the bus. Reservations are due by October 7, 2017

The price per person for a dinner will be \$75.00. Ladies Tea will be \$15.00

Dinner will follow after the presentation of the prayer caps to the members of KCCH and 33°

Name _____ Guest _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Cell _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ **Make check payable to:** Cumberland Scottish Rite

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

170th REUNION LUNCHEON*Clip and Mail this form***Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 1:45 pm at the Masonic Temple.**Deadline is October 13, 2017. **No cost for the luncheon, but reservations are a must**

Name of Member: _____

Address: _____

NO CHARGE for lunch

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Online Reservations: www.CumberlandScottishRite.org**170th FALL CAPPING CEREMONY****Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the Masonic Temple.**Please make the following reservations at **\$15.00 per person.** Reservation Deadline: November 14, 2017

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ **Make check payable to:** Cumberland Scottish Rite

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LODGES TO HOST 5TH ANNUAL WESTERN MARYLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Western Maryland Masonic Lodges are proud to present the **5th Annual Western Maryland Music Festival**, being held on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic grounds in Cumberland starting at 11:30 am with gates opening at 10 am. The Masonic Lodges who have combined in this Fundraising effort are Potomac 100, Queen City 131, East Gate 216,



ADMIT ONE
SAT SEPT 23, 2017
ALI GHAN SHRINE PICNIC GROUNDS



DETAILS AND TICKET INFO AT
WESTMDMUSICFEST.ORG

James W. Bowers 173, Kemp 154 and Mountain 99. "We have put together" what we think is another fantastic day of fun and electrifying entertainment, a variety of Special Foods, Beverages, (including imports) and over 30 Vendors.

Our bands will be national recording artists according to John Dawson, Festival committee chairman. This event is a fundraiser to support the many missions and contributions the Masonic Temples and members provide to the community, including charities throughout the area, scholarships to local high school students, Masonic Charities of Maryland and many more, "We have many missions we accomplish each year to help our community and state, but we need your help to accomplish this." We would like to thank the many bands, performers, sponsors and the over fifty infield vendors who help make this show successful each year. For your convenience, tickets are available and online at **Eventbrite**. For go to www.westmdmusicfest.com.

If you are unable to get your tickets in advance, they will be available at the gate. For further information, please call John Dawson at 240-727-0785 or follow us on facebook. The Masonic Lodges of Western Maryland along with the Grand Lodge of Maryland thank you for your support of this wonderful and important fundraising event. **We Hope You See This Great Show This Year!**

Commander of Cumberland Council of Kadosh: Mark C. Weatherholt, 32° KCCH

On behalf of the Council of Kadosh, I would like to extend an invitation to the brethren and friends of the Cumberland Scottish Rite to the 2017 Feast of Tishri at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Monday, October 2nd, beginning at 6:30 pm. A reservation form is on page nine of this publication. We would be very pleased if you would consider attending the ceremony and dinner, one of the most symbolic of Scottish Rite festivals.

The Ceremony of the Feast of Tishri will include the offering of the Eight Toast of Obligation. The message of Tishri comes to us strongly and clearly from across the ages because it has been preserved in the symbolism and allegory of the Scottish Rite. Through our observance of this great feast of thanksgiving, we as heirs of Solomon, Perpetuate his magnificent Temple of the freedom in our lives, our communities, our country, and most of all in our beloved Rite.

As we join in this traditional celebration of the harvest, the officers of the Cumberland Council of Kadosh would like to share in our bounty by collecting PET FOOD, to be donated to the Allegany County Animal Shelter. We encourage those attending to bring dry or canned pet food items with you to the event.

Fraternally, Commander Mark Weatherholt, 32° KCCH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW — IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT !!

For the first time, Cumberland Scottish Rite will be holding a Christmas Party at the Cresaptown Eagles on McMullen Highway. The date is Friday, December 15th, at 6:00 pm till ????? The cost is \$5.00 with your reservation (returnable if you attend). Complimentary Seasonal Egg Nog will be provided and you can order wings at your expense and a cash bar will be available. The returnable fee is being made so we can estimate the total attendance, as a courtesy to the committee and the Cresaptown Eagles. For reservations, send number of attendees and \$5.00 per attendee to Tom Paxton, c/o Masonic Temple 15 Greene Street, Cumberland, MD 21502. We know that this is a BUSY SEASON, but have you ever shared it with your Masonic brothers before??? HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !!



News from the Scottish Rite Club of Washington County

The Washington County Scottish Rite Club is planning two (2) events for the Fall calendar. Our next **meeting** will be held on Wednesday, September 27 beginning at 6:30pm at the Hempen Hill Restaurant in Fountain Head Plaza on Pennsylvania Ave. (Rt. 11). We'll vote then to determine if we want to meet bi-monthly instead of quarterly.

Valley of Cumberland Masonic Bird Hunt

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Quail Hollow Hunting Reserve — Berkeley Springs, WV

Are you interested in participating in a "Masonic Bird Hunt"? Join us for a day of food, fellowship, and wing shooting at the Quail Hollow Hunting Preserve in Berkeley Springs, WV. All Scottish Rite Masons, Master Masons, and friends are invited to join in the fun!

The cost for the **Masonic Bird Hunt** and lunch will be approximately \$100 /person. The day will begin at 7:30 am with breakfast at the Park and Dine Restaurant in Hancock followed by a day of bird hunting until about 2:00 pm. Quail Hollow will provide a guide and dog with each group, as well as a warm up skeet shoot and post hunt lunch! Birds will be cleaned and ready for the oven or freezer! More info is available on the Quail Hollow webpage at www.quailhollowhunts.com

Wear blaze orange and bring your own shotgun and your WV Game License. A 6-Day Non-Resident Preserve Game License is available for \$12 at www.wvhunt.com.

The final cost will depend upon the birds we order (not what we shoot), including Pheasant, Chukar, and Quail. We hope to have five groups of hunters (3/group), totaling 15 hunters. **Completed reservation forms and a deposit of \$50 must be received by Bro. Chip Zimmer no later than October 15 to reserve your spot.** It's first come, first serve and we expect the slots to fill quickly, so sign up today!

For more information, contact Chip by email zmdogsledder@myactv.net or phone at 301-730-3233.



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MASONIC BIRD HUNT November 11, 2017

Please complete and return the form below by October 15, 2017

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Cell _____

Deposit Required of \$ 50.00 Pay Balance upon arrival on that day.

Return to Chip Zimmer 19644 Spring Creek Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742

Phone — 301-730-3233 Email — zmdogsledder@myactv.net

Hagerstown Ladies Night — Friday, November 17, 2017

We only have limited space (30 couples) on November 17, but this show looks like a real winner.

**Hagerstown Ladies Night— Friday - November 17, 2017**

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies

cordially invite you and your lady to attend the

Thirty Third Annual Hagerstown Scottish Rite

Ladies' Night at the

Washington Co. Playhouse Dinner Theatre

located at 44 N. Potomac Street (Rear), in Hagerstown, MD

“A CHRISTMAS CAROL – A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS”

Friday, November 17, 2017 at 5:30 p. m.

Reservations must be received by October 20, 2017

\$43.00 Per person

Widows of Cumberland Consistory Members invited.

Interested Blue Lodge Masons and other Scottish Rite

Consistory members are also invited. Semi Formal Attire

Hagerstown Ladies Night—Friday, November 17, 2017

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Reservations are due by October 20, 2017

Please make the following reservations at \$43 .00 per person.

Name _____ Guest _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Cell _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Make check payable to Cumberland Scottish Rite

Enclose check and mail to: Fred Reel, 17722 Daisy Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740-9156 Phone 301-791-6117