The 4th Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to benefit the Scottish Rite Care Childhood Speech and Language Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2019. 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://birdhunt2019.eventbrite.com or by calling Chip Zimmer at 301-730-3233.

ONE DAY FALL CLASS—SATURDAY October 26, 2019
Our 174th Convocation:
Dedicated to Hon. William H. McLean, 32° KCCH

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 174th 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.

174th REUNION LUNCHEON Saturday, October 26, 2019
You may also reserve online at cumberlandscottishrite.org

Name: ____________________________ Guest: ____________________
Telephone: ________________

Check Your Wallet, Do You Have A Current Dues Card?!
If Not, Contact Your Secretary 301-729-6778 / 301-268-8534 cell

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AYCE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 12—7:30AM –10:30AM
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Sausage Gravy & Biscuit, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice
Masonic Temple, Greene St 
2nd Saturday of the Month
November through May
$7.00 Adults
Children under 12 $5.00

RESERVATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 3, 2019 @ https://birdhunt2019.eventbrite.com
Scottish Rite Foundation Joins Community Trust Foundation in Recognizing John Balch for Philanthropic Leadership

Several members of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation recently joined the Community Trust Foundation in honoring John Balch for his professional and philanthropic leadership. Mr. Balch has served as President of the Children’s League for the past two years and has been a stalwart partner with the Cumberland Scottish Rite in our successful effort to expand RiteCare Speech and Language Disorders treatment services to children in Garrett and Mineral Counties.

The Community Trust Foundation presented Balch with the 2019 Humanitarian Leadership Award in recognition of his leadership of many local community initiatives with The Children’s League, The Greater Cumberland Committee (TGCC), Cumberland YMCA Capital Campaign, Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Community Foundation, Bishop P. Francis Murphy Educational Endowment for Western Maryland, and the Western Maryland Health System (WMHS) Foundation.

Pictured L to R: Brent A. Lewis, Garrett County RiteCare Fundraising Chair; Dr. James M. Snider, Senior Warden, Cumberland LOP; Ellen Hill; Jamey S. Hill, Personal Rep.; John Balch; Michael L. Kamauff; Junior Warden, Cumberland LOP; Jerome F. Robinette, Gen Secretary; Elmer W. Miles, Jr., Treasurer; and Robin L. Summerfield, Asst. Personal Rep.
Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33º Your Secretary’s Message

This edition of the Perfect Elu contains lots of pertinent information pertaining to the last half of our Scottish Rite season, so be sure to take time to read all of the articles and become knowledgeable of all that is happening in YOUR Scottish Rite. We look forward to seeing you at our stated meetings on the first and third Mondays and at one or more of our upcoming special events.

As of this date, the 2020 dues notices have not yet been mailed from the Supreme Council, but are coming out soon. When received, please respond accordingly and do not wait until the end of the year. While the dues amount has not increased, you will notice the assessment has increased. As the expenses continue to increase and the membership declines, it puts YOUR SCOTTISH RITE “in a hard place”. As you submit your 2020 dues, you can feel good about all of the good things your membership helps the Scottish Rite do for the children in need of our care through the services being offered at our FREE Speech and Language Disorders Clinics here and in nearby Oakland and Keyser. Please give thought to the above comments and try to attend meetings and our One Day Class on October 26th, YOUR Scottish Rite needs YOU!!

Fraternally, Jerome F. Robinette

Samuel J. Lane, 32º Venerable Master, Knights of St. Andrew

Greetings from the Knights of Saint Andrew. From Darkness to Light. It is a phrase as Masons hear on a regular basis, we instantly know what it means—we have since the time when we wrapped three times at the door and it was answered by a like number from within. It is who we are and what we do. As we leave the darkness of the summer and begin our labors of light I have been asking myself what does that mean in context of this Knights!

Light as interpreted by my studies of the Craft is the Supreme Architect of the Universe with His complete knowledge and perfect truth. In our studies of the Craft we strive to obtain and live in and by that light. It is a noble quest one worthy of a Knight’s full attention and effort, but is one we as mortals can never achieve in full as we all fall short of the Glory of God. So what is the point? If we know we can never achieve “light: why strive for it? My dear Brother the point is the Quest itself! The Quest is what makes us worthy of being called a man and a Mason. The study and application of the Word through the context of masonry is what separates us from other organizations and men. Vince Lombardi once said “Perfection is not obtainable, but if we strive for perfection we can obtain excellence”. It is the Quest!

As a Knight light is found in service, service to God, to a brother, and to all man kind. Service takes many forms, everything from parades, washing dishes, helping a neighbor in need, or fund raising to help out a kid and a host of other things that our minds have not even conceived of yet. The Light of a Knight is service that is his Quest. If this interests you speak to a Knight—see what we are up to next—you don’t have to be a Knight to serve Masonry—but is doesn’t hurt and we’d love to share the Quest. Looking forward to seeing you all as we return to our Labors.

Fraternally, Samuel J. Lane

13th Annual Robert Burns Supper—Saturday, February 1, 2020  
Ticket Sales Begin December 1, 2019 - Reservations due by January 24, 2020

Please make the following reservations at $35.00 per person

Name ___________________________________________ Guest ________________________________
Telephone ______________________ Address _________________________________________________________

Entertainment by Shanty Irish and Featured Piper Andrew Donlon
Toast to the Immortal Memory by Albert Feldstein
Dinner by Good Carma Catering

Entrée Choice:  Cornish Hen w/ Oyster Stuffing (# ______) OR Ribeye Steak (# ____)

Total Enclosed: $ ________

Return this form to the address below with a check payable to:
Cumberland Scottish Rite, 73 LaVale Blvd., LaVale, MD 21502-7418
Tickets may also be purchased online at: www.cumberlandscottishrite.org

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To the Officers and Members of:

CUMBERLAND LODGE OF PERFECTION (4º Thru 14º)
CUMBERLAND CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX (15º Thru 18º)
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH (19º Thru 30º)
CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY (31º AND 32º)

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)__________________________________________________          __________________________________      _________________

(2)__________________________________________________          __________________________________      _________________

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: 32º Patent, 32º 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. (Aaron Brotemarkle CELL: 843-421-5082)

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 Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies Night (value $30.00)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Petition received __________________________

Amount received $__________________________

Check No. __________ Cash $________

Ballot Date of Petition_________________________

LADIES NAME ___________________________________

Member Notification Date ___________________________

2019
REFLECTIONS FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP ON THE FEAST OF TISHRI
By Hon. James M. Snider, 32° KCCH, Orator, Cumberland Lodge of Perfection

This annual Scottish Rite event celebrates the completion and dedication of King Solomon’s Temple, which is of utmost importance to Freemasonry, and certainly to Scottish Rite. Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite will be celebrating this event along with the class capping ceremony on November 17th at 4:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. To begin understanding some of the special significance of this event, we should first understand its context in the Hebrew calendar. Tishri is a month usually occurring in September-October of the Gregorian calendar. According to the Tanakh, or Hebrew Bible, before the Babylonian Exile it was known only as the seventh month of the ecclesiastical calendar. It was called Ethanim, which is understood to mean “endurance” in reference to the brooks and streams still flowing at this time of the year with the root word ethan meaning "strength".

The current name of the month, Tishri, is Babylonian. After the First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC, they took the Jews into captivity over a period of 50-60 years. From that point on, the Jews have used the Babylonian name of the month, Tishri, literally meaning a "beginning" as the first month of their civil year. In other words, it is the establishment of the new civil year.

It is very interesting that the two names of this month, Ethanim, the seventh ecclesiastical month and Tishri, the first civil month, can be taken as references to the principles of strength and establishment. As all Masons should know, these two principles are referenced by the Hebrew names of the two bronze pillars that were at the portico of the Temple, Boaz for strength and Jachin for establishment.

Another interesting connection with the Temple’s historical background is that the Feast of Tishri was originally associated with the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. That harvest festival, known as Sukkot, commemorates the Israelites fleeing Egypt and living in temporary shelters in the wilderness for 40 years. The Hebrew word for such a shelter is sukkah and it was also the word used for the Tabernacle that housed the Ark of the Covenant serving as a temporary and moveable sacred space for welcoming the presence of God, called Shekinah.

In many ways, the dedication of the Temple of Solomon is a celebration of freedom. The great feast remembered the Exodus from Egypt, the land of slavery. But on that most memorable day when the Temple was dedicated, Solomon called all the "children of Israel" from every part of the land. That is why this observation is of utmost Masonic significance because it is reflected in our own commitment to welcome men of all faiths who acknowledge a Supreme Being and are willing to take our moral and fraternal obligations. That’s how we, in the Scottish Rite, can have the holy book of more than one faith on our altars. So we can, we should and we do practice this kind of inclusion not just as a correct thing to do but as a fundamental element of our Craft.

In closing, we can see that the Feast of Tishri holds a special place in Scottish Rite Freemasonry, not merely because it commemorates the completion and dedication of Solomon’s Temple, but because the event is symbolic of things each of us should be doing in our own lives. Therefore, this celebration is really about ordinary people working and sometimes struggling to let the light of truth and love shine a little more brightly in their lives than it would otherwise. As Scottish Rite Freemasons, we are all heirs of Solomon. Let us remain worthy of this inheritance of freedom.

Fraternally yours, James M. Snider, Orator

CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE SPONSORS 2019 BUCK A CUP—CHILDREN’S LEAGUE BENEFIT

The Scottish Rite Retirement Club is again sponsoring the annual Buck A Cup program to benefit The Children’s League’s local RiteCare Childhood Language Disorders Clinics. Participating restaurants will begin selling tickets on October 1st. Ticket holders can redeem them for a free coffee, tea, or soda on November 13th and 14th and December 13th and 14th at these participating restaurants: Arby’s in Lavale; Chat N Chew in McCoole; Hobo’s in Ellerslie; and The K-Bar in Cumberland.

The Children’s League provides free services to children of Allegany, Garrett Counties in Maryland and Mineral County in West Virginia. The League supports clinics in Keyser, West Virginia and Oakland, Maryland in addition to the Cumberland location.
Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection. I would like to take a moment to welcome everyone back from our summer break. The officers and I look forward to serving each of you as we once again begin our labors.

Briefly, I remind all of our tentatively scheduled “friend to friend” events, one to be held in Oakland on September 28th and another at the Ali Ghan Director's Staff Building on October 10th. If you know of any Master Mason who may be interested in the Rite, invite him to attend one of these membership meetings. Please note also of our Honor’s Day event in Baltimore on October 19th, our One Day Class on October 26th and our fourth annual Bird Hunt in Berkeley Springs on November 2nd.

So as we start back with the arrival of Fall, there are opportunities for all to be active if we choose to do so and your participation is always welcome. On behalf or myself and the Lodge Officers, we look forward to seeing you join us, not only in lodge for meetings, but also at the various activities as they arise for added fellowship and growth, not only as an organization, but also individually as brothers.

Fraternally, Jason Landis, Venerable Master

Honor's Day in Baltimore—October 19, 2019

The Scottish Rite Valley of Cumberland received acknowledgement from our S.G.I.G. III. Marlin Mills, 33°, naming the following members as “honormen-elects” in our Valley: Brother James Z. Bosley, 32°, and Brother Samuel J. Lane, 32°, recipients of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour and Honorable James M. Snider, 32° KCCH as Inspector General Honorary, 33°. They will be receiving their respective honors at the Baltimore Scottish Rite Honor’s Day October 19th and you are invited to be in attendance by making the proper reservations with our secretary. A bus has been chartered and reservation details are: Bus will be leaving from Ali Ghan at 7:30 am, with pick ups in Hancock, Hagerstown and Frederick if needed. The costs for reservations are $20.00 per person for the bus, $50.00 per person for the Gala Banquet and $15.00 for each Lady to attend the Noon Tea. The KCCH Ceremony is “open” for all to attend, the 33° Ceremony is for 33° members only. One check can be made payable to Cumberland Scottish Rite and sent to 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502. Dress for the event is suit and tie for gentlemen and formal dress for the Ladies.

We plan to be in Frederick by 9:00 am, at which time we will allow sharing of breakfast if you desire. Hope to be in Baltimore by 11:30 am. Following the two ceremonies and banquet, music and dance will be provided to complete the evening agenda. Light refreshment and drink will be available on the bus for you.

This “honor’s program” only happens every other year, so we hope you will consider attending and support our new honorees, they would be pleased to have you in attendance for them. If you have any other questions about the day, please give me a call. Your Secretary, Jerry 301-729-6778 or 301-268-8534 cell.

Hon. Richard Gornall, 32° KCCH—DeMolay Happenings

During this summer the Cumberland Order of DeMolay did not go dark as in previous years. Our Chapter has had their regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June, July and August. During that period, we continued to work on the ritual work, we were visited by a DeMolay Chapter from Pennsylvania, two members went to DeMolay’s Annual Conclave and we wrapped up the summer with a bowling party at the White Oaks Bowling Center. The recent Bowling Party was attended by two members, their families and two prospective members. A great time was had by all and we always hope to have the prospects make the decision to join this young men’s organization.

This Fall we will be looking at opportunities to have fun events for the young men, that the members want to do and continue to refine the ritual work in the lodge room. These young men are our future and we must make the effort to teach and encourage them to be the best they can be.

All organizations prosper and grow with an increasing membership. We need your help in keeping DeMolay here and growing. If you have or know of a young man, 12 - 18 years of age, consider recommending him to us. Contact Dad David Gornall at 301-697-9113 for more information. Rick Gornall
**Combined Feast of Tishri and Capping**

_Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the Masonic Temple_

Please make the following reservations at **$15.00 per person**. Reservation Deadline: November 11, 2019

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

**Egg Nog Christmas Party**

_Friday, December 6, 2019 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 1, 2018

Name: __________________________ Guest: __________________ Telephone: __________________

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

**Hagerstown Ladies Night/Family Christmas**

_TO BE DETERMINED_

_November 9, 2019 at_ Please make the following reservations of $______ per person

Only Tickets Available! Reservation Deadline: November 1, 2019

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

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

Reservations may also be made online at: cumberlandscottishrite.org

**Honor’s Day—October 19th:** Reservations for Bus, Tea, Ceremonies and Banquet:

Name / Names: ____________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________ Phone: __________________

Bus: # ____ x $20.00 = $ _____ : Ladies Tea: # ___ x $15.00 = $ ____ Banquet: # ____ x $50.00 = $ ___

Total Enclosed: $ ______________ Ck # ______________ Cash $ ___________

I / We will be departing from Ali Ghan: _______ Departing at 7:30 a.m.

I / We need picked up in: ____ 8:00 a.m. Hancock Park & Ride on Rt #40

____ 8:30 a.m. Hagerstown (McDonalds, MD State Police Barracks Exit)

____ 9:00 a.m. Frederick (Bob Evans—Golden Mile) Deadline October 13, 2019

Contact Jerry Robinette 301-729-6778 OR 301-268-8534 mitzjer@atlanticbb.net
Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° Personal Representative’s Message

The Exec. Committee was able to attend the Supreme Council Biennial Session this August joining a multitude of members from all over the world. It seems we all have similar membership tales to tell each other in an effort to lift up our own spirits. While at the St. Regis Hotel during recess we met the Grand master of Alaska, John D. May and the Grand Master of California Bruce R Galloway who enlightened us with their presence.

This session was truly a historical event as we were witness to the succession of one Grand Commander Seale to another Grand Commander James D. Cole, which is virtually the first time a sitting Grand Commander lived long enough to retire from his appointment as Grand Commander. Even as far back as Albert Pike Grand Commanders would succumb while serving at their desk. Commander Seale was eloquent as usual remarking how he and wife Sunny would enjoy their own children and now grandchildren, while Jim Cole bask in his new role promising to Pass the Tools of Leadership to our Fraternity.

Most importantly we made a connection with the Rite Care Grant writer Maxwell Lasher who we have introduced to Cathy Growden which will begin the Web conference to pursue said grants for our three locations of the Rite Care Speech and Language Disorders Clinic in our area.

The Executive Committee and myself are looking forward to the Conferral this October 26, and we would hope that you have mentioned to your Brother’s that we are ready, willing, and able to take in new members.

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