

# The Perfect Elu

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, S. J.  
Valley of Cumberland      Orient of Maryland

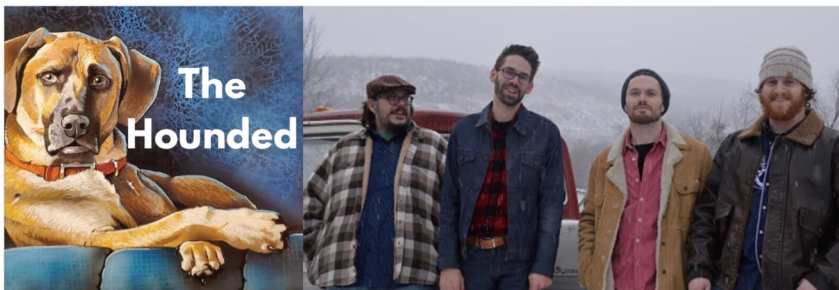


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## The 19th Annual A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show

### FEATURING



The Hounded mixes the raw emotion of blues and soul, the story telling and twang of country, pop writing aesthetics, and the grit of rock and roll for a unique twist on familiar sounds that tells their story.



Proceeds Benefit RiteCare Childhood Speech Therapy Clinics

in Cumberland, Oakland, and Keyser

Presented by



**The Cumberland Scottish Rite of Freemasonry**

Ali Ghan Shrine Center

Friday, June 4, 2021

Cash Bar 5:00 PM

Showtime 7:00 PM

Full Dinner Menu Available

**Tickets \$10 at the door or in advance at [CumberlandScottishRite.org](http://CumberlandScottishRite.org)**

### ALSO APPEARING

The finger snapping, toe tapping, hand clapping music of

#### The Acoustikatz

Featuring Donnie Carman and Eric Houdersheldt

2015 & 2016 CGMA Bluegrass Artist of the Year

#### Loretta Hummel

NCHC Grand Champion

#### Will's Mountain Cloggers

Acoustic Guitar and Vocals of

#### KerrKuhn

Featuring Greg Kerr and Harley Kuhn

And More!



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**Check Your Wallet, Do You Have A Current Membership Card? If Not, Contact Your Secretary**

Cumberland Scottish Rite meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm. It's YOUR Scottish Rite and we would like to see you there and fellowship with YOUR Brothers, ....they would like to see you there.

Unless noted; ALL brethren named in *The Perfect Elu* are 32° Scottish Rite Masons.

## Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew Burns Night Supports RiteCare



The Cumberland Maryland, Knights of St. Andrew Venerable Master Daniel Stitt and members of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. presented a check for \$15,500 to The Children's League to support FREE RiteCare Childhood Speech and Language Disorder services for local children. Pictured left to right: Jamey S. Hill; Personal Representative, Valley of Cumberland; Jerry Robinette, Valley Secretary; Daniel Stitt, K.S.A. Venerable Master; Cathy Growden, Children's League Executive Director; Foundation Chairman James M. Snider, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection and Robin L. Summerfield, Assistant Personal Representative, Valley of Cumberland and Treasurer.

## Valley of Cumberland Calendar of Events

Friday June 4	Thing-A-Ma-Jig Event - Shrine Center	5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday June 4-6	Fellows Workshop - Washington DC	TBD.
Saturday June 5	Celtic Festival	TBD.
Monday June 7	Masonic Strawberry Night - Masonic Temple	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday June 8	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	6:30 p.m.
Monday June 14	KSA Burns Committee	6:00 p.m.
Sunday June 27	John the Baptist Day - Christ Lutheran Church	11:00 a.m.
JULY THRU AUGUST - SUMMER RECESS		
Saturday JULY 31	Family Corn Roast - Summerfield Lane	3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Monday August 30	Knights of St. Andrew Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Monday September 6	SR Presentation - Meyersdale Lodge	7:00 p.m.
September	Kid's Walk - Children's League	TBD
Tuesday September 14	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County	6:30 p.m.
Sunday September 19	Degree Rehearsal - 14, 30 & 32 degrees	1:00/2:00/3:00
Monday, September 27	Knights of St. Andrew Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Monday October 4	Council of Consistory	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 9	Honors Day - Baltimore, MD	Bus leaves about 8:30 am
Friday October 15	Cumberland Consistory No. 2 100th Anniversary	5:00 p.m.

## Bringing the “Wow” Factor

By Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33° Personal Representative



Our 2021 Spring Reunion was completed in three segments over a 21-day period in April. We had hoped this format would provide a more fulfilling Scottish Rite experience than a one-day class, which delivers in formation as if it were coming out of a fire hose. However, some of our workers in the quarry are not convinced that this is necessary. Some have even responded with resistance to efforts to embellish the degree presentation, choosing less rather than more artistic creativity. However, in order to best serve the candidate who has paid \$250 to experience the plays that comprise the Scottish Rite degrees, the work must be performed and produced with precision and professionalism. Our reputation as Freemasons depends on it.

Like any Broadway play, our seats are not cheap. If the play is good and the actors captivating, the customer is entertained and gratified with his choice to pay. If the play is less than interesting, we fail as a fraternity. If the play misses a cue, halts and restarts, or needs direction from the sidelines the degree suffers we may lose the audience — and the member who may never return to Lodge activities.

Any investment banker will tell you that millennials drive the economy. They are more active and spend more money on entertainment and creative endeavors than my generation ever imagined. They jump from brand to brand, creating action when there was none; there is no comparison between the generations. When our play is good our brand value goes up. When our reputation goes up our viability goes up and the leadership maintains the approval of the stockholders. When our brand value declines that also can create action; CEOs of today's corporations would be fired if they ignored the changing needs and desires of consumers. There is much more that can be done in presenting our degrees to enhance the Scottish Rite experience than the memorization skills of certain individuals could ever accomplish. It takes years to develop memorization skills. Brethren, we have one opportunity to impress the candidate with our dramatic portrayal of the degrees. How do you suppose that is working these days?

Statistically speaking we see about 20% of the degree cast filled by last minute substitutions, which fails to deliver the dramatic oratory necessary to impress the candidates and others who attend our Reunions. When we seek to add scenery, fog, lighting, temperature variations, specific music, or other theatrical embellishments to enhance certain scenes it is because the script says we are supposed to. In recent years, we have been unable to focus on these dramatic effects because our attention has been directed at rebuilding the casts of various degrees as many of our long-term cast members have retired. After much effort, each of our Degree Team captains has secured regular actors and understudies who are committed to memorizing the work and attending rehearsals and conferrals. We have come a long way in the past 5 years but we must do better. As our degree teams develop proficiency in memorization and floor work, we can now turn our attention to the staging and dramatic effects that add “wow factor” and truly transform these scripts into plays.

Recently, our Directors of Work Mike Kamauff and Marc Valentine have undertaken an effort to correct the communication, sets, and theatrical instructions of these plays to enhance the Scottish Rite experience. This effort is not intended to burden the cast and crew, or to diminish the work of those who preceded us in this work, but to enhance the experience for new initiates of our venerable Rite.

In closing, I will leave you with these words of Sovereign Grand Commander James Cole after attending recent conferrals across the Jurisdiction, “Masonry asks of its members a little courage, a little valor, it takes grit to effect real change. Words are powerful and important; beyond its lessons, our ritual teaches us that the details do matter.” Brethren, artistic flair is imperative to our degrees. Our reputation as a fraternity depends on it. The next time we do a play, let us strive to be the better men we claim to be.

## 2021 Spring Service Awards

At our 2021 Spring Capping and Service Awards Ceremony, these members were acknowledged for their years of Scottish Rite membership: (L-R) William G. Kight, 45 years (April 5, 1976), Arthur E. Isom, 50 years (March 20, 2071), and Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33°, (April 5, 1976).

Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative presented pins to Brothers Kight and Robinette and the Supreme Council 50-year pin and Certificate to Brother Isom.



## Our Newest Scottish Rite Members of 2021 Spring Class



The newest members of the Cumberland Scottish Rite received their prayer caps during the Spring Capping and Ring Ceremony at the Cumberland Masonic Temple.

In a return to our past tradition, each of this year's class members was also presented with a Fourteenth Degree Ring, which is a plain flat gold band with a triangle enclosing the Hebrew letter *yod*, the initial of the Hebrew name of Deity, and engraved with his name, the date he received the Fourteenth Degree, and the motto *Virtus junxit mors non separabit* (Virtue has united and death shall not separate.)

Pictured (above L to R) Brother Jack C. Fitzwater, of Oakland, MD escorted by his Lady Rolanda, Brother Jordan T. Frazier, of Hollsopple, PA, escorted by Brother Harry (Cork) Ringler, Brother Charles E. Keller, of Hagerstown, MD, escorted by his Lady Shirley, and (at left) Brother Richard E. Pelland, of Oakland, MD, escorted by WM Jason Snyder.

## Membership Awards Presented During Spring Capping and Ring Ceremony



Brother Harry "Cork" Ringler and Brother Michael S. Oden were presented with Membership Prism Awards for their achievement in attracting Master Masons to the quarries of Scottish Rite Masonry during the past year. The Membership Prism is a lucite pyramid paperweight with a Fourteenth Degree Scottish Rite ring suspended inside. The award is part of the Cumberland Scottish Rite's Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) aimed at helping every Scottish Rite Brother have the the best possible experience and value for his membership. Brothers Ringler (at left) and Oden (at right) are pictured above with Venerable Master James M. Snider, 33, and Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill, 33.

# THE "GRAND POOBAB" from A Musical Comedy Classic by Gilbert and Sullivan

By Ill. James M. Snider, 33°, Venerable Master, Cumberland Lodge of Perfection



All of us have used the term "Grand Poobah" at one time or another. But did you know the term has its origins closer to Freemasonry than you may think! Most people recognize the term "Grand Poobah" from the popular cartoon series from Hanna-Barbara *The Flintstones*. In the cartoon, the two main characters Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble regularly appear at their lodge meeting. In the cartoon it is the Loyal Order of the Water Buffalo, not a masonic lodge. The Loyal Order of Water Buffalo is a take off of Freemasonry and other fraternal organizations.

In the 70's people also recognized it from the show *Happy Days*. In the show the patriarch of the family is a member off a leopard lodge. Often he is seen heading off to his meeting wearing a fez with leopard spots. Again, the head of the leopard lodge is the "Grand Poobah". It is easy to assume the origin of the title "Grand Poobah" came from a pop culture reference such as the ones mentioned above or in some of the other ways it has been used in pop culture. Especially over the last few decades.

Instead the origin of the term Grand Poobah comes to us from March 1885. It also comes to us from two masonic brothers, Gilbert and Sullivan in the comedic opera *The Mikado*. In the opera one of the character's name is Pooh-Bah and he holds a variety of titles which include First Lord of the Treasury, Lord Chief Justice, Commander-in-Chief, Lord High Admiral, Archbishop, Lord Mayor and Lord High Everything Else. The opera begins with the town executioner, in a Japanese town, being sentenced to death himself. It is decided the executioner can not perform any more executions until he executes himself, since he is next in line. The towns people are too proud to serve under the executioner and perform the execution. Eventually all of the town leaders resign their positions and Poo-Bah ends up with all of their titles. The *Mikado* uses Japan as a back drop to satirize British politics of the time. Today the term Grand Poobah is meant to be a mocking term generally. Either to describe someone who has an inflated self-regard or someone who has a grandiose title with little true power behind it.

Source: *Masonic History Today*, March 26, 2021



## Honors Day in Baltimore—October 9, 2021



In the coming weeks, S.G.I.G. Ill. Marlin Mills, 33°, will be notifying those members of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Cumberland who have been elected by the Supreme Council to receive the rank and honors of 33° Inspector General Honorary (IGH) and Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) in 2021. These deserving brethren will be receiving their respective honors during the Honors Day Ceremony to be held at the Baltimore Scottish Rite Temple on October 9, 2021. This "honors program" only happens every other year, so we hope you will consider attending and support our new honorees. I'm sure they would be pleased to have you in attendance with them.

Our bus will be depart from Ali Ghan Shrine Center at 8:00 am with stops in Hancock, Hagerstown, and Frederick to pick up additional passengers and stop for breakfast for those who wish. We will depart Frederick no later than 10:30 am and arrive 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.

The cost to attend is \$20.00/person for the bus and \$50.00/person for the Gala Banquet. The KCCH Ceremony is open for everyone to attend and the 33° Ceremony is for 33° members only. Complete the reservation form below and return with your payment to Cumberland Scottish Rite, 73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502. Attire for the day is tux for Honor men, dark suit and tie for gentlemen, and evening or formal wear for Ladies.

If you have other questions about the day, please give me a call at 301-729-6778 or 301-268-8534 (cell)

Your Secretary, Jerry

Honor's Day—October 9th 2021

Reservations for Bus, Ceremonies and Banquet:

Deadline October 4, 2021

Name / Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Bus: # \_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_ Banquet: # \_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_ Ck # \_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I / We will be departing from Ali Ghan (Departing at 8:00 am)

I / We need picked up in:

\_\_\_\_ 8:30 a.m. Hancock Park & Ride on Rt #40

\_\_\_\_ 9:00 a.m. Hagerstown (McDonalds, MD State Police Barracks Exit)

\_\_\_\_ 9:30 a.m. Frederick (Bob Evans—Golden Mile)

Contact Jerry Robinette Home 301-729-6778 OR Cell 301-268-8534 mitzjer@atlanticbb.net

## 2020 Scottish Rite Mason of the Year

Bro. James B. Summerfield, 32° was named 2020 Mason of the Year by the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite for his distinguished service to the Rite and to Maryland Freemasonry. Bro. Summerfield has provided numerous hours of service and shared his talent and strong work ethic on a variety restoration and repair projects at the Cumberland Masonic Temple and Ali Ghan Shrine Center. He currently serves as Junior Steward of East Gate Lodge No. 216, as Assistant Expert in the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree Cast, and as a member of the Valley of Cumberland stage crew. Bro. Summerfield was presented with a 2020 Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award by his Blue Lodge Diplomat and was recognized as Noble of the Year for 2020 by Ali Ghan Shriners Potentate Michael W. Kerns. Pictured L to R: Personal Representative Jamey S. Hill, Bro. James B. Summerfield, and Robin L. Summerfield.



## Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix Hosts Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

The Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix held the annual Ceremony of Lights in memory of our brethren who have passed on to the Celestial Lodge above since the Feast of Tishri.

As we celebrate the Ceremony of Lights in the Valley of Cumberland, each of us as Rose Croix Masons should dedicate ourselves to duty, renew our vows, so often repeated in our Rite and lead the Life of Love one another that our light will shine among the men in the world.



Through this we may be known as men and as Masons who mean eternal truths learned through our rituals and who by our personal acts and conduct, portray those meanings to their ultimate fulfillment.

Departed Brethren:  
 Hon. James Z. Bosley, Bro. William E. Burt, Bro. Ronald L. Cross, Bro. J. Guy Holler, Jr., Hon. Truman L. Householder, Bro. Emery V. Loar, Bro. Gary L. Miller, Bro. Jack P. Murray, Bro. Robert A. Petrie, Bro. Robert L. Rowland, Bro. Charles F. Smith, and Ill. David L. Young.

*Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix 2021 Ceremony of Lights cast members (L to R): T. Eugene Holland, Marc C. Valentine, W. Eric Wotring, C. Thomas Tressler, Michael W. Kerns, Robin L. Summerfield, and Lewis W. Marks, II.*

# Masonic Strawberry Night Monday, June 7th at 6:30 PM Cumberland Masonic Temple

All Cumberland area Freemasons, family, and friends are invited to our Annual Combined Masonic Strawberry Night. We hope you will join us in this night of friendship, fellowship, and celebration of the Craft in Cumberland!

Strawberry Night has a long tradition as a special evening for members and their families. The only cost of admission is a covered dish, vegetable, or salad. The entree and drinks will be provided and, of course, plenty of fresh strawberries and ice cream! Let us know if you plan to attend so we can be sure to prepare enough strawberries!

YOUR RSVP IS REQUESTED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 31st. You may RSVP at [cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://cumberlandscottishrite.org) or by calling 301-729-6778.

## Cumberland Consistory Centenary Table Lodge

October 15, 2021 Masonic Temple, Greene Street

Complete and return with payment to: Cumberland Scottish Rite, 73 Lavale Blvd, Lavale, MD 21502

Tickets available online at [cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://cumberlandscottishrite.org)

Name / Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # Tickets @ \$50.00/person \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinners must be paid in full at time of making reservation. R.S.V.P. by Monday, September 27, 2021**

Contact Jerry Robinette -- Home 301-729-6778 OR Cell 301-268-8534 [mitzjer@atlanticbbnet](mailto:mitzjer@atlanticbbnet)

## Cumberland Scottish Rite

### 2021 Family Picnic & Corn Roast

Saturday, July 31st @ 3:00 pm

15413 Summerfield Lane, Rawlings, MD

Grilled meats, roast corn, and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a covered dish and enjoy yourself.

All Scottish Rite Masons, family, and friends are welcome!

Please RSVP at [cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://cumberlandscottishrite.org) or 301-729-6778

## FAMILY PICNIC & CORN ROAST -- JULY 31, 2021

Reservations deadline by July 28, 2021

There is no charge for this event.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

How many attending: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ in case of emergency.

If you have any questions, please call Jerry at

Home 301-729-6778 Cell 301-268-8534

73 LaVale Blvd, LaVale, MD 21502-7418

## OPEN TABLE LODGE PLANNED AS PART OF CELEBRATION OF CENTENARY OF CUMBERLAND CONSISTORY No. 2

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021



Cumberland Consistory No. 2 will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021 and the officers of the Consistory and Centenary Committee members are hard at work planning festivities to mark this auspicious occasion. The highlight of the celebration will be a very special Centenary Table Lodge program hosted by the officers of the Cumberland Consistory to be held at the Cumberland Masonic Temple on Friday, October 15. This event will be open to Masons, ladies, and guests.

It's Divine Catering will serve light hors d'oeuvres featuring scallops wrapped in bacon, steamed shrimp, meatballs, crudites, and cheese along with a Cash Bar during the Social Hour from 5-6 pm. The formal Table Lodge Program will begin at 6:00 pm with a dinner menu featuring a Mixed Grill of Stuffed Chicken and Petit Ribeye, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, garden salad, and dessert.

The traditional Table Lodge program will include the seven traditional ("Obligatory") toasts and an exciting guest speaker. Admission for this very special event is just \$50/person and each attendee will receive commemorative items marking the occasion, including a toasting canon, lapel pin, and bookmark with the Centenary Artwork featuring the Symbolic Camp of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

We look forward to welcoming Scottish Rite Masons from across the Orient of Maryland and other special guests and attendance will be limited so make your plan to attend and purchase tickets before they are sold out! Tickets are available for purchase online at [cumberlandschottishrite.org](http://cumberlandschottishrite.org) or by returning the Registration Form on Page 7.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite shares an important place in our state's Masonic heritage along with Baltimore's Chesapeake Consistory No. 1 as one of two Consistories of the Scottish Rite among a growing number of Scottish Rite Valleys stretching from the mountains to the piedmont, bay, and shore regions across the Orient of Maryland.

We are excited to celebrate a century of success and achievement for the Cumberland Consistory and look forward to a century of progress ahead.

**Salve frater,**

**Hon. Robin L. Summerfield, 32° KCCH**

**Venerable Master of Kadosh, Cumberland Consistory No. 2**



## Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew Second Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Venerable Master Daniel C. Stitt and the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew recently attended divine services at Park Place United Methodist Church in Lavale for the annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans officiated by Pastor Vicki Cubbage.

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans is a traditional presentation of one's family or regional tartan at church for blessing. It harkens back to the years following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces by the English in 1746 when the wearing of tartans and the playing of bagpipes were forbidden in Scotland.

During this time, some Scots concealed pieces of their tartan when they attended church, secretly touching the hidden cloth at a particular point in the service when the minister would offer a blessing.

The present tradition began in America in 1941 when the Scottish-born minister Peter Marshall conducted the first formal "Kirkin" at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. While the service has a particular meaning to those with Scottish heritage, it is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations. Pictured L.-R. Robin Summerfield, Dwight Metcalf, S.W.; Jerome Robinette; Daniel Stitt V.M.; Pastor Vicki Cubbage; Sam Lane, Knight Commander-Emeritus; Knight Chevalier Mike Kamauff, Turoplier-Emeritus; Mike Kerns; Mark Lathrop; and Knight Chevalier Jamey S. Hill.





## Masonic Ladies Night



May 1, 2021



### III. Jerome F. Robinette, 33° Your Secretary's Message



The pandemic year really disrupted our planned year of activities for 2020 and so far this year as well. Our executive committee and officers have been doing their best to keep things going with the help of "zoom" meetings and other special meetings. Since our last meeting of March 2020, the Lodge has basically been "shut down" by Covid restrictions and scheduled activities and events came to a stand still. Despite all of the above, a positive thing must be noted. Our faithful members continued to submit donations to support our pledged support to our RiteCare programs. A special "Thank You" to our members who continued to pledge their donations when scheduled events were cancelled. Scottish Rite was able to continue their financial obligations to our speech clinics and their operations.

To our members who have not yet paid their 2021 dues, be sure not to discard your membership card that is enclosed with your 2021 billing notice. This past Fall, your 2021 membership card was sent to you with your billing notice and your secretary does not have them as in past years. I have received many calls stating that they have paid their dues and do not have a membership card. Hopefully in this Fall billing season you will be retaining your membership card when you submit your dues to me or pay on line to Supreme Council.

This is our first edition of The Perfect Elu this year and contains numerous items of importance and reservation forms for your response if planning to attend. Be sure to consider attending and respond accordingly with your payment if requested. Activities that include meal reservations need to be properly and punctually submitted so that the committee has the proper time to make your dinner reservation. Attending without making the proper reservation and making reservations and not attending always makes problems with our caterers.

Hopefully the pandemic effect will decline and attendance at meetings and activities will begin to increase and we will get back to normal in the Scottish Rite. We were able to conduct a Spring Convocation and initiated four new Scottish Rite members. They are pictured in this issue, so if happen to know any of these new members, be sure to give them a warm Scottish Rite welcome and introduce yourself to them, they would be glad to meet you.

To all members and your families, STAY SAFE, and enjoy the Spring and Summer.

Fraternally, your secretary - Jerry (301-729-6778) or (301-268-8534 - cell)

### Recognizing Excellence in Ritual



Congratulations to Cumberland Scottish Rite Spring 2021 Ritualistic Champion Brent A. Lewis of Oakland Lodge 192 AF&AM. The award was presented by Fall 2020 Ritualistic Champion Gary A. Shriver and Personal Rep. III. Jamey S. Hill, 33°



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- ⇒ Get a guaranteed income stream for life for you and/or your spouse
- ⇒ Upon the death of the CGA owner, the funds are distributed to the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation to be used for charitable purposes, including providing RiteCare services to children right here in your community.

**To discuss Charitable Gift Annuities or other ways you can support the charitable work of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, contact**

**Robin Summerfield, Treasurer, at 301-729-2491 or [robin.summerfield@gmail.com](mailto:robin.summerfield@gmail.com)**

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### **Support for Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation Continues During Pandemic**

Thanks to the generosity of long-term supporters and first-time contributors, the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation surpassed our charitable giving goals during the past year in spite of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Between March 2020 and February 2021, the Foundation raised and contributed more than \$34,000 to local charities, including nearly \$30,000 to our three RiteCare Clinics, without hosting a single public event.



As it became clear that our traditional event-based fundraising model would be nearly impossible to execute during the pandemic, the brethren of the Valley and the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation quickly pivoted to other options, including working with our RiteCare partner, the Children's League, to convert our annual walkathon to a virtual event, directly soliciting contributions from our membership and previous sponsors of our annual Robert Burns Supper, and reaching out to new restaurant partners to take part in our annual Buck-A-Cup fundraiser. Notably, two events that have become hallmarks of our

fundraising efforts – The Robert Burns Supper and A-Thing-A-Ma-Jig Variety Show – each raised more money to support RiteCare than we had budgeted in spite of cancellations.

We are grateful for the continued support from our members, local businesses, and others for our work to make RiteCare services available to children in our region. We are hopeful that we will be able to host our annual fundraising events in 2021 and we are confident that, with the help of our friends, we will continue to increase the positive impact of the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation in our community in the years ahead.