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STRAWBERRY NIGHT — Monday, June 6, 2016

Our annual Cumberland Scottish Rite Strawberry Night will be held on Monday, June 6th at the Masonic Temple. This will be a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. Members and friends are welcome to join us in this festive evening. The chicken entrée and strawberries with ice cream will be provided by the Scottish Rite. We are asking attendees to provide a choice of "vegetable or salad". There will be NO ADMISSION charge, but you MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS with the Secretary (301-729-6778) by June 3, so the committee preparations can be made. The selection of members for the **Scottish Rite / League Golf** tournament on June 17th will be held at this dinner from the golfers in attendance. Selected members and their Ladies are invited to the "kick-off party" Thursday evening June 16th at the Cumberland Country Club. Don't miss this opportunity golfers!

Feast of Tishri—MONDAY, October 3, 2016

Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Charles W. Taylor, Jr. 32°KCCH, has been making plans to hold our annual Feast of Tishri Ceremony to be held on **Monday, October 3**, at **7:30 pm** in the Masonic Temple. The Ceremony and "light refreshments" will both be held in the Lodge Dining Hall. As always, your reservations are **a must** so the proper arrangements for the event can be made. Attendance has been growing each year, so make your reservation early by using the reservation form on page 7. Those who are participating in the ceremony have been working hard to make this a very meaningful presentation within the Scottish Rite. This event is another excellent example of the recent growth of enthusiasm by our members dedicating their time and efforts to provide more interesting programs for the members, their family and friends. Hope to see you there. **Why not ask your friend or neighbor to join you?**

ONE DAY FALL CLASS—SATURDAY October 29, 2016

7:30 am Candidates Report for Registration - Light refreshments provided
8:45 am Open Lodge for Members - Short Business Session as Needed
9:00 am **4th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
9:45 am **7th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
10:15 am **14th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
11:45 am **18th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
12:30 am **30th Degree** Presented and Class Picture Taken

1:45 pm Our 168th 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 7 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 RENNOVATED MASONIC TEMPLE.

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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 2016*Clip and save*

June 4	Scottish Highland Festival/Friendsville Park	10:00 am	Oct 29	One Day Fall Class—Member Registration Masonic Temple—Degree work begins	7:30 am
June 6	Strawberry Night / Covered Dish Dinner Masonic Temple—Fun-filled Family Night	6:30 pm Monday	Nov 7	Scottish Rite Meeting - Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
June 20	K.S.A. Initiation Ceremony Masonic Temple Lodge Hall	7:30 pm	Nov 12	Hagerstown Ladies Night—Details Later	6:30 pm
	JULY/AUGUST SUMMER RECESS		Nov 20	Fall Capping Ceremony—Masonic Temple Cumberland, MD—Sunday	2:00 pm
Sept 17	Kid Walk/Kid Talk Program at County Health Building on Willowbrook Rd	10:00 am	Nov 21	Scottish Rite Meeting-Masonic Temple (with Consistory)	7:30 pm
Sept 19	Scottish Rite Meeting Masonic Temple, Greene St, Cumberland	7:30 pm	Nov 23	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 pm
Sept 28	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 pm	Dec 5	Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple— Election of Officers and Annual Member- ship Meeting of Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. after stated S.R. Meeting.	7:30 pm
Oct 3	Feast of Tishri-Masonic Temple-MONDAY	7:30 pm	Dec 19	Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple, if needed by the Venerable Master	7:30 pm
Oct 17	Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple	7:30 pm	All of the Above Scheduling is Subject To Change—Please Stay in Touch by Attending Meetings.		
Oct 23	Dress Rehearsals: - 1:00 pm- 14th Degree; 2:00 pm—32nd Degree; 3:00 pm—30th Degree - All at the Masonic Temple				

Attention: Knights of St. Andrew Members

Scottish Highlands Festival in Friendsville, MD

Saturday, June 4th, beginning at 10:00 am

For details contact V. M. Joseph Cushall

301-689-2465 or Ray Ryan 301-697-9578



The Cumberland Scottish Rite just completed their 2016 Spring Convocation. We had seven petitioners “seeking further light in Masonry” through the lessons presented in the degree work that day. Were you there that day to welcome them into our membership???? If you were the “top line signer” of their petition, were you there to give them the support they deserve???? What do these new Scottish Rite members think when look around the room and see that the Brother who asked them to join is not present???? I know that these questions do not apply to all of our top line signers, but if it does, we may have lost one of our newest members and he may not want to come back—just because you were not there. As our total membership declines each year, maybe this is an example something we need to address. Our Reunion Dinners, which are free to the membership, are enjoyed by those in attendance, but not many remain to witness the afternoon degree work. My brethren, please try to become attentive to these concerns. The Scottish Rite needs you to become concerned about our declining membership, maybe becoming more active will help us turn this around.

Scottish Rite Diplomats - Elmer W. (Bud) Miles, , 32° KCCH Chairman 301-697-1128

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Diplomat</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Friendship # 84	Benjamin A. Zamostny	301-305-4107
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Mountain # 99	Phillip C. Lashbaugh	301-697-6901
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Potomac #100	Elmer W. "Bud" Miles, Jr. 32° KCCH	301-697-1128
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James W. Bowers # 173	Ill. R. Francis Shives, III, 33°	301-678-6938
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East Gate # 216	Ill. Lonnie R. Jackson, 33°	304-738-9009
East Gate # 216	Billy Joe Wrights, 32° KCCH	301-722-9672
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Diplomat at Large	William R. "Chip" Zimmer	301-733-7277

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

Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia - 90th Anniversary Celebration!!!!

Chairman of the Board of Directors, our own Brother G. Fred Widmyer announced that the Philadelphia Shriner's Hospital will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary on Saturday, **June 25th** and extends an invitation to all who would like to attend this special day.

If you would like to attend the celebration, a bus is being scheduled and you can be a passenger on the charter bus by contacting Noble Curtis Haines, (301-724-5746) who will be in charge of each of your reservations. The cost is \$30.00 per person and it will be a "first come—first served" format, so plan ahead and make your reservation early. The cutoff for reservations to be part of this bus trip is set for May 27th. The bus will be departing Ali Ghan parking area at 6:00 am and is arranging pickups in Hancock and Hagerstown if necessary. We should be in Philadelphia by 11:00 am and food will be provided at the hospital by local businesses. After the planned schedule, for the afternoon, we will leave there about 4:00 pm and the bus will be stopping for dinner sometime during the return trip (dutch treat, of course).

The main feature of the day will be the open house tours of the hospital, including operating rooms and the special treatment departments, along with a display of their latest medical equipment used for treatment of the patients. It is planned to have several patients in attendance to express their thank you to Shriners for the help that they have received.

There will be a structured program when one patient's family will speak to those guests in attendance explaining the treatment their child has received and what they are currently doing as an annual fundraiser to support the Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia.



The Western Maryland Masonic Lodges are proud to present the 4th Annual Western Maryland Music Festival, being held on Saturday, September 24th at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic grounds, 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, James W. Bowers 173 and Kemp 154. "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 Vendors.

Our bands will be national recording artists "The Davisson Brothers", (with a unique style, fusing a blend of country, southern rock and bluegrass, to create a distinctive sound) and "Bon-Journey" from Pittsburgh. Since 2006, they have been performing all over the east coast to fans of two of the greatest pop-rock acts of all times: "Bon Jovi" and "Journey". Other bands and musicians performing during the day will consists of the Ronnie Wayne TideWater Band from the city of Baltimore, City Limits (local favorite), So Low (featuring Dean Cramer), Ol' Buzzard Band and Brickyard Road, from Frederick, MD.

According to Tim Schupfer, 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.

Our major sponsors for this event are Western Maryland Distributors; Service Unlimited,; Aaron's Jewelry; Beckman's Pharmacy; Gornall Construction; Ali Ghan Shrine; Arby's; Ellsworth Electric, Inc; Planet Fitness; D & D Motors; Puffinburger Carpets; Potomac #100; East Gate #216; James Bowers # 173; Kemp #154; Cumberland Scottish Rite; ATK; Chick-Fil-A; York Rite; R & D Pools; Jimmy Joy's Log Cabin; MB Hauling; J & D Prestigious Homes; Golf Club of Maplehurst; Star Landscaping; Rocky Gay Casino & Resort; Grand Lodge of Maryland; Allegany Aggregates, Inc and Big Froggy, who will be broadcasting live during the show.

Tickets are available at the Book Center (Cumberland), Liberty Liquors (LaVale), Battery One (in Cumberland and in Hagerstown), Kerr Brothers (Virginia Ave.), Ali Ghan Shrine Club. Tonya's Tux & Style Shop (Centre St.) & Grand Lodge of Maryland (Cockeysville) and online at Eventbrite.

If you were unable to get your tickets in advance, they will be available at the gate. For further information, please call Tim Schupfer at 301-697-9760 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!!



Capping Ceremony Service Awards: Fifty Year Members:

L-R: Personal Representative Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, presenting 50 year Certificate and Lapel Pins to Recipients Carl F. Slemmer, 32° KCCH, Philip G. Handley, witnessed by Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, our S.G.I.G in Maryland.



Capping Ceremony Service Awards: For Forty Years:

L-R: Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, (34 years of service Secretary of Cumberland Scottish). Robert P. Wyant, Ill. Frederick E. Reel, 33°. Harry A. Mallow, and William G. Kight.. All Honorees and their ladies were invited to the 2016 Spring Class Capping Ceremony held on May 15, 2016.



Our Newest Class Members Present for Capping Ceremony:

L-R: Michael W. Kerns, 32°; James E. Richards, Jr, 32°; Christopher C. Mason, 32° and Mark E. Lathrop, 32°. Behind the new class members is our S.G.I.G. in Maryland, Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°.



Capping Ceremony Service Award: For Sixty Years

Row 1: Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°, Assistant Representative to the Personal Representative, Recipient Neil C. Yommer, (Kathleen Yommer) wife, and Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, our Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. in Maryland.



WELCOME OUR NEW 2016 SPRING CLASS

ROW ONE: (L-R) **Jamie Lynn Beining**, of Cresaptown, MD; **Ill. Charles J. Hout**, 33° of LaVale, MD; Assistant Personal Representative Valley of Cumberland; **Ill. Creed F. Parker**, 33°, Personal Representative Valley of Frederick Scottish Rite; **Ill. Bennie G. Owens**, 33°, Orient Personal Representative for the Orient of Maryland; **Ill. Charles F. Carmichael**, 33°, Personal Representative, Valley of Baltimore, MD; **Ill. Paul G. Shircliff**, 33°, Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. in Maryland, and **James Edward Richards, Jr.**, of Cumberland, MD.

ROW TWO: (L-R) **Ill. Jerome F. Robinette**, 33° of LaVale, MD; Secretary-Registrar Valley of Cumberland; **James Leslie Ridgill**, of Frederick, MD; (Levels 3 & 4 in Cumberland); **Douglas Michael O'Connor** of Walkersville, MD; (Levels 3 & 4 in Cumberland); **Mark Earl Lathrop** of Cumberland, MD; **Michael William Kerns** of Cumberland, MD; **Christopher Conway Mason** of Mt. Savage, MD, and **Robert Morris**, 32° KCCH, Director of Works, Valley of Frederick.

Feast of Tishri & Light Refreshments Reservation Form*Clip and Mail this form***MONDAY, October 3, 2016 at the Masonic Temple****Ceremony will be at 7:30 pm-Feast of Tishri, refreshments will follow at 8:00 pm****No Charge — Reservations are a must!** Please make the following reservations:

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Reservation Deadline: September 28, 2016

Make check payable to: Cumberland Scottish Rite

Mail to: Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33° 7 Walker Road, LaVale, MD 21502-7711 Home: (301-729-4156)

168th REUNION LUNCHEON*Clip and Mail this form***Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 1:45 pm in the Masonic Temple.**Deadline is October 26, 2016. **No cost for the luncheon, but reservations are a must.**

Name of Member: _____

Address: _____

NO CHARGE for admission

Mail to: Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33° 7 Walker Road LaVale, MD 21502-7711 Home (301-729-4156)

FALL CAPPING CEREMONY*Clip and Mail this form***Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the Masonic Temple**Please make the following reservations at **\$15.00 per person.** Reservations are due by November 16, 2016

Name- _____ Guest _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Cumberland Scottish Rite

Enclose check and mail to: Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33° 7 Walker Road, LaVale, MD 21502-7711

Scottish Rite Double Eagle License Plates

It has never been mentioned in any of our newsletters, but we do offer a Scottish Rite auto license plate. The plate exhibits our double eagle emblem and "S R" on the left side and can be obtained by contacting your secretary to obtain the proper form and other information required to obtain the plates. There is a "one time fee" of \$30.00, which is submitted to Baltimore Scottish Rite for processing. The plates will be mailed to you at your listed address.

The renewal stickers will be provided each time you register with the form sent by the MVA. They can be applied for at any time in the year.

Scottish Rite Retirement Club ! If you are not aware that such a club exists - shame on you ! It has been publicized in the newsletter numerous times and we have been getting some new faces to join us each Tuesday morning in the basement area at the Masonic Temple. We try to gather between 8:30 am and 9:00 am, hold a very short business meeting, collect the \$1.00 per week dues. When the business is all taken care of, we get out our pool sticks and exercise our hidden talents on the pool table. Needless to say, we always have coffee and donuts to keep a smile on our faces when we lose at pool. 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

What is an Endowed Life Membership? As a Maryland Scottish Rite member, you can become a LIFE MEMBER for a one time payment of \$800, once your dues are current. If you would like to participate in this program, submit a notice to the secretary and he will process the paperwork to have you enrolled in the Endowed Life Membership program. These collected fees go into a separate investment account and will then continue to grow and help support the Scottish Rite in the years to come.



From Your Secretary: The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc, which advances the philanthropic aims of Cumberland Scottish Rite Freemasons, has created two new endowed scholarships at the Allegany College of Maryland in a demonstration of our continued support of the community. The scholarships have been awarded for the fall 2016 semester, but you can still submit application to the Allegany College of Maryland through the foundation office at the college and get on tap for the next selection process, which is handled through the courtesies of their foundation office. The title of our scholarships are the **Leonard and Jane Schwab Scottish Rite Scholarships**, and were made possible through the generous donations of the Schwab estate. Both Leonard and Jane were very active in many of our Scottish Rite programs and activities. The only prerequisite for application is that you must be a Scottish Rite related applicant (child, uncle, grandfather etc.) For more information contact ACM Foundation at 301-784-5200 or see the college web-site, www.allegany.edu. Brethren, like all of the other organizations that you belong to, our membership is losing numerous members each year and it is a concern for the future of our fine organization, not only locally, but on a worldwide level. Our Grand Lodges are doing their best to assist with the projected decline in Masonry. From the hundreds of Scottish Rite Valleys in the Southern Jurisdiction, only a few have not seen a decline in their Valley. The Valley of Cumberland loses between 40 and 50 members each year. Unpredictable deaths, suspensions for non-payment of dues, and brethren late in life not able to keep up with our nations economy problems. We are thankful for those members in our Cumberland Valley that are still faithful members of our fine organization and I am sure that each of them are proud of their association with the Scottish Rite.

At our Spring Capping Ceremony on May 15th, we honored numerous members of our Valley having forty or more years of faithful service. Those able to attend have been pictured on page five. Honored were: **FORTY YEARS:** James A. Crane, Sr., William G. Kight, Harry A. Mallow, William Nizinski, III Frederick E. Reel, 33°, Charles E. Rice, III. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Charles F. Smith, and Robert P. Wyant. **FORTY-FIVE YEARS:** Charles L. Chalkley, Earl W. Groves, Jr., Robert E. Holsinger, Arthur E. Isom, and Dr. Amado P. Torres. **FIFTY YEARS:** Richard L. Bible, Philip G. Handley, Robert L. Rowland, Carl F. Slemmer, 32° KCCH, Floyd W. Spies and Carl E. Winters. **FIFTY-FIVE YEARS:** Floyd G. Harper and Homer E. Liston. **SIXTY YEARS:** John G. Hopkins, Charles H. Smith and Neil C. Yommer. **SEVENTY YEARS:** C. Fletcher Horn. Congratulations to each of these fine brethren. All have been mailed the respective year of membership lapel pins and a copy of the Capping Ceremony Program. Getting back to our current membership, many of you have not paid your 2016 dues, some still owe 2015 and 2014. Please give your obligation to the Scottish Rite some consideration and help our Valley membership from diminishing. Also, attendance at our meetings, reunions and social functions is very low. Please consider making several of these functions in the near future. If you were a "top line signer" on the petition of one our newest members and not present for his initiation ceremony or capping, he may wonder 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.

MASTER CRAFTSMAN PROGRAM STUDY GROUP TO BEGIN

Have you had an interest in completing the Master Craftsman Program but either did not have the time or just didn't want to do it by yourself? Here is an opportunity to complete the program with your fellow brethren! The Master Craftsman Program is an exciting new by-mail correspondence course designed and administered by the staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction.

Under the coordination of Brother Danny Nieves 32° of the Valley of Cumberland, a study group is being formed to complete Program I: *The Symbolic Lodge*. If you would have an interest in participating in the study group, **The first meeting will take place on June 20th at 6:30 pm in the basement meeting area at the Masonic Lodge on Greene Street in Cumberland. Subsequent meetings will be held at the same time and same location on the following dates: July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 19.**

To participate it would be necessary to purchase the materials through the **Scottish Rite Online Store** (www.scottishritestore.org). The cost of the materials, which are inclusive, is \$40.00. This study is not only a great opportunity to complete an outstanding program and to learn in depth Masonic history and symbolism, but to better know and share fellowship with your fellow Scottish Rite Masons! Hope to see you there!!!!

Brother Danny Nieves can be contacted at popeye@myactv.net or by phone at 443-838-6346.

DO YOU HAVE A 2016 DUES CARD IN YOUR WALLET??? IF YOU CANNOT FIND IT, CHECK WITH THE SECRETARY TO SEE IF YOUR DUES ARE PAID.

Venerable Master — Charles W. Taylor, Jr. 32° KCCH

WOW, HOW GREAT IT IS TO BE A SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASON!!!

Hello My Brethern, Here it is the month of June and still Olde man Winter is trying to hang on with cold weather. On the day of the 167th Spring Convocation Capping Ceremony, the weather was calling for SNOW in Oakland, MD. Come on, Spring is suppose to be here, right?

Well now down to the business at hand. We had two excellent ceremonies recently. The first was our Spring Class held on April 30th, which I believe we had (7) total new candidates, two of which were from the Valley of Frederick. It was an excellent day and the cast performed GREAT!!! I was there for the opening of the Lodge and then Brother Robin L. Summerfield, 32°, my Senior Warden, took over for me in my absence.

The Capping Ceremony held on May 15th, was also an excellent presentation. Joining us and helping to make some of the presentations was the Ill Marlin L. Mills 33° S.G.I.G in MD, and his wife, Brenda.

Ill. Fred Spicer, 33° from Baltimore was also in attendance to enjoy the festivities. We had several 40 year, 45 year, 50 year and 60 year service awards to present. Not all of the members were available at this time. Our Secretary/Registrar, Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, was one of the 40 year service awards. We had an excellent meal and enjoyed the fellowship with one another. We gave a big THANK YOU to Ill. Jerry's granddaughter Melissa Seib for playing the piano during the Ceremony. Also, thank you, Brother Mark L. Widmyer, 32° KCCH for being our photographer at our various events.

I want to thank all my brethren who served on the various committees for the events we had the first half of the year. They all have done an OUTSTANDING JOB!! And for ALL the help I have had from my Brethren in keeping me going in the right direction as YOUR Venerable Master for 2016. **I THANK YOU ALL!!**

Well my brethern, this will be my last message before we go dark. So, one important thing we guys all need to do and that is to THANK OUR LADIES for letting us come out and play in the "sandbox" of the Cumberland Valley of the Scottish Rite. Without our Ladies, most of us would probably be lost. So **THANK YOU LADIES** from the bottom of our hearts!! I want to wish everyone a wonderful, exciting, safe and enjoyable summer. I will see you in September. (Sounds like a song, right?)

Sincerely & Fraternally, Charles W. "Buck" Taylor, Jr. Venerable Master 2016

III. Paul G. Shircliff, 33° Personal Representative's Message



We hope that as Spring winds down from all the rain, Summer will come our way very soon. Brethren, if a prospective Master Mason is interested in the Cumberland Scottish Rite, kindly sponsor that brother as your guest at the Strawberry Night covered dish supper on June 6, 2016, at 6:30 pm, in the Masonic Temple Banquet Hall. We will have entertainment for those attending, our drawing for two four man golf teams, check presentation to "The Children's League" and JROTC special awards to two students from Garrett County.

The Scottish Rite is richer today by seven new members in our Spring Class on April 30th.

The officers have to be congratulated for their splendid work from January's Installation of officers to the Knights of Saint Andrew's initiation ceremony to be held in June. We will take some much needed rest during July and August and then begin to prepare for the Fall session. I look forward to the next six months and the many new programs and activities that will be held.

Nancy and I wish all of our members and families a fun filled summer vacation.

Paul G. Shircliff, 33° Personal Representative, Valley of Cumberland

III. Charles J. Hout, 33° Assistant Personal Representative

It is time to be asking the Brethren to join the Scottish Rite, which is \$250.00 for everyone. There are others to be asked besides just the newly raised Master Masons.

NOW HEAR THIS

The Annual Strawberry Night is Monday, June 6, at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish with something in it. The Scottish Rite will provide the Chicken, Strawberries, Ice Cream, Cold Drinks, coffee, utensils, plates and cups. It would be great to bring your family and enjoy the evening.

There is NO CHARGE for the event, but you need to CALL secretary Jerry Robinette at 301-729-6778 and tell him you are coming and whether you are bringing a salad or vegetable.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!! Charles J. Hout, 33°

DeMolay Happenings

We can always use young Men between the ages of 12-21 years of age. Cumberland Chapter will grow as I am sure there are Young Men waiting to be asked to join. Scottish Rite has been the sponsor of De Molay for ninety four years and some of our older Scottish Rite members can still remember all of the wonderful years they were active with the DeMolay. If you have a son or grandson, why not sit down and talk with him about those enjoyable years you had prior to becoming the proud Mason that you are today. Think how proud you would be if he became a member of the DeMolay in your footsteps, he may even desire to continue to become a Scottish Rite Mason. The Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay #21009, holds meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Masonic Temple on Greene Street at 7:30 pm. The lifetime fee to join is \$35.00.

We are proud to welcome our newest DeMolay member— A young man — Jacob L. Platt! "Jake" just obtained the DeMolay degree on May 11, 2016.

III. Charles J. Hout, 33°, DeMolay Advisor/Treasurer

**DeMolay Can Always Use Your Help For Membership Growth.
If You Can Find Some Time To Help, It Would Make a Difference.
The Advisors Who Are Working With the Boys Now Have Been
Doing It For Many Years - They Would Like To See You There.**



Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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To the Officers and Members of:

CUMBERLAND LODGE OF PERFECTION
CUMBERLAND CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH
CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY

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 _____

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