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ONE DAY FALL CLASS—SATURDAY October 24, 2020



Our 176th Convocation: Dedicated to Ill. Charles J. Hout, 33°

- 7:30 am** Candidates Report for Registration - Light refreshments provided
- 8:30 am** Open Lodge for Members - Short Business Session as Needed
- 8:45 am** **4th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 9:30 am** **14th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 10:45 am** **18th Degree** Presented by our Degree Team and Members
- 11:30 am** **30th Degree** Presented and Class Picture Taken
- 12:45 pm** Our 176th 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.
Registration form found on Page 4 of the Perfect Elu.
- 2:00 pm** **32nd Degree** Presented - Approximate dismissal: 4:00 pm.

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Do You have a
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.



2020 BUCK A CUP

To Benefit RiteCare at The Children's League



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 11th and 12th and December 11th and 12th at these participating restaurants:

Arby's in Lavale • Chat N Chew in McCoole

Roy Rogers in Cumberland • 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.

Combined Masonic Ladies Night November 14, 2020 at Ali Ghan Shrine Center



ALL area Masons are invited to attend this year’s Annual Combined Masonic Ladies Night on Saturday, November 14, 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 a 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 a special Dessert.

WOW! Sounds too great to miss! 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: November 14, at Ali Ghan Shrine Center, Begins at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00pm
Cost for Meals is \$30.00 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: Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502 Telephone: 301-729-6778

Reservation Deadline is: Saturday, November 7, 2020.

Reservations may also be made online at cumberlandsctishrite.org **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**



Dianne Bosley Presented first Scottish Rite Ladies Certificate for the Valley of Cumberland

Hon. James Z. Bosley, 32° KCCH and his Lady Dianne hosted the 2020 Annual Knights of St. Andrew Corn Roast at their home in August. While social distancing made it a bit more interesting than usual, the brethren and their families enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and a delicious meal featuring Higson’s Farm’s famous corn on the cob! The Valley of Cumberland was pleased to recognize Lady Dianne for her dedicated service to the Rite and our charity, RiteCare with the Valley’s first Ladies Certificate entitling her to the respect, consideration, and, in case of need, the protection, safeguard, and assistance of all Freemasons of the Rite in the world.



SCOTTISH+RITE
MASTER+CRAFTSMAN

Master Craftsman Study Group Coming This Fall

Bro. Stephen K. Gaudette, 32° to serve as Master Craftsman Coordinator

As you may have heard, the three-part Master Craftsman program is being converted from correspondence course to an online format (hyperlink to article for online blurb) As part of this program, the Ritual and History course is currently being offered, giving a fascinating overview of the history of Freemasonry in general, and a comprehensive outline of the Scottish Rite. If you've ever wanted to know more about the rich history and ritual of the Scottish Rite, this is a great opportunity.

The coursework consists of six open-book tests, which are submitted online. You will get online feedback from the scorer.

In order to increase participation and, very importantly, to make this an opportunity for connecting and getting to know one another better across the Valley, with members from Oakland in the West to Smithsburg in the East, and beyond, we are planning to establish a study or guided discussion group using the Valley's Zoom account. Bro. Steve Gaudette has volunteered to coordinate this effort by helping with registration and hosting monthly to bi-monthly study sessions on Zoom, as needed.

No format can entirely replace meeting in person, but we've discovered that when the topic is engaging and well directed, Zoom can be an excellent way of sharing information while overcoming the difficulties of getting to and from in-person meetings, given our busy lives and schedules.

We're going to try to make this as fun and informal as possible, while keeping sight of our goal of finishing this portion of the program and sharing questions, observations, and personal knowledge of the topic.

We are planning to have the first online session in mid-October to give everyone more time to register, look the material over and get comfortable with the technology required. Again, we want to make this fun, informal, and enlightening.

5th Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to Support Rite Care

Saturday, October 17, 2020



Limited Space Available!

\$150 per Shooter (\$50 Deposit)

- ⇒ A Guide and Dog for Each Group
- ⇒ 3 Pheasants and 2 Chukkars per Shooter
- ⇒ Skeet Practice
- ⇒ Lunch for Shooters
- ⇒ Exciting Prizes

Quail Hollow Hunting Preserve in Berkeley Springs, WV

Contact George Witherington at (240) 452-2593 to Reserve a Spot



FALL 2020

SEPTEMBER 2020

Tue Sept. 8	Washington County Scottish Rite Club	7:30 pm
Sat Sept. 19	Kid Walk / Kid Talk - -Virtual Walk	10:00 am
Sun Sept. 20	Degree rehearsals: 14°, 30° and 32°	1:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm
Mon Sept. 21	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 pm
Sun Sept. 27	Purse Bingo—Location to be announced	2:00 pm

OCTOBER 2020

Mon Oct. 5	Consistory	7:30 pm
Sun Oct. 11	Degree Rehearsals: 14°, 30° and 32°	1:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm
Tues Oct. 13	Washington County Scottish Rite Club	7:30 pm
Mon Oct. 19	Council of Kadosh	7:30 pm
Sat Oct. 24	Scottish Rite 176th Conferral & Reunion One day class—4°, 14°, 18°, 30°, and 32°	Registration 7:30 am
Mon Oct. 26	KSA Initiation	7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 2020

Mon Nov. 2	Lodge of Perfection—Nominations for 2021 Officers Scottish Rite Foundation Elections 2021	7:30 pm
Sun Nov. 8	Feast of Tishri / Spring and Fall Capping and Awards Ceremony - - - Masonic Temple	2:00 pm
Tues Nov 10	Washington County Scottish Rite Club	7:30 pm
Sat Nov. 14	Masonic Ladies Night—Shrine Center	5:30 pm
Mon Nov.16	Chapter of Rose Croix	7:30 pm
Fri Nov. 20	Grand Lodge Banquet	5:00 pm
Sat Nov. 21	Grand Lodge Annual Communication	All Day
Mon Nov.30	KSA Annual communication and Election of Officers	7:30 pm

DECEMBER 2020

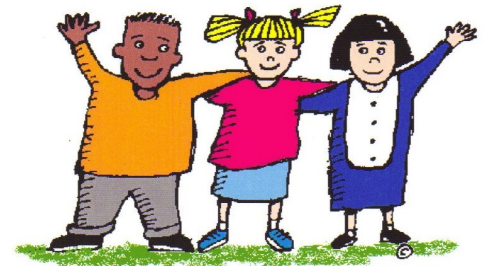
Mon Dec. 7	Lodge of Perfection—Election of Officers Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. Annual Meeting	7:30 pm 8:30 pm
Tues Dec. 8	Washington County Scottish Rite Club	7:30 pm
Fri Dec. 11	Joint Egg Nog Party, Ali Ghan Shrine Club	6:30 pm
Mon Dec. 21	Installation rehearsal	
January 3, 2021	Installation of Officers, Masonic Temple	2:00 pm



The Cumberland Scottish Rite and the Children's League are proud to announce our first

Virtual Kid Walk/Kid Talk Walkathon

to support our RiteCare Childhood Language Disorders Clinics. Thanks to your past generosity, these clinics are currently providing **FREE** RiteCare services to 28 children in Oakland, 24 in Keyser, and 36 in Cumberland. Walk when and where you choose between September 19th and 30th



Sign up to donate or join our team "Scottish Rite"

kidwalkkidtalk2020.eventbrite.com

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176th Conferral REUNION LUNCHEON Saturday, October 24, 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

All reservations are needed so the proper arrangements can be made with the caterer.

MAIL TO: Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, MD 21502 Phone: 301-729-6778

Or Register Online at cumberlandscottishrite.org

Awards for Years of Service to Scottish Rite Spring and Fall 2020

Scottish Rite Spring 2020

Forty Years: March 15, 1980: Terry L. Beal Dwight C. Metcalf
Wayne E. Fleegle Roy E. Pepper George H. Small

Forty-Five Years: April 19, 1975: Edward A. Worth William C. Lewis, Jr.
Terry E. Williams George C. DeHaven, Jr. Wayne E. Fleegle

Fifty Years: March 31, 1970: Karl E. Bittner Stanley L. Kline
Clyde H. Foor, Jr. G. F. Widmyer, 33° Charles E. Sibley, Jr.

Seventy Years: March 20, 1950: William S. Firey

ALL NON-ATTENDEES WERE MAILED PINS AND/OR CERTIFICATES

Scottish Rite Fall 2020

Forty Years: October 18, 1980: Robert G. Barnhart, Jr. Gary L. Beachy
Michael J. Fisher Donald W. Gaumer William D. Hunt
D. Lynn Newman Wallace W. Peters Delmar R. Sliger

Forty Five Years: October 18, 1975: Ronald G. Norford Theodore R. Robb
Roy P. Sanders Daniel J. Whaley

Fifty Years: November 2, 1970: G. David Green Calvin F. Hoffman
Claude W. Plessinger, Jr. John W. Wolfe
October 24, 1970: Glenn D. Markley

Fifty Five Years: November 6, 1965: Harry Foreback (Dec)
October 18, 1965: Jerry C. Butcher

Seventy Years: October 30, 1950: Charles F. Dicks



2020 DESIGNER BAG BINGO

SUNDAY September 27

Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

Bingo begins at 2:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$ 25.00

Sheets, markers, food and drinks available

Cumberland Masonic Temple
Greene Street, Cumberland, MD

Sponsored by
Cumberland Scottish Rite Ladies Auxiliary
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Temple Board Series I



This report about the Cumberland Masonic Temple is the first of a series of reports that are normally done in Lodge but will now appear in the Perfect Elu newsletter, by email, and on social media.

As you may know, the Cumberland Masonic Temple, Inc. is now an IRS 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Charitable organization, which means that donations made to the Temple are now tax deductible. As a recognized public charity, the Temple is also eligible to pursue a wide range of public and private grants to support historic restoration and educational and cultural programming. This is very good news for the future of our Temple and the many organizations that call it home!

It is a testament to the Masonic virtue of Charity that the Cumberland Scottish Rite and our members have given so generously to local charities over the years. For example, the Leonard and Jane Schwab Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship at Allegany College provides an enduring legacy to these honored members of our Scottish Rite family and their support of local students pursuing higher education. In addition, Frostburg State University's Pealer Recital Hall bears the name of Scottish Rite Brother Woody Pealer and his wife Jenny in recognition of their significant contributions to Frostburg State University and numerous other local organizations.

However, because donations to the Masonic Temple were not previously tax deductible, the Temple has been absent from most charitable giving lists, frequently leading many of our own members to share hefty monetary gifts with other worthy causes instead. After years of debating an idea first planted by former board member Lynn Workmeister, and with the support of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Temple Board President Rick Gornall enlisted the help of Jeff Conner and Robin Summerfield to take the steps necessary to receive tax deductible contributions.

While we can certainly be proud of the many contributions our members have made to local museums, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and cultural organizations as well as the contributions the Scottish Rite Foundation has made to support our RiteCare clinics at the Children's League, the time has come for us to direct some of our charity towards preserving our home at the Cumberland Masonic Temple.

In the time since my recent report to the Rite membership on the operations of the Cumberland Masonic Temple, I am pleased to report that \$300 in individual donations to the Temple has been received from members of the Scottish Rite. Thanks to Curtis Haines and Marc Valentine for all your volunteer and financial support.

Brethren, if the Cumberland Masonic Temple is to remain our home without requiring steadily increasing and unsustainable assessments from our members, we must develop additional sources of revenue. This year alone, in addition to dipping into our limited endowment funds, the responsibility to maintain our Temple has necessitated collecting more than \$25,000 in extra assessments from our tenant organizations above and beyond those for which they had planned.

The Board of Directors of the Temple is currently in the process of planning a major fundraising campaign in order to grow the Temple endowment fund to a level that will generate sufficient annual revenue to maintain our beautiful Temple now and well into the future. We recently sought advice about fundraising goals and tools from David Jones, Executive Director of the Allegany College of Maryland Foundation. Jones, who has had tremendous success growing the ACM Foundation endowments as well as winning numerous grants to support capital projects and academic programs on the ACM campus, offered some excellent suggestions to consider as we develop our campaign.

First and foremost, he emphasized the importance of asking those who have the most stake in the future of the Temple to demonstrate their support early in the campaign. By making a personally meaningful gift, each stakeholder demonstrates their commitment and trust in the organization and enables them to function as a more credible fundraiser and to inspire other donors.

With this in mind, I am asking each Scottish Rite member to consider making a one-time donation of ten dollars – or more if you are able – as a down payment to kick off the campaign. While this may seem like a modest individual contribution, collectively it would generate nearly \$8,000 to get the campaign off to a strong start and inspire others to give. If you can participate, please mail a check payable to Cumberland Masonic Temple, Inc., c/o Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation will also be initiating a new memorial program to support the Temple

while creating a legacy in honor of our fallen brothers. For many years, the Cumberland Scottish Rite has made annual contributions to our Foundation as a memorial to our departed brethren. The Contributions have been maintained in a designated fund, which has now reached a sufficient level to sustain years of charitable giving. Beginning in 2020, the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation will contribute \$100 to the Cumberland Masonic Temple, Inc. for the purchase of an engraved memorial brick on the front terrace in the memory of each of our fallen brothers. We expect this program to generate approximately \$3,500 in additional annual revenue to the Temple. We hope the several Lodges and Bodies who call the Cumberland Masonic Temple home will consider similar initiatives.

The Temple fundraising campaign is likely to include a number of traditional giving options for donors, including outright and installment gifts, bequests, appreciated securities, charitable remainder trusts, life insurance, and others. If you are currently making a plan for your charitable giving or if you have been putting it off, I encourage you to consider including the Cumberland Masonic Temple, Inc. as part of your legacy.

One very bold idea I am proposing to the Temple Board of Directors is to consider naming individual rooms in the Temple in recognition of individuals, families, or organizations who provide major donations at predetermined levels.



For example, Allegany College of Maryland has a program wherein an auditorium or classroom is named after a family who makes a particularly generous donation to the school. Danny and Dottie Thomas are the most recent Scottish Rite family members to have their names immortalized at the college's new Welcome Center in honor of their significant contributions. Some of our members may remember that the Cumberland Scottish Rite made contribution for this purpose as part of the room naming program for the Western Maryland Regional Hospital several years ago. Along with room naming opportunities, this program could include creating a Donor wall in the

Temple to recognize all past, present, and future donors. It will take time to formulate and get approval for such a bold idea, but I am hopeful we can create such a donor incentive program as part of the Cumberland Masonic Temple fundraising campaign.

With your aid we will get past COVID-19 and these strange and unpleasant times. In the weeks to come I will report on other changes and especially good ideas that will not require your money but, more importantly, your unwavering support to accomplish.

Finally, if you can, please consider sending your tax-deductible donation of \$10 or more to The Cumberland Masonic Temple Inc., c/o Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502.

Respectfully Submitted by: Jamey S. Hill PR, Temple Board of Directors

COVID 19 IMPACTS 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

Covid 19 has had such an impact on our lives it should be no surprise that the virus would impact the Valley of Cumberland meeting schedule and officer line-up. You will note on the calendar on Page 4, that there will be **NO** rehearsal or installation of new officers. This is a result of the current officers willing to move forward in the year 2021. We thank those Brothers for their willingness to complete their term of service for another year. A full 2021 calendar will be available in the near future once it is known if current restrictions may be lifted or modified. Currently, beginning in October with the good graces of the Grand Master, we plan to have our monthly meetings with the first Monday being a face to face meeting and the third Monday meeting being held via ZOOM. Success has been realized over the summer months with meetings via ZOOM and it is a way members who are located in Florida and other retirement locations can join the meeting. For the first Monday meeting MASKS will be required and social distancing will be observed.

If a brother would need assistance in enabling his computer to use ZOOM or assistance to access the meeting via ZOOM, please make the leadership aware so that we can schedule assistance for you if you prefer. Stay safe Brothers—we and look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on September 21st. **Don't forget your masks!**

Article by George Witherington **Washington Rite club of Washington County**

The Scottish Rite Club of Washington County has some exciting news. We have moved the date of our normal meeting night to a new night and a new location. The new meeting night will now be on the second Tuesday of each month. The new location will be at the Morris Frock American Legion Post 42, which is located at 405 Northern Ave, Hagerstown, Maryland. (I will post directions at the bottom of the article)

We changed the night of our meeting in order to accommodate more brothers who would like to attend. Many have stated that the old meeting night was not good for them and that they could never attend because of scheduling conflicts. We had a long meeting of the executive council about this and determined that a new date and a new venue might give a needed spark to our club.

The Scottish Rite Club of Washington County meetings are currently and have always been open to everyone. Members can bring their wives, their children or even their friends or neighbors to join us in fellowship. Remember, membership is always a main priority for us, if one of our brothers would like to bring a friend who is not a Mason but is interested in Freemasonry, then we would be glad to welcome them into our meeting and discuss with him all of the aspects of the Craft. If you know of a Master Mason from your Blue Lodge who is not a member of the Scottish Rite but is interested, bring them as well. We would be happy to speak with them.

The meeting times will be 6:30 pm for dinner and the meeting will begin at 7:15 pm. The American Legion will allow us as an organization to meet there for free. However, with that free room rental for our meetings, they ask that everyone must purchase a meal to offset the price of the room. The prices are very reasonable, and the food is very good as well. For those brothers, wives and friends who would like an adult beverage, the bar at the American Legion will certainly be able to accommodate that request as well.

We have big plans for when we can get back into the full swing of doing the business of the Scottish Rite via our club in Washington County. We hope to have guest speakers, fellowship and Scottish Rite education discussions. To make all of these plans come to fruition, we need your help. Please come out to visit us and lets begin our club after the virus better than when we left it.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 8th, 2020 at the Morris Frock American Legion at 6:30 pm for dinner and 7:15 pm for the meeting.

Please follow us on Facebook for all of the news about what is happening in the club and all news will be funneled through that medium. The Facebook site is; Scottish Rite Club of Washington County. Directions: From interstate 70 get off on 40 toward Hagerstown. Turn right onto Eastern Blvd. stay on Eastern until you get to Potomac Ave. stay straight on Eastern Blvd, however, Eastern Blvd changes to Northern Ave after you cross over Potomac Ave. after Potomac Ave, take the 4th left into the Morris Frock American Legion. Once there park and come in the front door. You will need to ring the bell to enter.

Knights of Saint Andrew

cut and mail

A. & A. S. R. VALLEY OF CUMBERLAND, ORIENT OF MARYLAND

Complete application, enclose check for \$100.00. and mail to: Knights of St. Andrew — Cumberland Scottish Rite

(Note: There are **NO** annual dues)

c/o Michael W. McKay, 407 Washington St., Cumberland, MD 21502

Cell: 301-697-2622

Name: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For official use only:

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

Date Knighted: _____ Date of Ballot _____

Feast of Tishri and Fall Capping Ceremony Set for November 8th



The Feast of Tishri will be held at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Greene Street in conjunction with the Fall Capping Ceremony, on November 8th. The Council of Kadosh will host the event and a Thanksgiving style meal will be served. Social distancing guidelines will be observed. Please use the RSVP form to respond.

The origin of The Feast of Tishri is described in the book of Leviticus where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying that on the fifteenth day of the month of Tishri of the Hebrew civil calendar, "ye shall have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord." The Feast of Tishri is the Hebrew equivalent of Thanksgiving or Harvest festival (Lincoln, 2018).

The Feast of Tabernacles (Tishri) also commemorates the ceremonies of the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple, which began in the year 2992 A.L.*, and finished in a little more than seven years. Six months after its completion, in the month of Tishri—the seventh month of the Jewish calendar—the temple was dedicated with reverential ceremonies to the one Living and True God (Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Orient of Maryland, 2015). No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Feast of Tishri more wholly than the temple dedication. The rich legendry of the Temple's dedication, celebrated during the Feast of Tishri, is an essential part of the Fourteenth Degree (2015).

By observing the Feast of Tishri, Scottish Rite Masons share the fraternal spirit and reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the brotherhood of all men. As Brothers, we resolve to build, as King Solomon did, peace for all mankind (2018). We pray blessings upon you and hope to be honored with your presence.

Salve Frater,
 Michael W. Kerns, 32°
 Commander of Kadosh

Please take note from the above article that our Fall Capping and Council of Kadosh Feast of Tishri are being held on the SAME DAY, Sunday, November 8th in the Masonic Temple. We will be gathering at 2:00 pm to honor our newest members and recognizing our 40 year plus members and including one 70 year recognition. Some other awards may also be presented at this time. Following the ceremonies, we will gather in our Dining Room for our festive Feast of Tishri meal and hopefully you and your families will be joining us. The 40 year plus members will be receiving separate invitations and response forms, but our other members wishing to attend, must use the form below to make reservations so the proper dinner reservations can be established. The cost for the reservation is \$15.00 per attendee and the ceremonies are "open to the public. Please respond accordingly.

FALL CAPPING AND FEAST OF TISHRI DINNER RESERVATION: Sunday, November 8, 2:00 pm

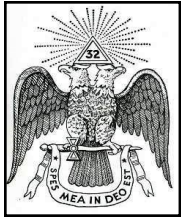
Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Number of attendees @ \$15.00 _____ **Enclosed: \$** _____ **Check #** _____

_____ **I plan to attend but WILL NOT be staying for dinner.**

Return to: Cumberland Scottish Rite, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502

Deadline for Reservations: November 1, 2020



Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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

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73 LaVale Blvd
LaVale, MD 21502-7418**

**Phone 301-729-6778
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Email - mitzjer@atlanticbb.net**

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 _____



FROM YOUR SECRETARY - Jerome F. Robinette, 33°

What an unpredictable year we are having this year!! Our executive committee has had their hands full trying to hold the functions of our Scottish Rite together, and has been doing a fine job so far. We will ALL need to thank them for their leadership in these trying times. Numerous activities have been eliminated or canceled and we must "pick up the pieces" for the remainder of the season. As all levels of masonry have been on a drastic decline, our Scottish Rite is no exception. We did not have our Spring Class and are hopeful that we will be having our Fall Class as shown in articles in this issue. We have had some success with holding "virtual Zoom" meetings during the pandemic and we hope to have success with future virtual meetings this Fall. Please keep your email addresses current with our office and feel free to join any of the stated meetings as announced.

As the new billing system approaches, when your dues notice for 2021 arrives in September, you will notice that your 2021 dues card will be enclosed with your dues statement and you should reply accordingly. If the amount of owed dues does not match your record keeping, be sure to give me a call to establish the difference in accounting. Since majority of our members do not attend meetings and activities, it is of utmost importance that you properly submit your dues when received, pledging your support to YOUR Scottish Rite. As our membership declines, our income declines, but we still have our annual financial obligations to maintain our fine organization. You can see as you read this issue, we are trying to complete the year 2020 to the best of our ability while observing our pandemic restrictions and hope that each of you will pledge your support to our programming. Please make some special efforts to come out and be part of maintaining our fine Scottish Rite organization. Please "follow the rules", and keep you and your family in good health.

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SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP III. James M Snider, 33° Venerable Master



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!

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