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Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies Weekend— May 6, 2017

Our annual Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies Night will be held on Saturday, May 6th at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club. This very special evening will begin with a delicious dinner at 6:30 pm, choice of entrees will be 6 oz Filet or Crab Cakes. Following dinner, we will be entertained by The Bill Green Jazz Quartet. The cost will be \$25.00 per person, widows will be our guests for the evening and they are asked to make reservations if they plan to attend. Tickets will not be sent and reservations will be checked at the door. Upon arrival we are asking you to enter at the front canopy so you can be escorted into the ballroom by our fully attired Knights of St. Andrew. This has been our custom the past few years and the ladies really enjoy this very special treatment. If it has been several years since you have attended this very special evening, **make this year your “turnaround year for your special lady”**. **Don't forget!! Social Hour** is from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm and dinner is set for 6:30 pm, therefore, you should be in your seat by 6:15 pm. The following day, Sunday May, 7th, you are invited to attend **“The Ladies Brunch” at a cost of \$10.00 per person**, starting at 1:30 pm. Entertainment will be provided. The reservation form can be found on page 7 of this issue. Payments must be made with all reservations and will not be accepted by telephone. Deadline for response is Monday May 1st.

Membership Drive Invitation Forms—Hope You Can Attend!!!

Oakland, MD: American Legion, 423 Memorial Drive, Oakland 6:00 to 10:00 pm
Food at 6:30 pm, Short Inspirational Film with Brother Brad Paisley
Saturday, March 11th, 2017. Invite a Brother for Free Food & Adult Beverages.
Music & Dance provided by D.J., (Liquor at cash bar)
Contact Joe Kennedy, 440-452-8472 or whizmagic@aol.com
Reservations are not required but the Committee needs a head count.

Cumberland: Ali Ghan Shrine Center (in the Bar Area) Reception 5:00-8:00 pm
Free Food & Adult Beverages (Liquor at Cash Bar)
Light Fare at 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Speaker & Film to Follow
Saturday, March 25th, 2017. Invite a Brother to Join our Ranks at \$125.00 for
2017 Spring Class April 29th, 7:30 am, at the Masonic Temple Cumberland
Contact V. M. Robin, 301-697-5849 or Robin.Summerfield@gmail.com

Hagerstown Washington County Scottish Rite Meet and Greet, 5:00-7:00 pm
Friday, April 7, 2017. Fireside Restaurant and Lounge, Hagerstown, MD
Free (First Round of Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks) for everyone.
Restaurant Discount to anyone who decides to eat at the restaurant that evening.
The Scottish Rite Club of Washington County welcomes all who wishes to attend.
Contact William (Chip) Zimmer, 301-733-7277. Reservations requested for Head Count.

Ceremony of Lights / Memorial Service—March 12, 2017

The Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix will be holding their annual Ceremony of Lights and Memorial Service on Sunday, March 12, at 2:00 pm in the Masonic Temple. Families of our departed brethren since our last ceremony have received invitations to be part of this ceremony. Following the Ceremonies, we will be gathering in the dining hall for the Ceremony of Lights dinner. Reservations are a must so the proper arrangements for the dinner can be made. Attendance has been growing each year, so make early reservations by using the reservation form on page 7. Those who are participating in the lights ceremony have been working very hard to make it a very meaningful presentation within the Scottish Rite. This event is an excellent example of the recent growth of enthusiasm by our members dedicating their time and efforts to provide some 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?

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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
\$6.00 per person.

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

Valley of Cumberland Schedule of Events for 2017

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- Mar 5 Concert in Lodge Hall — Mountainside Baroque — 4:00 pm — Public Event - Sunday
 Mar 6 Scottish Rite Meeting - Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Mar 9 Thing-A-Ma-Jig Meeting - Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Mar 11 Membership Drive— American Legion, Oakland, MD Members and Ladies Invited 6:00—10:00 pm
 Mar 12 Ceremony of Lights/Memorial Service —Masonic Temple at 2:00 pm – Dinner to Follow—Sunday
 Mar 19 Degree Practice — 7th degree 1:00 pm 32nd degree 2:30 pm
 Mar 20 Scottish Rite Meeting (with Chapter of Rose Croix)—Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm.
 Mar 25 Membership Drive — Ali Ghan Shrine Center — Bar Area Members & Ladies Invited 5:00 pm — 8:00 pm
 Mar 26 Degree Practice — 14th degree 1:00 pm 30th degree 2:00 pm
 Apr 3 Scottish Rite Meeting -Oakland Lodge 192 Oakland, MD at 7:30 pm (Car Pool —Temple lot 6:00pm)
 Apr 7 Membership Drive-Hagerstown at the Fireside Restaurant/Lounge, Members & Ladies 5:00-7:00 pm
 Apr 17 Scottish Rite Meeting (with Consistory) - Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm.
 Apr 20 Thing-A-Ma-Jig Dress Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm—Thursday
 Apr 21 Thing-A-Ma-Jig - Clinic / League Fund Raiser - Allegany College of MD 7:15 pm - Friday
 Apr 23 Degree Practice — 1:00 pm 30th degree 2:30 pm 32nd degree
 Apr 28 Set-up day for Class—10:00 am Dining Hall 5:00 pm—Lodge Room
 Apr 29 Scottish Rite ONE DAY Spring Class & Reunion Dinner 7:30 am Registration Lodge Meeting 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 - Saturday
 May 7 Scottish Rite Ladies Brunch—Ali Ghan Shrine Center 1:30 pm — 3:00 pm
 May 13 Semi-Annual G. L. Communications — Grand Lodge 10:00 am Saturday
 May 15 Scottish Rite Meeting (with Council of Kadosh)—Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 May 21 Spring Capping Ceremony—Masonic Temple—Cumberland at 2:00 pm — Sunday May 29 HOLIDAY
 June 3 Scottish Highland Festival at Friendsville Community Park—Friendsville, MD.
 June 5 Strawberry Night - Covered Dish Dinner - Masonic Temple at 6:30 pm
 June 10 Annual Heritage Days—LODGE OPEN HOUSE
 June 16 Beer & Wild Game Membership Event: Hagerstown at the Academy Theatre, Details and Time TBA
 July/August - SUMMER RECESS Masonic/Family Picnic — TBA
 Sept 16 Kid Walk / Kid Talk program at 10:00 am - **The Children's League**
 Sept 17 Degree Practice 7th degree 1:00 pm 32nd 2:00 pm
 Sept 18 Scottish Rite Meeting - Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Sept 24 Degree Practice 14th & 30th degree 1:00 pm — 2:00 pm
 Sept 27 Scottish Rite Club of Washington County — 7:00 pm Car Pool
 Oct 2 Scottish Rite Thanksgiving-Masonic Temple at 6:30 pm (dinner) MONDAY
 Oct 14 Honors Day—Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple — Bus furnished
 Oct 15 Degree Rehearsal — 1 pm—14 th degree; 2 pm—32nd degree; 3 pm —30th degree
 Oct 16 Scottish Rite Meeting (Consistory Opening) —Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Oct 20 Set-up day for Class—10:00 am Dining Hall 5:00 pm—Lodge Room
 Oct 21 170th Fall Class — Masonic Temple-Registration 7:30 am, Lodge Meeting at 8:30 am
 Nov 6 Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Nov 11 Hagerstown Ladies Night - 6:30 pm - Saturday To Be Announced
 Nov 19 Fall Capping Ceremony - Masonic Temple - Cumberland at 2:00 pm Dinner 3:00 pm- Sunday
 Nov 20 Scottish Rite Meeting—(KSA Communication) Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm
 Nov 22 Scottish Rite Club of Washington County 7:00 pm — Car Pool
 Dec 4 Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple 7:30 pm—Election of Officers, Annual Membership Meeting of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. (after stated Lodge meeting)
 Dec 18 Installation Practice for new 2018 Scottish Rite Officers - Lodge Hall at 7:30 pm, casual attire.
 January 7, 2018 Open Joint Installation of Scottish Rite Officers-Masonic Temple 2:00 pm Dinner 3:00 pm

Is your address current with the secretary? How about your cell telephone number?

If you do have an “e-mail” address, it would be an important part of your Scottish Rite personal file which is maintained by your Valley secretary. Consider supplying some of these items on your next communication. Secretary contact: 301-729-6778 - mitzjer@atlanticbb.net

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, 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	III. Lonnie R. Jackson, 33°	304-738-9009
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 !!)

How Good it is to be a Scottish Rite Freemason!!!!



Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32° KCCH — Past Venerable Master—2016

I would like to thank all the members of the Valley of Cumberland, Orient of Maryland for a very successful and profitable 2016. This has been a year in Scottish rite which I shall never forget. I want to thank again— III. Gary Shircliff for his guidance and support while being Venerable Master. I also want to thank III. Charlie Hout, III. Jerry Robinette, Lady Mitzie Robinette, III. Fran Shives, III. Howard Brode for all their help in making my year a success. To my officers, Senior Warden Robin Summerfield, Junior Warden Sam Lane and Master of Ceremonies Jason Landis for being there and filling in when I was not able to be there. As I stated at the Installation Ceremony, change is coming to the Valley of Cumberland. People do not like changes, but I ask all of members to get behind your new Personal Representative, III. Jamey Hill, and the 2017 officers and help them to achieve the changes they feel are needed. Remember to always —————

"Keep An Eye On Our Future As We Learn From Our Past."

Thank you all and God Bless you and God Bless America"

Charles (Buck) Taylor, 32°KCCH



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 is \$35.00.

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

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



In my previous article I referenced several metaphors regarding Baseball, and how a General Manager. builds a new ball club.

Continuing on that same strategic play book I can report that my call for new players to step up to the plate, as a result of some great players retirement, has been answered. Team Captains Kevin Mallow and Mark Weatherholt report that some solid prospects have accepted new positions and we will be ready to Confer the Degrees on April 29th as scheduled. Therefore Brethren get out to your Blue Lodges and bring us some candidates this is the bottom of the ninth for the \$125.00 initiation fee.

The ladies of the Scottish Rite will add a new fund raising effort (Designer Bag Bingo) to help finance this teams expansion. (See Ad) — trust our Fans will take time to support this effort by attending it.

I would like to acknowledge one of our best, an old 3rd Base Coach, Howard V. Brode # 33., it seems my mentor is going to hang up his spikes as Endowment Chairman, Advisor to Knights of St. Andrew, Past Assistant Director of Works, etc. etc. to take a seat in the stands. Winnie and Howard have been an integral part of our Scottish Rite management. team acting as moral compass and advisor for many years. Bro. Howard on behalf of the Scottish Rite, I thank You for sharing your life with us as a fan and a coach.

Salvae Frater III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°



Doors open at 1:00 pm

Bingo begins 2:00 pm

\$20.00 per Ticket

DATE: APRIL 23, 2017

Masonic Temple

Greene Street

Early Bird \$1.00 Sheets,
markers, food & drinks



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

The stage is set for 2017 to be an exciting year in the Valley of Cumberland, a year in which we will share many longstanding traditions and challenge ourselves to establish a few new ones. With your help, we will be executing an aggressive membership growth and retention strategy. Mark your calendar for March 11th in Oakland and March 25th in Cumberland, and invite a brother you know who may be interested in joining our ranks to attend the first of several membership recruitment events which will be held at the American Legion, Oakland and the Shrine Club, Cumberland. Look for additional details in your email and online at cumberlandscotishrite.org.

Like many organizations our fraternity has suffered from the effects of the declining civic engagement during the last quarter century. Each of you are likely involved in some efforts outside of Masonry—religious, political, or charitable, to improve our community. While we do well to separate many of these particular activities from our labor as Masons, maintain that these non-Masonic institutions and activities are vastly improved by the involvement and contributions of our Masonic brethren. In fact, writing in *The Builders: A Story and Study of Freemasonry*, Illustrious Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton declared **Freemasonry's work at ennobling the souls of men to be fundamental to the success of all high enterprises.**

This should at once inform and inspire the membership retention and growth efforts of our blue lodges and our Rite. We seek not simply to add dues to our coffers or fill chairs in our lodge rooms. As operative masons used the tools of their trade to quarry and transform rough stone into the Temple of Solomon and the grand cathedrals of Europe, we inspire to enlist and prepare the architects and builders of civil society.

The particular essence of Masonry, accordingly to Brother Newton, is friendship: "To be friends will all men, however they may differ from us in creed, color, or condition; to fill every human relation with the spirit of friendship, such is the spirit of Masonry; such is its ideal, and if to realize it all at once is denied us, surely it means much to see it, love it, and labor to make it come true"

In this time of seemingly intractable division outside our lodge rooms, Masonry provides the world with a striking example of true friendship. I am grateful to each of you for providing that example and I look forward to working with you in the year ahead to spread the light of Freemasonry within the Valley of Cumberland, throughout our Blue Lodges and co-ordinate bodies, and across our communities. May we be glad and faithful builders and, through our efforts and with the help of the Supreme Architect, may brotherly love prevail and the greater society be perfected.

Robin L. Summerfield, Venerable Master for 2017

PLEASE NOTE: We are attempting to get as many members as possible to receive this publication on their email sites. If YOU have an email address and WE DO NOT please send it to the secretary so you can be included in the email copy of this publication. If we have your email and you are not receiving it, please verify your email with the secretary.



Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix for 2017

Row 1: **Jr. Warden, Mark E. Lathrop, 32°; Wise Master, G. Timothy Schupfer, 32°**
and Sr. Warden, James Z. Bosley, 32°. Row 2: Master of Ceremonies,
 Michael L. Kamauff, 32°.



Cumberland Consistory for 2017

Row 1: Minister of State, Charles W. Taylor, Jr., 32°KCCH; Master of Kadosh, Joseph W.
 Cushall, 32°; Prior, Curtis C. Haines, 32°KCCH. Row 2: Chancellor, Elmer W. Milles, Jr.
 32° KCCH; Preceptor, Edward L. Kave, Jr., 32°.



Cumberland Lodge of Perfection For 2017

Row 1: **Sr. Warden, Samuel J. Lane, 32°; Venerable Master, Robin L. Summerfield, 32°,**
Jr. Warden, Jason S. Landis, 32°. Row 2: Master of Ceremonies, James M. Snider,
 32° KCCH and Orator, Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32°.



Cumberland Council of Kadosh for 2017

Row 1: 1st Lt. Commander, Michael R. Wade, 32°; Orator, Michael W. Kerns, 32°;
 2nd Lt. Commander, Paul W. Borrer, 32°. Row 2: Commander, Mark C. Weatherholt,
 32° KCCH and Chancellor, David J. Curry, 32°.



Freemason of the Century (Secretary—35 Years): Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; L - R: Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative; Honoree Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, and his Lady Mitzie; Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative Emeritus and our S.G.I.G in Maryland, Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°.



Cumberland Co-ordinate Bodles 2017: Row 1: Director of Works, Michael L. Kamauff, 32°KCC; Assistant Director of Works, Billy Joe Wrights, 32°KCC; Executive Board, Joseph S. Kennedy, Secretary, Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33° Row 2: Executive Board, William R. (Chip) Zimmer, 32°KCC; Treasurer, Elmer W. Miles, Jr., 32°KCC and Executive Board, Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°.



Washington County Scottish Rite Club Members at Installation 2017: (L-R) Personal Rep. Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°; William R. Zimmer, 32°KCC; Edward L. Kave, 32° and Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Rep. Emeritus. Back Row: S.G.I.G. Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, and Scott Paddock, 32°.



Knights of St. Andrew for Year 2017: Row 1: Jr. Warden, Sir Edward L. Kave, Jr. Venerable Master, Sir Raymond W. Ryan, Ill, and Sr. Warden, Sir Robin L. Summerfield. Missing: Secretary Sir Michael W. McKay.

169th REUNION LUNCHEON Saturday, April 29, 2017

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

No Charge for this Meal, But Reservations Are Requested

Reservations should be made with

Joseph Kennedy, 1305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Oakland, MD 21550-3411 Telephone: 440-452-8472

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Ceremony of Lights/Memorial Service & Dinner Reservation Form

Sunday, March 12, 2017 at the Masonic Temple 2:00 pm —Sunday

Reservations are a must! Please make the following reservations: \$15.00 per person

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

No reservations accepted without payments: Total enclosed: \$ _____

Reservation Deadline: March 5, 2017 Make check payable to: Cumberland Scottish Rite

Mail check to: Joseph Kennedy, 1305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Oakland, MD 21550-3411 Telephone: 440-452-8472

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CAPPING CEREMONY Sunday, May 21, 2017

at 2:00 pm in the Masonic Temple

Please make the following reservations at \$15.00 per person. Reservations are due by May14 2017

Name- _____ Guest _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

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

Enclose check and mail to: Joseph Kennedy, 1305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Oakland, MD 21550-3411

Telephone 440-752-8472

Clip and Mail this form

CUMBERLAND LADIES WEEKEND - SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

Ali Ghan Shrine Center, social hour 5:15 pm — 6:15 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm

Please make the following reservations at \$25.00 per person: Deadline is May 1st, 2017

I am enclosing \$ _____ for my reservations. Make check payable to Cumberland Scottish Rite.

My Entrée selections are _____ 6 oz Filet Steak and / or _____ Crab Cakes

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Widows: NO CHARGE

Telephone _____ No reserved seating - Please plan accordingly.

LADIES BRUNCH, SUNDAY, May 7th, 2017 —1:30 pm — \$10.00 per person

I am enclosing \$ _____ for my _____ reservations.

Payment must be made with reservations and will not be accepted by telephone 440-752-8472. Please send to:

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

Reservations may also be made online at: CumberlandScottishRite.org

Membership Happenings — PLAN AHEAD — The RITE WAY

Here is some more details regarding two upcoming events this year listed in your calendar of events on page two. Saturday, June 3rd: This year the annual Highland Festival is being held in Friendsville, Maryland at the Friendsville Community Park. This is a very large festive event for all to attend. Our own Knights of St. Andrew are already making plans to attend this event. The whole town of Friendsville will be in a celebrating atmosphere that day and there will be something to do for everyone. If this sounds like an enjoyable day, mark your calendars now and plan to be part of the celebration going on. Hope to see you there.

Monday, June 5th, Strawberry Night: June is Summer and the first Monday in June is our annual Covered Dish Strawberry Night and we hope you are making plans to attend this year. This evening is for members and families and the only admission is a covered dish, vegetable or salad. The entrée and drinks will be provided and of course, our dessert will be lots of strawberries and ice cream.

For many years one of the items that attracted attendance for the event was the chance to be selected as a **member of the "golf team" from the random drawing at the Dinner. For this event, we will have many members who would enjoy playing golf in The Children's League Golf Tournament, being held on Friday June 16th this year. At the Board of Director's meeting of our Scottish Rite Foundation, it was voted to sponsor two teams this year and so we will be selecting two teams at the Strawberry Night event. You must be present to be selected for a team.**

NOTE: We know that you are tired of snow and nasty weather, so why not think summer and enjoyable weather.

Thinking about these events will hopefully help you through these uncomfortable weeks before the good weather. REMINDER AGAIN: Please verify your email with the secretary: 301-729-6778 or mitzjer@atlanticbb.net, we are attempting to enlarge the number of email issues of The Perfect Elu and reduce postal expenses with you helping us.



Raymond W. Ryan, III 32°, Venerable Master of the Knights of Saint Andrew Congratulations, Knights and their ladies, on another successful Robert Burns Supper. Our Fund Raiser had a great conclusion. It was a beautiful evening of entertainment, fine food and fellowship. This was a team **effort, to which our ladies contributed a large part. The silent auction doubled it's intake this year and** profited over one thousand dollars. Our printed program, or our advertisement publication, was an improvement over previous years and was warmly received. During the evening, a check for three thousand dollars **was presented to Cathy Growden, Executive Director for The Children's League. Presentation of the check was made** by Past Venerable Master James Bosley and 2016 Venerable Master Joseph Cushall, Brother Cushall again thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the evening and pledged his personal support to the Rite and his fellow K.S.A. members for another enjoyable year in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Raymond W. Ryan, III, 32°, KSA Venerable Master

ONE DAY SPRING CLASS—SATURDAY April 29, 2017

Our 169th Convocation: Dedicated to III. Robert B. Young, Sr., 33°,

(Personal Representative for the Cumberland Scottish Rite in 1992 and 1993)

- 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
- 10:00am 14th Degree Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 11:30 am 18th Degree Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 12:15 am 30th Degree Presented and Class Picture Taken
- 1:30 pm Our 169th 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 AT THIS REUNION IN OUR NEWLY RENNOVATED MASONIC TEMPLE, YOUR FELLOW RITE MEMBERS WILL BE THERE !!!!



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SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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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 _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

My Occupation, position, or trade is that of _____

Employed by _____

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 _____

SPRING CLASS — April 29, 2017 INITIATION FEE IS \$125.00

(Regardless of age) \$100.00 Minimum required with petition.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Petition received _____ CAP SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)

Amount received \$ _____ RING SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)



Proclamation to Our New Personal Representative:
L-R: Presenting the Proclamation is Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° S.G.I.G. in Maryland to our new Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° at the 2017 Installation Ceremony.



Proclamation as Personal Representative Emeritus:
L-R: Presenter Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33° S.G.I.G. in Maryland; Recipient Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33° and his Lady Nancy. Observing the proclamation is PGM Ill. Bennie G. Owens, Orient Representative for the Orient of Maryland.



“A-Buck-A-Cup” Donation Presented to The Children’s League
On Left: Honorable Kenneth R. Wilson, 33°, committee co-chairman of Buck-A-Cup Receiving \$2,500 check is Cathy Growden, Executive Director of the Children’s League and Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary and Board Member at the League.



Buck-A-Cup 2016 Award Winners: Harry (Ed) Cox
Row 1: (L-R) Winning waitresses Patti Carnell, Jessica Mullen and Brittany Lick, they all are from Arby’s of Lavale, MD. Back Row: Manager of Arby’s in Lavale Mary Bennett. Arby’s was the First Place Winner of participating restaurants in the fundraiser.



Pictured above are members of the Scottish Rite Retirement Club and award winning waitress Sue Stotler, winning waitress from the K-Bar, in Cumberland. Shown with her are (left to right) G. Timothy Schupfer, 32°, James Snider, 32° KCCH, Jerome Robinette, 33°, Waitress Sue Stotler, Kenneth Wilson, 33°, Elmer (Bud) Miles, Jr, 32°KCCH and **Mark Lathrop, 32°**. **An appreciation luncheon was held at Arby's, in LaVale for all participants and winners.**

SCOTTISH RITE RETIREMENT CLUB NEEDS YOU!!

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 brothers 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 open for your visit and an enjoyable Tuesday morning. Why not give it a try ????**

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU WERE AT A REUNION?

This Spring Class will be holding their 169th Reunion on Saturday, April 29th, with a meal at no cost to you. We are inviting ALL Scottish Rite Masons to attend and observe the conferral and communication of the Fourth through Thirty-second degrees. Please come and renew your old friendships and engage in a new **fellowship. We also ask you to invite all Master Masons you feel would benefit from the "University of Freemasonry" to attend as a candidate for the degrees. A petition for membership is printed in this edition of The Perfect Elu. Please note here, and on the reservations on page seven, that the Scottish Rite now has a new reservation chairman and you should reply accordingly if you plan to attend any of our activities. The new reservation chairman is Brother Joseph Kennedy, 1305 Pittsburgh Avenue, in Oakland, MD. For many, many years, the reservation chairman was Brother Charles Hout and we want to thank him for all of the years that he has devoted numerous hours for our many activities each year. Charlie is still very active in Scottish Rite, so if you happen to see him, please thank him for his years of faithful service as your reservation chairman. Good luck to Joe and I hope that we all make his new job easy by responding to the reservation deadlines and particulars requested with each response.**

Cumberland Scottish Rite Fundraiser Update

The Valley of Cumberland has just completed another successful "A-Buck-A-Cup" campaign, under the direction of co-chairmen Kenneth R. Wilson, 33° and Harry (Ed) Cox, 32°, assisted by the members of the Scottish Rite Retirement Club, Good Work Guys. From the cooperation of area eating establishments and some other private donors, we were able to make a \$2,500 donation to our Childhood Language Disorders Clinic at The Children's League. The check was presented to the League Executive Secretary, Cathy Growden, at our open Installation Ceremony this past January. Pictures of this presentation and the award winners are pictured in this edition. We appreciate the continued support of all of our participants and the hard work of our members who make this fundraiser successful each year.

The Fifteenth Annual "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig" - Friday, April 21st at 7:15 pm

Another valley fundraiser is our annual "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig", a non-competitive variety show. Plans are already being made for this year's event, can't believe that this is our fifteenth production. Tickets have been sent and hopefully this will be another good year of continued support. The show this year is a combination of some favorite performers of previous shows and some performers that have not been in our shows. The Cumberland Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew will be giving a very impressive welcome with their opening ceremony. They will also be working as ushers to assist you to your seat, if needed. We are expecting another "full house", so if you are asked to "please move over to the vacant seat next to you", try to understand that each and everyone of the seats will probably be occupied before the curtain goes up. We hope that you enjoy this very special fun-filled evening the committee has planned. From the response from our members and those attending the show, last year we were able to present our clinic another check for \$5,000. Hopefully we will have another "full house performance" this April. A special thanks to all of our "non local" members who donate knowing they cannot attend but continue to support this fundraiser each and every year.



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

Articles about our Ladies Night and other activities are included in this issue. All reservations are to be submitted "with the proper stated fees". This policy needs to be followed to avoid the Rite from being liable for "no shows", this should be very understandable when you think about it.

Many members ask why the dues for Scottish Rite are \$72.00 and they still have to pay to attend our activities. From the \$72.00 submitted for your annual dues, \$22.00 goes to the Supreme Council for our per capita assessment. Another \$5.00 goes directly to our Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, and we pay to the Masonic Temple Association, Inc. another \$16.50 "per capita assessment" for Temple rent. That means that the Rite gets \$28.50 of your dues to manage our organization for the entire year. With total suspensions and numerous deaths each year, our membership is just over 800 members and over 100 are "dues exempt". You do the figures—this is not a pretty picture. Your dues are important, whether you are active or not. In 1995, our membership was over 1,700 and our dues were \$35.00, we didn't have this terrific overhead and things were fine. If our Valley has these problems, other Valleys have them also. So if you are a "dues exempt" member, maybe you might want to consider paying the \$22.00 per capita this year. It will increase \$2.00 each year for the next four years and our membership continues to decline. I want to personally thank each and every member for their continued support over these "rough times". Masons are a very special group of very special people—feel proud to be member of our fine Scottish Rite organization. Your Cumberland Scottish Rite now offers two scholarships to the Allegany College of Maryland and you as members of Scottish Rite are also members of our Scottish Rite Foundation. When submitting a dues payment, you also have an opportunity to make a "tax exempt" donation to your foundation. To learn more about the scholarships, give the college foundation office a call -301-784-5200. Please make an attempt to attend our Scottish Rite meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month—to know what else is happening in YOUR SCOTTISH RITE !

Fraternally & Sincerely, Jerry

As they say in the television commercials: "WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET?" Take a moment and check your wallet. Hopefully you have a 2017 Scottish Rite card and more importantly your 2017 BLUE LODGE CARD. If you one year behind in your Blue Lodge, you are subject to suspension. Scottish Rite suspension is after two years in arrears, so if you are suspended in blue lodge, the Rite may be paying an assessment when you are no longer a mason, so we need to know your Masonic status. We need "up to date" communication between the blue lodges and the Rite. Hopefully all of our blue lodge secretaries are reporting suspensions to Scottish Rite secretaries.