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Valley of Cumberland Orient of Maryland



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Burns Supper

Saturday 4th of February
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Ali Ghan Shrine Center
13100 Ali Ghan Road NE
Cumberland, Maryland



Join the Knights of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew for our **TENTH** annual Burns Supper celebrating the life and poetry of Brother Robert "Rabbie" Burns.
Featuring "Piper Major Robert Mitchell with the sounds of Sleat Trio"

Festivities will include a traditional Scottish meal, piping in the haggis, readings of Burns' poetry, and a toast to the immortal memory of Scotland's beloved son.
Egg Nog will be served during social hour (with or without spirits)

MENU

Appetizer: Scottish Egg, with mustard sauce on the side and Haggis Phyllo

Soup: Cullen Skink Bisque in a bread bowl (seafood)

Main Entrée: Lolli Pop Lamb Chops in mint jelly or Stuffed Flounder (crab)

Vegetable: Asparagus with cheese sauce

Rumple de Thumps (parsnips, turnips and potatoes combo)

Selkirk Bannock—sweet bread with rum and raisins

Desert: Cranachan Sundae, a raspberry and cranberry mix with oatmeal

Whip cream delight straight from Scotland.

Coffee and Ice Tea, (cost \$30.00 per person)

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 30, 2017

Please cut and return form.

Name _____ Guest _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Will you be representing a CLAN? Yes/No

Clan Name: _____ Tartan: _____

Entrée Choice: Lolli Pop Lamb Chops in a mint jelly _____ OR

Stuffed Flounder (crab) _____

Email _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Return this form to the address below with a check payable to: Cumberland Scottish Rite

Joseph S. Kennedy 1305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Oakland, Maryland 21550

Tickets may also be purchased online at:

www.burnssupper2017eventbrite.com

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**Do You have a 2017 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

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

- Jan 16 Open Joint Installation of 2017 Scottish Rite Officers-Masonic Temple at 6:00 pm/7:30pm MONDAY
 Jan 25 Scottish Rite Club of Washington County 7:00 pm **Jan 30 KSA Meeting Masonic Temple 7:30 pm**
Jan 31 Scottish Rite Awards for Buck-A-Cup – Arby's LaVale, MD 3:00 pm
 Feb 4 KSA Robert Burns Night - Ali Ghan Shrine Club at 4:30 pm- Scotts Supper 6:15 pm
 Feb 6 Scottish Rite Meeting - Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm – S. R. Foundation Board Meeting
 Feb 9 S. R. Thing-A-Ma-Jig meeting – Masonic Temple Basement 7:30 pm
 Feb 20 Scottish Rite Meeting (K.S.A. also participating) Masonic Temple 7:30 pm
 Mar 5 Concert in Lodge Hall—Mountainside Baroque— (Details to be announced later.)
 Mar 6 Scottish Rite Meeting Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Mar 9 S. R. Thing-A-Ma-Jig meeting – Masonic Temple Basement 7:30 pm
 Mar 12 Ceremony of Lights - Masonic Temple at 2:00 pm – Sunday
 Mar 19 Degree Rehearsal -- 7th degree 1:00 pm 32nd degree 2:30 pm
 **** Membership Drive Event—Ali Ghan Dining Room (Exact Date and Time to be Announced LATER)
Mar 20 Scottish Rite Meeting (with Chapter of Rose Croix) - Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Apr 2 Degree Rehearsal – 1pm--14th degree; 2 pm—30th degree Masonic Temple
 Apr 3 Scottish Rite Meeting (with Consistory)-Oakland #192, Oakland, MD at 7:30 pm
 Apr 6 S. R. Thing-A-Ma-Jig meeting – Masonic Temple Basement 7:30 pm
 Apr 17 Scottish Rite Meeting Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Apr 20 Thing-A-Ma-Jig Dress Rehearsal 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Apr 21 Thing-A-Ma-Jig - Clinic / League Fund Raiser at Allegany College of MD- 7:15 pm
 Apr 23 Degree Rehearsal – 1 pm – 30th degree 2:30 pm 32nd degree
 Apr 28 Set-up Day for Class – 10 am – Dining Hall 5:00 pm – Lodge Room
 Apr 29 **Spring Class (Confer 4th, 7th, 14th, 18th, 30th, & 32nd degrees)** & Reunion Dinner
 Registration at 7:30 am, Lodge at 8:30 am
 May 1 Scottish Rite Meeting – Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 May 6 Scottish Rite Ladies Night at Ali Ghan Shrine Center --- Dinner 6:30 pm
 May 7 Scottish Rite Ladies **Brunch**
 May 15 Scottish Rite Meeting (with Council of Kadosh)- Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 May 20 Semi-Annual G. L. Communications Grand Lodge 10:00 am Saturday
 May 21 Spring Capping Ceremony - Masonic Temple - Cumberland at 4:00 pm
May 29 KSA NO Meeting Masonic Temple **HOLIDAY**
 June 3 Friendsville Celtic Highland Games ----- TBA
 June 5 Strawberry Night - Covered Dish Dinner - Masonic Temple at 6:30 pm
 June 10 Annual Heritage Days - LODGE OPEN HOUSE
 June 16 Beer & Games Tasting -- Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club Hagerstown Fundraiser 6:00 pm
 June 19 Robert Burns KICK OFF at Masonic Temple, Greene Street

SUMMER RECESS**July//August - Masonic/Family Picnic – Details To Be Announced Later.****ONE DAY SPRING CLASS—SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017**

- 7:30 am** Candidates Report for Registration - Light refreshments provided in Dining Hall.
8:30 am Open Lodge for Members - Short Business Session as Needed
8:45 am **4th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
9:45am **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 169th Reunion Luncheon served (Class and Members) prepared and served by the Princess Restaurant. No charge for the luncheon, but reservations are required by members attending.)
2:30 pm **32nd Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members. Approximate dismissal: 4:15 pm.

“Scottish Rite Diplomats” - G. Timothy Schupfer, 32° 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	301-922-1090
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
Queen City # 131	John S. Spence, 32° KCCH	301-777-9313
Queen City # 131	III. Kenneth R. Wilson, 33°	301-689-3049
Medairy # 140	Derek T. Artz, II	301-331-1842
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
Hagerstown # 217	III. 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)



Robin L. Summerfield, 32° Assistant Personal Representative's Message

I'll never forget the day I got my wings! After years in the cockpit at my father's side and after many hours of instruction in the classroom and the sky, I had finally earned the privilege to fly wherever and whenever I wanted without an instructor's permission. As dad, who had personally administered my flight test, signed my pilot certificate he recited an expression I had heard him say to countless newly-minted pilots over the years: "Congratulations, here is your license to learn." This admonishment – what we in Masonry might call a charge – stuck with me as I continued my training in multi-engine and high-performance aircraft, instrument flight rules, and as a commercial pilot. In fact, these words have remained in the forefront of my mind throughout my adult life.

Education, in a skill or trade, in the liberal arts, and in Masonry is merely the beginning of wisdom. Master Masons are instructed, "gather instruction from thy youth up, thus wilt thou find wisdom in thine old age." As new Masons participate in the work of the symbolic degrees, they learn this principle as they receive new knowledge from the instructive tongue of their catechism instructor and mentors. As they serve their lodge in degree work and as officers they continue to gather instruction from the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and other experienced brethren of their lodge.

The study of the Scottish Rite high degrees offers still further light in Masonry to those who earnestly seek, by increasing their knowledge, to improve their social intercourse. One pathway to explore the history and symbolism of these degrees is through the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program.

I encourage everyone in our Valley, regardless of your time in the craft, your title, or your position, to consider enrolling in this program and taking part in one of our upcoming Master Craftsmen study groups.

Remember that Freemasonry is not a solitary pursuit, but rather a social experience — we gather in Lodges together for a reason! In fact, social engagement while finding more light in Masonry can be (and often is) more rewarding than simply answering some questions about a reading assignment. This is because you are learning not only about yourself through the ritual and its symbolism, but about others and their unique relationship to the deep philosophies and mysteries that are contained in the material, too.

Those interested in finding out more about the SRMC program and our Valley's study groups may contact Bro. Danny Nieves at popeye@myactv.net for more information.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Robin Summerfield



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

A co-worker recently ask me if I was the Jamey Hill that played Hot Stove baseball for Cresaptown? I replied "I was the Catcher", as we recalled such fond memories I came away thinking I wonder if my travels as a Scottish Rite member would be equally as dear and rewarding to me later in life as baseball was in my earlier years. Those of us who have been officers for years know that the game we play now is an adult game based on a time in ones life to give back to the community in which we live and love.

When the game of Freemasonry has a faltering season the Fraternity suffers. When our Blue Lodge is injured the Scottish Rite goes on injured reserve. My recent appointment as S.G.I.G. Personal Representative has enabled our gentle craft to prepare a new course and take slightly different directions. As the new General Manager, we have created a Scottish Rite Outreach Committee, and in keeping with the directives of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and Ill. Sir Marlin L. Mills, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General. As a consequence of the dedication of our committee members, Brothers Andrew Cope, Tim Schupfer, Joe Kennedy, and Robin Summerfield, we were able to establish and maintain our handy new Scottish Rite website (www.cumberlandscottishrite.com) and **facebook** page. This will allow us to send our newsletter "The Perfect Elu" and our Conferral Booklet via electronic media, thereby enhancing our communications while targeting a younger demographic. We often lament that we need younger people but we do little to nothing to keep them coming back once they join our fair society. Instead of chasing down a Scottish Rite diplomat, our young men today need to be able to pay for reservations on line, search for information instantly, or download a petition for membership from their computer or smart phone – the way things are being done TODAY.

To improve our game we will be changing the Line Up.....for instance, a Ladies Weekend - instead of one night, it will be two for the Ladies. Saturday May 6th will be a great dinner and perhaps a Jazz band for the young at heart and Sunday May 7th, a pleasant Brunch or High Tea with a more cultured entertainment approach for our more mature members. Our budget this year includes a new trainer's job for the General Secretary's Office. We are seeking an Executive Assistant to perform bookkeeping, computer, and secretarial skills as it pertains to our membership Sentinel program. It will be a part time position available to any qualified member at a base pay \$8400 per year. (Please contact secretary Jerry Robinette for details).

In addition we will add fund raising events to our schedule, which includes an advertising campaign featuring "Rite Care Services", which provide the diagnostic evaluations and treatment of children with hearing , speech and language disorders. "Rite Care" will be the emphasis of our strategy to attract new members to our Fraternity. The Shrine Club does a good job of advertising their product, their philanthropy. If they will allow us, we will join the rest of the Scottish Rite jurisdictions by partnering with the Shrine to do joint membership drives, and maybe even a family summer picnic like Syria Shrine does at Kennywood Park with Ill. David W. Morgan 33°, of the Western Pennsylvania Scottish Rite. Until now the Scottish Rite did little local adverting of "Rite Care". If our Product is to survive, if our Philanthropy is to flourish, we must CONNECT with our community, COMMUNICATE with our constituents, and COLLABORATE with our competition for our own success.

When you build a new ball club you bring in new players. Our degree work has been good, but we have great players who are retiring and we need your help to repair and replace the degree team work. Therefore, I ask for your support and your help to any and all Scottish Rite members who are willing to give of themselves in our degree teams. There exist some new revised degrees and some traditional degrees that are in jeopardy because of these Retirements — (contact: Jamey, Robin, or Director of Works, Mike Kamauff, 301 689 9077). Brethren of our gentle craft, when these changes can be accomplished, they will make a positive impact on our Fraternity. I'm asking you to step up to the plate for our beloved Rite and together we can propel the Scottish Rite into the fun and rewarding sport that we have come to know and love later in life.

Salvae Frater, Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° Personal Representative

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

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.

Scottish Rite Open Installation Ceremony — MONDAY, January 16, 2017

CUMBERLAND — The joint installation of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies will be held January 16, 2017, at the Masonic Temple, Greene Street. The ceremony is open to all members, their families, and guests. A social hour and dinner will be held at 6:00 pm in the dining hall followed by the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner may be made online at www.cumberlandscottishrite.org or by contacting Joseph S. Kennedy at (440) 452-8472. Reservations can be mailed to: Joseph S. Kennedy at 1305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Oakland, Maryland 21550. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Members being installed are:

Cumberland Lodge of Perfection: Venerable Master Robin L. Summerfield, 32°; Senior Warden Samuel J. Lane, 32°; Junior Warden Jason S. Landis, 32°; Orator Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32°; and Master of Ceremonies James M. Snider, 32° KCCH.

Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix: Wise Master G. Timothy Schupfer, 32°, Senior Warden James Z. Bosley, 32°; Junior Warden Mark E. Lathrop, 32°; Orator Nicholas A. Cathell, 32°, and Master of Ceremonies Michael L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH.

Cumberland Council of Kadosh: Commander Mark C. Weatherholt, 32° KCCH; 1st Lt. Commander Michael R. Wade, 32°; 2nd Lt. Commander Paul W. Borrer, 32°; Chancellor David J. Curry, 32°; and Orator Curtis C. Haines, 32° KCCH.

Cumberland Consistory: Master of Kadosh Joseph W. Cushall, 32°; Prior Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32°; Preceptor Edward L. Kave, Jr. 32°; Chancellor Elmer W. "Bud" Miles, Jr., 32° KCCH; and Minister of State Charles W. Taylor, Jr. 32° KCCH.

Knights of St. Andrew: Venerable Master Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32°, Senior Warden Robin L. Summerfield, 32°, Junior Warden Edward L. Kave, Jr., 32° and Secretary Michael W. McKay, 32°.

Washington County Scottish Rite Club: President Gerard T. Kendle, 32°, Vice President, Spencer P. Pryor, 32°, secretary-treasurer Scott R. Paddack, 32°, and Chaplain Roger P. Douglas, 32° KCCH.

Coordinate Bodies: Almoner Howard V. Brode, 33°; Assistant Almoner Mark L. Widmyer, 32°, KCCH; Tyler Harry E. Cox, Jr., 32°; Director of Works Michael L. Kamauff, 32°, KCCH, and Assistant Director of Works Billy Joe Wrights, 32°, KCCH.

Appointed board members are William R. "Chip" Zimmer, 32° KCCH, III. Charles J. Hout 33°, Joseph S. Kennedy 32°. The treasurer for the coordinate bodies is Elmer W. "Bud" Miles, Jr., 32° KCCH, and the secretary-registrar is III. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°.

The installing officer for the ceremony will be III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, the Personal Representative for the Valley of Cumberland, and Robin L. Summerfield, 32°, Assistant Personal Representative.

Master of ceremonies for the ceremony will be Dr. James M. Snider, 32° KCCH.

III. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland and First Lady Brenda, as well as other dignitaries from Baltimore will be in attendance.

NOTICE TO ALL READERS OF THIS PUBLICATION:

Beginning with this issue of the "The Perfect Elu", we will be sending copies by way of your e-mail address, as well as this "hard copy". If you have a good email address and do not receive it, please let us know. If you have an email address but not in our system, please send the secretary (mitzjer@atlanticbb.net) Hopefully we can collect a complete and accurate email list, thereby reducing the need for every member receiving the hard copy. This can be a very cost effective way of communication with each of you. Maybe by the time of the next mailing, we will have this goal accomplished and a more positive communication can be obtained for our entire membership. As you read this issue, we hope that you will take notice to some of our latest changes in dates and related activities. In identifying a continual loss in membership, our members and officers have voted to "try something different", and not do "that's the way we always do it". We always need membership input, but you need to be attending meetings regularly and listen with your own ears "what is going on in Scottish Rite" and not be misled by something misinterpreted by a "third party" and passed on. Please attend Scottish Rite meetings.



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

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

Hello My Brethren, WOW !!! Can you believe it? The Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite year 2016 is now completed. My Oh My, how time does fly. We have had a very good year and I have enjoyed my year as YOUR Venerable Master. The year had it's up's and down's but all in all it turned out to be a very good and exciting year. I want to personally thank all of my officers who served this year. I would not have had a successful year if it were not for your hard work and dedication to the ideals of our Scottish Rite Valley. It started with the Robert Burns Supper, the Thing-Ma-Jig, Strawberry Night, Ladies Night in Cumberland and Hagerstown Ladies Night.. Our Buck A Cup, our successful C.H.I.P. program and our Knights of Saint Andrew under the leadership of Venerable Master Joe Cushall. All were very successful because each and everyone of you worked like I have asked you to work, that is together as a T.E.A.M. where "together everyone accomplishes more"!! I would like to thank Ill. Gary Shircliff, 33°, Ill. Jerry Robinette, 33° and Ill. Charles Hout, 33° for all of the help and advise they have given to me throughout the year. To Ill. Fran Shives, 33°, thank you for being there when I needed you. A **Special** thanks to Ill. Butch Johnson, 33°, Ill. George Smith, 33° and Ill. Tom Bryant, 33°. I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL of my Brethren who served on various committees for the events we have had during 2016. The Brethren did an OUTSTANDING JOB !! My Brethren have kept going to the right direction as YOUR Venerable Master for 2016 ! I THANK YOU ALL !!!

We have had some changes in our Scottish Rite Valley and there are more changes to come in the near future. I pray that this Valley will continue to be as successful as it has in the Past and will be in the Future. Please ask everyone to remember what I said at the beginning of my term as YOUR Venerable Master" "Keep an Eye on OUR Future as we Learn from our Past". I truly believe if we all take this slogan seriously — Cumberland will be the Best and Greatest Scottish Rite Valley in Maryland.

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

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) Jerry Robinette 73 LaVale Blvd LaVale, MD 21502 Phone 301-729-6778

Name: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

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

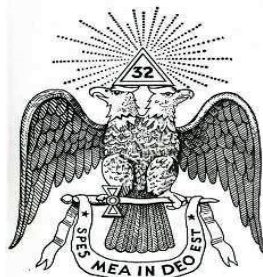
I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For official use only:

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

Date Knighted: _____ Date of Ballot _____



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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
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

Spring Class ONLY INITIATION FEE: \$125.00 (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—III. 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 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 should 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

Want to help support the upkeep of our beautiful Masonic Temple????

This past summer, the Masonic Temple Association Temple Board elected to undertake a project to generate some funds to enhance the beauty of OUR “one hundred plus year old” beautiful building and surrounding area. This project allows YOU the opportunity to be part of enhancement project by purchasing a BRICK for placement in the patio in front of the temple. A 4” by 4” brick is \$100 and a 8” by 8” brick is \$150. The smaller brick can be three lines of engraving or two lines with a “logo” of your choice. The larger brick can be six lines or may be fewer lines with a logo of your choice. At present we have ordered about ninety bricks and they can be seen in the basement area of the temple building. This may give you some ideas about “what do I need to put on my brick”. Professionals have the patio reworked with all of the new “not engraved” bricks, but with unseasonable weather upon us, all of the newly ordered engraved bricks will not be placed on the patio area until spring. The choice of the engraving is really unlimited. You can place a brick order “in honor of someone”, “in memory of someone”, or any engraving of your choice. All of the “Masonic symbols” are available or if you have a good picture of what you would like to have engraved, submit it with your request and we will try to process the same. Upon your request, we will send you a copy of the finished drawing of the brick for your approval. Years from now, hopefully our beautiful Masonic Temple will still be standing in good shape, from your support of this project and your name will be in the patio as one who decided that you wanted it to help maintain it’s beauty. For more information about this project, contact Jerry Robinette at 301-729-6778 or pickup a contract in the dining hall of the Masonic Temple or have him mail you one. This project is for all of our Masonic Families and friends. The Masonic Temple Association hopes that you will take this excellent opportunity to help keep YOUR building as majestic in the future as it is now.

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!!!**