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14th Annual Burns Supper

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Scottish Supper Menu by Good Carma Catering

Choice of Entrée: Ribeye Steak OR Cornish Hen with Oyster Stuffing

Haggis in Phyllo Shells and Scotch Eggs

Seafood Bisque w/ Croissant

Roasted Turnips/Parsnips

Orange Mousse in Whiskey Sauce

Iced Tea and Coffee

ATTIRE: Formal or Traditional Kilt



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2020 Dues Card
in Your Wallet?
If You Cannot Find One,
Contact our Secretary**

**PLEASE NOTE:
All No Shows with
Event Reservations
Will Be Expected To Pay
The Amount
When Billed Later To
Cover The Meal Cost.**

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

Robert Burns Reservation: Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Masonic Temple

Name's _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

Please reserve (# of) _____ Ribeye Steak and (# of) Cornish Hen _____ at \$35.00 per Meal.

Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____ Return Form & Check to:

"Cumberland Scottish Rite", 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502-7418 (INFO: 301-729-6778)

**Reminder: Pancakes, Eggs
and Sausage at Masonic
Temple, 2nd Saturday of
each Month—7:30 am til
10:30 am. Cost is \$7.00
Adults: Children \$5.00
Early Bird Tickets are
Available from Temple
Board Members.**

Our 2019 "A-Buck-A-Cup Another Successful Year!!

This year was a record setting year for this annual Fundraiser, thanks to the SUPER JOB done by the special efforts of the staff of Arby's in LaVale. Crew Manager Mary Bennett set her goal high this year and she was really surprised when they totaled sales of \$6,500 for November and December. Arby's and the other participating establishments began selling tickets in late October and by the December 14 redemption date, they had collected over \$7,000, which will be given to the Rite Care free speech clinic, managed by The Children's League, at Scottish Rite Installation of Officers at the Masonic Temple on January 12, 2020.

The Awards Ceremony for all of the participants will be held at Arby's on Tuesday, January 28th at 3:00 pm. Awards for National Chain establishments are: First Place - Arby's and Second Place - Denny's. National Chain Servers recognized for selling the most tickets are: First Place - Kristi Miller, Second Place - Starr Nicol, and Third Place - Taylor Blowe, all of Arby's. Awards for Local Independent Restaurants are: First Place - The K-Bar, Virginia Avenue, and server Sue Stotler. Other businesses who contributed to this year's fundraiser were City Lights of Cumberland, Hobo's of Ellerslie, Lindy's of Cumberland, and Kemp Lodge No. 154 AF&AM in Mt. Savage.



Arby's Owners Tracy and Jim Maltba, Crew Manager Mary Bennett, and Scottish Rite members Michael Kamauff and Jerry Robinette.

18th Annual "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig" Variety Show Set for March 20th

Another annual Scottish Rite fundraiser is our "A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig" variety show, now in their 18th year. With the continuing support of our members and friends buying \$10.00 tickets or sending donations each year, we are able to give a generous monetary support to our Rite Care fundraising goals. This year the production will be held on March 20th, at the Robert Zimmer Theatre at the Allegany College of Maryland on Willowbrook Road. The lineup for this year's production has been established and will begin at **7:15 pm** and if you never have been in attendance over the years, you are missing an evening of entertainment. All proceeds from these fundraisers go to our Free Speech and Language Disorders Clinics, located in Cumberland, Oakland Maryland and Keyser West Virginia. Our Clinics are managed and operated by The Children's League on Willowbrook Road in Cumberland. For more information about the services being offered at The Children's League, contact The Children's League office at 301-759-5200.

Combined Masonic Ladies Night May 2, 2020 at Ali Ghan Shrine Center



ALL area Masons are invited to attend this year's Annual Combined Masonic Ladies Night on Saturday, May 2, 2020. Upon arriving at 5:00 pm, the Ladies will be escorted to their **reserved seating** and enjoy the 5:00 to 6:00 pm "**Happy Hour**", while being entertained by keyboard and saxophone. At 6:00 pm members, ladies and guests will be served the delicious meal, beginning with Garden Salad, choice of entrée (Filet Mignon or Stuffed Chicken Breast), Baked Potato with sour cream and chives, Baby Lima Beans and Corn, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea or Coffee and finishing the meal with the Dessert (Kentucky Derby Surprise). WOW, sounds too great to miss, mark your calendar. After dinner, the entertainment will be a great band to dance to, "**Mutual Fun**", from Ellicott City, Maryland, offering their beautiful sounds from **7:00 pm** until **11:00 pm**. A gift for all ladies will be distributed by our Worshipful Masters. Use the reservation form below and begin making your plans for this delightful evening.

Masonic Ladies Night: May 2nd, at Ali Ghan Shrine Center, Begins at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00pm
Cost for Meals is \$25.00 per person - No Charge for widows of Scottish Rite Members

Names: _____ Blue Lodge _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Enclosed: \$ _____ for # _____ Filet Mignon Dinners and # _____ Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinners

Checks: Payable to : Cumberland Scottish Rite. Reservations will not be accepted without proper payment:

Send your reservation to: Thomas Paxton, 15 Greene Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

Reservation Deadline is: Saturday, April 25th, 2020

Cumberland Scottish Rite - Our New Honormen - Received Honors at Honor's Day at Baltimore Scottish Rite

Ill. James M. Snider, 33°



Hon. James Z. Bosley, 32° KCCH



Hon. Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH

The Valley of Cumberland was awarded honors by the Supreme Council this past Fall and Honors Day was held at the Baltimore Scottish Rite for attendees and their Ladies to celebrate their presentations. Receiving Inspector General Honorary was Ill. James M. Snider, 33°; receiving Knight Commander Court of Honour were Hon. James Z. Bosley, 32° KCCH, and Hon. Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH. Brother Bosley was in the hospital at that time and unable to attend, but S.G.I.G. Ill. Marlin Mills, 33° came to Cumberland to make the presentation in person to Brother Bosley. The next time you get to see these newly honored brethren, be sure to extend your congratulations to them for the most deserved honors bestowed on them.

Schedule for Spring Convocation #175 - March 28th - April 20th - April 25th

First Session: Saturday, March 28th: At the **Cumberland Masonic Temple**, 15 Greene Street

9:00 a.m. Check-in and Registration of Candidates (Light Refreshments)

10:00 a.m. Open **Lodge of Perfection** and Conferral of **4th and 14th** degrees

12:30 p.m. Dismissal

Second Session: Monday, April 20th: At the **Oakland #192 Lodge** in Oakland, Maryland

6:30 p.m. Members and Ladies invited for Dinner in the Dining Hall.

7:30 p.m. Open **Chapter of Rose Croix** and Conferral of **18th Degree**

Third Session: Saturday, April 25th: At the **Cumberland Masonic Temple**, 15 Greene Street

9:00 a.m. Check-in (Light Refreshments)

9:45 a.m. Open **Council of Kadosh** and Conferral of **30th Degree**

11:00 a.m. Open **Consistory** and Conferral of **32nd Degree**

12:30 p.m. Scottish Rite **175th Reunion & Capping Luncheon** (Members and Ladies are Invited) - reservations required

1:30 p.m. **Spring Capping and Awards Ceremony**

175th REUNION AND CAPPING LUNCHEON Saturday, April 25th, 2020 at 12:30 PM

Name: _____ Guest _____ Telephone _____

No Charge for this Meal, But Reservations Are Required

Note the following information regarding the CAPPING CEREMONY after the Reunion Luncheon

The Spring Capping will be held immediately after the Reunion Luncheon, at which time our New Members will be presented their Black Caps by their presenters. If it is possible for their Ladies to be present to present their caps, they may also make reservations to attend the Reunion Luncheon and join the member attendees and class and we can all share the meal together. All reservations are needed so the proper arrangements can be made with the caterer. This is the first time for this luncheon format with invited guests and hopefully the proper luncheon reservations will be made to make a successful event.

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

Valley of Cumberland Schedule of Events for 2020

Mon Jan 6	Installation of Officers Practice	7:30 pm
Sat Jan 11	Pancake Breakfast—Masonic Temple	7:30 to 10:30 am
	Grand Lodge Installation for Queen City Lodge	10:00 am
Sun Jan 12	Open Installation of 2020 Officers	2:00 pm
Mon Jan 20	Lodge of Perfection Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed Jan 22	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	7:00 pm
Tue Jan 28	S.R. Awards for Buck-A-Cup at Arby's in LaVale	3:00 pm
	Robert Burns Supper Rehearsal in Temple Lodge Hall	7:30 pm

February 2020

Sat Feb 1	Robert Burns Supper—Masonic Temple	4:30 pm
	Scotts Supper	6:15 pm
Mon Feb 3	Consistory and SR Foundation Director's Meeting	7:30 pm
Sat Feb 8	Pancake Breakfast - Masonic Temple	7:30 to 10:30 am
Sun Feb 9	Degree Rehearsals - 14°, 30° and 32°	1:00, 2:00 & 3:00pm
Mon Feb 17	Lodge of Perfection Meeting	7:30 pm
Sun Feb 23	Degree Rehearsals - 14°, 30° and 32°	1:00, 2:00 & 3:00pm
Wed Feb 26	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	7:00 pm

March 2020

Mon Mar 2	Chapter of Rose Croix Meeting	7:30 pm
Sat Mar 7	Grand Lodge Regional Meeting—Ali Ghan Shrine Club	8:30 am
Sat Mar 14	Pancake Breakfast - Masonic Temple	7:30 to 10:30 am
Mon Mar 16	Lodge of Perfection Meeting	7:30 pm
Thur Mar 19	Thing-A-Ma-Jig Rehearsal	6:00-8:00 pm
Fri Mar 20	Thing-A-Ma-Jig Performance at Allegany College of MD	7:15 pm
Sun Mar 22	Chapter of Rose Croix - Ceremony of Lights	2:00 pm
Wed Mar 25	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	7:00 pm
Sat Mar 28	SPRING CLASS - Candidates Report for Check-in	9:00 am
	Open Lodge & Conferral of 4th and 14th Degrees	10:00 am
Sun Mar 29	Designer Purse Bingo—Masonic Temple Dining Hall	1:00 pm
	Degree Rehearsals for 30th and 32nd Degrees	2:00—3:00 pm

April 2020

Mon Apr 6	Lodge of Perfection Meeting	7:30 pm
Sat Apr 12	EASTER SUNDAY	
Mon Apr 20	Spring Class - 2nd Session -Oakland Lodge Light Dinner	6:30 pm
	Conferral of 18th Degree by Oakland Lodge Members	7:30 pm
Wed Apr 22	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	7:00 pm
Fri Apr 24	Setup Social hall for Reunion Dinner	10:00 am
	Setup of Lodge Hall Lodge	5:00 pm
Sat Apr 25	Spring Class - Third Session	Check in 9:00 am
	Conferral of Council of Kadosh, 30° & Consistory 32°	9:45 am
	175th Reunion & Capping Luncheon	12:30 pm
	SPRING CAPPING & AWARDS CEREMONY	1:30 pm

May 2020

Sat May 2	Combined Scottish Rite Ladies Night—Ali Ghan Temple	6:30 pm
Sun May 3	Knights of St. Andrew - Initiation Practice at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30pm	
Mon May 4	Council of Kadosh & SR Foundation Quarterly Meeting	7:30 pm
Sat May 9	Pancake Breakfast "Wloms Eat Free"	7:30—10:30 am
Sat May 16	Grand Lodge—Semi Annual Communication	10:00 am
Wed May 18	Knights of St. Andrew Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed May 27	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	7:00 pm

June 2020

Mon Jun 1	Masonic Strawberry Night-Covered Dish-Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
Sat Jun 6	Celtic Fest—Friendsville Community Park	9:00 am
	Grand Lodge Family Picnic	4:00 pm
Sat Jun 13	Pancake Breakfast - Masonic Temple	7:30—10:30 am
	Heritage Days—Masonic Temple	11:00 am
Wed Jun 24	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	7:00 pm
Mon Jun 24	KSA Robert Burns Committee Meeting	7:30 pm

July Summer Recess

Fall Capping Ceremony Honorees—November 17, 2019



Ritualist of the Fall Class: Ill. Aaron V. Lea, 33°, of the 30th Degree Team exhibits the Award Plaque with his name as the Ritualist of the 2019 Fall Class. Making the presentation is Personal Representative Ill, Jamey S. Hill, 33°. Ninety-four year old Brother Lea was awarded this presentation for his fine work in the Fall Class.



Fifty Year Member: Secretary-registrar Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33° presented Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33° his fifty year cap, pin and certificate at the Fall Capping Ceremony. Attending from Baltimore Scottish Rite and witnessing the presentation is Ill. Fred Spicer, 33°, G.C. Orient Secretary.



Fifty Year Member: Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° presents a Fifty Year certificate and pin to Bro. Ronald A. Middleton, 32° as his Brother Donald Middleton, 32° joined to congratulate him at the Capping Ceremony celebrations.



Fifty Year Member: Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° presented a Fifty Year pin and certificate to Bro. Harry A. Garvin, 32° and Past Potentate of Ali Ghan Shrine and is joined by his Lady Bonnie. Brother Garvin and Bonnie are from nearby Augusta, WV.



Forty Year Member: Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° presented Brother Larry J. Taylor his Forty Year pin as part of the Fall Capping ceremonies.

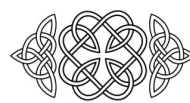
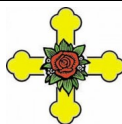
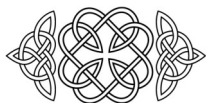
Awards for Years of Service to Scottish Rite Fall 2019

Forty Years:	Larry J. Taylor, 32°	George N. Taylor, Sr. 32°
Forty-Five Years:	Elmer E. Buckley, 32°	Wayne I. Campbell, 32°
	Ernie E. Combs, Jr, 32°	Charles C. Hoffmaster, 32°
	L. Lee Hogbin, 32°	Richard E. Keller, Sr. 32°
	Richard B. Poffenberger, 32°	Theodore Raynovich Jr, 32°
	L. Tadd Schwab, 32°	Theodore R. Snider, 32°
Fifty Years:	Ronald C. Brubaker, 32°	John D. Marple, 32°
	Eugene Folk, 32°	Ronald A. Middleton, 32°
	Harry A. Garvin, 32°	Allan R. Stevenson, 32°
	Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°	Lynn H. Workmeister, 32°
	Martin V Leidy, Jr, 32°	

Fifty-Five Years: Sidney M. Ridenour, 32°

ALL NON-ATTENDEES WERE MAILED PINS AND/OR CERTIFICATES

Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite's Chapter of Rose Croix Presents the Ceremony of Lights



Brothers of Rose Croix request your presence at our annual Ceremony of Lights on March 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Greene Street Temple. This Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal accompanies the Mystic Banquet to honor those Scottish Rite brethren whom traveled to the Celestial Lodge within the past year. **Reservations are required.** Ceremony of Lights, Memorial Service, and Dinner, March 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Note: Reservations will not be accepted without payment. Reservation Deadline: March 14, 2020

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Number of Guests (including self): _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Checks Payable To: Cumberland Scottish Rite Mail Reservation & Payment To: Masonic Temple || c/o Tom Paxton, 15 Greene St., Cumberland, MD 21502 Questions? Please contact Brother Tom Paxton at (301) 876-0806 or tpaxton55@gmail.com



Local Honored Veteran

On Veterans Day, November 11, Brother Bob Swain, 32° (joined in 1968) a 50 year member of Friendship Lodge 84 and former Worthy Patron of the Queen Esther Chapter of the OES, had the great honor of taking part in a wreath laying ceremony at the National World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. Bob was drafted out of Boonsboro, Maryland in his senior year in 1944, shortly after the allied invasion of Normandy. His basic training was cut short and he was deployed to the Ardennes Campaign (Battle of the Bulge) and then the Rheinland campaign. This annual event is sponsored by the friends of the National World War II Memorial (wwiimemorialfriends.org), which sponsors educational and commemorative events throughout the year, to include an event marking the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, to be held in December. If you are a World War II Veteran, or know one, please be sure to check out their website.

Fourth Annual Masonic Bird Hunt Benefits RiteCare



(L-R) David Gornall, Rob Elliott, Rick Gornall, David Mays, Brian Eisentrout, George Witherington, Cork Ringler, Mike Ringler, Jamey Hill, and Marc Valentine.

The Valley of Cumberland Fourth Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to benefit the Scottish Rite Children's Speech Language Disorders Clinics in Cumberland, Oakland, and Keyser, was held on Saturday, November 2 at the Quail Hollow Farm in Berkeley Springs, WV. Ten shooters competed, with each having an opportunity to shoot 20 birds (a mix of pheasants and chukars). Team Hill won the "Winner, Winner Chicken

Dinner Award" as the team with the most kills, 18! They consisted of Jamey Hill and Rob Elliott and George Witherington, each presented with a whole chicken. Team Gornall finished second (Rick Gornall, David Gornall and David Mays) with 15 kills. The Meyersdale Boys came in a strong Third, consisting of Cork Ringler and his son, Marc Valentine and Brian Eisentrout. "Brother Davy Crockett Best Shooter Award" went to Jamey Hill and received a bottle of Bird Dog Whiskey. David Gornall received the notorious Bent Barrel Award as chicken livers was presented to the Best Sportsman of all. The event raised \$500.00 to support the Cumberland RiteCare Clinics. A check presentation will be made during the Valley's 13th annual Robert Burns Supper in early February. Plans are underway for the Fifth Annual Bird Hunt coming in Fall 2020, so line up your teams for the big event.



2020 DESIGNER BAG BINGO

SUNDAY March 29, 2020

Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

Bingo begins at 2:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$ 25.00

Sheets, markers, food and drinks

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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 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 hosts 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. The Temple Board is now a 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax deductible. To sign up to volunteer for future pancake breakfasts, contact Mark Lathrop at 301-876-0103.



Congratulations to the members of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite Fall 2019 Class

Row One: (L-R) Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-Registrar of the Valley of Cumberland; Ill. Elmer W. Miles, Jr. 33°, General Treasurer of the Valley of Cumberland; Ill. Aaron V. Lea, 33°, Marshall—Emeritus of K.S.A.; Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative Emeritus; Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative, Valley of Cumberland; Ill. Kenneth R. Wilson, 33°, Asst. Almoner of the Valley of Cumberland, and Ill. James M. Snider, 33°, Degree Captain—32°.

Row Two: (L-R) Hon. Robin L. Summerfield, 32° KCCH, Asst. Personal Representative, Bro. Lawrence Elwood Garman, Jr., 32°, Hollisople, PA; Bro. Shawn Eric Hall, 32°, Hagerstown, MD; Bro. Kyle David Merhi, 32°, Boonsboro, MD; Bro. Marcus Veldon DeBoard, 32°, Hagerstown, MD; Bro. John Allen Lightfoot, 32°, Hagerstown, MD; Bro. Kenneth Wayne Pridemore, 32°, Smithsburg, MD, and Bro. Jason S. Landis, 32°, Venerable Master of the Lodge.

Row Three: (L-R) Douglas Watkins Garman, 32°, Jerome, PA; Bro. Darren Eugene Eyler, 32°, Keyser, WV; Bro. Jonathan Dale Frye, 32°, Ridgeley, WV; Bro. Nathan Joel Andrews, 32°, Ridgeley, WV; Bro. Donald Ray Gall, 32°, Hagerstown, MD, and Bro. Gregory Bennett Murray, 32°, Smithsburg, MD

Row Four: (L-R) Bro. Ronald Leaf, 32°, Cumberland, MD; Bro. Travis William Bittner, 32°, Meyersdale, PA; Bro. Solomon Octavius Lloyd, 32°, Twenty-Nine



Cumberland Lodge of Perfection

Sr. Warden-Hon. Michael L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master-III James M. Snider, 33°, Master of Ceremonies-Thomas L. Paxton, 32° **Not Shown:** Jr. Warden-George M. Witherington, Jr. 32°, Orator-Mark E. Lathrop, 32°



Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix

Orator-David A. Tibbets, 32°, and Wise Master-Daniel C. Stitt, 32°. **Not Shown:** Sr. Warden-Marc T. Valentine, 32°, Jr. Warden-Warden-Jason R. Finch, 32° and Master of Ceremonies-Henry R. Michael, 32°.



Cumberland Council of Kadosh

Commander-Michael W. Kerns, 32°, 2nd Lt. Commander-Jason S. Snyder, 32°. **Not Shown:** 1st Lt. Commander-Gary A. Shriver, 32°, Chancellor-Hon. Michael R. Wade, 32° KCCH and Orator, Hon.



Cumberland Consistory

Preceptor-Hon. Michael L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH; Prior-Hon. Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH; Minister of State-Mark E. Lathrop, 32° and Chancellor-Jason S. Landis, 32°. **Not Shown:** Hon. Robin L.



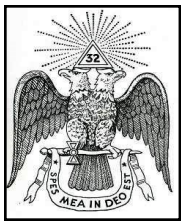
Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew

Turcoplier Emeritus-Hon. Mike L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH, Michael W. Kerns, 32°, Venerable Master-Daniel C. Stitt, 32° and Jason S. Snyder, 32°. **Not Shown:** Sr. Warden George M. Witherington, 32° and Secretary - Treasurer Hon. Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies for the Year 2020

Election of Officers for the year was held at the stated meeting in December and only the officers attending are pictured above. The Installation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, January 12th at 2:00 pm in the Lodge Hall. The dress for all officers is tux and cap.

This is an "open installation" for members, friends and family. Dinner will be served following the ceremony in the Dining Room and, if you are planning to attend, the proper reservations need to be made. The reservation form is located in this edition. The cost for each meal is \$15.00 payable to "Scottish Rite" and should be paid with your reservation as soon as possible.



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

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LaVale, MD 21502-7418**

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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

\$25.00 DISCOUNT on the purchase price of a traditional 14th degree Scottish Rite Ring.

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 2020 Combined Masonic Ladies Night (**value \$30**)

One copy of *A Bridge to Light* (**value \$30**)

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 _____

Departed Brethren Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies—Year 2019

Name	City and State	Date of Deceased
George R. Ambrose	Wayne, PA	June 23, 2018
John J. Hafer, Jr.	Frostburg, MD	June 5, 2019
Lucian K. Falconer, Jr.	Frederick, MD	Feb. 7, 2019
Robert L. Frye	Hagerstown, MD	March 16, 2018
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SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP**III James M Snider, 33° Orator of the Lodge of Perfection**

WHERE ARE WE NOW? What is Freemasonry? The answer would seem simple.....an esoteric fraternity. If you really pursue the question even more - one is likely to get answers like brotherhood, enlightenment, ancient symbolism and others which may reflect on the history of the fraternity. As Freemasons, we think very highly of our organization and are always happy to talk about it and explain why we joined. Freemasonry does have a noble and prestigious past and all the poetic language sounds nice but what is Freemasonry? Why does it exist in the first place? The most common answer is "to seek enlightenment"? Do we now have an answer to our question of what is Freemasonry? If so, where do we find this enlightenment that was posed? I KNOW.....in Scottish Rite it must be those members wearing the white hats or the gray haired members wearing the red hats...these are the ones that possess the leadership, wisdom and knowledge of this sought after enlightenment....these masters, if you will, must be enlightened....but they are just men! Maybe we didn't look at the words carefully enough - "seek enlightenment". So now that changes things.....we are not expected to find enlightenment but to seek enlightenment! This view is better embodied by a different answer - "to take good men and make them better". How is this accomplished? The answer from any Mason will be through ritual and symbolism. Albert Pike once stated that "symbolism" was the soul of freemasonry. We all should understand that educating ourselves creates knowledge and growth thus making us better men! Perhaps this is the reason the founding fathers of Freemasonry felt continued growth was important. I also believe there is another reason....one that is important to our society, our community and our families. This answer can be found in the 9th Degree of the Scottish Rite....."Albert Pike's interpretation of these degrees (8th and 9th) presented a moral and philosophical lesson that found its origin in the rituals he studied". (SR Ritual, Monitor & Guide). When speaking of the three ruffians (those that attack Hiram Abiff) Pike felt they represented spiritual tyrants that symbolized three chief vices that are enemies of human progress namely - ignorance, fanaticism and ambition. I believe this is the true reason why we must continue to educate ourselves to preserve the future of our fraternity and communities. As Pike states in his book Esoterica, only 3 out of every 100 initiated masons will consider and regard ritual and symbolism of any value. **SO WHERE ARE WE NOW ?**

We could take a final step and become what freemasonry was never intended to be - a charity! This is not a hard thing to do.....all one would have to do is nothing and it will evolve. Or we could pursue the original goal - "to take good men and make them better". How much better is up to the individual but if the ritual is done properly, it can and will instill the old desire for enlightenment through symbolism. This was the whole point of the Masonic ritual that was established by those far wiser than we are today! It is possible to turn freemasonry around but a choice must be made - as the 32nd degree teaches "we have come to where the roads diverge" - which path do we take? If we are truly Master Masons then the answer is simple.... you and I must become educated men about our fraternity or otherwise we may lose all that we hold dear in Masonry and in our lives!

Happy New Year! Jim

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