

# The Perfect Elu

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



Newsletter  
Volume 40  
Number 3

December 2021

## 16th Annual Burns Supper

SATURDAY 5TH OF FEBRUARY 2022

5:00 - 9:00 PM      \$50/PERSON

CUMBERLAND MASONIC TEMPLE

15 GREENE STREET, CUMBERLAND, MD



### FEATURING SHANTY IRISH

SCOTTISH MUSIC,  
TOASTS, AND FARE

BENEFITS RITECARE SPEECH CLINIC AT THE CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

#### Scottish Supper Menu by It's Divine Catering Choice of Entrée:

Chicken Bonnie Prince Charlie w/ Drambuie Cream  
Roast Pork Loin w/ Raisin Sauce



Haggis in Phyllo Shells & Scotch Eggs  
Broccoli Cheddar Soup  
Spinach and Strawberry Salad w/ Honey Mustard Dressing  
Colcannon of Mashed Potato and Cabbage  
Assorted Rolls  
Sherry Trifle  
Iced Tea and Coffee  
ATTIRE: Formal or Traditional Kilt

#### Robert Burns Supper Reservation Form Saturday, February 5, 2022 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](http://CumberlandScottishRite.org)

Name of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve (# of) \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken and (# of) \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Pork at \$50.00 per Meal.

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

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Burns Supper Campaign Advertising and Sponsorship

We are grateful to for the steadfast support of our Burns Supper Advertisers and Sponsors. We can always use more support to make RiteCare a reality for children in our community. Our annual Burns Supper campaign offers the opportunity to support this important effort at a level for any budget. Details and sponsorship forms are available at [bit.ly/BurnsContract2022](http://bit.ly/BurnsContract2022) or by calling 301-729-6778.



Fall 2021 Service Awards Valley Calendar of Events	2
Cumberland Consistory Centenary Festive Board 179th Convocation & Reunion	3
2021 Honors Day Ritual Degree Team Updates	4
Venerable Master's Message Personal Representative's Message	5
Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew In Service to the Rite and Maryland Freemasonry	6
<b>Reservation Forms</b> ♦ Centenary Festive Board ♦ Spring Capping & Ceremony of Lights	7
RiteCare Clinic Opens in Grant County, WV	8

Want to receive the Perfect Elu in your inbox?? Sign up at [www.cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://www.cumberlandscottishrite.org)



Keep up with the  
Scottish Rite on  
Facebook

@cumberlandscottishrite

@scottishriteofwashingtoncounty

@scottishritefreemasonry

#### 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.

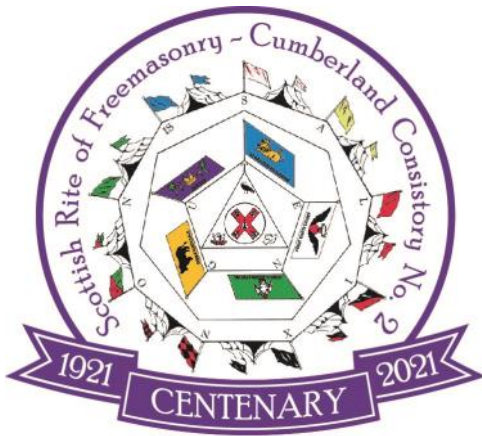
## Members Recognized for Dedicated Service to Rite



Several members of the Valley of Cumberland were recognized for their service to the Scottish Rite during the Fall Capping Ceremony in November. We were particularly honored to present a 50-Year Service Award to Bro. Charles “Fred” Myers, 32°, a member of the Fall 1971 Class, who traveled from his home in Indiana for the presentation. In addition to Bro. Myers, Ill. Carleton A. Shore, 33° received a 50-Year Service Award, Ill. William H. Courtney, 33° received a 65-Year Service Award, and nine brethren were recognized for 40 or 45 years of service to the Scottish Rite during Fall 2021. We are certainly blessed to have these longtime members contributing to the life and work of the Scottish Rite in Western Maryland. *Pictured L to R: Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°, Bro. Charles F. Myers, 32°, and Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°*

## Valley of Cumberland Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 2	Installation of Officers	2:00 pm
Monday, January 3	Scottish Rite Meeting: Lodge of Perfection	7:30 pm
Saturday, January 8	Ali Ghan Installation of Officers	6:30 pm
Monday, January 17	Scottish Rite Meeting: KSA Opens	7:30 pm
Tuesday, January 18	RiteCare Buck-A-Cup Awards—Arby's, Lavale	3:00 pm
Wednesday, January 19	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Friendship Lodge No. 84, Hagerstown	7:00 pm
Monday, January 31	Knights of St. Andrew—Robert Burns Supper Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday, February 5	Robert Burns Supper	5:00 pm
Monday, February 7	Degree Rehearsal—30th Degree	6:30 pm
Monday, February 7	Scottish Rite Meeting: Lodge of Perfection and Foundation	7:30 pm
Sunday, February 13	Degree Rehearsal—14th/30th/32nd (with KSA)	1:00/2:00/3:00 pm
Wednesday, February 16	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Friendship Lodge No. 84, Hagerstown	7:00 pm
Monday, February 21	Degree Rehearsal—32nd Degree (No KSA)	6:30 pm
Monday, February 21	Scottish Rite Meeting: Council of Kadosh	7:30 pm
Monday, March 7	Degree Rehearsal—30th Degree	6:30 pm
Monday, March 7	Scottish Rite Meeting: Lodge of Perfection	7:30 pm
Friday, March 11	Cumberland Consistory Centenary Festive Board Tickets at <a href="http://cumberlandscottishrite.org">cumberlandscottishrite.org</a>	5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 16	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Friendship Lodge No. 84, Hagerstown	7:00 pm
Sunday, March 20	Degree Rehearsal—14th/30th/32nd (with KSA)	1:00/2:00/3:00 pm
Monday, March 21	Scottish Rite Meeting: Consistory	7:30 p.m.
March 25-27	Scottish Rite Leadership Workshop—Charlotte, NC	
Saturday, April 2	179th Conferral & Reunion	Registration 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 3	Kirkin' O' the Tartan Park Place United Methodist Church, LaVale	11:00 am
Monday, April 18	Scottish Rite Meeting: Chapter of Rose Croix	7:30 pm
Wednesday, April 20	Scottish Rite Club of Washington County Friendship Lodge No. 84, Hagerstown	7:00 pm
Sunday, April 24	Ceremony of Lights & Spring Capping Ceremony Tickets at <a href="http://cumberlandscottishrite.org">cumberlandscottishrite.org</a>	4:00 pm



## Cumberland Consistory Centenary Festive Board Set for March 2022

Cumberland Consistory No. 2 celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2021. While we were disappointed to postpone the festivities due to health concerns, the officers of the Consistory and Centenary Committee members are pleased to announce that the Centenary Festive Board has been rescheduled for Friday, March 11, 2022. This event will be open to Masons, ladies, and guests.

A social hour will begin at 5:00 pm with light hors d'oeuvres featuring scallops wrapped in bacon, steamed shrimp, meatballs, crudites, cheese, and other refreshments. The formal Festive Board 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 Festive Board will include the seven traditional ("Obligatory") toasts and a 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 32nd 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 at [cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://cumberlandscottishrite.org) or by returning the registration form on page 6 before they have sold out!

---

## 179th Spring Convocation and Reunion SATURDAY, April 2, 2022 Dedicated to William "Bill" L. Kerns

Our 179th Convocation and Reunion will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

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	Conferral of 4° Secret Master
9:30 am	Conferral of 14° Perfect Elu
10:45 am	Conferral of 18° Knight Rose Croix
11:30 am	Conferral of 30° Knight Kadosh and Class Picture Taken
12:45 pm	178th Reunion Luncheon served by the Princess Restaurant. ALL Scottish Rite Members are encouraged to attend!
2:00 pm	Conferral of 32° Master of the Royal Secret
4:00 pm	Dismissal (approximate)




---

## 179th Reunion Luncheon

Saturday, April 2, 2022 - Masonic Temple, Greene Street

Complete and return Reservation Form to:

Cumberland Scottish Rite, 73 Lavale Blvd, Lavale, MD 21502

Or Register online at [cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://cumberlandscottishrite.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Cumberland Honor Men Welcomed by Grand Commander at Honors Day

**C**ongratulations to Brothers Brent A. Lewis, James B. Summerfield, and Gary A. Shriver, who were invested as Knights Commander of the Court of Honour and to Brother Robin L. Summerfield who was coroneted as an Inspector General Honorary during the Orient of Maryland Honors Day on October 9, 2021. Sovereign Grand Commander James Cole and Maryland Sovereign Grand Inspector General (and Most Worshipful Grand Master) Marlin Mills offered their congratulations to the newest Honormen during the event. *Pictured L to R: Personal Representative Emeritus Ill. Paul G.*



*Shircliff, 33°; Hon. Michael L. Kamauff, 32° KCCH; Ill. Elmer J. Miles, Jr., 33°; Hon. Brent A. Lewis, 32° KCCH; Ill. Robin L. Summerfield, 33°; Hon. James B. Summerfield, 32° KCCH; Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. James Cole, 33°; SGIG Ill. Marlin L. Mills, 33°; Hon. Gary A. Shriver, 32° KCCH; Hon. Joseph W. Cushall, 32° KCCH; Secretary-Registrar Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; and Personal Representative Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°.*

## Cumberland Consistory Welcomes New Members on 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Zamostny Recognized for Excellence in Ritual



**T**he officers and brethren of the Valley of Cumberland welcomed five new Masters of the Royal Secret from blue lodges in Cumberland, Williamsport, Mount Savage, Oakland, and Meyersdale (PA) during the One Hundredth Anniversary Reunion of the Cumberland Consistory in October 2021.

With several longtime cast and crew members retiring from degree work in recent years, a number of brethren have stepped up to demonstrate their commitment to maintaining the high-quality degree work necessary to giving new members a meaningful experience.

While each of the degree teams has made improvement, the Fourth Degree Team under the direction of Hon. Gary A. Shriver, 32° KCCH and the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree Team under the direction of Ill. Ted N. Raynovich, III, 33°, merited particular distinction in Fall 2021.

**Bro. Benjamin A. Zamostny, 32°**, was recognized with the Ritualistic Champion award for Fall 2021 for his performance as Senior Deacon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Bro. Jason S. Snyder, 32° earned honorable mention as Wise Master in the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree. We are grateful to the many other new cast and crew members who are making significant contributions to the quality and consistency of the degree work as well as to the many experienced brethren who continue to mentor and support them.

*Pictured above: Members of the Valley of Cumberland Fall 2021 Class with the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree Team. Seated L to R: Terry L. Kerr, Dylan M. Keister, Randolph C. Bennett, III, Michael J. Noble, and Barry L. Baer, Jr. Standing L to R: Jason R. Finch, 32°, Junior Warden; Robin L. Summerfield, 33°, High Priest/Orator; Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH, Master of Ceremonies; Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Venerable Master; James M. Snider, 33°, Expert; Marc C. Valentine, 32°, Prelate; and James B. Summerfield, 32° KCCH, Assistant Expert.*

## A FINAL WORD FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP

By Venerable Master Ill. James M. Snider, 33°



**F**arewell my brothers! What a pleasure and honor it has been to serve as your Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection for the past two years.

I quickly discovered that this position is just not following an agenda on meeting night. The job begins around July with meetings of the Executive Committee for calendar development, new officers, committees and other activities and responsibilities for the coming year. I was excited and determined in my first term, but no sooner did it begin than we had to change the game plan. COVID became a way of life including our Scottish Rite organization.

This was something no one had planned but I remembered encouragement of Christopher P. Robin to the world renowned Pooh....."Remember, you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem and smarter than you think!" What great words to remember! Through mask covered faces the Executive Committee met to determine our direction. Thank goodness for Zoom which allowed us to carry on and also enabled brothers out of the local area to attend our meetings. What a blessing that was!

Great successes we had despite COVID restrictions. Another outstanding contribution to the Children's League even though the Burns Program was cancelled, the recent opening of a fourth Children's League Clinic in Grant County, WV, presentations at our meeting including the scholarship recipients of the Scottish Rite Scholarship at Allegany College of MD, veteran programs thanks to Brother George Witherington, topics of Masonic Education, Scottish Rite presentation at the Meyersdale (PA) Lodge, a very active parade schedule for the KSA, and the list goes on.

One area that I am most proud is our continuing effort for perfection in our degree work. It is through the degrees that the lessons of Scottish Rite are taught and the way in which we are able to communicate our mission and philosophy. Surely it is a message that helps us to understand who and what we are and that Scottish Rite Freemasonry possesses the means of assisting all those who desire to embark on their own personal search for Truth. How successful we are both personally and collectively are in our discoveries that depend entirely upon ourselves.

Thanks and farewell!

*Editor's note: Past Venerable Master Snider's "Farewell" will be brief indeed as he assumes the office of Prior in the Cumberland Consistory as well as continuing to serve on the Executive Committee and Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation in 2022. We are grateful for his continued leadership and service to the Valley.*

## Of Woodpiles and Freemasonry

*A Message from our Personal Representative*



**A**s we close the year for 2021, I am reminded of a story my Dad liked to tell about our woodpile. Someone wrote that every man looks at his woodpile with a kind of affection. He's right too. An ample woodpile has a reassuring presence. It's a satisfactory object that in a way is a little hard to account for. We respond to the sight of a good woodpile with a certain level of contentment. What is it that contents us? Not the use or use alone. It's not as fuel that the woodpile makes its appeal. It's as a symbol. Freemasons are big on symbols. We are cheered and comforted by our woodpile today because a woodpile is one of the stations of the year and expresses the essential value of all seasonal work. It represents a job we know we can do well enough but, like Freemasonry, we also know will never finally be finished. Woodpiles are built up so that they can be torn down – used up. Massive as they are you know you will have to build another one next year.

The Scottish Rite is like a woodpile. We guide today's leaders to build them for next season's challenges just to tear it down and do it again. Our own Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection, Illustrious Jim Snider, has performed brilliantly for the past two years as Leader of the Lodge of Perfection. Like Jim, certain members are carrying water on both shoulders while others feel finished with their tasks. It seems like those who can, Do! I congratulate the many Officers that are performing multiple leadership positions for our gentle craft. Congratulations to James McDaniel Snider for a job well done...Twice.

Just as the woodpile, the Scottish Rite reminds us of the fix we're in just by being alive on this Earth. It connects us with the years, and so it connects us with one another. We may as well look at our woodpile we call this gentle craft with affection, then, for it makes us to be better philosophers.

Just so you know, the Scottish Rite has its wood cut, split, and stacked high for next year. Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Jamey HDT Hill





## The Cumberland Knights of Andrew

### In Service to the Rite and Maryland Freemasonry

The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew were honored to present the flag of the United States during the opening ceremonies of the Installation of Most Worshipful Grand Master Marlin L. Mills and the Grand Lodge of Maryland in November 2021.

The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew are proud to serve the Valley of Cumberland and other Masonic bodies within the Orient of Maryland by acting as escorts for ladies and dignitaries and providing arches of steel at special events, presenting the colors, and assisting with Scottish Rite Degree Ritual, as well as participating in parades, raising funds to support RiteCare, and providing other services as needed.

The order is made up of an elite unit of select 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons and membership is open to all 32° Masons who are members in good standing in the Valley of Cumberland.



*Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew Color Guard at the 235<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge of Maryland Annual Communication. L to R: Michael W. Kerns, Joseph Cushall, Mark C. Lathrop, Venerable Master Dwight C. Metcalf, and James B. Summerfield.*



Engaging new members of the Scottish Rite and developing the talents of future leaders in the Valley is an essential role of the Knights of St. Andrew. Venerable Master Dwight C. Metcalf and the officers of the KSA have made membership outreach and initiation of new Knights a top priority.

*Venerable Master Dwight Metcalf and the officers of the Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew welcome new members Brett Bean, Jamie Summerfield, and Dylan Keister.*



Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew host representatives of local blue lodges and appendant bodies on our float in a number of area parades throughout the year, including at the Frostburg Halloween parade in 2021 pictured above.

## Cumberland Consistory Centenary Class

Congratulations to the newest members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Cumberland who received the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd Degrees during our 178th Reunion and Conferral on October 30, 2021.

Members of the Centenary class pictured with Valley Honormen at right:

Front row L to R: Barry Baer, Meyersdale Lodge No. 554; Dylan Keister, Kemp Lodge No. 154; Michael Noble, Class Orator, Medairy Lodge No. 140; Randy Bennett, Class President, East Gate Lodge No. 216; and Terry Kerr, Oakland Lodge No. 192.



Back row L to R: Robin Summerfield, Treasurer; James Snider, Venerable Master; Jamey Hill, Personal Representative; Jerome Robinette, General-Secretary; and Paul G. Shircliff, Personal Representative Emeritus.

Clip and Return

### Cumberland Consistory Centenary Festive Board

Friday, March 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm - Masonic Temple, Greene Street

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

Tickets available online at [cumberlandscothishrite.org](http://cumberlandscothishrite.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 Friday, March 4, 2022

### Spring Capping and Ceremony of Lights Dinner Reservation

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 4:00 pm - Masonic Temple, Greene Street

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

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # Tickets @ \$15.00/person \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend but WILL NOT be staying for dinner.



**Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies**  
**73 LaVale Blvd.**  
**LaVale, Maryland 21502-7418**

Non Profit  
 Organization  
 U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
 Cumberland, MD  
 Permit #932

## Fourth RiteCare Clinic Opens to Serve Children in the Region

The Cumberland Scottish Rite foundation recently joined The Children's League in announcing the opening



*Representatives of the Cumberland Scottish Rite and The Children's League joined the leadership and staff of Grant Memorial Hospital for the Grand Opening of the Petersburg, WV RiteCare Clinic.*

doubt in my mind they will serve our community with the utmost quality and compassionate care the children and their families deserve."

of the fourth RiteCare Clinic in our regional network of care, with additional clinics currently operating in Cumberland and Oakland, Maryland and Keyser, West Virginia. Grant Memorial Hospital is providing world class clinic space for The Children's League to provide FREE childhood speech and language therapy to children in the Petersburg, WV area. During the grand opening, Grant Memorial Hospital CEO Robert W. Milvet, Jr., stated that this partnership between the Scottish Rite, The Children's League, and Grant Memorial Hospital "will improve access to speech therapy services in our community, which has been a gap for a very long time, especially for school-aged children," and that knowing the Children's League has been "committed to their mission for more than eight decades leaves no