

The Perfect Elu

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



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RiteCare Services Expand to Keyser



The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation and the Children's League recently announced the availability of free RiteCare speech and language services for children birth to age 21 at the Mineral County Health Department, 1080 Harley O. Staggers, Sr. Drive, off 220 South, in Keyser, WV. Since 1997, the Cumberland RiteCare clinic has directly benefited and improved the lives of more than 1500 children in Western Maryland and the surrounding region. As a result of this and other recent expansions, RiteCare is now available at three convenient locations in Allegany and Garrett Counties in Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia. To discuss services for children at any of the three local clinics, please contact Cathy Growden, Executive Director at the Children's League at 301-759-5200.



Join the Cumberland Scottish Rite for
A Family Christmas Celebration

at Antietam Recreation

Saturday, November 10, 2018

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Tickets \$35

Children Welcome! - \$25

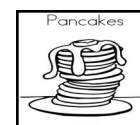
More information and registration form on Page 7

2nd Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to Support Rite Care

The 2nd Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to benefit the Scottish Rite Care Childhood Speech and Language Center is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2018. Call now to secure your spot! This fun event, open to Masons and friends, will begin with breakfast at the Park and Dine in Hancock at 7:30am before heading to Quail Hollow Farm in nearby Berkeley Springs for a day of fun and fellowship, all for a good cause. Registration and complete details are available at <https://birdhunt2018.eventbrite.com> or by calling Chip Zimmer at 301-730-3233.



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www.cumberlandscottishrite.org



AYCE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**NOVEMBER 10—7:30am—
10:30am**

Cumberland Scottish Rite meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm. It's YOUR Scottish Rite and we would like to see you there to fellowship with YOUR Brothers,they would like to see you there.

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

Valley of Cumberland Schedule of Events for Fall 2018

October 1, 2018	Council of Kadosh	7:30 p.m.
October 5, 2018	Friend to Friend/A.G. Shrine	6:00 p.m.
October 14, 2018	Degree Rehearsal – 14, 30, 32	1:00 / 2:00 / 3:00 p.m.
October 15, 2018	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 p.m.
October 19, 2018	Friend to Friend, Williamsport	6:00 p.m.
October 21, 2018	Degree Rehearsal – 30, 32	2:00 / 3:00 p.m.
October 24, 2018	SRC Washington County	7:00 p.m.
October 27, 2018	SR 172nd Reunion & Conferral	7:30 a.m.—Registration
October 29, 2018	KSA Initiation	7:30 p.m.
November 5, 2018	Lodge of Perfection-Nominations	7:30 p.m.
November 10, 2018	Hagerstown Ladies Night Out	6:00 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
November 16, 2018	Grand Lodge Banquet	5:00 p.m.
November 17, 2018	Grand Lodge Communication	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
November 18, 2018	Fall Capping/Feast of Tishri	4:00 p.m.
November 19, 2018	KSA Annual Communication	7:30 p.m.
December 3, 2018	Lodge of Perfection /Election/Foundation Mtg	7:30 p.m.
December 7, 2018	S.R. Egg Nog Christmas Party, FOE #2883	6:30 p.m.
December 17, 2018	Installation Rehearsal (Casual Dress)	7:30 p.m.
January 6, 2019	2019 Installation of Officers	2:00 p.m.



Washington County Masonic Friend to Friend Night

Invite a friend to attend this free and casual evening of fun and fellowship with the Cumberland Scottish Rite! We will be providing information for non-Masons interested in Masonry and to Masons about the Scottish Rite.

Friday, October 19th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Washington County: Third Base Tavern
 35 Conococheague Street, Williamsport, MD

Combined Fall Capping Ceremony and Feast of Tishri



The Cumberland Consistory and Council of Kadosh will host a Combined Fall Capping Ceremony and Feast of Tishri at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Sunday, November 18, 2018 beginning at 4:00 PM.

This combined event offers the opportunity to officially welcome our newest brethren and their families to the Rite and to honor our brethren who have achieved distinction for their service to the Scottish Rite followed by the observance of the most symbolic of Scottish Rite Festivals. The message of Tishri comes to us strongly and clearly from across the ages because it has been preserved in the symbolism and

allegory of the Scottish Rite. Through our observance of this great feast of thanksgiving, we, as heirs of Solomon, perpetuate his magnificent Temple of the freedom in our lives, our communities, our country, and most of all in our beloved Rite. You won't want to miss it! Reservation information is shown on page 7.

Samuel J. Lane, 32° , Venerable Master, Cumberland Lodge of Perfection



Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection. The summer is over and we are back in full swing. It has already been a very busy September as we prepare for the Fall Reunion. The degree teams are busy at work and I am assured it will be a wonderful class. If you have not been to a Reunion in some time come on out October 27, 2018, see and fellowship with brothers you may not have seen in some time.

The upcoming reunion and one day class has me thinking, what is this all about? Why do we need an additional 29 degrees? The simple answer is that as Master Masons we have an obligation to constantly seek further light in masonry. We say that but what does that mean, at its very core what does that mean?

I suggest to you that it means with every degree we learn to use the compasses. As Master Masons we are taught to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds. No wise man dare forget the maxim, "In nothing too much", for there are situations where a word too much, a step too far, means disaster. If we apply the compasses we can shut our weaknesses within the circle of our strengths and control them.

How to use the compasses is one of the finest of all arts, asking for the highest skill of a Master Mason. If he is properly instructed, he will rest one point on the inner most circle of his being, and with the other draw a circle beyond which he will not go, until he is ready and able to go further.

I guess that is the question I have for you my brother; are you ready to go further? Your deity, your family, your vocation, and your time outside of masonry are very important. I do not suggest that any of these things be neglected. What I do suggest is that we are Master Masons; through our obligation we drew a circle symbolically around our lives. When we were ready we went beyond that circle and became Scottish Rite Master Masons and a new circle was drawn. Can we be content to rest now? That is the question of the compasses. Come on out to your Fall Reunion. Reacquaint yourself with our degrees. Learn how to apply the compasses to assist our beloved Rite. Until I see you again my brothers I remain humbly yours.

Faternally yours,
Samuel J. Lane, Venerable Master

III. Jerome F. Robinette, 33° Your Secretary's Message



Your Scottish Rite has just been through a very busy summer recess. We use the term "going dark" (June Strawberry Night until the first meeting in September). It may have been **dark**, but it was **not idle**. We had numerous activities and lots of committee happenings. Ask any of our "choir members", there was not a week that we were not busy. We are very fortunate to have their continued dedication to the Rite and keep us focused until September. My personal thanks goes out to each of them (they know who they are).

Early September, it is the duty of the secretary's office to notify those members who have been negligent in keeping their dues status current and subject to suspension by the guidelines of our statutes. By this time, they should have already received an earlier similar notice by the mailing of the Supreme Council, indicating their dues status. My "follow-up notice" was sent to forty two members owing dues for two, or in some cases, three years. Several responded immediately and I hope to get a large response from the remaining brethren before they are subject to suspension for NPD. As our membership continues to decrease, it becomes harder to continue our support of our philanthropy, our speech and language disorder clinics. Whether you are an active member, or a non participating member, your Scottish Rite dues are so vital in supporting our clinics that are offering FREE treatment to our area children needing treatment.

Be sure to take time to read all of the articles in this issue and become knowledgeable of all that is happening in YOUR Scottish Rite. "You only get from Scottish Rite, what you put into it!" Start attending our meetings and start participating in our activities, we really need your support. Come out and see our newly decorated lodge hall, it is a "thing of beauty". Meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month and we would like to see some new faces at the meetings and activities, you may enjoy the fellowship with your Masonic brothers.

Faternally yours,
Jerome F. Robinette, 33° , General Secretary

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

We've had a pleasant summer with several wonderful developments, which we as Scottish Rite Freemasons can be proud of. Most notably is the grand opening of our Rite Care Speech and Language Center in Keyser, WV., on September 12, 2018. Mineral County has graciously provided us a space located on Harley O. Staggers Drive., at the Keyser Health Dept. The Children's League president, John Balch, of PharmaCare, and Director Cathy Growden of the Children's League, have worked diligently to secure a location for our new satellite clinic. Many thanks to John Athey and the board of directors at the League who assisted with this new opportunity. It is of special interest to note that your dues money will go toward the continuation and upkeep of this new satellite as well as the second location, Paul B. Naylor Lodge #192, in Oakland, MD. Our philanthropy is growing in locations and in necessity as it pertains to the children who use our services. I trust that as the Freemason's efforts to help with a child education and physical needs that these communities will prosper internally and that our membership may also benefit from their support.

Scottish Rite had another significant development at the Grand Lodge Level this summer, our own Ill. Sir Marlin L. Mills has been successfully voted in as the next Deputy Grand Master of Maryland. On behalf of the membership of the Valley of Cumberland, I would like to extend congratulations to the Illustrious Sir and Lady Brenda, may your good fortune and many blessings follow you all the days of your life. The Valley of Cumberland stands ready in your support.

Salvae Frater, Ill. Jamey S. Hill, SGIG Personal Representative

ONE DAY FALL CLASS—SATURDAY October 27, 2018
Our 172nd Convocation: Dedicated to Ill. Thomas A. Bryant, 33°

- 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** **14th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 10:45 am** **18th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 11:30 am** **30th Degree** Presented and Class Picture Taken
- 12:45 pm** Our 172nd 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.)
- 2:00 pm** **32nd Degree** Presented - Approximate dismissal: 4:00 pm.



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 RENOVATED MASONIC TEMPLE, YOUR FELLOW RITE MEMBERS WILL BE THERE !!!!

Clip and Mail this form

172nd REUNION LUNCHEON Saturday, October 27, 2018

You may also reserve online at cumberlandscottishrite.org

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

No Charge for this Meal, But Reservations Are Requested

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

OR Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502-7418 Phone: 301-729-6778



THE SYMBOLISM OF THE CAMP SCENE OF THE 32nd DEGREE

By Hon. James M. Snider, 32° KCCH, Orator, Cumberland Lodge of Perfection

Of the many symbols of Scottish Rite perhaps none is more complex than the symbolic camp of the Thirty-second Degree. It's a symbol which brings together the preceding degrees in an encampment of "Masonic knights". Although early forms of the ritual describe the camp as a rallying point for the Masonic army, for most it is understood to be only symbolic. However, Albert Pike chose to use the camp scene using tents and banners to represent a gathering of the various degrees. In the early years of the 19th Century the Masonic Camp of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite continued as the basic symbol of the 32nd degree but now not so much as a defensive camp illustrating the secret purpose of Freemasonry as an army arrayed against the enemies of Masonry, but as a grand icon of all of the degrees of the rite together with the three degrees of the symbolic lodge.

The camp formed a review of what should have been learned in each of the preceding degrees. This summary was the backdrop for the unveiling of the Royal Secret of the Rite.

Following the Civil War and through the period of the Golden Age of Fraternalism, membership in Freemasonry and Scottish Rite soared. It was an era where men, many of whom were in the war, enjoyed marching in uniform as part of the degree work. With a strong belief that Masonry had developed from the ancient Knights Templar, the 32nd degree was essentially developed as the military degree. The members of the Consistory marched in uniforms with swords in highly detailed drills around the representation of the Camp before its secrets were revealed to the aspiring candidates.

The idea of an association of knights encamped against opposing forces was clearly behind the creation of the earliest known image of the camp icon copied by Henry Francken and shared with Etienne Morin sometime between 1762 and 1767. Morin developed a 25th degree system represented in the camp icon, with the final degree being styled the "Ne Plus Ultra" called Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret or Knight of St. Andrew and Faithful Guardians of the Sacred Treasure", which indicated it was the final revelation of the mysteries of the Scottish Rite. It was for this reason that the Masonic Camp has been central to this degree. The numbers Morin used, as found in the French Rite of Perfection, were 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, added together are 25, or the total degrees of the Morin system.

The initial content of the degree was from the previous degrees Francken had developed. The theme revolved around what we know today as the 30th Degree, wherein the seizure of the Knights Templar leadership by King Philip IV of France in 1307 and the dissolution of the Templar by Pope Clement V who transferred the assets to rival orders of the Templar. It is from these events that the Rite became the Knights of the Black Eagle, with their icon the black eagle enjoining with the white eagle of the Templar, to form the Knights of the Black and White Eagle with "a sword of vengeance in its claws, which all Kadosh are hereafter sworn to".

Albert Pike believed that the Camp summarized the structure as well as the moral duties and the philosophical tenets of the Rite through the use of symbolical geometrical forms represented by the Pythagorean sacred numbers.

The Camp consists of an outer polygon of nine sides (nonagon). Within the nonagon is a heptagon (seven sides); within that is a pentagon (five sides); and within the pentagon is an equilateral triangle (three sides). Within the triangle is a circle and within that a Saint Andrews Cross. The 32nd degree emphasizes the theory of the universe, as defined by our early Greek philosophers, whereby the concept of numbers and geometric forms and their mathematical relationships provided an intellectual way to understand the mysteries of the cosmos. The Degree emphasizes the specific numerological significance of the Numbers 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9. These numbers summarize the overall objective of this Degree which focuses on developing human perfection (number 5), on earth (number 4) so that mind, body and soul of Man (number 3) may win the struggle between opposite forces (good and evil) (number 7) and find perfection through the realization of the nature of God within himself (number 9).

As Albert Pike reiterated, that "symbolism is the soul of the Scottish Rite". This is the reason symbolism is the best teaching tool....it is the reason it works for all manners of men. But to make meaningful progress in life one must take a journey.....in Masonry our journey is through ritual and symbolism. By applying both to our actions and thoughts we become better men. To quote from one source: "This is the essence of Masonic Knighthood - the acquisition of ever greater wisdom, which is equilibrium in thoughts and virtue, which is equilibrium in affections, just as the beauty is equilibrium in forms and colors. However, we must always keep in mind that our progress along the path of equilibrium demands moral strength, humility and caution."

Sources: Ginette, Eric; *The Long Journey of the Masonic Camp*, The Northern Light (August 2015).

Lazar, Ion; *The Symbolic Camp of the 32Degree: Mysteries of Sacred Geometry & Masonic Astronomy* Heredom, Volume 18, 2010.

Fraternally yours, James M. Snider, Orator

Jason S. Landis, 32°, Venerable Master, Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew

Now that we have returned from that summer break, many of us have been wondering what happened to it. For many of the KSA, we stayed pretty busy for not having much going on. Things started off by realizing we had been missing opportunities to expand knowledge of Masonry throughout the community. This year we kicked off summer by operating a booth at the Allegany County Fair, which was also manned by some of our blue lodge brothers through the week in an effort to build more of an Esprit-de-corps between all Masonic bodies. Additionally the Scottish Rite had a CHIP program (Maryland Childhood Identification Program) event one night at the fair as well. All of which gave the public a greater awareness of Freemasonry in the area.

August brought us together at Brother Jamey Hill's home for the annual corn roast and fellowship and somewhere along the line we acquired a trailer for a parade float to use at upcoming events (the trailer still needs some work to have completed before the Halloween parade).

We received a few new petitions as well and would like to welcome Brothers—Harry Ringler, Jason Snyder, and Robert Elliott to the Knights of Saint Andrew! We are glad to have you among us! **New member initiation is scheduled October 29th 7pm at the Greene street temple.**

So as we return to the Lodge, I am drawn to the story of the Lion & Gazelle. It's said that the Lion wakes each day knowing he will have to out run the slowest Gazelle; the Gazelle wakes each day knowing that he must out run the fastest lion, but either way when the sun comes up in Africa you had better be running!

Well my brothers, there certainly wasn't much rest for us this summer. Let's see what comes next!

Sir Jason (Jay) Landis, 32°

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) c/o Michael W. McKay, 407 Washington St., Cumberland, MD 21502
Cell: 301-697-2622

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 _____

**III. Charles J. Hout, 33°—DeMolay Happenings**

The Cumberland Chapter is currently planning a number of activities during the FALL to provide interested young men information about membership. IF you know a young man between the age of 12 and 21, or if you have questions about DeMolay, contact David Gornall at david@gornall.biz.

III. Charles J. Hout, 33° — Treasurer & Advisor

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**Combined Feast of Tishri and Capping Ceremony
Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Masonic Temple**

Please make the following reservations at **\$15.00 per person**. Reservation Deadline: November 14, 2018

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Number of people _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____ **Make check payable to:** Cumberland Scottish Rite

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

OR Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd., LaVale, MD 21502-7418 Phone: 301-729-6778

Reservations may also be made online at: CumberlandScottishRite.org

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**Hagerstown Ladies Night/Family Christmas Celebration
Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Antietam Recreation Dinner Theater**

Please make the following reservations of \$35.00 per person & \$25.00 per child ages 3 - 11.

Only 30 Tickets Available!

Reservation Deadline: November 6, 2018

Name: _____ Guest: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Number of people: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____ **Make check payable to:** Cumberland Scottish Rite

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Or Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502-7418 Phone: 301-729-6778

Reservations may also be made online at: CumberlandScottishRite.org

Egg Nog Christmas Party

Friday, December 7, 2018 at 6:30pm at Eagles in Cresaptown, MD

There is NO charge for the PARTY but reservations are required for food.

Please make your reservations _____ Number attending _____ Deadline: is December 4, 2018

Name _____ Guest _____ Telephone _____

Please call Tom Paxton at 301-876-0806 or Jerry Robinette at 301-729-6778

SCOTTISH RITE LICENSE PLATES

Available through the Cumberland Scottish Rite Office
for Scottish Rite Masons and their spouses
Contact Secretary Jerome F. Robinette at 301-729-6778 or
mitzjer@atlanticbb.net and the forms will be mailed to you.

Cost is \$30 Payable to "Scottish Rite"





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To the Officers and Members of:

**CUMBERLAND LODGE OF PERFECTION (4° Thru 14°)
CUMBERLAND CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX (15° Thru 18°)**

**CUMBERLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH (19° Thru 30°)
CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY (31° AND 32°)**

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 (or RETIRED From) _____ **Shirt size (circle one) S M L XL XXL**

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.

INITIATION FEE: \$250.00 INCLUDES: 32° Patent, 32° Prayer Cap and Case & Copy of Bridge to Light Book

\$25.00 DISCOUNT on the purchase price of a traditional 14th degree Scottish Rite Ring. (redeemable at Aaron's Jewelers, in LaVale, MD)

Free Scottish Rite Polo shirt (value \$30) and Scottish Rite car emblem

Two Complimentary Dinners at the Capping Ceremony (value \$30)

One free admission to the 2019 Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies Night (value \$25)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Petition received _____

CAP SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)

Amount received \$ _____

RING SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)

Check No. _____ Cash \$ _____

LADIES NAME _____

Ballot Date of Petition _____

Member Notification Date _____