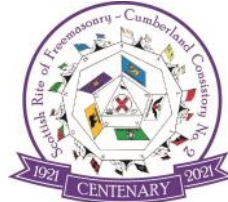


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## Cumberland Consistory Welcomes New Members Capping Ceremony and Feast of Tishri set for November 13th



*Members of the Valley of Cumberland Fall 2022 Class pictured with the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree Cast and Crew*

*Seated L to R: Daryl Smith of Columbia Lodge No. 58; Benjamin Svonavec of Meyersdale Lodge No. 554; Larry Hartz of Kemp Lodge No. 154; and Ronald Martin-Minnich of James W. Bowers Lodge No 173. Standing L to R: Mark C. Weatherholt, 32° KCCH, Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH, Mark E. Lathrop, 32°, Michael W. Kerns, 32°, Kenneth D. Shook, 32°, Edward L. Kave, Jr., 32° KCCH, Dwight C. Metcalf, 32°, James B. Kalbflesh, 32°, and Richard E. Haines, 32°.*

The officers and brethren of the Valley of Cumberland welcomed four new Masters of the Royal Secret from blue lodges in Frederick, Mount Savage, Hancock, and Meyersdale (PA) during the 180<sup>th</sup> Reunion dedicated to the memory of Hon. Scott R. Paddock, 32° KCCH in October 2022.

Thanks to Top Line Signers Mark L. Widmyer, 32° KCCH, Harry R. Ringler, 32°, Carl W. Trostle, 32°, and Jamey S. Hill, 33° for inviting and recommending these worthy brothers to membership in the Scottish Rite. Every member of the Scottish Rite is an ambassador in the advancement of the values of the Rite and in support of our continued success in the Valley of Cumberland.

The Valley of Cumberland **Fall Ring and Capping Presentation and Service Awards** will take place on Sunday, November 13 at 4:00 pm followed by the **Feast of Tishri** at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. All members of the Valley of Cumberland are encouraged to attend to welcome our newest members and their families, celebrate the service of longtime members, and remember those brethren who have passed from our rolls to the celestial lodge above since the spring.

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. We pray blessings upon you and hope to be honored with your presence.

The program will also include a special recognition and presentation by the Cumberland Chapter of DeMolay, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022.

The Feast of Tishri is free for new members and their presenter, service award honorees, children age 12 and under, and DeMolay members. The cost of dinner is \$15 for all other attendees.

**RSVP online at [cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://cumberlandscottishrite.org) or to Valley Secretary Robin Summerfield by email at [info@cumberlandscottishrite.org](mailto:info@cumberlandscottishrite.org) or phone at 301-729-2491.**



*Keep up with the Scottish Rite on Facebook*

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## Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew to Host Inaugural Festival of St. Andrew



The Cumberland Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew will hold its Annual Communication on Monday, November 28 at 5:30 pm followed by a celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew the Apostle at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. All Scottish

Rite Freemasons are invited to attend.

Andrew the Apostle, who is the patron saint of Scotland, is referred to in the Orthodox tradition as *Protokletos*, which means "the first called", based on the Gospel of St. John's description of him as a follower of John the Baptist who became the first disciple of Jesus Christ and recruited his brother Simon Peter to join him in leaving all things to follow the teacher.

He is generally recognized as one of the disciples who was closest to Christ, present both at the Last Supper and on the Mount of Olives and other important occasions. According to tradition, Andrew founded churches in what is modern day Turkey, Greece, and Ukraine before being crucified by pagans on an X-shaped or "saltire" cross, now commonly known as a "St. Andrew's Cross."

The Festival will include a menu of wild game and Scottish fare. There is no fee to attend. However, reservations are required and donations to the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation will be accepted.

**RSVP online at [cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://cumberlandscottishrite.org) or to Valley Secretary Robin Summerfield by email at**



## 7th Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to Support Rite Care

Saturday, November 12, 2022  
On Point Outfitters, Addison, PA

### Limited Space Available!

\$185 per Shooter (\$75 Deposit)

- ⇒ A Guide and Dog for Each Group of 5
- ⇒ 4 Pheasants and 2 Quails per Shooter
- ⇒ Exciting prizes!

***Donate all or part of your catch to be served at the Festival of St. Andrew***

Carpool from Little Sandy's at Keyser's Ridge at 8:00 am

Breakfast on your own

**Contact Rob Elliott to RSVP at 724-984-1484**

or

**RSVP online at [cumberlandscottishrite.org](http://cumberlandscottishrite.org)**

## Upcoming Events in the Valley of Cumberland

### NOVEMBER 2022

Sat, November 12	7th Annual Masonic Bird Hunt, Addison, PA Breakfast & Carpool from Little Sandy's at Keyser's Ridge at 7:00 am Contact Rob Elliott for Details at 724-984-1484	All-Day
Sun, November 13	Feast of Tishri/Fall Capping	4:00 pm
Mon, November 21	Stated Communication: Lodge of Perfection Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Meeting	7:30 pm
Mon, November 28	KSA Annual Communication & Feast of St. Andrew Contact VM Dwight Metcalf for Details at 304-788-5163	5:30 pm

### DECEMBER 2022

Mon, December 5	Stated Communication: Lodge of Perfection Election of Officers for 2023	7:30 pm
Mon, December 19	Officer Orientation & Installation Rehearsal	6:00 pm

### JANUARY 2023

Monday, January 2	Combined Installation of Officers	6:30 pm
Monday, January 16	Stated Communication: Lodge of Perfection	7:30 pm
Tuesday, January 17	Scottish Rite Buck-A-Cup Awards - Arby's, Lavale	3:00 pm
Monday, January 30	KSA: Robert Burns Supper Rehearsal	7:30 pm

### FEBRUARY 2023

Saturday, February 4	KSA Robert Burns Supper	5:00 pm
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## A Few of My Favorite Things

BY: ILL. JAMEY S. HILL, 33°, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SGIG OF MARYLAND



Brethren and Ladies of the House of the Temple,

Pleasant Autumn days are with us now as we bid the summer heat adieu. I admit fall is my favorite time of year. Speaking of my favorite things, I'd like to mention a few of our members and friends who have gone above and beyond the call of duty during this first six months of being back in lodge since Covid 19 came to town.

A number of important maintenance projects around the Temple have been completed or are underway. During the summer Jamie Summerfield and a team of volunteers raised and installed supports under the floor in the front office, which had settled by more than two inches. Under the leadership of the McKay boys and Dad Brett Bean, the young men of the Cumberland DeMolay painted the hand railings all around the building. Dwight Metcalf repainted the front entry doors and Mark Weatherholt did such a nice job on painting the elevator that we are debating the need to upgrade the elevator car with laminate and brushed stainless siding. The Brethren of Potomac Lodge will be installing concrete platforms and lighting to illuminate our flags at night. The old building is looking pretty good! Many thanks to these volunteers as well as Mary Evans of the McKinley Chapter and Scottish Rite members Robin Summerfield, Ron Brown, Terry Robb, Mike Kerns, Mark Lathrop, Jerry Robinette, Curtis Haines, Richard Haines, Rick Gornall, and others who have demonstrated their continued dedication to the home of Freemasonry in Cumberland in recent months.

As for our ritual work, we have several members who are running alongside the horse but still struggling to get back in the saddle. Such is not the case for Gary Shriver and his 4<sup>th</sup> degree team in Hagerstown nor for Ted Raynovich and his 18<sup>th</sup> degree in Oakland; these men are knocking it out of the park. Jim Kalbflesh and the members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree cast should be congratulated as most improved for their performance at the Fall 2022 Reunion.

Our increasing philanthropic activity is truly a bright spot in our Scottish Rite. Brent & Tammy Lewis and Jason Finch established and hosted the Debbie Friend Inaugural Golf Tournament that raised \$15,000 to support our RiteCare Speech and language Disorders Clinics. Joe and Marsha Cushall donated two prints by Victor Vasarelli (the father of modern art) to our foundation, which will be displayed at our Petersburg RiteCare clinic.

After five years of consideration and debate, our Temple's caretakers at The Cumberland Masonic Temple Inc. have awarded a bid for the installation of modern controls in the Temple's mid-twentieth century elevator to Right Elevator of Johnstown. The Temple Board will be applying for grants and carrying out a capital fundraising campaign to secure financing for this significant project. Keep an eye out for more information about the fundraising campaign and related naming opportunities for designated areas of the Temple.

In closing, I must say I am proud to be Cumberland's SGIG Representative. The commitment and generosity of our tight knit clan amazes all who care to learn what we are about. While challenging times are indeed upon us, it gives me pleasure to say what a great job our dedicated "choir members" are doing.

Looking forward to a bright future,  
Jamey

## Cumberland Consistory Celebrates A Century of Service

The Cumberland Consistory hosted a Festive Board in recognition of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The program, under the direction of Master of Kadosh Sam Lane, 32° KCCH, included a delicious dinner, toasts offered by the officers of the Consistory, and an excellent address by RW Deputy Grand Master Ill. Frederick A. Spicer, 33° GC. Other special guests in attendance included MW Grand Master and SGIG Marlin L. Mills, 33° accompanied by several members of his 2022 Grand Line and visitors from across the Orient of Maryland.



Hon. Mark Widmyer, 32° KCCH, presented a citation to Master of Kadosh Hon. Samuel J. Lane, 32° KCCH, on behalf of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan recognizing the Cumberland Consistory's 100th Anniversary.



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## Oakland RiteCare Opens a New Clinic at Garrett Family Medicine



Picture L to R: Children's League representatives Sherri Fredlock; John Athey, President; Cathy Growden, Executive Director; and Rebecca Alkire, Speech Pathologist; and Garrett Regional Medical Center representatives Carol Wilson and Kendra Thayer

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation's RiteCare clinical partner, The Children's League, recently announced a new location for its Oakland RiteCare Speech and Language Disorders Clinic to Garrett Family Medicine, 69 Wolf Acres Drive in Oakland.

GRMC Senior Vice President for Patient Care Services Kendra Thayer expressed her confidence in the capacity of the Children's League to partner with the health system to meet community need, "Their work exemplifies the mission of our hospital to provide more specialty care to the residents of our region."

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Garrett Regional Medical Center and grateful to them for making such a wonderful space available to provide free speech therapy for children," said Cathy Growden, Executive Director of The Children's League.

With financial support from the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation, The Children's League has provided free RiteCare services in Cumberland since 1997. Based on increasing need across the region, The Foundation provided funding to open a second clinic location in Oakland in 2017 followed by two additional locations in Keyser and Petersburg, West Virginia.

The Children's League accepts referrals for children with speech or language difficulties from pediatricians, professionals, and parents at 301-759-5200 or by email at [childrensleague@yahoo.com](mailto:childrensleague@yahoo.com).