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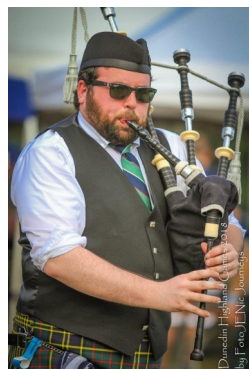
Shanty Irish and Award-Winning Piper Andrew Donlon to Perform at 12th Annual Burns Supper

Local favorite Shanty Irish will perform at the Cumberland Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew 12th Annual Burns Supper celebrating the life and poetry of Robert "Rabbie" Burns on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the Cumberland Masonic Temple, 15 Greene Street, Cumberland. Shanty Irish is a traditional Irish Folk band based in Western Maryland. They will perform a mix of Irish and Celtic favorites ranging from The Clancy Brothers to the Pogues.



This festive celebration will include a traditional Scottish meal, bagpipers piping in the haggis, readings of Burns' poetry, and a toast to the immortal memory of Scotland's beloved son. Burns, best known for his poem (and song) "Auld Lang Syne", is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide at Burns Nights on or near the anniversary of his birthday on January 25, 1759.

Additional musical performances will be provided by Andrew Donlon, who is a professionally graded bagpiper in the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association, and has won contests in the United States, Canada and Scotland as a soloist and bandsman. An active competitor, Donlon won Overall Champion for the EUSPBA in Grade 1 for both 2012 and 2013, and has been a successful professional competitor since, winning the Piobaireachd at the 2014 Perth Highland Games in Scotland among other prizes in 2014. 2015 saw Andrew win the U.S. Silver Medal for Piobaireachd at Winter Storm in Kansas City, Missouri as well as Champion Piper at the Southern Maryland Games, Ohio Games, and Virginia Games in the United States and at the Ballater Highland Games in Scotland. Andrew is still an active prize winning professional throughout North America and Scotland.



Proceeds from the Burns Supper support the work of the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Disorders Clinic at the Children's League. The Knights extend a warm welcome to our brethren from across the Orient of Maryland to join us for this evening of fun and fellowship for a great cause.

Scottish Supper Menu

Haggis in Phyllo Shells and Scotch Eggs
Mushroom Velvet Soup
Lollipop Lamb Chops with Cherry Tangerine Cranberry Sauce or
Salmon Fillet with Honey Ginger Glaze or
Herb-Grilled Chicken Breast
Roasted "Stovie"
Tipsy Laird Dessert
Iced Tea and Coffee

Tickets are \$30 each and all reservations and payments must be received by January 26, 2019.

Purchase your tickets using the form on Page 12 or online at www.cumberlandscottishrite.org

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

VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND 2019 CALENDAR

January 2019			April 2019		
Sunday January 6, 2019	Open Installation of Officers	2:00 p.m.	Monday April 1, 2019	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 p.m.
Monday January 7, 2019	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 p.m.	Sunday April 7, 2019	Degree Rehearsal 14 & 30	1:00/2:00 p.m.
Saturday January 12, 2019	Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple	7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Thursday April 11, 2019	Thing-A-Ma-Jig Dress Rehearsal, Allegany College	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Monday January 21, 2019	Master Craftsman Study Group Knights of St. Andrew - Communication	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Friday April 12, 2019	Thing-A-Ma-Jig, Allegany College	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday January 23, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 p.m.	Saturday April 13, 2019	Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple	7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday January 29, 2019	Scottish Rite Awards for Buck-A-Cup, Arby's, LaVale, MD	3:00 p.m.	Monday April 15, 2019	Chapter of Rose Croix - Confer 18 Degree - Refreshment (Oakland)	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday January 29, 2019	Robert Burns Rehearsal, Cumberland Masonic Temple	7:30 p.m.	Sunday April 21, 2019	Easter	
February 2019			Wednesday April 24, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 p.m.
Saturday February 2, 2019	KSA Robert Burns Supper, Cumberland Masonic Temple Scots Supper at 6:15 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Friday April 26, 2019	Reunion Setup	Tba
Monday February 4, 2019	Chapter of Rose Croix & SR Foundation Directors	7:30 p.m.	Saturday April 27, 2019	SR 173 rd Reunion Council of Kadosh - Confer 30 Degree Consistory - Confer 32 Degree Knights of St. Andrew - Initiation	Check-In 10:30 a.m. Open 11:00 a.m.
Saturday February 9, 2019	Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple	7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Monday April 29, 2019		7:30 p.m.
Sunday February 10, 2019	Degree Rehearsal 14 & 30	1:00/2:00 p.m.	May 2019		
Monday February 18, 2019	Master Craftsman Study Group Lodge of Perfection - Followed by Games/Refreshment in basement	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Saturday May 4, 2019	Scottish Rite or Masonic Ladies Night, Ali Ghan Shrine Center	6:30 p.m.
Saturday February 23, 2019	Friend to Friend, Oakland TBA	6:00 p.m.	Sunday May 5, 2019	Scottish Rite Ladies Luncheon	TBA
Sunday February 24, 2019	Degree Rehearsal 14 & 30	1:00/2:00 p.m.	Monday May 6, 2019	Council of Kadosh & SR Foundation	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday February 27, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County - Friend to Friend	7:00 p.m.	Saturday May 11, 2019	Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple	7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
March 2019			Saturday May 18, 2019	Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication	10:00 a.m.
Saturday March 2, 2019	Friend to Friend, Ali Ghan Shrine Club	6:00 p.m.	Sunday May 19, 2019	Spring Capping Ceremony	4:00 p.m.
Sunday March 3, 2019	Designer Bag Bingo, Masonic Temple	1:00 p.m.	Monday May 20, 2019	Master Craftsman Study Group Consistory - Followed by Games/Refreshment	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Monday March 4, 2019	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday May 22, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 p.m.
Saturday March 9, 2019	Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple Lodge of Perfection - Orientation and Confer 4 & 14 degree	7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Check-In 10:30 a.m. Open 11:00 a.m.	MAY OR JUNE - OAKLAND GOLF TOURNAMENT TBA - Jason Finch, Co-Chair		
Monday March 18, 2018	Master Craftsman Study Group Lodge of Perfection - Followed by Games/Refreshment in basement	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	June 2019		
Sunday March 24, 2019	Chapter of Rose Croix - Ceremony of Lights	2:00 p.m.	Saturday June 1, 2019	Celtic Festival Friendsville, Community Park Grand Lodge Family Day Picnic	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 27, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 p.m.	Monday June 3, 2019	Masonic Strawberry Night - Masonic Temple	6:30 p.m.
Sunday March 31, 2019	Degree Rehearsal 14 & 30	1:00/2:00 p.m.	Saturday June 8, 2019	Heritage Days Open House & Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple	7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Monday June 17, 2019	KSA Burns Supper Committee	7:30 p.m.		Sunday October 13, 2019	Degree Rehearsal – 14 & 30	1:00/2:00 p.m.
Monday June 24, 2019	Black Cap/ Red Cap Soiree, Churchill Pub or TBA	6:00 p.m.		Monday October 21, 2019	Master Craftsman Study Group Chapter of Rose Croix	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday June 26, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 p.m.		Wednesday October 23, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 p.m.
				Saturday October 26, 2019	SR 174 th Conferral & Reunion – Confer 4, 14, 18, 30, & 32 Degrees (One Day Class)	Registration 7:30 a.m.
JULY thru AUGUST – SUMMER RECESS				November 2019		
Sunday August 4, 2019	KSA Com Roast	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.		Monday November 4, 2019	Consistory – Nominations for 2019 Officers	7:30 p.m.
Sunday August 18, 2019	Degree Rehearsal 7 & 9/10	1:00/2:00 p.m.		Saturday November 9, 2019	Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple Hagerstown Ladies Night Out, Hagerstown TBA	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
August 18-21, 2019	Supreme Council 33 rd Honors Days, Washington, DC			Friday November 15, 2019	Grand Lodge Banquet	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday August 27, 2019	S.R. Retirement Club Picnic -- TBA	6:30 p.m.		Saturday November 16, 2019	Grand Lodge Annual Communication	All Day
				Sunday November 17, 2019	Fall Capping & Feast of Tishri	4:00 p.m.
September 2019				Monday November 18, 2019	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 p.m.
Saturday September 14, 2019	Kid Walk/Kid Talk—Children's League	10:00 a.m.		Sunday November 24, 2019	Knights of St. Andrew Annual Communication & Initiation	2:00 p.m.
Saturday September 14, 2019	Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.		Wednesday November 27, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	7:00 p.m.
Sunday September 15, 2019	Degree Rehearsal – 7 & 9/10	1:00/2:00 p.m.		December 2019		
Monday September 16, 2019	Master Craftsman Study Group Lodge of Perfection – Confer 7 & 9/10 Degrees	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.		Monday December 2, 2019	Lodge of Perfection – Election of Officers SR Foundation Annual Meeting	7:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
Sunday September 22, 2019	Degree Rehearsal – 14 & 30	1:00/2:00 p.m.		Friday December 6, 2019	Scottish Rite Egg Nog Christmas Party, FOE #2883	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday September 25, 2019	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County – Friend to Friend, Williamsport	7:00 p.m.		Monday December 16, 2019	Installation Rehearsal (Casual Dress)	7:30 p.m.
Saturday September 28, 2019	Friend to Friend/Oakland, MD	6:00 p.m.		January 2020		
Monday September 30, 2019	Knights of St. Andrew – Business Meeting, Rehearsal and Initiation	7:30 p.m.		Sunday January 5, 2020	2020 Installation of Officers	2:00 p.m.
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October 2019						
Friday October 4, 2019	Friend to Friend/Ali Ghan Directors Staff Building	6:00 p.m.				
Saturday October 5, 2019	Fall Masquerade Ball	TBA.				
Monday October 7, 2019	Council of Kadosh – Followed by Games/Refreshment in Basement	7:30 p.m.				
Saturday October 12, 2019	Pancake Breakfast, Cumberland Masonic Temple	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.				
Saturday October 12, 2019	Orient of Maryland Honors Day, Baltimore	11:00 a.m.				

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



This is the season means different things to many of us, as Freemasons we celebrate the Holiday Season as many different faiths, the beginnings of the story for some, the atonement of days for others, nature's ending of seasons by all. Winter has arrived and with it a seasonal change which Freemasonry fully expects to be satisfying to the senses. The Worshipful Master and his counterpart the Venerable Master are ready for the season to change. The work in the field is concluded and it is time to reap the harvest of their labors. Our Venerable Master Samuel J. Lane, 32° has been an outstanding leader and a sheer pleasure to the fraternity. On behalf of the Executive Committee and the membership we pray the road Sam travels comes up to meet him and may the wind be at his back. Sam Lane's year as Venerable Master has ended, but I doubt we have heard the last from this "true gentleman of the craft."

The Executive Committee had an especially difficult task to perform this season. I refer to the selection of the Fall Ritual Champion. There are many ritualists who could have been chosen this fall, several of the Degrees have made



III. Kenneth A. Robertson, 33° (at left) is recognized as Fall 2018 Ritualistic Champion by Spring 2018 Honoree James M. Snider, 32° KCCH

noticeable gains in the number of ritualists that put their soul into the ritual as most of the Degree Captains strive for. The ritual itself is better for those men's efforts. The Fall Ritual Champion is a man you well know, his efforts are as numerous as his titles, but his work in the conferral of the thirty-second degree this fall made him shine anew. It did not hurt for some of us to witness him deliver the Third Degree lecture at Queen City Lodge No. 131 during their 2018 Past Masters night. The Ill. Kenneth A. Robertson, 33° made an impact on Freemasonry this fall and for that we award him the recognition as the Fall Ritual Champion. Ken was humble upon receiving the recognition at the Capping ceremony yet the President of the Class Marc Valentine quickly pointed out that the work was remarkable and therefore impressive to the new candidates. Congratulations to Ken Robertson and those who aspire to ritualistic excellence, that kind of ritual work that makes Freemasonry remarkable.

It is with that thought in mind that I would turn our attention to the impressive ritual work that many of our members have heard over time. We remember the Worshipful Master who gave the first impressive lecture as if it were yesterday, we comment "now that was awesome." Ninety percent of the time you are not the only one who remembers that Warden or Master that can nail a lecture or charge because it is remarkable. The craft is built on remarkable work, without impressive ritual we are just another fraternity. Think back..... did that impressive ritualistic styled Worshipful Master have a following? Of course he did and why is that? I think the reason is obvious, men naturally want to be better than they envision themselves. Candidates seek what we promise them, to improve ourselves in Masonry. Instead we shove a book in their hands and say memorize this and come back in two weeks. Candidates ask themselves, "is that what Masonry has to offer?" Do so many

candidates fail to grasp the concept that the ritual was impressive or is it that the ritual was not remarkable?

Therein lies our opportunity.....This generation of men are not easily impressed. Our opportunity with them is short-lived, they expedite information like we look out the window of a moving car, they choose what they like and dislike without a second thought and on to the next thing as a routine. Occasionally, we land an individual who has had that captivating moment, and we are momentarily relieved for that success. Our struggle is to provide the impressive style ritual that the Fall Champion, and his counterparts have provided recently. Our goal is to create an experience that beckons men to follow Freemasonry. Anything less than remarkable ritual from opening to closing is, in my opinion, detrimental to our fraternity. Our local Leadership considers consolidation that nobody wants because the craft's ritualists/officers are too few for so many Lodges to operate independently.

The Officers, and members of the Scottish Rite must be prepared to conquer the ritual work as if we are at war, because we are in a jealous battle for Freemasonry's fraternal superiority. A new candidate's foremost request of their expectations of Freemasonry is self-improvement. Our opportunity to deliver on our promise to mentor this new generation begins today with each of us. Let's do our best to make it a remarkable experience.

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

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



Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection. As we enter into the holiday season, the officers of the Lodge of Perfection wish you and yours a glorious holiday season and prosperous New Year. Once again the year is coming to a close. As we reflect on the past year, we can all be proud of the work we have done and look with excited anticipation at the work we have yet to accomplish. We can reflect with fond remembrance in the fellowship we had and say a prayer for our brothers who have passed to the celestial lodge above.

In between the turducken (turducken is a Lane tradition consisting of a deboned chicken stuffed into a deboned duck, further stuffed into a deboned turkey it's unbelievable-but I digress), football, family get-togethers, eggnog, and the opening of presents, I ask you to reflect upon the year gone by and to renew your resolve to serve God, a brother, and all mankind. For to be a Scottish Rite Mason, in the truest sense of the title, is to care.

If one were to look up the word "care" in the dictionary one would find that as a noun the word "care" has six senses, and as a verb five senses. The definitions describe the feelings and actions that underline our obligation as Scottish Rite Free Masons; however the Queen's English definitions do not adequately grasp what care means to a mason. The dictionary definitions separate the meaning of the word into either a noun or a verb.

To a Mason the word "care" is a noun and a verb at the same time. The word does not simply describe our obligation, but is our obligation in the form of action, not simply feeling. The symbolism of the three steps is a wonderful example of masonic "caring"; we industriously occupy our mind to obtain useful knowledge that we may discharge that knowledge to our respective duties to God, a brother, and to all mankind; so that we may look back fondly on a well-spent life and die in the hope of a glorious immortality. In this symbolism we see our obligation of care acts in unison as a noun and a verb. As a noun denoting acts or actions; attention and management implying responsibility for safety and prosperity; as a verb a feeling of concern or interest; be in charge of, act on, or dispose of. There is a certain intangible bond between brothers, their God, and their fellowmen that can only be forged by a Masonic understanding of the word or action "to care."

So where is this taking us? Nowhere really, I am not telling you anything you don't already know; just sometimes in our busy life, especially during this time of year we all need to be reminded that caring is the greatest attribute of a mason. I leave you with a stanza from the poem *Old Masters Wages*:

To all Masonic Brothers,
The only secret is to care,
May you live your life upon the level,
May you part upon the square.

-Author Unknown

May you all have a wonderful, happy, caring holiday.

Fraternally yours,

Sam Lane, 32°
Venerable Master

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



Orders of DeMolay, Cumberland Chapter No. 21009, met on October 10, 2018 at the usual meeting place at 15 Greene Street at 7:30 p.m. The Lodge was set up to perform the Initiatory and DeMolay degrees.

Two young men were in attendance to receive these degrees. They were: Matthew H. McKay, son of Michael and Kimberly McKay (Michael is a Senior DeMolay), and Max S. Summerfield, son of Robin and Paula Summerfield. The fathers of these two young men are members of East Gate Lodge No. 216.

From Baltimore, presenting these degrees were Dad Carl A. Michael, Jr., Executive Officer, along with Dad Richard P. Naegele, Deputy Grand Master and Athletics Director, and Dad Randall L. Watson, Financial Director. By the time this is published, Dad Naegele will have begun his term as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland. Congratulations Dad Naegele!

In recent years, Cumberland was fortunate to have our Chapter's own Master Councilor, Cameron B. Newman, serve as State Master Councilor.

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



What a month....There was not one day in October and November that something was not happening in the Valley of Cumberland. Well, it seemed that way !!!! For those members that say they have nothing to do, you have not been to Scottish Rite meetings and activities. We have more things going on and fewer members making it all happen. Thanks to those who seem to be carrying the load for the Rite.

For a personal update on your secretary (and my secretary Mitzie), we were on our way to attend a Masonic service and walking across Greene Street on November 9th and got hit by a pickup truck. Mitzie was on my right side and the impact was on our right and she got most of the trauma and is still in the hospital. I was not hospitalized but did get my shoulder injured. I would like to personally thank all of our Masonic friends and families for your concerns and prayers at this time and we are hoping to get her home very soon. She is progressing very well with her OT and PT hopes to be home and comfortable for the Christmas holidays.

Our membership numbers have dropped below 800 and the end of the year is just around the corner. A large number of our members have still not paid their 2019 membership dues, due by December 31st. Many still owe for 2018 as well and we also have some members who owe dues for 2017, 2018 and 2019. These members will be subject to suspension as of December 31st if some payment is not received before the deadline. Delinquent notices have been sent several times during the year and each member should be aware of their membership status. If the stated amount due on your last statement is not correct with your record of payment, please contact the office so a correction can be made if necessary.

As you can see by the schedule of events for the new year in the front of this issue, our Valley is as busy as ever, maybe more so than in previous years. We are still meeting each first and third Mondays of the month and hold numerous other activities each and every month. Our attendance at most of our meetings and activities seems to drop off each time we meet. When an activity is listed with a required reservation, be sure to respond accordingly, preferably as soon as possible, so the proper planning can be accomplished. As the cost of meals increases, it is very important that reservations are submitted as requested and not plan to "pay at the door".

Our installation ceremony will be the first important item of business for the new year. Many new brethren have been asked to accept a position in one of the bodies and we hope that you take the position with pride and pledge to attend meetings and support the duties of your new position. As our membership continues to decline and so many of our members have already been officers in our bodies for numerous years, it is so important that our newer members be present at our stated meetings begin to learn what they are expected to do in their new position. So many things can only be learned by being there and not trying to learn by what someone has told you.

Please take time to read all of the articles in the Perfect Elu and begin to know what is happening in your Scottish Rite. If you have any questions about any of the information in the articles, be sure to ask the person responsible for the article, he will be pleased that you have read his article and will be more than glad to answer your questions.

As current year is about over and the new year is just around the corner, I would like to personally thank all of the brethren who have so graciously "stepped up and given their extended support" to make things happen this year. Your special efforts for the Rite have not gone unnoticed and have been appreciated by your fellow members.

I hope all of our members and their families have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season and that this new year we will see a lot of new faces at our meetings and activities.

Fraternally & sincerely
Your secretary, Jerry

Annual Designer Bag Bingo Supports RiteCare in Western Maryland



The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation Ladies Auxiliary will hold its Third Annual Designer Bag Bingo at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm. Last year's event netted \$2,500 to support the Children's League's Cumberland Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Disorders Clinic (RiteCare). The Ladies Auxiliary was established in 2017 as a vehicle for the ladies of the Scottish Rite to add their talents and energy to the fundraising effort.

Pictured at left: Members of the Scottish Rite Ladies Auxiliary Present funds raised at the 2nd Annual Designer Bag Bingo to the Children's League. Pictured L to R: Ruxandra Landis, Mary Ruddell (Children's League), Mitzie Robinette, Ellen Hill, Cathy Growden (Children's League), Marcia Cushall, and Jenna Stitt.



Congratulations to the members of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite Fall 2018 Class

Class members (Front Row L to R): Philip W. Boch, Jr., Kenneth E. Koontz, Kenneth W. Allen, Darrin M. Hott, Marc T. Valentine, and Frank J. Morgan. Honourmen (Back Row L to R): Jerome F. Robinette, Aaron V. Lea, Kenneth R. Wilson, Jamey S. Hill, Charles J. Hout, and Paul G. Shircliff

Ritual Degree Team Spotlight: Thirty-Second Degree



The Thirty-Second Degree Team delivered an outstanding performance during the Fall 2018 Conferral and Reunion. With several new members joining the cast over the past year, Degree Team Captain Kevin Mallow and his team have been working diligently to implement recent ritual updates and perfect their performance. If you haven't seen this degree in some time, we encourage you to attend the Spring Reunion on Saturday, April 27, 2019 to observe this team in action and to reunite with your brethren in the Valley of Cumberland.

Pictured L to R: Samuel J. Lane (Master of Kadosh), Robert H. Shaffer (Angel), Kenneth R. Wilson (Preceptor), Kevin H. Mallow (Captain), Robert W. Dawson (Minister of State), Kenneth D. Shook (Orator), James M. Snider (Chancellor), Kenneth A. Robertson (Prior), and Daniel C. Stitt (Master of Ceremonies).

Third Annual Masonic Bird Hunt Benefits RiteCare

The Valley of Cumberland's Third Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to benefit the Scottish Rite Children's Speech Language Disorders Clinics in Cumberland, Oakland, and Keyser, was held on Saturday, October 13 at the Quail Hollow Farm in Berkeley Springs, WV. Twelve shooters competed, with each having an opportunity to shoot 20 birds (a mix of pheasants and chukars). Team Benelli won the "Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner Award" as the team with the most kills, 19! They consisted of Rick and Dave Gornall, Rob Elliott and Jamey Hill and were each presented with a whole chicken. Team Zembower finished second (Jerry Zembower, Chris Appleman, Kaitlin Rossignuolo, and her husband Tony Rossignuolo) with 15 kills. Team Zimmer had 12 kills and consisted of Chip Zimmer, his niece Sydney Church and her husband Dan Stenger, of Georgia and his son-in-law Jon Gonzalez of Williamsburg, Virginia.



Jerry Zembower received the "Brother Davy Crockett Best Shooter Award" and received a bottle of Bird Dog Whiskey. It was a close call with Rob Elliott bagging a double. Coordinator Chip Zimmer's future son-in-law, Jon Gonzalez, received the "Chicken Liver Bent Barrel Award."

The event raised \$555 to support the Cumberland RiteCare Clinics. A check presentation will be made during the Valley's 12th annual Robert Burns Supper in early February. Plans are underway for the Fourth Annual Bird Hunt coming in Fall 2019.

Shircliff and Snider Receive Service Awards



Hon. James M. Snider, 32° KCCH and Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33° were presented with service awards recognizing their 40 years and 50 years of service to the Scottish Rite, respectively, during the Fall 2018 Capping Ceremony in the Valley of Cumberland. Pictured L to R: Shircliff, SGIG Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°, Snider, and Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°.

Pancakes with Santa



In December, The Cumberland Scottish Rite joined forces with the Cumberland Masonic Bodies to host a successful Pancakes with Santa at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. Approximately one hundred community members and their children attended the event that featured visits with Santa and a delicious breakfast. The Masonic Temple Association will host a monthly pancake breakfast on the second Saturday of every month from 7:30 am until 10:30 am to support the preservation and maintenance of the historic Cumberland Masonic Temple. To sign up to volunteer for future pancake breakfasts, contact Mark Lathrop at 301-876-0103.

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



As our year winds to a close it is with jubilation to share with you a WOOO HOOO last Elu article. Well at least as your KSA VM. To the incoming Officers, I offer my sincerest best wishes for an eventful year to come. I would also like to congratulate Brothers Robert Elliot, Harry Ringler, Brian Eisentrout and Jason Snyder on their recent initiation upon joining the Knights of Saint Andrew. Welcome gentleman, on behalf of all other members we hope to see you at many events in this coming year!

The Robert Burns supper is scheduled for February 2nd and this year will be held at the Masonic Temple on Greene St. although this is a change from the recent past it looks to be a great evening for all.

Our parade float (as of this publication) should be completed and ready for use. Thank you to all those who have put in the time to make this project a reality and enabling us to provide an ever more present appearance at public functions. As we look to grow it is imperative to have that presence in the community and be seen. It cannot be said enough as members of the KSA we are the ambassadors of the Scottish Rite and the face most likely to be seen. Take pride in that, my brothers, and when possible be a part of it!

Additionally, over the past year the MDCHIP program has been headed up by our Brother Mike Kamauff and was successful in providing services to just over 300 parents and their children this year. Hopefully, with good weather we will be able to make the fishing rodeo in Oldtown next year and see that number explode.

In closing, it has been my privilege to serve as your Venerable Master this past year. We have been somewhat busy especially when we were "dark" the brethren who continued the work during this time are without a doubt some of the most dedicated men I have had the pleasure to know. Thank you to each and every one of you!



Venerable Master Jason Landis and the officers of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew with newly initiated members Robert Elliot, Harry Ringler, Brian Eisentrout, and Jason Snyder.

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)

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Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

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

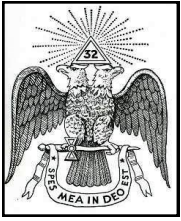
I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For official use only:

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

Date Knighted: _____ Date of Ballot _____



Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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

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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.

Signed _____ **DATE** _____

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 Combined Masonic Ladies Night (**value \$30**)

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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 _____

Departed Brethren—Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies —Year 2018

Name	Misc.	City and State	Date of Death
Thomas G. Adams, Jr.	42+yr	Mt. Savage, MD	July 7, 2018
Dr. Ronald Max Barmoy	50+yr	Frostburg, MD	May 17, 2018
Charles L. Chaukley	47+yr	Cumberland, MD	April 11, 2018
Neil P. Elkins	10+yr	Fairfield, PA	October 5, 2017
Stanley E. Fulton	49+yr	Las Vegas, NV	January 4, 2018
Edward J. Jacobs	64+yr	Savannah, GA	August 24, 2018
Dallas R. Jamison	45+yr	Sharpsburg, MD	January 2, 2018
Paul Junior Lanham	28+yr	Cumberland, MD	July 2, 2018
George H. Leith, Jr.	40+yr	Cumberland, MD	April 14, 2018
William A. B. Liller, Jr.	7+yr	Cumberland, MD	June 28, 2018
Robert G. Lochbaum	34+yr	Hagerstown, MD	September 1, 2018
William H. "Mac" McLean, Sr.	18+yr	Hagerstown, MD	April 30, 2018
John P. Reuschlein	17+yr	Cumberland, MD	November 5, 2018
John P. Spoerl	21+yr	Brooksville, FL	August 30, 2018
Carl E. Winters	52+yr	Cumberland, MD	September 6, 2018

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 from shadows to 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 by the Rosy Cross, there is joy and peace forever: So Mote It Be.

A Freemason's Christmas Wish

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



It is the time of year when the Brethren rejoice, and sing carols of praise in resounding voice. Days of merriment and long nights of cheer, as we all await the "Happy New Year!". It is a time of family and life long friends, a time of happiness and to make amends. Roast turkey and baubles and the Nutcracker Suite, we each have our own way to make Christmas complete.

As we stroll through this happy month of December find time to pause and take time to remember that distinguishing sign of a Freemason's heart - those acts of Charity. How great they are. As your family gathers 'round your Christmas tree, and the children play with giggles of glee, spare a thought for the poor, the man with no shoes, whose daily meal is less than your dues.

Remember also the Grand Lodge above, and the Supreme Great Architect's act of love. And practice those virtues we hold so true. Have some fun! But let Temperance chasten you. And during this season of peace and joy look well to our future - the girl and boy. Then wonder what lessons you may teach and with your guidance what heights they may reach.

So, to all my Brethren from far and wide, whether your Christmas be snow, or hot and dry, may the Architect grant his celestial boon and keep your health 'til we meet again soon. Take care of yourself and those you find dear. Keep this festive spirit throughout the next year. Look forward your next date with our happy band.

'Til our next merry meeting.....MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE

Reservation Form

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IN ORDER FOR US TO PREPARE CORRECTLY!

Please fill in all information!

Name: _____ Lady _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please enter number of attendees for each activity you are registering for.

(For Entrees, enter number of each needed)

☐ Installation of Officers (1/6/2019) (\$15.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 2:00PM

☐ Robert Burns Dinner (2/2/2019) (\$30.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 5:00PM

☐ Ceremony of Lights (3/31/2019) (\$15.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 2:00PM

☐ SR 173rd Reunion (4/27/2019)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 9:30AM

☐ Ladies Night (5/4/2019) (\$25.00) - 6:30PM

Ali Ghan Shrine Center

☐ Chicken ☐ Beef

☐ Spring Capping Ceremony (5/19/2019) (\$15.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 2:00PM

☐ Strawberry Festival (6/3/2019) (No Charge)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 6:30PM

☐ Black Hat/Red Hat Soiree (6/24/2019) (\$25.00)

Churchill Pub - 6:00PM

☐ Fall Masquerade Ball (10/5/2019)

TBA

☐ Masonic Bird Hunt (10/12/2019) (\$150.00)

Quail Hollow, Berkley Springs

☐ SR 174th Reunion (10/26/2019)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 7:30 AM

☐ Hagerstown Family Night Out - TBA

Adults \$35.00-(Children \$25.00-3-11 Years)

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☐ Fall Capping/Feast of Tishri

(11/17/2019) (\$15.00)

Masonic Temple Cumberland - 4:00PM

☐ Egg Nog Party (12/6/2019) (\$5.00)

Cresaptown Eagles - 6:30PM

Please add amount of all activities attending and enter **Total** here.

\$ _____

To register online go to: www.cumberlandscottishrite.org

Make checks payable to: **Cumberland Scottish Rite.**

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Phone: **(301) 876-0806**

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(Copies of this form may be made)