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14th Annual Burns Supper

SATURDAY 6TH OF FEBRUARY 2021

5:00—9:00 PM \$50 PER PERSON

CUMBERLAND MASONIC TEMPLE
15 GREENE STREET, CUMBERLAND, MD



Featuring

WORLD CHAMPION PIPER ANDREW DONLON
SCOTTISH MUSIC, TOASTS, AND FARE
ONLY 50 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

BENEFITS RITECARE SPEECH CLINIC AT THE CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

Scottish Supper Menu by Good Carma Catering

Entrée: Mixed Grill of Chicken Bonnie Prince Charlie & Beef Medallion w/ Demi Glace



Haggis in Phyllo Shells & Scotch Eggs
Scotch Broth
Garden Salad
Colcannon
Assorted Rolls
Sherry Trifle
Iced Tea and Coffee
ATTIRE: Formal or Traditional Kilt

Robert Burns Supper Reservation Form

Saturday, February 6, 2021 at the Masonic Temple

Complete and return with your payment to:

Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, 73 Lavale Blvd, Lavale, MD 21502-7418

Or Register Online at CumberlandScottishRite.org

Name of Guest(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please reserve (# of) dinners ____ at \$50.00 per Meal.

Please accept my additional tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ to support RiteCare!

Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

COMBINED INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MASONIC TEMPLE - GREENE STREET SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 2021 - 2:00 PM

Important Notice Concerning the 2021 Installation of Officers

Due to health and safety concerns and in order to comply to state and local guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the 2021 Ceremony of Installation will be limited to officers and their invited guests. No meal will be served. This is an unfortunate but necessary decision. We congratulate the officers on their election or appointment to serve the Valley of Cumberland in 2021 and look forward to a return to normal in the coming year.

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Buck-A-Cup A Success in Spite of COVID-19!

Congratulations to 2020 Buck A Cup Chairman Sam Lane on a successful year in spite of reduced patronage of restaurants as a result of COVID-19!

We appreciate the strong support of our participating restaurant partners—Arby's in Lavale, Chat-N-Chew in McCoolle, Denny's in Lavale, K-Bar in Cumberland, and Roy Rogers in Cumberland—for their commitment to RiteCare even during these difficult times.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation will be donating nearly **\$5,000** to the RiteCare Speech and Language Disorders Clinic thanks to the dedication of these local businesses and their customers.

Daniel C. Stitt, 32°, Venerable Master, Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew

As this turbulent year shudders towards a new one, it is a time of reflection and introspection. From the perspective of your Venerable Master, the KSA has endured and learned many things to prepare us for future endeavors.

As is with the other Scottish Rite bodies, the majority of our officers will be retaining their positions in the coming year. For this, I am thankful. Not only because we were not able to meet and hold events as planned, but for the resolute fact we were not given the opportunity to put forth our combined talents in continuing the ideals and efforts expected of the KSA. I look forward to working with everybody again. I am excited to be given a second chance to put the KSA more in the forefront, as we are "the outward and visible presence of the Scottish Rite."

In the beginning of this year, we astounded attendants at the Robert Burns Supper by donating \$20,000.00 to The Children's League: a historical record! Many of our dedicated Knights worked tirelessly in the months prior to the event by reaching out to numerous sponsors, both new and recurring. Their actions solidified the importance of our work with The Children's League. And as usual, the dinner itself was a spectacular show with meals provided by Good Carma Catering, entertainment by Shanty Irish, and plenty of fellowship and drinks to share by all. It was certainly a night to be treasured before COVID-19 restrictions shut nearly everything down barely a month later. On February 6th, 2021, we intend to hold a more intimate Burns Supper at the Greene St. Temple, but restrictions require a maximum of 50 guests or adjustments as needed. Despite the setbacks, we wish to keep the tradition alive and enjoy our time together.

With restrictions in place throughout the year, we had to think creatively with our limitations for events we typically hold. Unfortunately, our float did not see much travel, as parades were cancelled throughout the region, but it gave us time to reflect on what we need to implement for the future. Our annual KSA Corn Roast transformed into, and will remain, the Family Corn Roast with the inclusion of all Scottish Rite members and their families. We had quite an enjoyable time at Brother Jim Bosley's house, including a game of Corn Hole and Egg Toss. The Summerfields have offered to host 2021's Family Corn Roast. The Kid Walk/Kid Talk Walk-a-thon converted into a virtual event, where participants registered online and walked on their own time between September 19th and the 30th. While the one-day event is still planned for next year, I would like to see the online addition to continue as well, so more participants can help in our efforts with supporting The Children's League.

Though the year was dim, it ended on a high note with the initiation of five new members. This mass-initiation is a second historical moment for our order in 2020! Congratulations to our newest Knights on joining our ranks: Steve Gaudette, Mike Kerns, Ghini Khalsa, Mark Lathrop, and Dwight Metcalf. As each Brother is highly involved with Freemasonry, I look forward to witnessing their talents at work in moving the KSA to new heights.

In closing, I am humbled to be your Venerable Master this past year, and it is my expectation to take what I learned and implement it for the coming year. I cannot stress enough the value I place on everyone's wisdom and fellowship to help make this Consistory everything it strives for.



Western Maryland Masonic Ladies Night May 1, 2021 at Ali Ghan Shrine Center

ALL area Masons are invited to attend this year's Annual Western Maryland Masonic Ladies Night on Saturday, May 1, 2021. 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 1st, at Ali Ghan Shrine Center, Begins at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00pm

Cost for Meals is \$40.00 per person - No Charge for widows of Scottish Rite Members

Names: _____ Blue Lodge _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Enclosed: \$ _____ for # _____ Chicken Dinners and # _____ 6oz Filet Mignon Dinners

Send this reservation form and payment to: Cumberland Scottish Rite c/o Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502-7418

Reservation Deadline is: Saturday, April 24th, 2021

Reservations will not be accepted without proper payment.

Message from your Secretary; Jerome F. Robinette, 33°

What a year !!! Where has it gone? **Where is it going?** The year got past the Installation and not much further. Our Scottish Rite stated meetings began and then we came to a standstill. All Scottish Rite stated meetings and activities fell into the hands of our officers, who had to make numerous decisions about what we need to do to continue our function as a Scottish Rite body. Thanks to some positive decision making, we began to hold virtual meetings and hold things together and continue planning for the year and make some plans for the year 2021. Our "online" meetings are still being done and every member is welcome to join in with the proper acknowledgement and registering.

As we began the automated billing of Scottish Rite dues for the year 2021, you should have noticed that billing for the new year is different. All billing comes from the Supreme Council and for the new year, they should have mailed your dues statement, showing your dues status and enclosed your "membership card" for the year 2021. This is the first year that this has been done and we hope that you each respond accordingly by promptly paying the stated amount by the first of the year. Your financial support is needed to continue our Scottish Rite obligations.

Our present dues are still \$72.00 and we are assessed \$30.00 per member, paying or dues exempt members, and we still are required to pay assessments for rent to the Masonic Temple Association, as well as our assessment to our Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. BUT here is the problem, as we approach December each year, just over 30% of our members still have not paid their current dues amount and 5% are subject to suspension for non-payment. That makes it very hard to try to create a practical budget for the new year. We are asking each of our members to give serious consideration to what your Scottish Rite membership means to you and make a sincere attempt to respond accordingly.

To our members who are one, or even two years in arrears and subject to suspension by our statutes, think back to all the enjoyable times that you shared with your fellow members, many of whom have passed on. Try to remember the things that really meant a lot to you in your Scottish Rite journey, I'm sure each of you had many pleasures. It's not too late to make an "about face" and become an active member again, we need each of you in these serious times.

As a Scottish Rite member, you are also a member of our Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc, our philanthropy that is supporting our FREE Rite Care Speech and Language Disorders clinics for the children of our tristate community. We now have three clinics, one in Cumberland at the Children's League, one in Oakland at the Oakland Lodge #192 and one in Keyser, West Virginia at the Keyser Health Department. Please think about YOUR Scottish Rite at this time.

Schedule for Spring Convocation #177 - March 6th - April 19th - April 24th

First Session: Saturday, March 6th: At the **Cumberland Masonic Temple**, 15 Greene Street

10:30 a.m. Check-in and Registration of Candidates (Light Refreshments)

11:00 a.m. Open **Lodge of Perfection** and Conferral of **4th and 14th** degrees

1:00 p.m. Dismissal

Second Session: Monday, April 19th: At the **Oakland #192 Lodge** in Oakland, Maryland

6:30 p.m. Members & Ladies -Gathering for Soup, Sandwiches and Pie—Hosted by the Ladies of Oakland Lodge #192

7:30 p.m. Open **Lodge of Perfection** and Conferral of **18th Degree**

Third Session: Saturday, April 24th: At the **Cumberland Masonic Temple**, 15 Greene Street

8:30 a.m. Check-in (Light Refreshments)

9:00 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 **177th Reunion & Capping Luncheon** (Members and Ladies are Invited) - reservations required

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

177th REUNION AND CAPPING LUNCHEON Saturday, April 24th, 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: Scottish Rite, Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502-7418

Telephone 301-729-6778

Valley of Cumberland Schedule of Events for 2021

Sun Jan 3	Installation of Officers Practice	2:00 pm
Mon Jan 4	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 pm
Fri Jan 8	Meyersdale Installation of Officers	7:00 pm
Tues Jan 12	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	6:30 pm
Mon Jan 18	Knights of St. Andrew	7:30 pm
Tues Jan 26	S.R. Awards for Buck-A-Cup at Arby's in LaVale	3:00 pm
Tues Jan 26	Robert Burns Rehearsal—Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
February 2021		
Mon Feb 1	Lodge of Perfection/SR Fnd Directors/Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Sat Feb 6	KSA Robert Burns Supper-Masonic Temple	5:00 pm
Sun Feb 7	Degree Rehearsal 14th, 30th, & 32nd	1:00/2:00/3:00 pm
Tues Feb 9	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	6:30pm
Mon Feb 15	Lodge of Perfection Meeting	7:30 pm
Sun Feb 21	Degree Rehearsals - 14°, 30° and 32°	1:00, 2:00 & 3:00pm
Sat Feb 27	GLMD Regional Meeting-Shrine Club	8:30 am
Sun Feb 28	Designer Bag Bingo-Masonic Temple	TBD
March 2021		
Mon Mar 1	Chapter of Rose Croix Meeting	7:30 pm
SPRING CLASS—FIRST SESSION - 177 th Convocation		
Sat Mar 6	Orientation & Confer 4th & 14th Degrees-check-in	10:30 am
Tues Mar 9	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	6:30 pm
Mon Mar 15	Lodge of Perfection Meeting	7:30 pm
Thur Mar 18	Thing-A-Ma-Jig Rehearsal - Shrine Center	6:00-8:00 pm
Fri Mar 19	Thing-A-Ma-Jig—Shrine Center	7:15 pm
Sun Mar 21	Chapter of Rose Croix - Ceremony of Lights	2:00 pm
Sun Mar 28	Degree Rehearsal KSA—30th & 32nd Degree	1:00/2:00/3:00 pm
Mon Mar 29	KSA Business Meeting & Parade Planning	7:30 pm

April 2021

Sun Apr 4	EASTER SUNDAY	
Mon April 5	Consistory Meeting	7:30 pm
Sun Apr 11	Kirkin' of the Tarran-Park Place-United Methodist Church	11:30 am
Tues Apr 13	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	6:30 pm
SPRING CLASS—SECOND SESSION		
Mon April 19	Lodge of Perfection—Confer 18th Degree/Oakland Dinner	6:30 pm
Fri Apr 23	Setup Social hall for Reunion Dinner	TBA
	Setup of Lodge Hall Lodge	5:00 pm
Sat Apr 24	Spring Class - Third Session	Check in 8:30 am
	Conferral of Council of Kadosh, 30° Degree	9:00 am
	177th Reunion Luncheon	12:30 pm
	SPRING CAPPING & AWARDS CEREMONY	1:30 pm
May 2021		
Sat May 1	Combined Scottish Rite Ladies Night—Ali Ghan T temple	5:00 pm
Mon May 3	Knights of St. Andrew Meeting— Initiation	7:30 pm
	Knights of St. Andrew Practice for Initiation	6:30 pm
Tues May 11	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	6:30 pm
Sat May 15	Grand Lodge—Semi Annual Communication	TBD
Mon May 17	Council of Kadosh	7:30 pm
June 2021		
Friday June 4-6	Fellows Workshop—Washington, DC	
Sat Jun 5	Celtic Fest—Friendsville Community Park	TBD
Mon Jun 7	Masonic Strawberry Night-Covered Dish-Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
Tues Jun 8	Washington Co. Scottish Rite Club	6:30 pm
Mon Jun 14	KSA Robert Burns Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Sun June 27	John the Baptist Day—Christ Lutheran Church	11:00 am
July Summer Recess		

Keep up with the Cumberland Scottish Rite online at
www.cumberlandscottishrite.org
 and on Facebook at Cumberland Scottish Rite

Fall Capping Ceremony Honorees—November 8, 2020



Ritualist for the Fall Class: Ill. Jamey Hill, 33° Personal Representative, 33° and Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33°, Secretary had the honor of presenting the Fall 2020 Ritualist Award to Brother Gary Shriver, of Hagerstown, MD and witnessed by Ill. Aaron V. Lea, 33°, the outgoing Ritual Champion for the 2019 Fall Convocation.



Fifty Year Cap: Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° is shown with Brother William L. Kerns, 32° (center) recipient of his fifty year cap. Brother Michael W. Kerns, 32° (right) was also present to congratulate his father for the fifty year cap honor. Brother Mike is presently the Potentate of local Ali Ghan Shrine Temple.



Fifty Year Cap: Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° was honored to present a Fifty Year Cap to Brother Jack L. Murray, Sr, 32°. His Lady Laura was also present to witness the presentation at the Fall Capping Ceremony.



Forty Year Members: These four members were present to receive their 40 year awards, Brother Dwight C. Metcalf, 32°, Brother Gary L. Beachy, 32°, Brother William D. Hunt, 32° and Brother Delmar R. Sliger, 32°. Brother Summerfield (left) and Brother Hill (right) congratulated these brethren on their forty year achievement awards.



Check to Children's League: Hon. Robin L. Summerfield, 32° KCCH Assistant Personal Representative, Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary and Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° had the honor of presenting a check for \$3,800 to Cathy Growden, Executive Director for the Children's League as part of their annual financial support to the Rite Care Speech and Language Disorders Clinic.



Scottish Rite members and 2020 Kid/Walk Kid/Talk committee with some participants exhibiting their 2020 shirt with names and logos from our numerous sponsors and contributors.



From Your Personal Representative—III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°

I'd like to provide an important update about the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, which is an IRS 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Charitable Foundation created by the leaders of the Cumberland Scottish Rite nearly forty years ago to better enable the members of the Cumberland Scottish Rite to provide assistance and relief to those in need in our community and to exemplify the principles of our Masonic fraternity – Brotherly Love and Charity.

Since 1983, your Foundation has contributed nearly \$500,000 to our community in the form of educational scholarships, support for youth development programs, and through our principal philanthropy, The Children's League, to provide free diagnostic and treatment services at our three RiteCare Early Childhood Speech and Language Disorders Clinics to children in Allegany, Garrett, and Mineral Counties. One of the greatest challenges facing many local children is speech and language disorders, and communication is one of the most important skills we can help children to develop as they grow into citizens and leaders of tomorrow. The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is dedicated to this effort and we hope you are too.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation has worked tirelessly to raise funds for these great and important undertakings through our annual fundraising events, including Buck-A-Cup, the Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show, Ladies Auxiliary Designer Bag Bingo, and the Knights of St. Andrew's Robert Burns Night, and from the generous donations of members like you. We are currently developing a strategic fundraising plan to ensure that the Foundation is able to continue to support our mission to provide RiteCare and other charitable activities for the next forty years and beyond. This strategic plan will include our successful fundraising events as well as direct solicitation of our members and community supporters to consider including the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation in their **annual, long-term, and estate giving plans.**

The leadership of the Cumberland Scottish Rite and our Foundation are reading the room and the message we are getting from many of our longtime supporters is "don't ask for money now, just don't ask." We must not show ourselves to be tone deaf by indelicately seeking financial support from people who may be fighting illness, are unemployed, or mourning a family member. Neither can we ignore the needs of the many children in our community who depend on RiteCare.

The Children's League depends on the funds we raise to finance staffing, rent, utilities, and other overhead necessary to provide these essential services to children, and in the coming months they will need a significant infusion of funding just to keep staff on the payroll. Throughout this pandemic, The Children's League has been committed to providing staff member health coverage and to continuing to provide world class services to local children. During this time of dislocation, fear and trauma, nonprofits are struggling mightily. Board-certified speech pathologists Angela Mandell and Debbie Friend at The Children's League have successfully pivoted to provide virtual treatment services to approximately 120 children participating online from the safety of their own homes across three counties. Meanwhile, the leadership team at the Children's League has been working closely with partners at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Allegany Plastic Surgery to ensure that world class orthopedic and cleft lip and pallet surgical treatments continue to be available to children in our community at no cost to their families. It is incredibly expensive to provide such care at no cost to families and we depend on your generosity to make it happen.

There is no guarantee that children will continue to receive our services, now or in the future, or that staff members – the face and heart of every organization – will retain their jobs. Everything is uncertain and everything is on edge. The survival of RiteCare depends on our ability to raise funding.

All of us will need help, and all of us will need to do our best to provide help to others. If you have previously contributed to the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, please accept our sincere appreciation for your past support. If you are financially able, we respectfully ask that you **consider becoming a Friend of RiteCare** using the form on Page 12 of this newsletter. Your tax-deductible gift will help continue the important work of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, The Children's League, and the many professionals and volunteers bringing the gift of communication to area children.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Jamey S. Hill



Daniel C. Stitt, 32°, Wise Master, Cumberland Rose Croix

THE CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal is a tradition the Scottish Rite upholds each year with honor and dignity. As per the Forms and Traditions of our order, this commemoration of life “is not a religious observance,” but rather it borrows from “the spirit of [several] days”, including the Last Supper and the Mystic Banquet. During this celebration of life, we must also acknowledge the other side of the coin with grace for those Brothers whom we wish to see again.

This celebration of combined spirituality resonates with a Latin phrase that was re-popularized on social media during 2020: memento mori. By translation, we are advised to “remember death.” In order to honor the lives of those we have lost with the extinction of lights during our Ceremony, we vow to live on as representations of those Brothers who have accepted new journeys and higher callings. Reigniting the lights marks only the beginning of this task. Through remembering death’s important role as a natural answer to life, we only begin to scratch the surface of honoring our glorious Brethren.

Where there is darkness, so too must there be light, as goes the old refrain. Memento vivere likewise requires us to live as our Brothers would have wanted. Not just as ourselves, but as a reflection of the memories and deeds we completed together while our journeys overlapped in this mortal realm. The men who travelled to the Celestial Lodge during this past year are steadfast examples of merit among men. Not only did they provide laughter for a weary warrior, but they also knew how to complete great works. While not every memory we shared ended in perfection, days were more perfect for those memories being made.

Akin to the Last Supper or the Mystic Banquet, we gather specific symbols fit to celebrate those who have gone before. Through these symbols, we also renew our vows to one another in Brotherly love. While we did not physically gather for the Ceremony of Lights in 2020 due to March’s madness, I believe the fellowship among our order has remained strong. In many ways, distance has revitalized our vows to one another and strengthened tested bonds—as our Brothers who have traveled beyond would have wanted.

As we travel into a new year, I encourage each Rose Croix Mason to reach out to at least one of his Brethren. To renew tested bonds with a vow to understand one another better. To provide laughter in times of sorrow. To be an ear when words need to flow. I hope you and yours find a new love of life, fellowship, and family in the coming year.

Daniel Stitt, Venerable Master—Knights of St. Andrew
Cumberland Valley Scottish Rite’s Chapter of Rose Croix
Presents Ceremony of Lights



Brothers of Rose Croix request your presence at our annual Ceremony of Lights on March 21, 2021, 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 who traveled to the Celestial Lodge within the past year.

Dinner Reservation Form
 March 21, 2021, at 2:00 PM at the Greene Street Temple

Name	
Guest's Name	
Address	
Telephone	

Please Note: Reservations are required. Reservations will not be accepted without payment.
 Reservation Deadline: March 15, 2021

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

Checks Payable To: Cumberland Scottish Rite Mail Reservation Form & Payment To:

Cumberland Scottish Rite || c/o Jerry Robinette, 73 LaVale Blvd. || LaVale, Maryland 21502-7418

Questions? Please contact Brother Jerry Robinette at (301) 729-6778 or mitzjer@atlanticbb.net



Congratulations to the Members of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite Fall 2020 Class

Row One: (L.-R) Ill. James M. Snider, 33°, Venerable Master: Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°, Personal Representative Emeritus; Brother Randy Stephen Bishop, 32° Cumberland, MD, Brother James David Carraway, 32°, Smithsburg, MD, Brother Michael Scott Oden, 32°, Hagerstown, MD, Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative for the Valley of Cumberland.

Row Two: (L.-R) Brother Barry Lynn Wilt, Jr., 32°, Meyersdale, PA., Brother Stephen Ringler, 32°, Salisbury, PA., Brother James Bradley Kalbflesh, 32°, Shepherdstown, WV., Brother Walter Paul Gilbert, 32°, Hagerstown, MD, Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Secretary-registrar, Valley of Cumberland.

**A WORD FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP III. James M. Snider, 33 ° Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection
WHAT WILL OUR LODGES LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?**



What will our lodges of the future look like? Will there be dining clubs? Community service groups? Esoteric associations? Whatever they will be, Freemasonry will undoubtedly be smaller – fewer members in few lodges. This is not a gloom and doom prediction, but one that shows the natural cycle which we have seen time and again throughout Masonic history. Lodges have always been formed and closed as needs and circumstances dictate. That is surely how operative lodges building cathedrals worked. When the cathedral was completed, the lodge would disband. The Premier Grand Lodge was formed by four London lodges in 1717. But by 1750 about a quarter of the London lodges had closed. In 1751 a separatist group had formed called the Antients and it wasn't until 1813 that the English lodges settled their differences and reformed.

During the French Revolution, Masonry almost disappeared from France. And edicts of Popes, Kings and Emperors suppressed Masonry at various times all over Europe. The fall-out of the Morgan Affair decimated Masonry in the United States in 1826. By 1837 almost two-thirds of the lodges in the North East had closed. As one can see the result of issues in England, Europe and those in the U.S. caused a decline in membership. Having fewer lodges is not always a bad thing. The remaining lodges end up with a larger number of active members, so that they have the critical mass to do things. There is less recycling of line officers and Worshipful Masters leading to a more enthusiastic governance.

Why do we obsess about numbers? Why do we so desperately want new members? Are we driven by a burning desire to improve men and society by sharing the philosophy of Freemasonry? Or are we pre-occupied with paying for the upkeep and operations of our buildings? Certainly, this is an important consideration. What harm can focusing on numbers do? It might lead to accepting a candidate we shouldn't because we need his money! We might focus too much time and effort on recruiting new members rather than developing new members we already have. You know we often talk about how great things were in the good old days when our temples were overflowing but who wants to join a group that continually says, "we used to be great"? Measuring a lodge's health by its size is not a valid method.

What can our Scottish Rite do to invest in the future to overcome the havoc caused by the Covid virus as well as a society not so interested in joining fraternal organizations as once was the case during the Golden Age of Masonry at the turn of the 20th Century and during the Victorian era. First, we must develop our membership maintaining a level of quality. Use our home confinement to improve and memorize our parts as line officers or that degree you have consented to be part of in Scottish Rite. Let's work on our ritual so that our new members will see a first- class presentations. We must continue to educate our membership through various interesting and applicable presentations. We must all participate in the newly organized foundation fund-raising efforts to keep us financially healthy. Several of our members have developed a plan to professionally approach the concept of raising funds.

Finally, and most important for all Scottish Rite Masons, we must attend our various programs and ceremonies (assuming the virus will permit us to do so) – the Ceremony of Lights to be held March 21st. March is also a month to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Cumberland Consistory. A most important celebration is that of our ladies at the Ladies Night Program scheduled May 1st at the Shrine Center (assuming the virus will permit us to do so). We need to join as brethren of the Scottish Rite and in the brotherhood we all so enjoy and participate and feel pride and ownership in that of which we are a part. I know we all hope and pray for a vaccine to combat this devastating disease that has claimed so many lives. Some solution to the current affairs will hopefully encourage all of us to commit ourselves once again to our Scottish Rite.

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**
c/o Samuel B. Lane, 1037 Bedford St., Cumberland, MD 21502-1250 Cell: 240-580-0908 (Note: There are NO annual dues)

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 _____



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To the Officers and Members of:

**CUMBERLAND LODGE OF PERFECTION
CUMBERLAND CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX**

**CUMBERLAND COUNCIL OF KADOSH
CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY**

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** _____ **Wife** _____

My Occupation, position, or trade is that of _____

Employed by _____ **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

14° Ring

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Date Petition received _____

Amount received \$ _____

Check No. _____ Cash \$ _____

Ballot Date of Petition _____

CAP SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)

RING SIZE _____ (Size taken at initiation)

LADIES NAME _____

Member Notification Date _____

Departed Brethren Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies—Year 2020

Name	City and State	Date of Deceased
Apple, Walter J. 40+yr	Cumberland, MD	February 5, 2020
Bosley, James Z. 32, KCCH	Frostburg, MD	November 17, 2020
Campbell, Wayne I. 45+yr	Rawlings, MD	January 12, 2020
Crawford, William E. 50+yr	Cumberland, MD	June 4, 2020
Densmore, Vincent E.	Frostburg, MD	March 19, 2020
Ill Doll Jr., Charles C. 33° 20+yr	Frederick, MD	July 1, 2020
Folk, Eugene 50 yr	Frostburg, MD	August 28, 2020
Hon. Foreback, Harry J., 32 KCCH	Cumberland, MD	March 31, 2020
Frye, Robert L. 44 yr	Hagerstown, MD	March 16, 2018
Grim, Neal C. 48+yr	Sharpsburg, MD	June 23, 2020
Handley, Philip G. 50+yr	Cumberland, MD	September 29, 2020
Holler Jr., J. Guy 50+yr	Everett, PA	December 2, 2020
Hon. Householder, Truman L 32° KCCH	Cumberland, MD	December 15, 2019
Ill. Hout, Charles J. 33° 50+yr	LaVale, MD	February 15, 2020
Howell Sr., Joseph R. 20+yr	Boonsboro, MD	February 16, 2019
Keller Sr., Richard E. 45+yr	Cumberland, MD	July 6, 2020
Kline, Stanley L. 50 yr	Cumberland, MD	August 22, 2020
Kyle, Joseph W. 25+yr	Barton, MD	May 31, 2020
Ill. Litton Sr, David W 33° Life	Hagerstown, MD	July 1, 2020
Loar, Emery V. 50+yr	Frostburg, MD	December 7, 2020
Pepper, Roy E. 40 yr	Orlando, FL	September 15, 2020
Ill. Reel, Frederick E. 33° 40yr	Hagerstown, MD	March 3, 2020
Ill. Ridgeway, Charles 33° 50+yr	Sykesville, MD	February 27, 2020
Shaulis, David Fulton 27+yr	Grantsville, MD	February 22, 2020
Sheetz, Clarence E. 50+yr	Cumberland, MD	January 28, 2020
Sherman Sr, Lawrence E.	Moorefield, WV	April 10, 2018
Spangler, Gearald Donald 36+yr	Cumberland, MD	January 2, 2020
Streett, Frederick A. 45+yr	Flintstone, MD	June 19, 2020
Winebrenner, James 50 yr	Kapaa, HI	July 23, 2018
Wyant, Robert P. 40+yr	Smithsburg, MD	February 7, 2020
Ill. Young, David Lee 33° 50+yr	St Paul, MN	November 11, 2020

SERVICE AWARDS for FAITHFUL SERVICE to the CUMBERLAND SCOTTISH RITE**40 Years of Service as of Spring & Fall 1980**

Robert G. Barnhart, Jr, 32°	Terry L. Beal, 32°	Gary L. Beachy, 32°	Michael J. Fisher, 32°
Wayne E. Fleegle, 32°	Donald W. Gaumer, 32°	William D. Hunt, 32°	Dwight C. Metcalf, 32°
D. Lynn Newman, 32°	Wallace W. Peters, 32°	Delmar R. Sliger, 32°	George H. Small, 32°

45 Years of Service as of Spring & Fall 1975

Arthur G. Coddington, Jr. 32°	George C. DeHaven, Jr. 32°	William C. Lewis, Jr, 32°
Ronald G. Norford, 32°	Theodore R. Robb, 32°	Roy P. Saunders, 32°
Daniel J. Whaley, 32°	Terry E. Williams, 32°	Edward A. Worth, 32°

50 Years of Service as of Spring & Fall 1970

Karl E. Bittner, 32°	Clyde H. Foor, Jr 32°	G. David Green, 32°
Calvin F. Hoffman, 32°	Glenn D. Markley, 32°	Claude W. Plessinger, 32°
Charles E Sibley, Jr. 32°	Ill. G. Fred Widmyer, 33°	John W. Wolfe, 32°

55 Years of Service as of Spring & Fall 1965 — Jerry C. Butcher, 32°**70 Years of Service as of Spring & Fall 1950 — Charles F. Dicks, 32° William S. Firey, 32°**

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☐ Memorial or Honor Gift \$ _____ in remembrance/honor of _____

Please contact me to discuss the following **Planned Giving** Opportunities to support RiteCare in Western Maryland and the surrounding region

- ☐ Bequests and Legacy Gifts ☐ Corporate Sponsorship ☐ Establish a Named Endowment

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Return form and any payment to: Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation
c/o Jerry Robinette, 73 Lavale Blvd, Lavale, MD 21502

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