

# The Perfect Elu

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, S.J.  
Valley of Cumberland      Orient of Maryland



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**Do You have a 2016 Dues  
Card in Your Wallet ?  
If You Cannot Find One,  
Contact our Secretary  
301-729-6778**

**Pancakes & Sausage  
Breakfast - Mt Savage  
Kemp Lodge # 154  
1st Sunday of the Month  
8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon**

**Editors Note:**

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

*The Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies  
cordially invite you and your lady to attend the  
Thirty Second Annual Hagerstown Scottish Rite  
Ladies' Night at The Ramada Inn,  
located in the Hagerstown Valley Mall  
Saturday, November 12, 2016*

*Cash Bar 6:00 p.m.    Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Couples \$50.00    Singles \$25.00    Widows - no charge  
Entertainment after Dinner*

*Reservations must be received by November 7, 2016*

*Widows of Cumberland Consistory Members invited.  
Interested Blue Lodge Masons and other Scottish Rite  
Consistory members are also invited @ \$50.00 per couple.*

*Semi Formal Attire*

*Clip and Return*

We plan to attend the *Thirty Second Annual*  
Hagerstown Scottish Rite Ladies' Night, November 12, 2016,  
at the Ramada Inn, located in the Hagerstown Valley Mall

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations

☐ 32°    ☐ 32° KCCH    ☐ 33°

\_\_\_\_\_ Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Name \_\_\_\_\_

Return Reservation form to: Frederick E. Reel, 33°  
17722 Daisy Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740  
Home Telephone — 301-791-6117

**Valley of Cumberland Schedule of Events for 2016—2017***Clip and save*

Sept 17 Kid Walk / Kid Talk program at 10:00 am - **The Children's League** on Willowbrook Road

Sept 19 Scottish Rite Meeting - Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm

Sept 28 Scottish Rite Club of Washington County — 7:00 pm Car Pool from Temple Parking Lot at 6:00 pm

**Oct 3** Feast of Tishri-Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm **MONDAY — Light Refreshments at 6:30 pm**

Oct 16 Degree Rehearsal Masonic Temple — (14th degree—1:00 pm) (30th degree — 3:00 pm)

Oct 17 Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm

Oct 23 Degree Rehearsal Masonic Temple— (7th degree — 2 pm) (32nd degree — 3 pm)

Oct 29 **One Day Fall Class** — Masonic Temple-Registration 7:30 am, Lodge Meeting at 8:45 am

**Nov 7** Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm

Nov 12 Hagerstown Ladies Night - Ramada Inn at the Hagerstown Valley Mall — 6:30 pm - **Saturday**

Nov 20 Fall Capping Ceremony - Masonic Temple - Cumberland at 2:00 pm - **Sunday**

Nov 21 Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple (with Cumberland Consistory) at 7:30 pm

Nov 23 Scottish Rite Club of Washington County 7:00 pm — Car Pool from Temple Parking Lot at 6:00 pm

**Dec 5** Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm—Election of Officers and Annual Membership Meeting.  
Annual meeting of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. 8:30 pm

Dec 19 Open Installation Practice for ALL COORDINATE BODIES - Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm (Casual Dress)

**2017**

**Jan 15** **Open joint Installation of Officers: Lodge, Chapter, Council, Consistory, Knights of Saint Andrew and Coordinate Bodies**

**Feb 4** **Robert Burns Night - Ali Ghan Shrine Center — Details in next publication.**

The most important item that needs to be added to this calendar of events is ...

**YOUR ATTENDANCE. Make 2016—2017 the year that you will be there!**

**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** **Welcome address in Lodge Hall and**

**4th Degree and 7th Degree** are 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 served (Class and Members) prepared and served by the Princess Restaurant No charge for the luncheon, but reservations are required by members.)

**2:30 pm** **32nd Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members. Approximate dismissal: 4:15 pm.

**(Reservation form for Reunion Dinner is on Page 5 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.**

**“Scottish Rite Diplomats” - Elmer W. “Bud” Miles, Jr., 32° KCCH Chairman 301-697-1128**

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Diplomat</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Friendship # 84	Benjamin A. Zamostny	301-305-4107
Friendship # 84	Ill. Harvey L. Hogamier, 33°	301-573-5868
Mountain #99	Joseph W. Cushall	301-689-2465
Mountain # 99	Phillip C. Lashbaugh	301-922-1090
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
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Queen City # 131	Ill. Kenneth R. Wilson, 33°	301-689-3049
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James W. Bowers # 173	Robert E. “BJ” Reiff, Jr.	301-302-6550
James W. Bowers # 173	Ill. R. Francis Shives, III, 33°	301-678-6938
Oakland # 192	Ill. Theodore Raynovich, III, 33°	301-387-4545
East Gate # 216	Lonnie R. Jackson, 33°	304-738-9009
East Gate # 216	Billy Joe Wrights, 32° KCCH	301-722-9672
Hagerstown # 217	Ill. Frederick E. Reel, 33°	301-791-6117
Diplomat at Large	William R. “Chip” Zimmer, 32° KCCH	301-733-7277

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



### Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33° Assistant Personal Representative Message

Any of the new Scottish Rite Brothers who joined the Spring Class for 2016 and signed the TOP LINE of the petition for a candidate in the Fall Class of 2016 will receive a Prism, which was explained to you at the Spring Ceremony. After this Fall Class, to receive a Prism it will take five (5) Top Line Signatures which are accumulative! Diplomats and all Scottish Rite Brethren, ask that Master Mason who has just returned his 3rd Degree and is still interested in obtaining further light in Masonry through our beautiful pageantry of Scottish Rite lessons.

**Remember—WE** cannot always do it the way we did before—the best is yet to come — Be there to see it happen. **Diplomats** — It is not too early to get candidates for the 168th Fall Class which will be held on Saturday, October 29. The **FEE** for the Fall class is \$250.00 per candidate. We have heard that we have some Master Masons who have returned their 3rd Degree and are interested in joining our Scottish Rite. We will only know this to be true when the **Petition** is received by our secretary and the petition has been balloted upon at a stated meeting and been so notified. You should feel proud if YOU were responsible for making this happen for your fellow mason.

**Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°, Assistant Personal Representative**

### 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 DeMolay for over ninety 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 be a Scottish Rite Mason. The Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay #21009, meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the Masonic Temple on Greene Street at 7:30 pm. The lifetime fee to join Cumberland DeMolay is \$35.00.

**Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°, DeMolay Advisor/Treasurer**



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

The life in the Cumberland Consistory is new, and always will be in our efforts to reach out to new Master Masons, to give them the opportunity to become members of the Scottish Rite. Scottish Rite Fall Class day will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016, from 9 am to 4 pm, in the Masonic Temple, Cumberland, MD. Each new member will receive a "Scottish Rite New Member Welcome Packet". Packets contain an outline of the History, Membership, Structure, Education, and Headquarters of the Supreme Council. Each current member is a diplomat in your own right, as well as assigned diplomats to the twelve lodges in our Jurisdiction. **Diplomats** please accept my invitation to attend the Scottish Rite Reunion Dinner on Saturday October 29th and have your picture taken as a group.

Make plans to attend our meetings and social events during the rest of the year. Mark your calendar: Kid Walk / Kid Talk on Saturday September 17th at the Allegany Health Department parking lot; Scottish Rite meeting on Monday September 19th; Washington County Scottish Rite Club on Wednesday September 28th at Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, Hagerstown; Feast of Tishri on Monday October 3rd; Hagerstown Ladies Night on Saturday November 12th; and Capping Ceremony on Saturday November 20th.

Let me share with you an important event that happened on June 25, 2016. Scottish Rite chartered a bus with forty-four Scottish Rite brethren, Ladies, Shriner's and friends to Philadelphia for the 90th Anniversary celebration of the Shriner's Hospital for Children. We arrived at 11:00 am and were welcomed by G. Frederick Widmyer, 33° a member of the Cumberland Consistory. The special trip was in honor of Brother Widmyer as the new Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Shriner's Hospital for Children. We were given the royal treatment by the doctors, nurses and technicians of the hospital who explained their specialty and thanked those attending for the contributions that allow them to provide health service to many children. We were a part of a group of 700 visitors attending that day. Scottish Rite Masons, you each have something special to contribute and by doing so, your cause of human progress will continue into the future.

**Fraternally, Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative**



#### Director of Works

Michael Kamauff, 32° KCCH

#### Assistant Director of Works

Billy Joe Wrights, 32° KCCH



### **ATTENTION: ALL DEGREE CAPTAINS AND DEGREE PEOPLE**

As you have read in the calendar of events and related articles, we are about to begin our FALL CLASS for 2016, our 168th Convocation. ALL DEGREE PEOPLE, (and those behind the scenes) are hopefully ready to begin getting things together so please make note of the related rehearsals for your particular degree. On Sunday, October 16th, the 14th degree will rehearse at 1:00 pm and the 30th degree will rehearse at 3:00 pm. On Sunday October 23rd, the 7th degree will rehearse at 2:00 pm and the 32nd degree will rehearse at 3:00 pm. You have plenty of time between now and the scheduled dates to look over your particular part, please make an effort to do so, it makes the rehearsal more meaningful to the rest of your cast. Whether we have a class of five or twenty, they all deserve an impressive degree presentation from each of our degree teams. On the day of the class, please plan to be there in time to allow yourself to get ready for your presentation. When you gather in the "backroom" and the previous degree team is on the floor, try to keep your conversations and commotions at a minimum, it is distracting to the presentations. At present, we have enough help in the backroom to do setups and takedowns, but it is always good to have some others available to cover sickness and conflicts with the regular stage crews. Let us know if you would like to be put on list of "backups" if needed. Thanks to each of you who help with the degree work and stage setups for our classes each Spring and Fall, we both appreciate your dedication and sincere efforts.

**Fraternally, Mike and Billy Joe**

### **REMINDER: WESTERN MARYLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL — SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**

The Western Maryland Masonic Lodges are proud to present the 4th Annual Festival at Ali Ghan Picnic Grounds, to begin at 11:30 am. Lots of top-name bands and special music, lots of good food and beverage and other vendors. Tickets available at the Book Centre, Liberty Liquors, Battery One (Cumberland and Hagerstown), Kerr Brothers, Tonya's Tux & Style Shop and Ali Ghan. For further information, contact chairman Tim Schupfer at 301-697-9760 or follow 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. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

**DAY/DATE CHANGE — Feast of Tishri Ceremony Reservation Form** *Clip and Mail this form***Monday, October 3, 2016—MONDAY at the Masonic Temple 6:30 pm****Reservations are a must!** Please make the following reservations:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are a must**

Reservation Deadline: September 27, 2016

**Mail to: Charles J. Hout 7 Walker Road, LaVale, MD 21502 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 25, 2016. **No cost for the luncheon, but reservations are a must.**

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Charles J. Hout 7 Walker Road, LaVale, MD 21502 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: Charles J. Hout 7 Walker Road, LaVale, MD 21502****Dates on Our Cornerstone at the Masonic Temple****1911 — 5911**

The Cornerstone was laid on Tuesday, June 6, 1911. The Dedication Ceremonies were held on Tuesday, November 12, 1912. The Ceremonies and Dedication were given by the Grand Master Shyrook and the Grand Lodge of Maryland. (Note: The cornerstone for City Hall was laid the same date and the same "Masonic Tools" were used for their ceremony and can be found in the Library in our Masonic Temple).

**Explanation of Above Dates on the Cornerstone:**

**A L Anno Lucis** [Year of Light]. For centuries Freemasons have used a dual dating system, A.D. for *Anno Domini*, "the year of the Lord," or the common year dating from the birth of Christ, and A L for *Anno Lucis*, "the year of light," or the common year plus 4,000. The shift in dates is based on the famous calculation of **James Ussher (1581 — 1656)**, Archbishop of Armagh in Northern Ireland, that 4,000 years before the birth of Christ the world was created,

**When God said, Let there be light."****Genesis 1:3**

### Venerable Master Charles W. "Buck" Taylor, Jr., 32° KCCH



**WOW, HOW GREAT IT IS TO BE A SCOTTISH RITE FREE MASON!!!** Hello My Brethern. **WOW!!!** Can you believe it. Summer is gone and we are about to start the second half of our 2016 Scottish Rite year. My Oh My, how time does fly. Anyway, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Summer. Now it is time to get back to doing what is needed for YOUR Scottish Rite. We all need to get together and work as a **T.E.A.M.!!** Remember what those letters mean, **T=Together, E=Everyone, A=Accomplishes, M=More!** I truly believe if **Everyone** puts forth a little effort to attend your Scottish Rite meetings and events we would be accomplishing more for our Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite. The **C.H.I.P.** program had a very busy Summer registering something like 150 plus children. Our Tuesday morning Scottish Rite Retirement Club had a good showing at their indoor picnic held on August 16, 2016 at the Temple. My thanks to that committee for an outstanding job well done!!

Looking ahead to the month of September, we will be participating in the **Kid Walk/Kid Talk** event for the Children's League at the Allegany County Health Dept parking lot at 10:00 am on September 17th. The K.S.A. will be participating and dressed in their Scottish kilt outfits; The **Western Maryland Music Festival** will be held on September 24th, beginning at 11:00 am at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic grounds; and I, and several members, will be attending the **Washington County Scottish Rite Club** on September 28th in Hagerstown, MD. Please try and attend the above events and meetings. That's all for the events and activities listed in our calendar for the month of September. More events will be listed in our next newsletter.

As I stated in our June newsletter, 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 did an **OUTSTANDING JOB!!!** And for ALL the help I have had from my Brethren keeping me going in the right direction as YOUR Venerable Master for 2016. **THANK YOU ALL!!!** Let's all start our second half of 2016 by gathering around your Venerable Master, Brother Taylor; Personal Representative, Ill. Gary Shircliff; and our Assistant Personal Representative, Ill. Charlie Hout to make the second half of 2016 even more successful than the first half. We might accomplish this if we all start and work as a **T.E.A.M.!!!** If you know of a Brother who has not attended our Valley for some time or needs a ride, call and bring them to our next meeting. One important thing our members 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!!

Always remember my slogan I listed in my first newsletter for 2016, **"Keeping An Eye On Our Future As We Learn From Our Past!"** I truly believe if we all take this slogan seriously, Cumberland will be an even better Scottish Rite Valley.

Sincerely & Fraternally, Charles W. "Buck" Taylor, Jr.

### ***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)

Home: 301- 729-6778

73 LaVale Blvd  
LaVale, MD 21502

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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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

**Mail to: Cumberland Scottish Rite**  
**73 LaVale Blvd**  
**LaVale, MD 21502-7418**

**Phone 301-729-6778**  
**Fax - 301-729-4327**  
**Email - mitzjer@atlanticbb.net**

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** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**My Occupation, position, or trade is that of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employed by (or Retired from)** \_\_\_\_\_

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

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant

**INITIATION FEE: \$250.00 (Regardless of age)**

Office Use Only

**Petition received** \_\_\_\_\_ **CAP SIZE** \_\_\_\_\_ **RING SIZE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount received \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**LADIE'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballot Date of Petition** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notification Date** \_\_\_\_\_





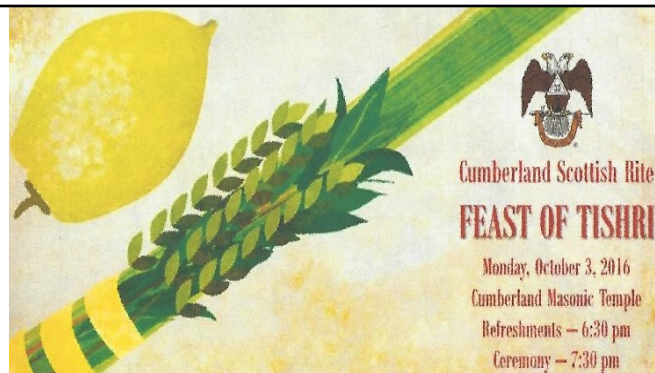
### From Your Secretary—Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°

**Membership alert!!! - New Membership Card For Year 2017!!** The last several years the Supreme Council has been utilizing a “one time plastic dues card”, to which members would affix their “new year sticker” each time they paid your yearly dues. You should have that card in your wallet at this time with a 2016 sticker attached if your dues are current. Beginning this year, when your dues notice is returned to me to be processed, you will be receiving a new 2017 dues card to replace that “one time plastic card”. **NO MORE STICKERS TO BE ATTACHED.** It will be a new durable thin card for your wallet. Unfortunately, we do have members who still owe 2016 and some still owe 2015. As your dues are submitted to make your dues current, you will be issued the same new card. For these members with dues in arrears, we still must submit \$22.00 for your annual assessment, even if you have not paid your dues. Needless to say, this does put financial obligations on our treasury and creating our a budget for next year much harder, not knowing whether you will maintain your Scottish Rite membership by paying your dues. Suspension will be automatic if no payment is received by December 31, 2016.

As a member of the Cumberland Scottish Rite, you are automatically a member of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc, which helps to support our Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic. They offer FREE services to the children in our tri-state area and your continued support is needed each year.

By the time you receive this newsletter, you may already have received your 2017 Scottish Rite renewal notice. If the noted amount due is not correct according to your records, please contact me to resolve the difference so we can make the needed adjustments.

**Your secretary, Jerry — 301-729-6778 — mitzjer@atlanticbb.net**



### Robin L. Summerfield Sr. Warden, Lodge of Perfection

Brethren and friends of the Cumberland Scottish Rite are invited to attend the 2016 Feast of Tishri at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Monday, October 3, 2016. Light food and refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm and will be followed by the Ceremony at 7:30 pm. Reservation form can be located on Page 5 of this publication. We would be very pleased if you would consider attending the ceremony this year.

The Ceremony of the Feast of Tishri will include the offering of the Eight Toasts of Obligation and an inspirational address from the Rev. Dr. Martha Macgill, Present Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Parish. The origins and significance of the Feast of Tishri make it the most symbolic of Scottish Rite Festivals. 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 Scottish Rite would like to share in our bounty by collecting food to be donated to the Western Maryland Food Bank. We encourage those attending to bring canned or other nonperishable food items.

### SCOTTISH RITE RETIREMENT CLUB—MEETINGS EACH TUESDAY MORNING IN THE TEMPLE BASEMENT

Did you say that you need something to do and can't figure out what it is that would satisfy your hunger???? Maybe the Retirement Club is what you should be looking for. Each Tuesday morning a dozen or more brethren gather in the basement for coffee and donuts, gab for awhile and then get down to business at the pool table to exercise our skills (although some of us have very little). Does this sound like something you would like to do? Come out and give it a try, no obligation, we charge \$1.00 a week to pay for refreshments and “build up the treasury” until we get enough to decide where we can take our ladies out to dinner as our guests. How does that sound ladies? Get him out from under your feet some morning and send him over to the Temple, it may become a habit for him, I'm sure he will enjoy it if he gives it a try. We gather between 8:30 and 9:00am, have a brief meeting and then get down to the enjoyment on the pool table. If you don't play, it is fun to watch. **GIVE IT A TRY SOME TUESDAY!!!**