

# The Perfect Elu

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Calendar of Events and

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, S. J.

Valley of Cumberland

Orient of Maryland

# Admiral William G. Sizemore, II, 33°, Visits Cumberland, MD to present 75 Year and other Longevity Service Awards

At our Spring Capping Ceremony on May 21, 2017, we honored numerous members of our Valley having forty or more years of faithful service. Those able to attend have been pictured on page 5 and page 19. Honored were: **FORTY YEARS:** C. Thomas Bowers, Paul H. Green, Charles W. Kiser, George H. Leith, James R. Leith and Marshall E. Wilson, Jr. **FORTY FIVE YEARS:** James D. Bailey, Kenneth D. Currence and William R. Neely **FIFTY YEARS:** William E. Crawford and Glenwood A. Goodman, Lloyd L. Nelson, Ill. Charles W. Ridgeway, 33° **SEVENTY YEARS:** Clarence Sheetz, 32° and **SEVENTY FIVE YEARS:** William G. Umstot, 32°.

Congratulations to each of these fifteen brethren. All have been mailed the respective year of membership lapel pins and a copy of the Capping Ceremony program.



Admiral William G.
Sizemore, II, 33° Is shown presenting the 75 year service award to William G. Umstot, 32°. On page 18 is Brother Umstot's family who had traveled with him From Pittsburgh, PA to Cumberland for the Ceremony.

#### ATTENTION --- BLACK CAP & RED CAP SOIREE

On Monday, July 24, we will be holding a get together at Churchill Pub (old Warner's Restaurant) in Cresaptown at 6:00 pm. It is a buffet style with entertainment. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. More details on Page 4 in this Perfect Elu.

#### ONE DAY FALL CLASS—SATURDAY October 21, 2017

7:30 am Candidates Report for Registration - Light refreshments provided
8:30 am Open Lodge for Members - Short Business Session as Needed
8:45 am 4th Degree Presented by our Degree Team and Members
7th Degree Presented by our Degree Team and Members
10:00 am 14th Degree Presented by our Degree Team and Members
11:30 am 18th Degree Presented by our Degree Team and Members
12:30 pm 30th Degree Presented and Class Picture Taken
1:45 pm Our 170th Reunion Luncheon will be prepared and served by the
Princess Restaurant (This Luncheon is for Class and ALL Scottish Rite Members.
No charge for the luncheon, but reservations are required by members.)
2:30 pm 32nd Degree Presented - Approximate dismissal: 4:00 pm.

(Reservation form for Reunion Dinner is on Page 7 of this publication.)
IF IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE YOU HAVE ATTENDED A
CONVOCATION AND REUNION DINNER - WE WOULD BE GLAD TO
SEE YOU IN OUR NEWLY RENOVATED MASONIC TEMPLE.

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Hagerstown Ladies Night with

Reservation Form for Event

#### **Editors Note:**

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

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#### Valley of Cumberland Schedule of Events for 2017

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	All of the Below Scheduling is Subject to Change-Please Stay in		Oct 30	Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
	Touch by Attending		Nov 6	Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
June 19	K.S.A. Initiation Ceremony—Masonic Temple Lodge Hall	7:30 pm	Nov 17	Hagerstown Ladies Night—See Article	
Sept 16	Kid Walk/Kid Talk Program at County	10:00 am		on Back Page	
'	Health Building on Willowbrook Road		Nov 19	Fall Capping—Masonic Temple	2:00 pm
Sept 18	Scottish Rite Meeting — Masonic Temple	7:30 pm		Cumberland, MD SUNDAY	
Sept 28	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Location to be Announced	7:00 pm	Nov 20	Scottish Rite Meeting-Consistory Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Oct 2	Feast of Tishri — Masonic Temple	(.20	Nov 22	Scottish Rite Club of Washington Co. Location to be Announced	7:00 pm
Oct 2	MONDAY	6:30 pm			
Oct 14	Honors Day—Baltimore MD Bus leaves Cumberland at 7:30 am	7:15 am	Dec 4	Scottish Rite Meeting—Election of Officers and Annual Meeting of Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.	7:30 pm
Oct 16	Scottish Rite Meeting—Masonic Temple	7:30 pm	Dec 18	Scottish Rite Meeting—If Needed	7:30 pm
Oct 21	170th Fall Class Conferral—Registration	7:30 am			
Oct 28	Masonic Bird Hunt—Breakfast at Park-N-Dine, Hancock, MD	7:30 am	Jan 7 2018	Installation of officers for 2018 SUNDAY — Tentative Date	6:30 pm

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

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Diplomat</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Friendship # 84	Benjamin A. Zamostny	301-305-4107
Friendship # 84	III. Harvey L. Hogamier, 33°	301-573-5868
Mountain #99	Joseph W. Cushall	301-689-2465
Mountain # 99	Phillip C. Lashbaugh	301-697-6901
Potomac #100	G. Timothy Schupfer	301-697-9760
Potomac #100	Elmer W. "Bud" Miles, Jr. 32° KCCH	301-697-1128
Hiram # 103	Aaron V. Lea, 32° KCCH	301-786-4474
Queen City # 131	John S. Spence 32° KCCH	301-777-9313
Queen City # 131	Kenneth R. Wilson, 32° KCCH	301-689-3049
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	301-733-7277

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

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



I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that came out and helped with the many events the KSA has participated in the past months. The last few months have been busy as we have held an initiation, in which we Knighted four (4) new members, performed an Arch of Steel for Re Temple with the Installation of Trish Ryan as Queen of the Nile, marched in the Oldtown parade and marched from the Temple to the

Whiskey Rebellion, where we presented the American flag with the York Rite and re-enactors. For the second time the Knights participated in the Garrett County Celtic Festival. Our Knights led the parade of clans and presented the colors in the opening ceremony. We were able to promote our Robert Burns Supper during this event. Many event guests submitted their information to be contracted about attend the Robert Burns Supper on February 3, 2018. This is a direct result of the hard work that is performed by the knights that attended the Garrett County Celtic Festival. I would like to especially thank the dedicated group who attended this year. In addition, our annual KSA Corn Roast will be held on Sunday, August 13th, from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm at Joe Cushall's man cave at 21 Dogwood Circle, Frostburg, MD. Corn and hotdogs will be served, B. Y. O. beverage. A head count will be necessary therefore please RSVP Joe Cushall at 301-689-2465. I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to seeing each of you again the Fall.

Sincerely, Ray Ryan



#### Cumberland Heritage Days and Whiskey Rebellion

Members of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew with representatives of the York Rite and French and Indian War re-enactors paraded together with Piper Stephen Fitzgerald from the Masonic Temple Open House to the Canal Place as part of Cumberland's Heritage Days Festival.

#### Oakland Friend to Friend Night Introduces Master Masons to Scottish Rite



Garrett County Coordinator Joe Kennedy (at left) with a few of the men who attended the Oakland Friend to Friend Night. Brothers Brent Lewis (2nd from right) and Rick Kahl (far right) attended the Spring 2017 Degree Class and the others have submitted petitions for membership to local blue lodges.





ALL 32° AND 32° KCCH SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONS ARE INVITED TO THE 3RD ANNUAL CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE

# Black Cap - Red Cap Soirée

## Monday, July 24th



6:00 PM - SOCIAL HOUR

6:30 PM - THE MAGIC OF JOE KENNEDY

6:45 PM - BUFFET DINNER FEATURING TRADITIONAL BRITISH FARE

7:30 PM - THE AMERICAN SONGBOOK FEATURING MARK PERMAN

14514 McMullen Hwy, Cresaptown, MD

## **BUFFET MENU ITEMS**

Seasonal Garden Salad
Crab Dip with Mini Naan
Beer Cheese & Pretzels
Bacon Wrapped Bangers & Beer Cheese
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Bangers & Mash
Chicken Caprese
Pork Schnitzel w/ Warm German Potato Salad
Asparagus & Hollandaise
Chocolate & Vanilla Bee Sting Cake

# TICKETS \$25/PERSON

SPOUSES & SIGNIFICANT OTHERS WELCOME!

Reservations are REQUIRED by Wednesday, July 19th

Complete and Return the Form in the Perfect Elu

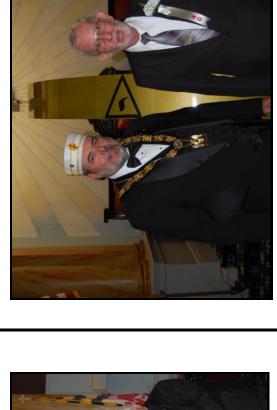
or Register Online at

www.cumberlandscottishrite.org



Capping Ceremony Service Awards: Fifty Year Members:
L-R: Robin L. Summerfield, 32 "Assistant Personal Representative, presenting 50 year Certificate and Certificate from Ben Cardin to Recipient III. Charles W. Ridgeway, 33".





i. Row 1: III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. in Maryland, congratulating the recipient Charles W. Kiser, 32°



**Seventy Five Year Member Presentation L.R. III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Admiral William G. Sizmore, 33°,** Bro. William G. Umstot and Mark L. Widmyer, 32° KCCH presenting a Proclamation from Governor of Maryland, Larry Hogan.

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



I like summer, time off, the Beach, family outings, camp fires, and fishing, but, I've got to tell you, Spring of 2017 was a BLAST! We enjoyed more support from the membership than Carter has liver pills. The couple of Friend to Friend educational events held in Oakland, Cumberland and Hagerstown helped to secure 19 new members during Aprils Conferral/Reunion and we presently have 7 new members awaiting the Fall Class scheduled for Oct. 21, 2017. Therefore, all degree team Captains should begin to

schedule their teams for practice on that stellar performance we've learned to count on because the Fall Class will be here before you know it. Brethren, the Friend to Friend events must continue in order to educate the buying public about our product.....Freemasonry, it was fun and it worked. We picked up some Blue Lodge candidates for several Lodges and solidified some old alliances in Oakland as they have agreed in principle to allow The Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic at the Children's League to perform speech screenings and treatment of local kids at the Lodge in Oakland, a big win for Freemasonry and Children in need. Many thanks are to be given to WM Scott Collins and the Oakland boys.

Our Capping Ceremony for the Spring Class was rendered extra special by the ceremonial visitation of a distinguished gentlemen, III. Sir Admiral William G. Sizemore, II, 33°, of the Supreme Council in Washington, D.C. who made several presentations to the membership on behalf of Commander Seale. Many Thanks to III. Sir Marlin L Mills for his assistance in requesting the Supreme Council be in attendance for the special award of 40 through 75 year Pins. (see article page 8)

I like Summer, days are longer, drinks on Ice, manicured lawns, and "No reservations required after 6 pm" in most of Cumberland. Reservations at the Scottish Rite have always been an issue, it seems the membership is so... confident that there will be enough meals ordered to accommodate everyone. It's true, historically we have not let anyone down, but, imagine if you will that your wife prepared a Thanksgiving meal for 20 family members and only 6 family members showed up. Would your wife be inclined to prepare the family meal for Christmas? Well that's what has been occurring at the Scottish Rite and the proverbial wife has put the word on her husband.

Brethren and Ladies of the House of the Temple, Honors Day is Oct. 14, 2017. Members who are part of the cast for the K.C.C.H. degree and Inspectors General Honorary should respond to Baltimore for each practice. Reservations of the Bus (transportation), Dinner, and the appropriate degree fees are to be made with the Cumberland Scottish Rite, Jerry Robinette and his assistant Tom Paxton, Reservation Chairman. (15 Greene St, Cumberland, MD 21502, Telephone 301-876-0806.) As Personal Representative of S.G.I.G., Ill. Sir Marlin L Mills, It is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Cumberland Consistory has affirmed two (2) new 33<sup>rd</sup>, degree Honormen and eight (8) new K.C.C.H. Honormen. Confirmed at the July Session of the Supreme Council, these distinguished colleagues are as follows: Ill. Aaron V. Lea, 33°, Ill. Elmer W. Miles, Jr. 33°, Joseph W. Cushall, 32° KCCH, Edward L. Kave, 32° KCCH, Joseph S. Kennedy, 32° KCCH, Scott R. Paddack, 32° KCCH, Raymond W. Ryan, Ill, 32° KCCH, George T. Schupfer, 32° KCCH, Robin L. Summerfield, 32° KCCH and Michael R. Wade, 32° KCCH.

Please join Lady Ellen and I for Honors Day on Oct. 14, 2017, to celebrate with delight these chosen few and their families. The Fall of the year is going to be magnificent, don't get me wrong I like summer but, I have to tell you .....

Spring of 2017 was a Blast! Question is how are we going to top That Conferral?

Salvae Frater, Jamey

#### **DeMolay Happenings**

We can always use young Men between the ages of 12-21 years of age. Cumberland Chapter will grow as I am sure there are Young Men waiting to be asked to join. Scottish Rite has been the sponsor of De Molay for ninety four years and some of our older Scottish Rite members can still remember all of

the wonderful years they were active with the DeMolay. If you have a son or grandson, why not sit down and talk with him about those enjoyable years you had prior to becoming the proud Mason that you are today. Think how proud you would be if he became a member of the DeMolay in your footsteps, he may even desire to continue to become a Scottish Rite Mason. The Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay #21009, holds meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Masonic Temple on Greene Street at 7:30 pm. The lifetime fee to join is \$35.00.

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



## Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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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.)

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Location	Under the ju	risdiction 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	ce preceding date of this petitio	on for	months/years.				
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Date of Birth	Place of Birth _						
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Recommended by two members in good							
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Printed Name		Signature	Date				
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2. Have you ever been held or expresse	ed opinions contrary to the fore	egoing or been affiliated with an organiz	ration which has?				
(Yes or No)	: If your answer is in the	affirmative, give particulars:	<del> </del>				
I certify that the above information	is true and correct to the be	est of my knowledge.					
	FALL CLASS —	- October 21, 2017					
INITIATION FEE is \$25	0.00 (Regardless of a	ge) \$100.00 Minimum requ	uired with petition.				
OFFICE USE ONLY		Ladies Name:					
Date Petition received			(Size taken at initiation)				
Amount received \$	Check #	RING SIZE	(Size taken at initiation)				

Scottish Rite Retirement Club! If you are not aware that such a club exists - shame on you! It has been publicized in the newsletter numerous times and we have been getting some new faces to join us each Tuesday morning in the basement area at the Masonic Temple. We try to gather between 8:30 am and 9:00 am, hold a very short business meeting, collect the \$1.00 per week dues. When the business is all taken care of, we get out our pool sticks and exercise our hidden talents on the pool table. Needless to say, we always have coffee and donuts to keep a smile on our faces when we lose at pool. The Retirement Club undertakes some small projects to improve the basement area and sometimes throughout the building. In addition, when our treasury "gets plump", we usually decide on a nice location to have a "dinner with our ladies". If this sounds interesting to you and you have never been in our basement area, be sure to give these guys a free Tuesday and I'm sure you will enjoy their fellowship that they share with one another. On days that school is closed because of bad weather, we do not meet. Otherwise, the basement is always open for your visit and an enjoyable Tuesday morning. Why not give it a try ?!??

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



From Your Secretary: The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc, which advances the philanthropic aims of Cumberland Scottish Rite Freemasons, has created two new endowed scholarships at the Allegany College of Maryland in a demonstration of our continued support of the community. The scholarships have been awarded for the fall 2017 semester, but you can still submit application to the Allegany College of

Maryland through the foundation office at the college and get on tap for the next selection process, which is handled through the courtesies of their foundation office. The title of our scholarships are the **Leonard and Jane Schwab Scottish Rite Scholarships**, and were made possible through the generous donations of the Schwab estate. Both Leonard and Jane were very active in many of our Scottish Rite programs and activities. The only prerequisite for all applications is that you must be a Scottish Rite related applicant (child, uncle, grandfather etc.) For more information contact the ACM Foundation Office at 301-784-5200 or see the college web-site, www.allegany.edu/scholarships.

Our Spring Capping Ceremony on April 29th is one for the record books. It was not the largest class for the Valley of Cumberland, but we were pleased that we had 19 new petitions for the class day (however several were unable to make the convocation and degree work and hopefully will be present for our October 21st class day). The record aspect of the ceremony was the attendees for the event. Honored members of our Valley having forty or more years of faithful service were: FORTY YEARS: C. Thomas Bowers, Paul H. Green, Charles W. Kiser, George H. Leith, James R. Leith and Marshall E. Wilson, Jr. FORTY-FIVE YEARS: James D. Bailey, Kenneth D. Currence and William R. Neely. FIFTY YEARS: William E. Crawford, Glenwood A. Goodman and Ill Charles W. Ridgeway, 33°. SIXTY YEARS: William H. Courtney. SEVENTY YEARS: Clarence E. Sheetz and SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS: William G. Umstot. Brother Umstot was brought down from Pittsburgh by his family and received some very special presentations. He and Brother Sheetz both received special proclamation from Senator Ben Cardin and a similar presentation from Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. Brother Umstot, who joined the Scottish Rite on April 21, 1942, was then presented some very special recognition with a 75 year pin and a certificate from the Supreme Council Grand Executive Director Admiral William G. Sizemore, II, 33°, who was in attendance through the courtesies of our S.G.I.G. Marlin L. Mills, 33°. Congratulations to each of these fine brethren. This is the first time that the Valley of Cumberland has had a Grand Commander representative in attendance for one of our ceremonies. Furthermore, we believe that this is the first seventy-five year membership ever presented in the State of Maryland. I feel very honored to have been in attendance on this very special day, as did all of the other members and families in attendance. Many pictures of this special day have been published in this edition of The Perfect Elu, so be sure to take note of them.

I hope you carefully look over the page two schedule for the remainder of the 2017 Scottish Rite season and consider making several of these functions in the near future. If you were a "top line signer" on the petition of one of our newest members and not present for his initiation ceremony or capping, he may be wondering where you were. You should be his mentor and help him to come and see ALL THAT SCOTTISH RITE HAS TO OFFER. We need you BOTH to take advantage of all the wonderful things happening in Scottish Rite in our Valley.

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

I would first like to thank all who helped make the Ceremony of Lights, held on March 12th, the wonderful event it turned out to be. This is one of the most important events that we do each year,

honoring those Brothers who have passed during that current year and showing our respect to their widows and family. It was well attended, including members, families and many distinguished guest. This Ceremony was followed by a wonderful meal, presented by Princess Restaurant of Frostburg. Awesome job by ALL.

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

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

Tim Schupfer, Wise Master

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



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

Effective leadership is essential to the success and harmony of any organization, and ours is no exception. Creating a culture of leadership is difficult, and I have been impressed by the strong sense of teamwork within our Valley that has contributed to our progress in the effort. Our officers and committee chairs have taken on the challenge of leadership with aplomb!

The energy among our leaders and emerging leaders has been in evidence at recent meetings and events. Recent meetings have included interesting educational programs prepared by presiding officers G. Timothy Schupfer, Mark Weatherholt, and Joseph Cushall and their respective Orators Nicholas Cathell, Michael Kerns, and Charles Taylor, Jr. Wise Master Schupfer organized the Chapter of Rose Croix's moving Ceremony of Lights in remembrance of our brethren who passed on during the past year. Master of Kadosh Joseph Cushall did a splendid job planning and hosting the Spring Reunion on behalf of the Cumberland Consistory and has already begun making plans to mentor his successor this fall to prepare him for the duty next year.

We truly appreciate the time and effort each Degree Captain, cast member, the Director of Works, and the entire support team put into the important work of conducting outstanding ritual work during our Spring Conferral. Kudos to our Strawberry Night Committee Chairman Michael Kamauff and your team for putting together a fantastic program and thanks to Venerable Master Raymond Ryan, III, for leading the Knights of St. Andrew in showcasing the Scottish Rite at the Garrett County Celtic Festival, Cumberland Heritage Days, and other public events. Congratulations as well to Bro. Ryan and his lady Tricia for putting together a very entertaining Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show this year.

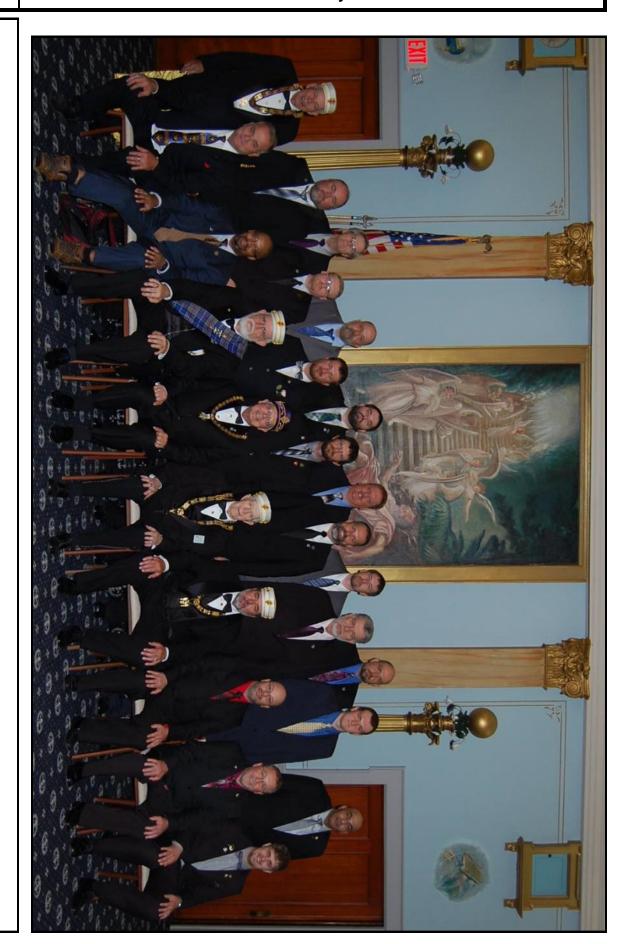
We are especially grateful to Almoner Mark Widmyer and Assistant Almoner Kenneth Wilson for stepping up to handle these essential responsibilities following the recent passing of III. Howard Brode.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." Each man who has accepted the call to leadership in our Valley has opened his heart and mind to the hard work of learning, and their willingness to grow and develop will help to cultivate a vibrant culture of leadership within our Valley.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to the many brethren who have provided sage counsel to our new leaders over the past year. With their steadfast support, our Masonic mentors exemplify those points of fellowship upon which we were all raised and the admonishment of Brother Henry Ford, "Don't find fault, find a remedy."

Fraternally,

Robin L. Summerfield, Venerable Master



# **SPRING 2017 CONFERRAL**

Cumberland, MD; Candidate John Wayne Keiper, Jr., 32°, Cumberland, MD \*\* Frederick, MD = Levels 3 and 4 only in Cumberland (Council and Consistory) Smithsburg, MD; Candidate Daniel Cody Stitt, 32°, Cumberland, MD; Candidate Lawrence Alan Keller, 32°, Rawlings, MD; Candidate David Andrew Cope, 32°, Class President, (L-R) III. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-Registrar for the Valley of Cumberland; Candidate William (NMI) Evans, Jr., 32°, Frostburg, MD; Candidate Stephen Keith Gaudette, 32°, MD; Candidate Jason Scott Hersh, 32°, Frostburg, MD; Candidate Ronald Edison Brown, Jr., 32°, Cumberland, MD; \*\*Candidate Scott Andrew McCaskill, 32°, Frederick, MD; MD; Candidate Kody Ryan Lewis, 32°, Oakland, MD. Row Two: (L-R) Candidate Robert Andrew Elliott, 32°, Kitzmiller, MD; Candidate Henry Raye Michael, Jr., 32°, Cumberland, Valley of Frederick, MD; III. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, S.G.I.G. in Maryland for the Supreme Council, S.J., U.S.A.; III. Bennie G. Owens, 33°, P.G.M., Orient Personal Representative in Baltimore: III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative, Orient of Maryland; Candidate William Michael Tippen, 32°, Class President, LaVale, MD; Candidate Ricky Dale Kahl, 32°, Oakland, Row One: (L-R)\*\*Candidate Ronald Gordon Saunders, 32°, Frederick. MD; \*\*Candidate Odel Clayton Shoffner, II, 32°, Frederick, MD; III. Scott J. Cameron, 33°, Secretary for the Candidate Kenneth Dale Shook, 32°, Frostburg, MD; Candidate Zachary Scott Kennedy, 32°, Oakland, MD; \*\*Candidate Mohamed Zaki Khorshed, 32°, Frederick, MD. Row Threeerick, MD. Row Three Candidate Mohamed Zaki Khorshed, 32°, Frederick, MD.

Deadline is October 13, 2017. No cost for the luncheon, but reservations are a must

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

NO CHARGE for lunch

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

Online Reservations: www.CumberlandScottishRite.org

#### **EDITORS NOTE**

Let us know how you would like to receive The Perfect Elu. Your choices will be a paper copy, email, or both. A postcard has been inserted in this issue of your Elu.

Please help us with our endeavor to reach the younger and the older generation.

#### LODGES TO HOST 5TH ANNUAL WESTERN MARYLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Western Maryland Masonic Lodges are proud to present the **5th Annual Western Maryland Music Festival**, being held on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic grounds in Cumberland starting at 11:30 am with gates opening at



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













## DETAILS AND TICKET INFO AT WESTMDMUSICFEST.ORG

10 am . The Masonic Lodges who have combined in this Fundraising effort are Potomac 100, Queen City 131, East Gate 216, James W. Bowers 173, Kemp 154 and Mountain 99. "We have put together" what we think is another fantastic day of fun and electrifying entertainment, a variety of Special Foods, Beverages, (including imports) and over 30 Vendors.

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

show successful each year. For your convenience, tickets are available and online at **Eventbrite**. For other details or information, go to www.westmdmusicfest.com.

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

#### A-THING-A-MA-JIG VARIETY SHOW SUPPORTS RITECARE SERVICES

A wide array of local talent was on display at the Cumberland Scottish Rite's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig" Variety Show. From the moving vocals of the Flight 93 Men's Chorus to the energetic dancing of the renowned Will's

Mountain Cloggers, a unique presentation of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" by ballroom dancers Bill and Sharon Cihlar, and a variety of musical performances and demonstrations, this year's show provided something for everyone to enjoy. "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig" showcases local talent in support of the Cumberland RiteCare Early Childhood Language Disorders Clinic at the Children's League.

Since being established in 1997 by the Cumberland Scottish Rite in association with the League for Crippled Children (now the Children's League), Cumberland's RiteCare Early Childhood Language Disorders clinic has provided diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders free of charge to hundreds of children from Cumberland and the surrounding region. The clinic is the primary recipient of support from the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation through its endowed funds and annual fundraising activities.









#### News from the Scottish Rite Club of Washington County

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

#### Valley of Cumberland Masonic Bird Hunt Saturday, October 28 Quail Hollow Hunting Reserve — Berkeley Springs, WV

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

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

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



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

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

#### MASONIC BIRD HUNT October 28, 2017

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

Name	Telephone	
Address	Cell	
Deposit Required of \$ 50.00	Pay Balance upon arrival on that day.	
Return to Chip Zimmer 19644 Sp	oring Creek Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742	
Phone — 301-730-3233 Ema	.il — zmdogsledder@myactv.net	

Email — zmdogsledder@myactv.net

The Frank H. Eberly Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee & Potomac Lodge 100 A.F.A.M

# 3rd Annual Family Picnic

Supporting Students Pursuing Higher Education

# 200 Drawing Event

200 Tickets to be sold \$20.00 per ticket 1 Ticket Admits 2

Food, Fun, Games, Multiple Cash Prizes Saturday, August 19, 2017

2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Cumberland Shrine Club Picnic Grounds Pavilion** 

Sponsorship Levels

Corporate - \$100

Family - \$50

Friend - \$25

Please Consider Joining Us As A Corporate Sponsor For This Event

#### Departed Brethren—Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies — Year 2016

			Date of Death
Alkire, Robert L.		Lonaconing, MD	July 15, 2016
Bender, Byron R.		Grantsville, MD	May 26, 2016
Bierkamp, Andrew W.		Moorefield, WV	June 7, 2016
Biggs, III. Robert F., 33°	25 yr	Frostburg, MD	January 17, 2016
Boward, Donald Lee		Greencastle, PA	December 19, 2015
Budd Jr., Richard T		Dallas, GA	January 17, 2016
Davis, Harlis H.	40+ yr	Hagerstown, MD	April 14, 2016
Elliott, Francis W.	44+ yr	Frostburg, MD	February 5, 2016
Eshleman Jr., Raymond D.		Hagerstown, MD	March 6, 2016
Fishel, Donald W.	43 yr	LaVale, MD	July 2, 2016
Growden, Kenneth E.	49+ yr	Cumberland, MD	March 20, 2016
Harper, Floyd G.	50+ yr	Mt. Airy, MD	October 10, 2015
Hillegas, Wayne M.	46+ yr	Buffalo, PA	November 19, 2016
Hite, Robert L. (Lou)	55+ yr	Hyndman, PA	January 27, 2016
Horn, C. Fletcher		Charlotte, NC	February 22, 2016
Kaylor, William D.	30+ yr	Cumberland, MD	March 30, 2016
Kesecker, Harry Gene		Rawlings, MD	November 18, 2016
Krampf, John F.	40+ yr	Cumberland, MD	March 28, 2014
Lybarger, Ralph J.	35+ yr	Ellerslie, MD	October 17, 2016
Mellott, Paul Richard	30+ yr	Frederick, MD	March 18, 2016
Miller, Earl Eugene	20+ yr	Clearville, PA	July 31, 2016
Miller III, R. Joseph	25 yr	Hagerstown, MD	July 30, 2016
Mitchell, Steven Ernest	20+ yr	Flintstone, MD	June 21, 2016
Nixon, Albert Ray	55 yr	Bedford, PA	February 4, 2016
Poole, Charles A.	40+ yr	Slidell, LA	April I, 2012
Rawlings, William E.	30+ yr	New Creek, WV	February 6, 2016
Riggleman, III. Kenneth L., 33°	28+ yr	Oldtown, MD	June 27, 2016
Satzer, Robert Lee	49+ yr	Fort Ashby, WV	June 20, 2015
Sigler, Charles H.		Frostburg, MD	January 21, 2016
Speers Jr. Wallace C.	25+ yr	Highlands Ranch, CO	December 18, 2015
Warnick, Robert D.	35+ yr	Cumberland, MD	August 20, 2016
Williams, Owen M.	60+ yr	Cumberland, MD	July 28, 2016
Young, III. Robert B., 33°	63+ yr	Cumberland, MD	March 26, 2016

Passed within the Unseen Temple they have not died. They have but quietly passed from mortal contact with those who held their hand in Fraternal Love; they have but changed the shadows for the LIGHT. To them, as it will be to all, the grave was but a portal to a fuller life — the entrance to the Divine Chapter where, with HIM who is symbolized be the Rose Cross, there is joy and peace forever: So Mote It Be.

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# Contributions received with dues—2016 (AF) = Almoners Fund (SF) = SR Foundation (B/E) = Bldg/Emergency Fund

Thanks you to ALL of the Members who have submitted these DONATIONS.

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Amos, Ronald C	Χ	Χ	Χ	Khalsa, G. J.	Χ	Χ	Χ	Robinette, Jerome		Χ	
Barnhart, Mathew C.		Χ	Χ	Klimoski, Joel D.	Χ	Χ		Root, Edward L.			Χ
Bauman, John S.	Χ	Χ	Χ	Kline, Edgar L Jr	Χ	Χ	Χ	Rowland, Robert L.	Χ		
Belt, Carl O. Jr.	Χ	Χ	Χ	Lambert, Dale W		Χ		Shafferman, Edward L.		Χ	Χ
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Bowers, Robert V.		Χ		Lawson, Jackson P	Χ	Χ	Χ	Shircliff, G. Paul	Χ	Χ	Χ
Brown, Samuel L.	Χ	Χ	Χ	Leith, James R	Χ		Χ	Shives, Donald L.		Χ	
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Davis, Richard P	Χ	Χ	Χ	May Jr, Harvey W		Χ	Χ	Sibley, Paul D			Χ
Dean, Charles R.		Χ		Maybury, James E	Χ	Χ		Sisler, Timme Dale	Χ		
Dicks, Charles F.	Χ	Χ	Χ	McCleaf, Thomas M.		Χ		Skinner, William F	Χ	Χ	Χ
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Ford, Alvey F.	Χ	Χ	Χ	Myers, C. Fred	Χ	Χ	Χ	Twigg, Virgil R	Χ		
Freeman, Gary W	Χ	Χ	Χ	Nizinski, William		Χ		Ward,Jr., James E.		Χ	
Gornall, Richard R	Χ	Χ	Χ	Oden, James E.		Χ	Χ	Wasiljov, Michael D.	Χ	Χ	Χ
Gower, Stanley J	Χ	Χ	Χ	Orr, William S.	Χ			Weatherholt, Floyd A.		Χ	Χ
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Hamilton, Robert W.		Χ		Pennesi, John J.		Χ		Whetstone, Douglas E	Χ	Χ	Χ
Hartman, Dustin R.		Χ	Χ	Pennington, Charles J	Χ			Whitacre, Clyde R.	Χ	Χ	Χ
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Hout, Charles J.		Χ		Reel, Frederick E		X		Zimmer, William R.		Χ	X
Hurm, Michael	Χ	Χ	Χ	Robertson, Gary F			Χ	Zirk, Gregory M.	Χ	Χ	X
Johnson, Charles A		X	Χ	Robinette, David S.			Х				

#### **CURRENCE AND WRIGHTS COMPLETE MASTER CRAFTSMAN PROGRAMS**





(Master Craftsman Recognition): L to R: Study Group Coordinator Bro. Danny Nieves, Venerable Master Robin Summerfield, Bro. Kenneth Currence, and Personal Representative, III. Jamey S. Hill.

(Master Craftsman Award): L to R: Personal Representative III. Jamey S. Hill 33°, Bro. Billy Joe Wrights, 32° KCCH and Grand Executive Director III. William G. Sizemore, II., 33°.

Brothers **Ken Currence** and **Billy Joe Wrights** recently received recognition from the Supreme Council as part of the Master Craftsman Masonic Education program. Bro. Currence received a certificate and pin for completing Program II: Scottish Rite Ritual and History. Bro. Wrights, who previously completed Units I and II, received a certificate and medal marking his completion of the final unit on Scottish Rite Philosophy.

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is an exciting educational program designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, under the guidance and leadership of the A&A Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite offers the opportunity for members to take part in Master Craftsman Group Study. A group setting is far and away the best way to learn and experience all that these programs have to offer. This is simply because 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 joining the next study group may contact Asst. Personal Representative Robin Summerfield at 301-697-5839 for more information.

#### **Rainbow Flag Ceremony**

Kristen Kile, Grand Drill Leader of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls (IORG), Cumberland Assembly No. 6. Presenting the IORG flag ceremony during the March 20, 2017 meeting of the Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix.

#### **CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE CELEBRATES LADIES IN STYLE**

The Cumberland Scottish Rite held a full weekend of events in honor of the ladies of the Valley on May 6 and 7, 2017. On Saturday evening, Venerable Master Robin Summerfield and Lady Paula hosted a dinner party with dancing to the jazz stylings of the Bill Green Quartet in the ballroom of the Ali Ghan Shrine Club. Past Venerable Master Charles "Buck" Taylor provided the invocation and Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill offered a toast to the ladies. Dinner featured petite filet mignon and crab cakes with roasted red potatoes and asparagus tips followed by a very special dessert prepared by Noble Catering.

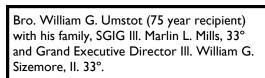
On Sunday, a special brunch for the ladies was hosted at the Ali Ghan Shrine Dining Room. Broadway performer Mark Perman provided a delightful selection of numbers from the American songbook, Broadway, and popular songs that had attendees singing along. Each lady received a gift of sparkling wine and chocolates specially prepared by Lady Paula. The Cumberland Scottish Rite looks forward to continuing this Ladies Weekend program in the coming years.

#### Capping Ceremony a Family Affair for Service Award Honorees



The Cumberland Scottish Rite 169<sup>th</sup> Spring Reunion on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Cumberland Masonic Temple included the conferral of the 4th, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees of the Scottish Rite on nineteen new brethren in the Valley. Bro. David Andrew Cope was elected President of the Class and Bro. William M. Tippen was elected Orator. The Convocation and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Capping Ceremony for the class that followed on May 21, 2017 saw the Lodge and Dining Rooms filled with brethren, their families, and special guests as Supreme Council Grand Executive Director III. RADM William G. Sizemore, II, 33°, presented a 75-Year Service Award to Bro. William G. Umstot, 32°, and a 70-Year Service Award to Bro. Clarence E. Sheetz, 32°.

Bro. Clarence Sheetz (pictured at left) received his 70 Year Service Award and his great nephew David Andrew Cope (at right) was presented his 32° Scottish Rite Prayer Cap during the Spring Convocation.





#### Northern High School Cadet Awarded JROTC Medal



Cadet Major Savannah Lewis of Northern Garrett High School was awarded the 2017 Scottish Rite of Freemasonry JROTC Award by the Cumberland Scottish Rite. Cadet Lewis is the Husky Battalion Executive Officer and a Junior at Northern High School. She plans to continue the tradition in her family of joining the United State Marines after graduation in 2018. The award is a national program of recognition initiated for outstanding Junior ROTC students that has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Pictured at left: Grand Executive Director III. William G. Sizemore, II. 33°, Cadet Lewis, and LTC (ret) Jack Riley.

#### Annual Scottish Rite Strawberry Night Dinner—June 5, 2017



We had the privilege to meet this beautiful family, who are some of the children that attend our Rite Care Speech Clinic at the Health Department on Willowbrook Road in Cumberland. Back row center is Angela Mandell, our speech pathologist and right is Cathy Growden, Executive Director of The Children's League.



Shown above is Secretary Jerome Robinette, 33°, presenting a check for \$3,000, from proceeds of the 2017 annual "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig" variety show to Cathy Growden, Executive Director of the Children's League. Center is Michael Kamauff, 32° KCCH, committee chairman for the annual Strawberry Night and right is Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative for the Valley of Cumberland. The special evening was a covered dish event with the entrée provided by the Scottish Rite and all attendees enjoyed "strawberries and ice cream for the special dessert.



As has been the tradition at our annual Strawberry Night Covered Dish Dinners, the members in attendance wishing to be considered as a member of the two Scottish Rite golf teams in the Children's League Golf Tournament this year, "put their names in the hat" and names are drawn after the dinner. Left to right are those drawn: Brothers Dale Hott, Don Lawrence, Jim Linaburg, John Tipping, Mark Lathrop, Charles (Buck) Taylor, Jerry Robinette and Mark Widmyer. Both teams had 7:45 am tee offs at the Cumberland Country Club on Friday, June 16th and had an enjoyable day.

#### Hagerstown Ladies Night — Friday, November 17, 2017

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



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

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies cordially invite you and your lady to attend the Thirty Third Annual Hagerstown Scottish Rite Ladies' Night at the

Washington Co. Playhouse Dinner Theatre located at 44 N. Potomac Street (Rear), in Hagerstown, MD "A CHRISTMAS CAROL - A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS"

Friday, November 17, 2017

Reservations must be received by October 20, 2017

\$43.00 Per person

Widows of Cumberland Consistory Members invited.

Interested Blue Lodge Masons and other Scottish Rite

Consistory members are also invited. Semi Formal Attire

Hagerstown	Ladies Night—Friday, Novemb	oer 17, 2017	clip & mail
Rese	ervations are due by October 2	0, 2017	
Please make the following reservations	at \$43 .00 per person.		
Name	Guest	Telephoi	ne
Address		Cell	
Total Amount Enclosed \$	Make check payable to Cum	berland Scottish Rite	
Enclose check and mail to: Fred Reel, I	7722 Daisy Drive, Hagerstown, MD 2	1740-9156 Phone 30	01-791-6117